

Litchfield Independent



My tribute to the cause at my house in Billings, Montana...the white marker is from my gfather...old tombstone rock...the foot is for all the miles we have travelled.

Eric Babb

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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 descendants of Confederate veterans who served honorably in the Confederate armed forces.

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THANKS TO ALL THAT CAME OUT AND HELPED WITH OUR FUNNEL CAKE TENT & THE SALES & RECRUITING TENT AT THE LORIS BOG OFF. WE HAD A SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN THAT DAY.



OCTOBER MEETING

The October meeting of Litchfield 132 was held on Oct 19, 2010. The Ladies of the OCR furnished a covered dish supper, and WHAT a supper it was. There was no reason for anyone to go home hungry.

Commander Carter opened the meeting and gave the invocation. Color Sgt. Jim O'Kelley led all in the salutes and pledges to the flags. Adjutant Thrasher read the minutes of the last meeting and gave the financial report. He also informed the members of the dates of the Leadership conference in Batesburg, Jan 7 & 8., the Brigade Lee-Jackson Banquet, Jan 22 in Latta and of the upcoming David Keller Cemetery Challenge in Mullins on Nov. 6. Compatriot Fred Oakes received his Lifetime Member pin & Certificate from National Headquarters. Dean Guyton and Neil Floyd petitioned the Camp for membership and was accepted. New Members Jonathan Hyman and Danny Anderson and Cadet Carson Tyler were inducted into the Camp. Lt Commander Eddie Pippin introduced Field Representative Jack Marlar as our speaker. Compatriot Marlar gave a very good and interesting presentation on "Why the War was not about Slavery", using actual quotes from Abraham Lincoln and other famous politicians and soldiers from the yankee side. The meeting was adjourned with a chorus of Dixie. We had 36 members and 9 guests present for the meeting.

7th Brigade David Keller Cemetery Challenge

On Nov. 6, the Marion SCV Camp will be hosting the David Keller Cemetery Challenge. The cemetery cleanup will start at **9 am** and the Marion Camp will provide lunch for all. To get there take Hwy 917 from Loris or Green Sea toward Mullins, when you cross into Marion County, you will come to a crossroads with a cemetery on the right. That will be the Old Stage Rd., turn right by the cemetery and continue on to you see the flags. From Hwy 501, cross into Marion County, the first interchange will be Hwy 41. at Hwy 41 toward Mullins, at the Gapway Church, Approx 5 to 6 miles, bear right onto Old Stage Rd and follow it across Hwy 917, until you see the flags and everyone. Please come out and help us reclaim a wilderness cemetery from the woods. You will need gloves, boots, rakes, chain saws, etc. We hope to see you there. Last year we had 50 plus compatriots at the cleanup in Summerville, and a good time was had by all.

UPCOMING MUSTER CALLS

**All meetings at Watson's Funeral Home, 2300 Hwy 378,
Conway, SC, unless otherwise noted**

Nov 6 David Keller Cemetery Challenge Herrington Family Cemetery Old Stage Rd, Mullins SC north of Hwy 917 time to be announced

November 16 Dinner 6 pm Meeting 7 pm

December 21 Christmas Dinner Family members welcome

Jan. 22 7th Brigade Lee/ Jackson Dinner 11 am-2 pm in Latta, Sc hosted by the Stackhouse Camp

NEWSLETTER EDITOR AND PUBLISHER NEEDED

Compatriots,

I hope all have enjoyed the Camp newsletter over the last 4 plus years. The December 2010 newsletter will be my last turn as editor and publisher of the Litchfield Independent. The Camp has seen a steady growth and willingness of new members to participate and work on our projects. With my work and duties to the SCV as Brigade Commander, I feel it is time to pass the torch on to someone else. If you are interested in becoming the editor, contact Commander Carter and myself at the November meeting.

For the Cause

Ken Thrasher

War Between the States numbers

Less than 10 0/0 of Southern men owned slaves

At the start of the war, there were 22 million people in the north, 9 million in the South(of which 3.5 million were slaves)

During the last year of the war, there were 1 million men in arms for the Union, and 200,000 for the Confederacy

Northern factories were producing 5,000 rifles per day. Southern factories were producing 300 rifles per day

67 per cent of War Between the States generals wore Beards

Join the Guardian Program!

Help keep the graves of the Confederate soldiers alive for the future. Become a Guardian of a Confederate Soldier's final resting place.

Litchfield Camp #132

Members of the Guardian Program

Edward Altman (W)

Terry Carter (W) +

Jamie Graham (W) +

Eddie Pippin +

Rusty Richardson

Robert Scarborough

Johnny Sessions

Ed Thompson (W)

Ken Thrasher (W) +

Ricky Todd

Guardians Pro Tem

Henry Altman (W)

Paul Gause +

Steven Graham +

Anthony Martin

Olin Martin

Paul Gause +

Wilton Prince

Fred Oakes +

Bob Hood

Joe Hood

Bob Gray +

Larry Lightsey +

Jim O'Kelley +

James Parker

Jarame Parker

Lt Commander's report

Compatriots,

Thanks to everyone that came out to make the October meeting such a success. I'm glad we had a good crowd for Compatriot Jack Marlar. I hope everyone got all the merchandise they wanted.

November is going to be a busy month. The Cemetery Challenge on Nov 6 will be an important event, so let's all plan on attending and supporting the 7th Brigade.

The 13 will be a dedication service. Let's get out and support Paul Gause's family in remembering their Confederate ancestors.

Everyone please make an effort to attend our November meeting. We will be having a speaker that you will not want to miss.

I hope everyone is doing well and will be able to support our SCV in November.

For the Cause

Lt. Commander Eddie Pippin

Election of Adjutant

We will electing a new Adjutant at the November meeting. If you feel you can serve in this office, please let it be known at the meeting. Here is some requirements of the office: basic bookkeeping, access to the internet. **If you are elected, you need to attend the SC Division Leadership meeting in Batesburg on Saturday Jan. 8, so you can attend the Adjutant training course.**

Commander's Corner

Team, let it be known that I personify what is known as a poor communicator. I've been guilty of this weakness long before you were introduced to this shortcoming of mine. Forgive me. I'm of the "Judas hanged himself....Go and do likewise" school. I pick one verse here and another there, put them together and come up with a communiqué that makes little sense. Why, I've been known to formulate in my mind ludicrous notions and impart them as gospel. Another major gaffe was to surmise that the scripture of Revelation 8:1 "...there was silence in Heaven about the space of half and hour" meant that there will be no women in our eternal abode. Needless to say my residence is hot water parkway.

A recent trip to the mountains of West Virginia gave me a much precipitous appreciation for the blessing of being able to connect with folk back in Horry County. There were no means, even with the advent of copious technological breakthroughs in the transmission and reception of data to reach home, which for some is a good thing, not so for me.

It's frustrating, to say the least, to not be able to convey and receive information. Such was the case for General Lee on Wednesday, July 1st 1863 at Gettysburg. Early in the day General Lee hesitated moving his main body forward, not knowing what lay ahead of him, due to the fact that the "eyes and ears" of his army, General Jeb Stuart and his cavalry were no where to be found.

As well it's discouraging that a given communiqué is apparently lost in "cyber space" or doesn't reach its intended audience. So it was before the Battle of Antietam where the 27th Indiana on the Best Farm in Maryland stumbled across the lost orders of General Lee. Gen. McClellan would exclaim "Here is a paper with which, If I cannot whip Bobby Lee, I will be willing to go home."

Last month I sent out my own #191 orders to an army of eighty. Thirty-four responded with alacrity in pressing forward to the front to defend the honor of their Ancestors, a wall of fierce guardians that I should delight to serve alongside for the duration of this war. One of the eight returned to me undeliverable, understandable. Three responded, one ill, one engaged in battle on another field and one had orders from a superior whom I'll not contest. My lost orders did fall into the hand of General Indifference. He purposes to strike a blow against the committed 47% of this camp. Apathy will be cleared from the field.

My preacher told me some years ago that the Kingdom of God will come, whether or not one tithes, whether or not one serves in a given capacity or whether or not one attends church. I'm proud as a Commander can possibly be. You are being found faithful. The work is getting done. We shall not be denied. My challenge to each of you is not to be left behind. Coppish?

In His favor,

Terry

Kingstree CSA Memorial Monument History: About 1905, Mrs. D.C. Scott and seven other women organized a chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy in Williamsburg County to develop a memorial to the county's Confederate soldiers. Mrs. Scott was president and inspiration of the chapter. Within the next five years, with much help from the citizens of Williamsburg County, the women raised \$2,500. They unveiled the monument on May 10, 1910, even though the statue of the soldier had not yet arrived. Reverend E.E. Ervin offered the opening prayer before a crowd of 2,000. The popular speaker, James Armstrong, Jr., of Charleston, was orator of the day. John G. Pressley, commander of South Carolina Confederate Veterans, also spoke. Pressley was formerly lieutenant colonel of the 25th S.C. Volunteer Regiment -- a regiment in which many Williamsburg District men served. Pressley had lost an arm at Port Walthall Junction on May 7, 1864. Several V.D.C. members unveiled the monument and presented it to Mayor L.W. Gilland, who accepted it for Kingstree.

Marble and Granite Company of Spartanburg made the thirty-two-foot granite monument. It was originally placed in the middle of the prominent intersection of Main and Academy Streets in Kingstree, facing eastward. Charles W. Wolfe, a Williamsburg County native who was the editor of the Williamsburg County Record and founder of the Georgetown Outlook, wrote the inscriptions.

The six-foot, eight-inch statue was carved in Italy from Italian marble. The figure is that of a Federal soldier, although how this happened is unknown. The statue of a Confederate soldier, however, stands on a war monument in York, Maine. Some speculate that the two statues were somehow switched -- an unlikely scenario because the two monuments were sculpted by different companies, in different countries, and were erected four years apart.

The Kingstree statue did not arrive until thirty days after the unveiling ceremony. The residents of Kingstree recognized the Federal uniform immediately, and legend has it that several Confederate veterans went on a drinking and shooting spree in protest.

Nevertheless, the statue was placed on top of the monument and remains there still, readily recognizable as being distinctly different from other statues atop the state's Confederate monuments. Neither the uniform nor the soldier's accouterments are typically Confederate, and the pose -- a soldier with cap in hand is unique, at least in terms of the state's other monuments. The mystery of this soldier's rightful place and the whereabouts of Kingstree's soldier remains unknown.

In 1958, the S.C. Highway Department, as a part of the upgrading of the public highway system, required the Town of Kingstree to move the monument. Many citizens of Kingstree objected, and a public debate that several other South Carolina towns found familiar began. The issue divided the town. The V.D.C. opposed any relocation. The town council, chamber of commerce, county delegation, and several civic clubs recommended moving the monument to the courthouse grounds.

Concerned that the monument would be boxed and forgotten, forty-two citizens on September 9, 1958, obtained an injunction to prevent the monument from being disassembled and stored. About a week later, when the town council said the Williamsburg County Courthouse grounds would be a suitable new site for the monument, Judge J. Woodrow Lewis lifted the injunction. By its statement, he said, the city had shown it intended to re-erect the monument. The monument was moved to its present location in October 1958, this time facing north. It is said that the Yankee soldier on the top is facing north, longing for home.



The next will be Meeting November 16 at Watson's Funeral home. Dinner will be at 6 pm, meeting will start at 7 pm.

Plan to attend and bring a like minded friend, if you can. Our speaker will be Commander Ron Wilson of the Manse Jolly Camp in Easley, Sc. Commander Wilson is also a past Commander in Chief of the SCV.

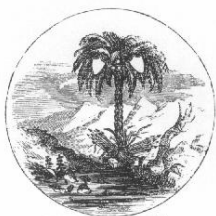


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