

LITCHFIELD INDEPENDENT

MAY 2011

In honor of the Litchfield brothers:
Major George T. &
Captain John L.

3rd Annual Confederate Memorial Day in the City of Conway



OCR president Lisa Graham reads "ROLL OF THE DEAD"



Compatriot James O'Kelley rests his new knee.



Compatriot Web Williams rings the bell.



Drummer: Dwayne Carter
Conway High School NJROTC cadets:
Cadet Seaman Apprentice Jasmaine Stanley
Cadet Seaman Candice Palmer
Cadet Petty Officer Third Class
Khadija Beckman
Cadet Seaman Benjamin Beckman



Compatriot Dennis Fulmer Plays Taps



Waccamaw Light Artillery



Compatriot Jamie Graham unveils, salutes, and retires

SATURDAY, APRIL 23RD IS PROCLAIMED CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY IN THE CITY OF CONWAY



Mayor Alys Lawson



Commander Gene Hogan, Councilman, Army of Northern Virginia.

PROCLAMATION

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CONWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA**

IN RECOGNITION OF CONFEDERATE HISTORY AND HERITAGE

WHEREAS, our country is a nation of people united by a common history of individual heritage and diverse cultures and the City of Conway, South Carolina, is rich in the history of the War Between the States; and

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina has long cherished her Confederate history and the great leaders who made sacrifices on behalf of the Confederate cause; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina 7th Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans is dedicated to honoring those who served in the Confederate States of America and to educating the general public on Confederate history; and

WHEREAS, the year two thousand and eleven marks the Sesquicentennial commemoration of the beginning of the War Between the States, a truly momentous event that transformed our country; and

WHEREAS, the month of April bears special significance since it marks both the beginning and the end of the War Between the States: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that I, Alys C. Lawson, Mayor of the City of Conway, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim April 23, 2011, as

Confederate Memorial Day

in the City of Conway, South Carolina, and encourage all citizens to increase their knowledge and understanding of the role played by the Confederate States of America during this crucial time in the history of our people.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Conway, South Carolina, to be affixed this 23rd day of April, 2011.

Alys C. Lawson
Alys C. Lawson, Mayor

ATTEST: *Vicky Letley*
Vicky Letley, City Clerk



Dwayne Carter performs
"Goodnight Saigon"



Compatriot Jimmy Cox
pinned by Compatriot Chris
Tyler



Compatriots Bob Hood &
Olin Martin
receive the SCV War Service Medal



Induction
Service



Compatriot Steve Abel pinned



Compatriot Steve Maupin reinstated in the ranks



Compatriot Roger Montgomery
pinned by Compatriot Jamie Graham



Compatriot Jamie Graham discusses the
placement of wooden crosses.

The firing on Ft. Sumter: Sesquicentennial Commemoration



Compatriots
Tony Howell
Tony Anderson
Terry Carter
Olin Martin &
Blake Anderson
enjoy the company of
Tommy Allison,
descendent of Lt. Gen
Stephen Dill Lee



7th Brigade Commander Ken Thrasher leads a formidable group of men.

Photo credit:
Commander Carter



Litchfield 132 receives
CAMP OF THE YEAR honors.



O C R R e p o r t

Thanks to all who attended Conway memorial day we had a great turn out ..Please send any pictures for our face book page and scrapbook to jeg4833@scoast.net.

We are also needing recipes for our cookbook..

We are still collecting donations for **Helping Hands** through May 15th . All clothing, can, and dry goods can be dropped off Monday thru Friday, 9am to 7pm and Saturday from 9am to 5 pm at **Casual Cuts** (Hwy 701 S. Food Lion Shopping Center) 3320 4th Ave., Conway. If you have items that need to be picked up please call: Lisa at 843-902-4199 or Priscilla at 843-455-8230..

Thanks for all your help....

Thank You,
Lisa Graham



Litchfield Camp # 0132 Guardian Program

(W) denotes Wilderness Guardian (X) denotes Guardian in area's other than Horry County

11 Full Guardians / 18 Pro Tem Guardians / 98 Soldiers final resting place being guarded

Members of the Guardian Program

Edward Altman Sgt. Benjamin B. Cox (W) Henry Altman Pvt. William J Session (W) Terry Carter Pvt. James J. Cook, Pvt. Alpha A. Graham, Pvt. Robert L H Branton (W) Jamie Graham Pvt. Moses Paul (W),Pvt. Isaac Graham (W) Pvt. Alex Bourn (W) Pvt. Thomas Parker(W) Pvt. William H. Parker (W) Sgt. Gause A. Smith (W) Cpl. John S. Tompkins (W) Pvt. Henry Brown (W)(X) Sgt. John R. Hucks (W)(X) Pvt. George G. McElveen (W)(X) Pvt. James Hucks (X) Pvt. Moses Larimore (X) Pvt. Samuel W Cannon , Pvt. James Brown, Pvt. William H Alford , Pvt. John T. Tompkins ,Pvt. Levi Moore, Pvt Isaac Shelley, 1st Lt. Benjamin Moore Roger Montgomery 1Sgt. William Montgomery(W) Rusty Richardson Pvt. Wade H. Richardson (X) Robert Scarborough Pvt. Franklin G. Burroughs, Pvt. Duncan Calhoun, Pvt. George Gatlin, Pvt. Russell Hardee, 1st. Sgt. Charles Johnson, Sgt. Jesse H. Jollie, Sgt. John A. Mayo, Pvt. Henry Moore, 1st Lt. Evan Norton ,Pvt. John M. Oliver, Pvt. John T. Proctor, Sgt. Jeremiah Smith, Pvt. Paisley Snowden, Pvt. Asbury Staley, Pvt. Kelley Tisdale, Pvt. Joseph Todd, Pvt. Henry Tuton, Pvt. Isaac Williams ,Artificer William Joseph Abrams, Capt. Samuel Bell, Pvt. Benjamin Collins, 1st Lt. Thomas Cooper, Pvt. William Currie, Pvt. William Hardwick, Pvt. Isaac Lewis, Sgt. William McAnge, Col. Benjamin E. Sessions, Pvt. Abijah Hollingsworth Skipper, Pvt. Malcolm V. Wood Johnny Sessions Pvt. John Marion Sessions Ed Thompson Pvt. Wesley F Todd (W) Pvt. Edward T. Ricks, Pvt. Joseph M. Thompson, Pvt. John Grainger Ricky Todd Sgt. Joseph J. Todd Glen Tyler Pvt. John J. Coats

Guardians Pro Tem
Tony B. Anderson Pvt. Henry M. Anderson Leo Cooper Pvt. John R. Cooper Jeff Edwards Pvt. Russell Cooper Keith Edwards Sgt. John E. Collins Paul Gause Pvt. Asa G. Causey, Pvt. David Levi Anderson ,Pvt. Edward J. Gause Pvt. Reuben Gause ,Pvt. William Gause, Pvt. William Gause, Pvt. Zebedee J. Causey Steven Graham Pvt. Dennis Cannon ,Pvt. Samuel W. Cannon Joe Hood Pvt. Joshua Johnson Robert R. Hood Sgt. Miles W. Hardee Dean Lewis Pvt. Isaac Lewis Larry Lightsey 2nd. Lt. William L. Prince(W)Pvt. Lexington E. Tompkins (X) Cpl. James E. Tompkins (X) Anthony Martin Pvt. William Martin, Pvt. William Jordan Olin L. Martin, Jr. Sgt. John Skipper Steve Maupin Pvt. George W. Jacobs James O'Kelley Pvt. James Jordan, Pvt. James E. Dusenbury, Pvt. James Horry Dusenbury ,Sgt. Robert Green, Pvt. Benjamin Hardee, Pvt. Zebedee Jordan James Parker Pvt. Daniel Stevens Jarame Parker Pvt. Daniel Franklin Prince Wilton M. Prince Pvt. Isaac J. Parker ,1st Lt. Ethel D. Richardson, Pvt. Samuel D. Stanley ,Pvt. Asa D. Parker Chris Tyler Pvt. W.P. Edge (W)

G u a r d i a n R e p o r t

FACE TIME

From the Horry Independent...

BY ROBERT ANDERSON
STAFF WRITER

Most of the men from Horry County who took part in the War Between the States did so to protect their homeland, not to fight for slavery.

According to Commander Terry Carter of Litchfield Camp 132 (Conway), Sons of Confederate Veterans, the timber and turpentine business was big in Horry County in the years leading up to the War Between the States. Since there were so few plantations, the numbers of slaves in Horry County were relatively small compared to other areas such as Georgetown County, which had numerous rice fields and large plantations. Still, a large number of Horryites marched off to take part in the War Between the States. More than 400 of them didn't return alive.

The names of the 403 Horryites who gave their lives for the Confederacy will be read during a Confederate Memorial Day ceremony Saturday at 11 a.m. on the grounds of the old Horry County Courthouse in Conway. Members of Litchfield Camp will adorn period dress for the ceremony, which will also include a 21-gun salute, the firing of three mortar rounds and the playing of Taps. The 403 names will be read by the Camp's Ladies Auxiliary, the Ida Matthews Chapter 19 Order of the

Confederate Rose. The ladies will dress in "mourning black" and a bell will toll as each name is read.

Cadets from the Conway High School Naval JROTC Unit will post colors for the observance.

Commander Gene Hogan, councilman for the Army of Northern Virginia is the guest speaker. Carter has also asked Conway Mayor Alys Lawson to sign a proclamation declaring Saturday as Confederate Memorial Day in Conway, and invited her to participate in the ceremony.

The local ceremony, Carter said, is one of many county camps across South Carolina will hold in late April leading up to a statewide Confederate Memorial Day observance on May 7 in Columbia.

Carter said the organization's primary mission is honoring its Confederate soldiers ancestors and tending to their graves. He said the organization maintains a website (Litchfield132.org) that shows 655 Confederate soldiers are buried in 155 cemeteries in Horry County. Of the 655 buried across Horry County, 98 died during the War Between the States. The other 305 Confederate soldiers from Horry County that served and died in battle never made it home.

The public is invited to attend Saturday's ceremony.



Rivertalk

April 6, 2011

Compatriot Web Williams promotes upcoming Confederate Memorial Day



Carolina and Company

April 5, 2011

With Cecil Chandler
TV15 WPDE ABC

FACE LINE



Lisa Graham reads the names of Confederate veterans from Horry County who died during the War Between the States. At left is Commander Terry Carter. At right is drummer Dwayne Carter.

PROUD HERITAGE

By: Robert Anderson, Horry Independent

Litchfield Camp 132 (Conway), Sons of Confederate Veterans held its third annual Confederate Memorial Day ceremony Saturday on the lawn of the historic Horry County Courthouse in Downtown Conway. Camp commander Terry Carter said Southerners are born with a rich heritage and tradition that includes being civil to others, opening car doors for ladies, eating grits and saying ‘yes sir, yes ma’m’ and ‘y’all.’ The guest speaker for the ceremony was Gene Hogan of Mt. Pleasant, who said the purpose of Confederate Memorial Day ceremonies is to honor Confederate heroes, not to focus on its detractors. Members of the Ida Matthews Chapter 19, Order of the Confederate Rose read the names of the 403 Horryites who gave their lives for the Confederacy during the War Between the States. Members of Litchfield Camp adorned period dress for the ceremony, which also included the firing of three mortar rounds by members of the Waccamaw Light Artillery and the playing of Taps by Dennis Fulmer. Cadets from the Conway High School Naval JROTC Unit posted colors for the observance, and Conway Mayor Alys Lawson presented a proclamation that declared Saturday as Confederate Memorial Day in Conway.



Jim O'Kelley of Conway prays



Hoyt Terry Chestnut II marches during the ceremony.



Above, Battery White camp commander Vernon Parker stands at attention. The event included an “Unveil, Salute and Retire” ceremony.



Drummer Dwayne Carter plays during the ceremony.



Confederate Memorial Services honors four

By Lacy Hardee
FOR THE LORIS SCENE

A full dress military memorial service, no matter what branch of service, no matter what conflict, and no matter what century the dedicated soldier served in, is steeped in tradition and surrounded by honor.

For three Horry County families, and four Civil war era dedicated soldiers, the recognition marking of their final resting place with the Southern Cross of Honor is a fitting tribute for their service.

The Litchfield Camp 132 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and its Commander, Terry Carter, presided over the service. It was identical to the military memorial services of the Civil War era, complete with cannon and musket fire, period dress, mourners, and all members of the SCV auxiliary. The families of the soldiers, the Fipps, Graham and Powell families, joined to place a ceremonial wreath to begin the ceremony. The procession began with the color guard of Troop 513 of the Boy Scouts of America, from Whiteville N.C. bearing the American flag, the Christian flag, the Camp 132 SCV flag, and the Confederate battle flag.

Camp members were posted at each of the graves with respect to their compatriots: Compatriot Chris Tyler to the grave of Pvt. James Monroe Powell; Compatriot Glen Tyler to the grave of Pvt.

Theophilus Graham; Compatriot Dotson Owen to the grave of Pvt. John Lambert Fipps; and Compatriot Johnny Sessions to the grave of Pvt. Elijah Fipps, Jr.

After the invocation and commander's welcome by Carter, family members were called upon to read short histories of their soldier, called the Reading of the Roll.

Lisa Graham read about Pvt. James Monroe Powell, Co. L, 7th SC

Infantry Reg. (McCleary's) CSA; Compatriot Web Williams sounded the bell and Compatriot Dotson Owen unveiled the Cross of Honor and placed the flag, saluted and retired.

Mary Ellen Scarborough read about Pvt. Elijah Fipps Jr., Co. C, 10th SC Infantry Reg. CSA; Compatriot Web Williams sounded the bell and Compatriot Johnny Sessions unveiled the Cross of Honor and placed the flag, saluted and retired. Grave Memorial Dedication was then given by Carter, followed by a mortar Salute by Waccamaw Light Artillery. The closing sounds of "Taps" being played ended the ceremony.

To date, there are 655 Confederate Soldiers buried in Horry County in 155 cemeteries.

The Litchfield Camp 132 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans is comprised of male descendants of Confederate soldiers who served honorably during the War for Southern Independence. Their by-laws list them as an international, multi-racial historical honor society formed in 1896 from the United Confederate Veterans.

"Our primary purpose is to educate the public regarding the Southern Cause in the War Between the States, preserve the truth of Southern history and uphold the values of liberty and freedom from tyranny that our ancestors fought bravely to secure," said Camp Commander Carter.

"We work to maintain the cemeteries and gravesites of Confederate veteran soldiers for posterity and to preserve the symbols of Dixie and southern heritage."

The SCV has ongoing programs at the local, state, and national levels which offer members a wide range of activities. Preservation work, marking Confederate soldiers' graves, historical re-enactments, scholarly publications, and regular meetings to discuss the military and political history of the War of Northern Aggression are only a few of the activities sponsored by local units, called camps.



Ronnie Graham holds a picture of a Graham descendant who was honored at the memorial service. Also recognized were the Fipps and Powell families.



Commander Terry Carter leads the entire assembly in the singing of "Dixie" in closing of the Sons of Confederate Veterans Memorial Service at Graham West Cemetery in Loris.



Dotson Owen, a uniformed camp member, stands by the grave of one of the four soldiers honored at the Sons of Confederate Veterans memorial service held at Graham West Cemetery on March 26.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- MAY 7, 2011 Confederate Memorial Day Service-
Columbia, SC
- MAY 17, 2011 Litchfield Camp 132 Meeting @ 6:00pm
Darling Lake Hunting Club
- May 19-21 Biker festival @ Myrtle Beach Mall (Briarcliff) with Recruitment Tent
- MAY 28, 2011 2:00pm Spring Branch Baptist Church Cemetery Memorial/
Re-dedication service for seven Confederate soldiers.
Refreshments to follow in fellowship hall.
- JUNE 11, 2011 Adopt-a-Highway trash pickup @ 9:00am
- JUNE 14, 2011 Litchfield 132 Camp visit to Battery White, Hunley drama presentation
- JUNE 19-25 Sam Davis Youth Camp Thaxton, Virginia
- JUNE 21, 2011 Litchfield Camp 132 Meeting @ 6:00pm
Watson Funeral Home
Guest speaker: Attorney David Rutledge and
H.L. Hunley drama by Litchfield camp
- JULY 15, 2011 Bay Minette, Alabama (Mobile) Memorial/Rededication service
for Major George T. Litchfield
- JULY 16, 2011 SCV National Convention-Montgomery, Alabama
- JULY 19, 2011 Litchfield Camp 132 Meeting @ 6:00pm
A new film on Richard Kirkland in stunning HD-
The Angel of Marye's Heights presented by Joe Matheson

Here is the schedule for the tent work at the Biker Fest, May 19 - 21 (Thursday - Saturday):

Thursday morning: Jeff & Debra Edwards & Matthew Page

Thursday afternoon: Steve Maupin, Buster Benton & Doris Benton

Friday morning: Tony Anderson & Web Williams

Friday afternoon: Johnny Hewitt, Ed Jones & Matthew Page

Saturday morning: Jamie Graham & Johnny Hewitt

Saturday afternoon: Matthew Page, Paul Gause & Dean Lewis



Vidalia Onion Sales: 392 (Tops in the Division again)

Squad 1

- Lanier Alford 10 bags
- Edward Altman 10 bags
- Tony Anderson 36 bags
- Blake Anderson 3 bags
- Danny Anderson 2 bags
- Buster Benton 15 bags
- Terry Carter 80 bags
- Johnny Cooper 6 bags

Total: 162 bags

Squad 2
No report

Total: 72 bags

Squad 3

- Jamie Graham 20 bags
- Wilbur Huggins 52 bags
- Jonathan Hyman 3 bags
- Dean Lewis 35 bags
- Olin Martin 4 bags
- Jim O'Kelley 1 bag
- Dotson Owen 10 bags

Total: 123 bags

Squad 4
No report

Total: 35 bags

FROM THE 2ND LT. COMMANDER

Hello my fellow compatriots,

I do hope all is well with you and yours. What a month we just had... – CMD Service at the Courthouse, Easter, onions-onions-onions and more onions... – and another birthday for me. I can hardly believe that April is gone. A friend of mine knows Dave Loggins who wrote the lyrics to “Pieces of April” – an old Three Dog Night tune. I had never really paid the song much attention, but after learning a little more about it – it has become one of my many favorites. I will forever more have pieces of April embedded within me as April brought to me (or should I say God blessed me within the month of April) – my first grandson. Named after my father – he will be called Aubrey. It wasn’t real until it was real. That’s the only way I can describe it. After holding him in my arms – I was done. My first grandson – the lineage of my family continuing on.... As I stared at him in pure awe, I was simply overcome with joy and new emotions I had yet to that point experienced. A whole new outlook on life began to evolve.

As I recently purchased a gift from a local department store for a dear friend, I struck up a conversation with the sales clerk. I learned that she had moved to our town about a year ago from England. She expressed the excitement of moving to America, but the new life here was also mixed with homesickness. We discussed the various differences between the two countries and even how different parts of our own are so diverse. She told me of how in Europe you could catch a train and within no time could be in another country. I mentioned our melting pot here in the states and the different cultures within. She explained how she used to love visiting Germany and also how most people there could... speak English – yet they preferred not to. They were proud of their culture.

I can understand. Just as those people are proud of whom they are and mindful of their own identity – we should as well be mindful and proud of our own. We may need to accommodate occasionally, but we must never deny what makes us who we are. We are a heritage-rich people. I am proud of my roots. I will do all in my power to make sure Aubrey is just as proud and that the conviction of identity preservation will live on. I thank God for His many blessings. I pray daily for wisdom. I hope that your convictions regarding your Southern heritage be strong and endure the foes we face as well.

I am proud to be a part of the SCV. I am honored for the position you – my fellow compatriots have entrusted upon me. I ask that you forgive my absence at the last meeting as I was holding my precious new grandson for the first time... just as the monthly gathering was underway at Watson’s....

God bless our nation. God bless all of you. And may God bless the Southland.

Humbly your servant,

**Tony B. Anderson, Sr., Second Lieutenant Commander
– Litchfield Camp #132**

Pledge to the Confederate Flag

**I salute the Confederate Flag with Affection, Reverence,
and Undying Devotion to the Cause for which it stands.**



Palmetto Guard Members:

- Johnny Creel
- Ed Thompson
- Jamie Graham
- Terry Carter



CAMP OFFICERS:

- Commander:
Terry Carter 457-5079
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- 2nd Lieutenant:
Tony Anderson Sr. 457-5713
- Adjutant:
Keith Edwards 254-9941

Leadership

- Guardian Program Jamie Graham
- Genealogist Jamie Graham
- Chaplain Buster Benton
- Color Sergeant Paul Gause
- Historian Paul Gause
- Greeter Glen Tyler
- Adopt-a-Hwy Vernon Thompkins
- Newsletter Terry Carter
- Member Retention E. K. Altman
- Aide-de-Camp Ed Thompson
- Judge Advocate Ricky Todd
- Quartermaster Dean Lewis
- Web Master Jamie Graham



Tony Howell visits Jack's Branch cemetery



Aubrey Hence Anderson & the two grinning babies

Prayer needs

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| Tinky Altman | Martha Altman |
| Ed Thompson | Lanny Anderson |
| Jim O'Kelley | JC Graham |
| Pensa Cola Martin | Annie Graham |
| Johnny Creel | Doris Benton |
| Buster Benton | Herman Hilburn |
| Bobby Hill | Greg Shelley |
| | Sherry Graham |
| Isla Mae Anderson | Lonnie Martin |
| Doreen Hood | Hara Thompkins |
| Virginia Todd Family | Joyce O'Kelley |
| Eden Graham | |



Mary Ellen Scarborough presents for the DAR @ Conway High School.



Commander Carter's daughter marries a yank'



Tony Howell's Baptism



Compatriot Jim O'Kelley's friends leave with 16 bags of it.

Commander's Conduit



Litchfield 132 you will now be addressed as the number one camp in the Division. How in the world does this happen? The acronym "Work" may shed some light on it through the eyes of your 'never satisfied' Commander.

"W" denotes a We mentality. I applaud every faithful member of this camp. Isn't it true that human nature manifests itself in all facets of life, be it the family, the work place, the church and even in a voluntary organization? I heard it said just today that if you want a job done give it to a busy man. We find it to be an exacting truth that 20% of the people do 80% of the work. Can the argument be made that Litchfield 132 is an exception to this rule? Rhetorical question mind you. The amazing thing is that this camp is outworking all other camps and that 20% of you are quite remarkable fellows and are transforming the world. Col. Solomon Eagles addressed his NJROTC unit at Conway High School last night and challenged them for the upcoming year. He said that his staff will have their eye on the ones that have a little extra in their tank. Your Commander spends nearly every waking moment thinking about you, eying you, and you are the delight of his eyes. He sees those of you that are engaged to the Cause as much so as the hog is committed to the breakfast.

"O" marks that an Opportunity exists to make a dent, but will it be seized? Risk is a frightful thing at times, but gain will never be realized without pain and discomfort, loss and hazard. A general in the Persian army always gave his condemned prisoners a choice, the firing squad or the black door. Most chose the firing squad. The prisoners were never told what was on the other side of the door. Few ever chose the unknown of the black door. When asked what was on the other side of the black door, the general answered, "Freedom, and I've known only a few men brave enough to take it." I hesitate not in affirming that within our ranks are a handful of courageous men who have shown us how not to be fearful of the unknown, but to delight in claiming the opportunity before us. I believe that in this very camp there are 21st century heroes, only a couple of generations removed for those epic warriors who never cowered before the black door.

"R" stands for Relevance. Everything that the Sons of Confederate Veterans stands for is significant. Let me draw a spiritual parallel. It more so behooves a man to live his whole life in a godly manner and at the end of the way discover that there is no God than to live his entire life an infidel and discover there is a God, thereafter only to be eternally separated. This battle we fight to preserve and perpetuate the sanctity of our Confederate forebears good name is a justified one. No matter where the struggle takes us we have to believe in the relevance of our ancestors. I not only believe in the pertinence of the Cause and the Man, but also in his descendants. Each of you matter. Each has self worth. A fable is told of a young orphan boy who had no family and no one to love him. Feeling sad and lonely, he was walking through a meadow one day when he saw a small butterfly caught in a thorn bush. The more the butterfly struggled to free itself, the deeper the thorns cut into its fragile body. The boy carefully released the butterfly, but instead of flying away the butterfly transformed before his eyes into an angel. The boy rubbed his eyes in disbelief as the angel said, "For your kindness, I will do whatever you would like." The little boy thought for a moment and then said, "I want to be happy!" The angel replied, "Very well," and leaned toward him, whispered in his ear, and vanished. As the little boy grew up, there was no one in the land as happy as he. When people asked him to tell his secret of happiness, he would only smile and say, I listened to an angel when I was a little boy. On his deathbed, his neighbors rallied around him and asked him to divulge the secret of his happiness before he died. The old man finally told them: "The angel told me that everyone, no matter how secure they seemed, no matter how old or young, how rich or poor, had need of me."

"K" signifies "Keynote" or Keynote Address. In your mind's eye envision yourself as a keynote speaker at a gargantuan assembly hall. There in your front are hordes of eager minds ready to be persuaded one way or another. Among the throngs are skeptics who have braced themselves to question and rebuff your message. Spattered throughout are closed minded hecklers set to befuddle you. Quite keenly aware of what lay before you makes you even more resolute to bring an arousing message of unity and enthusiasm. Tell me what is the key? There was a young man who took a shortcut home one night through a cemetery and fell into an open grave. He called and tried to climb out. To no avail. There was no one around to hear his cries or lend a hand. So he settled down for the night in a corner of the darkened grave to await morning. A little while later another person came the same route through the cemetery, taking the same shortcut home and fell into the same grave, and started clawing and shouting and trying to get out just as the first had done. Suddenly, the second fellow heard a voice out of the dark corner of the grave saying, "You can't get out of here." But he did! To convey the message of truth to all these groups it must be told with enthusiasm. What message are you conveying and in what manner are you conducting it. One can't possibly transport a thought to another mind without believing in the message. The last four letters in the word enthusiasm help illustrate this point. It is only when I Am Sold Myself that I can effectively deliver the Keynote message that our Confederate forebears were right. Those same beliefs and principles are what drives us today to stand boldly and proclaim the truth.

Terry

The Sons of Confederate Veterans is a non-profit, heritage organization whose mission is to preserve the history and legacy of Confederate veterans. It is not associated with any anti-government or hate groups. Membership is open to any male descendent of Confederate veterans who served honorably in the Confederate armed services.

Quotes

Cmdr. Carter:

I am grateful for what you've accomplished in doing the work of the SCV, building the camp and earning the respect and friendship of the community. It was my privilege to be a part of this service — I've been to many CMD services and I'd have to say this was the best one I've experienced.

Gene Hogan
Councilman, Army of Northern Virginia
Sons of Confederate Veterans

Cmdr. Terry,

Compatriot Ed Thompson sends me Litchfield 132's newsletter each month. I forward it to some of my compatriots here in NC. This one comment pretty well describes the amazement these men have for you and your camp- "There is a Camp in Conway, SC, that does as much as some entire Divisions! We need to do more."

May God continue to bless you and yours

At your service in the Cause,
Ronnie

Terry,

So glad to meet you. I was impressed by your camp's turnout. I noticed by their glowing faces it was just as important for them as for myself to be present at such a historical moment. It made a strong statement we were all there to honor our ancestors. If everyone displayed you and your camp's enthusiasm the SCV would be a force to be reckoned with. Another man at Fort Jackson welcomed me home and the remark made a lump in my throat because it was indeed good to be home. Feel free to pass this to your members.

For Our Confederate Ancestors,
Thomas Lide Allison Jr.
(Descendent of Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee)

Commander Carter and the Litchfield Camp,

I would personally like to not only congratulate you, but thank you also, on a job well done. The Litchfield Camp outshines the remainder of the Division once again by having the largest sales in onions. 390 bags is an outstanding achievement, by any standard. I grew up in Conway and I believe we were taught to set our standards just a little higher than most and you just proved it. The Litchfield Camp has made an outstanding Commander out of Terry Carter, but don't slack up now, keep pushing him to new and higher levels. A Commander is only as good as the people that follow him, and the Litchfield Camp has some of the best people I know. The Litchfield Camp sets the standard for the Division in most everything they do. Your ancestors sleep peacefully because you honor and serve them well.

"Deo Vindice"

Your Servant,
Carl Potter
SC SCV Division
Quartermaster

Commander Carter and all the Compatriots of Litchfield 132

Again the Litchfield Camp proves itself to the SC Division as the example for all the camps to emulate. Together, your hard work and dedicated spirit set the standard for accomplishments and success in our organization. I wish I could "bottle" your resources and will and distribute them to the rest of the Division Camps, but alas, we shall have to hope that they will "catch your fire".

Let it be known throughout Camp 132 that your Division Commander is well pleased with you achievements and sends his compliments and thanks to all.

Sincerely,
Mark A. Simpson, Commander
SC Division, Sons of confederate Veterans

Visitors from April's meeting

John Rist
Bobby Jordan
Carlisle Dawsey
John Davis
David Fair

Dwayne Carter
Tony Howell
John Daily
Luke Hardee
Kye Small

Sam Jordan
Calvine Ledsom
Chris Dupreez
Richard Anderson

REFLECTIONS OF A CONFEDERATE ANCESTOR

A CIVIL WAR LETTER WRITTEN BY SGT. JOHN E. COLLINS (OF MARION Co., SC) TO HIS WIFE ANN CATHERINE DAVIS COLLINS (FLOYD). DOCUMENT TRANSCRIBED BY KEITH EDWARDS (3RD G-GRANDCHILD) OF 426 BETHEL DRIVE, CONWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA, 29526 (BROKEN LINES REPRESENT WATER DAMAGE) ON THIS 5TH DAY OF AUGUST 2010.

NOVEMBER 18, 1862

MY DEAR WIFE this will inform you that I am well hoping that this may reach you and find you and your charge all well and will inform you that we have moved again. We are in five miles of Winchester (Va.) above. We are going to commence to build huts to winter but I don't think we will stay here long. I think that we will go on down below Petersburg, but I can't tell where. I received a letter from you last night. I was very glad to hear from you because I have not got a letter from you in 4 weeks, last one I received was about the 23rd of October.

I am very sorry to hear that you are worried. Why will you distress yourself so much about me when you know that my God will take care of me. Put your trust in Him because He will take care of you. My dear I'm very sorry that you did ----- Harlee but perhaps that John McLenighan will do ----- to write to him when he gets to Columbia if you can't do that for me I want to know it and if you can I want to know about that as soon as possible by 1862.

My dear you can't be more anxious for me to come home than I am to come myself. You said that you had got the order that I sent you but you did not say whether Brady had paid that order or not. I'm no more as wise before I got your letter as I am now. You said that the taxes were not paid. I can't help that. I will send you it when I can get the money. The government has never paid us any money in six months and I don't know when they ever will, but they keep talking about it. When I get it I will send it to you and I will still suffer on.

I am nearly naked. I have got one shirt, I have worn that 4 weeks without washing. Socks I have none, I have two pair of drawers such as they are. I have a good coat and pants but the weather is so cold up here. My dear we have had a long snow up here it commenced the 6th and slacked the 8th and it was very deep. It is raining and has been for several days.

I am sitting under a little tent that I got from the Yankees at Harpers Ferry. I tote it on my back. I have one blanket to lie on and it has got several bullet holes in it. I had it tied on my back when I was wounded. My head is not well yet, it runs corruption of a morning. It don't hurt me much.

You said that ----- old Betsy was at your house and that there was ----- some of the people and that I must guess at the letter in order to understand it. You must write me a long letter and give me the particulars about Sophia coming out and about what Betsy was doing there.

Do write soon and give me all the news in the neighborhood, for you don't know how much pleasure it is to hear from a dear wife that I dearly love when I am so far away. Give my love to my poor little children and to all inquiring friends and accept ten thousand kisses for yourself. I remain your poor, ragged, lousey (licey) husband.

J. E. Collins

P.S.

*Kiss Lou (his daughter & my gg-grandmother) for me, write to me soon and often for I get all the letters that is sent to me lately. I send you two post stamps they are all I have got to send you. I lost my nap sack and all the things I had in it. Good bye.

*Direct your letters to John E. Collins, 1st South Carolina Rifles, Company H., Greggs Brigade, A.P. Hills division (later Orr's Regiment).

(Additional comments & Family Tree)

Sgt. John E. Collins (1824-1864) was shot in the Battle of Horse Shoe, Va., May 12, 1864 (age 40) & later died (May 29, 1864) in a CSA Hospital in Richmond, Va. He is buried at Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond City, Va. (go to findagrave.com to see more). His tombstone is in his memory & placed at Zion Cem., near Aynor, SC beside wife Catherine. His wife, Ann Catherine Davis Collins Floyd (1826-1906) is buried at Zion Cemetery located on the corner of Zion & Pee Dee Roads between Aynor & Galivants Ferry, SC.

FAMILY TREE

John E. Collins----Lou Collins Crawford----Inez Crawford Martin----Ila
Jane Martin Edwards----James A. Edwards----Keith Edwards



Maria Louisa (Lou) Collins Crawford
1857-1907 & John
D. Crawford 1849-
1906 (daughter of
John E. Collins &
Ann Catherine Davis)
Parents of Inez Craw-
ford Martin 1892-1987
Photo taken 1884 (20 yrs