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Commander's Corner

Greetings Members of Litchfield 132 & Compatriots,

As Fall speeds toward Winter and 2009 comes to an end, I would like to thank all the members of Litchfield 132 for all of their hard work this year for Keeping the Charge. You have done good in recruiting new members, and working on all the projects and other things the Camp has been involved in. I am proud to say that I belong to one of the Best Camps in the State and I hope each and everyone of you feel that way also. Over the last 5 years, while I have been Commander, we have accomplished much together, won numerous Camp and Individual awards, but those are only secondary. We did not accomplish what we have for awards. We did it to forward the Colors, for the Camp, and to honor our Ancestors. This month, you will select a new Commander to guide our Camp. In doing this, I ask that you show him the respect and dedication to the Cause, that you have shown over the last few years.

As I return to the Camp, as just a member, I will not just be a member, but will continue to support the Camp and do all that I can to keep and assist us, as a Camp, moving forward. Starting in 2010, I suspect the SCV will be in the cross-hairs of those opposing us, as in marks the 150 year anniversary of our Great State leaving the Union and the start of the late unpleasantness that befell our forefathers. I urge each and all to step forward and to keep moving forward with the Charge. We must not let the Political Correctness that has swept our great Country make the SCV a footnote in history. If that happens, we will have failed and the true story of the South and our Ancestors will have become lost to history and the future. This must not happen. We must stand together and fight together in the future to insure the true stories get told and preserved.

In closing, I extend my thanks to each member of the SCV for having faith in and supporting my leadership of the Camp over the past 5 years. Without your support and assistance, we would not have accomplished what we have. My time as your Commander has been enlightening. I feel I have grown more to understanding what the Charge means to me, than when I first joined the SCV, and all of you helped me to understand that. It is my wishes that, in the future Litchfield 132 accomplishes much much more that what has been accomplished the last few years. With everyone's work and dedication, Litchfield can become a much stronger voice and force in the SCV. I encourage you to attend the November meeting, as we select a new Commander and prepare to move into the next chapter of progress for the Camp and the SCV. Thank you all for everything. It has been a hard long, and satisfying term as your Commander, but it has been worthwhile for all that we have done standing together, in letting the people of the County know what we stand for and what we do in the County.

Keeping the colors unfurled,

Ken Thrasher

Commander Litchfield 132

October Meeting

Litchfield Camp 132 held it's October meeting on Saturday, Oct. 10 at the Myrtle Beach Outboard Motor Club. Ronnie Holmes prepared another fine BBQ for us. The hog did not survive. Ed Thompson captured a pot of yankee rice on his way to the meeting, and other members and their wives supplied other dishes and fine desserts for us to feast upon. The meeting was attended by members, their wives, children and grandchildren along with guests. the weather was fine and a good time was had by all in attendance and no one went home hungry.

Commander Thrasher opened the meeting by greeting members and guests to the meeting and reading the Charge of Lt. Gen. Stephen Dill Lee. Lt. Commander Terry Carter gave the invocation and Color Sgt. Jim O'Kelley led all in the pledges and salutes.

A short meeting was held . We discussed the upcoming Loris bog off and our Christmas dinner. The members of the Camp that were present, voted to obtain a Liability Insurance policy. This was done because of the various projects and dinners we are doing. This will protect all of us in the future at any SCV function, that we do or attend under the name of Litchfield 132.

The meeting concluded with the singing of our National Anthem "Dixie".

Request from the editor

Compatriots,

If anyone has any pictures, ideas for short articles, or would like to submit an article on your ancestor for the newsletter. Please help me out with the newsletter. Just email ideas or articles to me at kt007@sprynet.com or by mail to Ken Thrasher 726 Racewater Dr, Myrtle Beach, S.C. 29588. I try to get the newsletter out by the first weekend of each month.

Adjutant's Corner**Brothers**

I hope this news letter finds you and all your loved ones doing fine. I was glad to see all that could attend our last get together at the Myrtle Beach boat club there was much food and great fellowship. As we move into the fall of year and things cool off we have some things to do to further the Cause. At next months meeting we will talk about planning a cross dedication at Pondfield Cemetery. We will be placing two crosses of Honor there. In the past month we have had some sickness with members and their spouses I thank God all has gone well with all our prayers were answered. A new year is almost upon us and we have great things to do for the cause. I have no doubt we have the men and with the help of our beloved spouses we will get all things done ask of us. Remember the season ahead of us. It is a time of giving thanks and being with your loved ones. Life gives us no promises take the time to make every second count with your family. I hope to see you all at the next meeting. We still have allot of members who haven't renewed. I am going to get a list out to our member retention officer to try to help with this matter. I still haven't gotten the paper work for our Camp insurance but the Commander is working on that. As of now we have \$ 2,687.45 in the bank.

Your Servant

Ronnie Holmes

Adjutant

December Meeting

Our December meeting and Christmas dinner will be on Dec. 15 at Watson's Funeral Home. Richard, previous owner of Richard's BBQ will cater the dinner. It will be BBQ, Chicken Bog, green beans, baked beans, dessert , slaw, etc. The cost will be \$10.00 per person. Richard requested that we give him a head count of how many will be there by Dec. 1. Let me know at the Nov. meeting if you are planning on being there or call me at 293-4082 no later than Dec. 1 , so we can have enough food for all. Thanks, Ken

UPCOMING MUSTER CALLS

DEC Camp cleanup of Stalvey Cemetery

Nov 17 6 pm dinner 7 pm Meeting

Dec.15 Meeting and Family Christmas dinner Watson's Funeral Home \$10.00 per person .

Jan 8-9 Leadership conference Columbia

Jan 16, 2010 6 pm 7th Brigade Lee-Jackson Banquet, Springmaid Beach resort \$30 per person

John Henry Hart, Jr. 13th Va. Cav., Co. G (Surrey Co.)

John Henry Hart, Jr. was born Jan. 15, 1843 in Surrey Co. Va. To Henry Hart & his his wife Frances. In April of 1861 at age 18 years, he answered the call of his country and enlisted in the 5th Va. Cavalry. During the spring & summer of that year his company(E) spent its time organizing, learning military ways and obtaining weapons, uniforms and other equipment. The company was part of the 16th Battalion under the command of Major Benjamin Belches (Belsches). In June of 1862, the 5th Va. Cav. Was dissolved and on 29th July 1862, they reconstitute as the 13th Va. Cav. And command passed to Col. John Randolph Chambliss, Jr. They were part of the W H F "Rooney" Lee's Brigade under Gen. James Ewell Brown Stuart. During the war, Mr. Hart participated in numerous battles & skirmishes, notably Brandy Station, Fredericksburg, the Wilderness and fights between Spotsylvania Courthouse and Richmond, Averill's raid through the western part of Va., Five Forks, Gilliams Farm and Petersburg. And was with Gen. Robert E Lee at Appomatox Courthouse on 9 April 1865.

After the war, Mr. Hart went home to Surrey Co. and married 16 year old Anthelia Faison on 25 February 1868. They had 12 Children , including my great grandmother Daisy Dean Hart (b. 2 Oct 1872), who married A.B. McCoy and moved to Horry County, S.C. During the post wa rperiod, Mr. Hart was elected constable of Blackwater District in 1870served a year and resigned. He was appointed surveyor of roads in 1879, was a school trustee for 6 years. He owned 400 acres of land near Dendron, Va., with 100 acres improved, n which was a large apple orchard. According to family tradition, Mr. Hart was well known for his apple cider and loved to dance.

In June of 2003, Commander Thrasher along with our better halves, journeyed to Dendron, Va., where we found a distant Hart cousin, who graciously led us to the site of the old Hart homeplace and pointed out the family cemetery, across what was a large wheat field. We walked across the field to the cemetery, only to find it completely overgrown with brush and poison ivy. We took the GPS coordinates and hopefully at some point, an SCV Camp in the area will adopt the cemetery(as Litchfield 132 has done with the Stalvey Cemetery) and it can be cleared and cleaned up.

Robert Scarborough

Highway Cleanup

The next Highway Cleanup will be Nov.21, 2009 at 9 pm. Please note that we have changed roads. We will be cleaning EL Bethel Rd. from Hwy 378 to Dunn Shortcut Rd., near Hwy 51 in Conway. We will meet on El Bethel Rd. just off Hwy 378 at 9 am. If you have any questions, contact Jim O'Kelley at 488-3841. It will take only a couple of hours to clean this stretch of roadway, so the more that come out to help the faster it will be cleaned. See you there on Saturday morning, Nov 21.

Jim O'Kelley

Litchfield Camp #132

Members of the Guardian Program

Edward Altman

Eddie Pippin

Robert Scarborough

Johnny Sessions

Ed Thompson

Ken Thrasher

Ricky Todd

Guardians Pro Tem

Terry Carter

Rusty Richardson

The next will be Meeting November 17, 2009 , Meal at 6 pm meeting at 7 pm. Watson's Funeral Home, 2300 Hwy 378, Conway, SC. Elections will be held along with the meeting and a surprise speaker

Loris Bog Off

The weather started cold and windy and turned into a fine day. We had a good turn out of members to assist with the sales and recruiting tent. Overall, we had a good day and made some monies for the treasury. It was a long day and thanks to all that assisted with the Loris Bog Off.

Membership fees are past due. If you have not renewed your membership, please do so as soon as possible. **All past renewals are now \$65, which includes the late fees for National & State.** So, If you have not renewed yet, be sure to send the renewal in to Ronnie Holmes as soon as possible. Don't let yur ancestors down, by dropping out.



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