



James City Cavalry Picket Lines



March 2024 Dispatch – Williamsburg, Virginia

Camp #2095  10th Brigade  Virginia Division  Army of Northern Virginia

A patriotic honor society dedicated to community service and the preservation of the true history of the War Between The States.

Next Muster

Wednesday, March 27th, 2024, 6:30 pm
Colonial Heritage Club House
www.colonialheritageclub.com/find-us
6500 Arthur Hills Drive
Williamsburg, VA 23188



Meal Cost: \$20.00 Per Person
Payment by Check is Preferred

Non-camp members please contact Jeff Toalson (757) 220-0131 or troon24@cox.net to make a dinner reservation. Camp members will be contacted by the 'Call Team' for your reservation. Attendees without a reservation are welcome to attend the meeting but may not receive a dinner.

JCC Web Site: <http://www.jamescitycavalry.org>

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March Guest Speaker

Mrs. Feather Foster

"The Civil War Divas – First Ladies Mary Lincoln and Julia Grant"



Compatriots, we are fortunate to have as our speaker this month, which is Women's Historical Month, an authority on historical women. Mrs. Feather Foster will speak on First Ladies Mary Lincoln and Julia Grant. We will find out, in addition to many other interesting questions, "did Mary Lincoln really wear flannel pajamas, and did Julia Grant's hat show support for the Confederacy?" Therefore Compatriots, bring your wives and girlfriends and find out "The facts!"

Feather Foster has been an independent writer of Presidential and First Ladies history for more than a decade. She has made more than 400 personal appearances, including dozens of radio and television interviews. She has been interviewed on numerous nationwide NPR and PBS stations, and dozens of online sites. She has been living in Williamsburg since 2008 and began lecturing about the "old" First Ladies at local prestigious societies, colleges and universities.

Camp Journal for Last Muster

Meeting:

Held February 28th at 6:30 PM at Colonial Heritage Club House,
James City County, Va., **57** Attendees

Welcome given by Cmdr. Jeff Toalson

Pledge & Salute to the Flags led by Aide de Camp Jon Holland

Blessing:

Given by Sr. Chaplain George Corbett

Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Quartermaster George Bridewell

Program:

1st Lt. Cmdr. Perry introduced the evening's guest speaker:

Dr. Eric Schweickert

Dr. Schweickert presented *"Discovery & Identification of WBTS Remains Recovered Near the Magazine in Colonial Williamsburg."* Eric gave an enthralling talk on the discovery and identification of the 4 presumed C.S.A. soldiers all of whom probably died in the Union hospital in the Baptist Church next door to the Magazine



1st Lt. Commander Ron Perry (L) welcomes our February speaker, Dr. Eric Schweickart of the Colonial Williamsburg Archaeological Department. Eric was joined by Crystal Castleberry who is a Public Archaeologist with C.W.

Committee Reports and Announcements:

Cemetery Report

2nd Lt. Commander Steve White confirmed that he and Dennis Dasher have installed both of our 2023 Southern Crosses of Honor at Olive Branch Christian Cemetery.

Old & New Business

- Comments - Cmdr. Jeff Toalson
- 8th Brigade Report – Cmdr. Kenny Bage
- Virginia Div. Report – Cmdr. Tony Griffin
- UDC Luncheon at the Boxwood Inn - Bonnie Mittelmaier
- W. B. A. Events - Ms. Alison Woodard
- WCWRT – Compatriot Bill Miller

Book Raffle

Proceeds of \$132 were donated to the Camp Treasury for the raffle of the four donations.

Benediction

Given by Sr. Chaplain George Corbett

See page 5 for more photos from last month's meeting

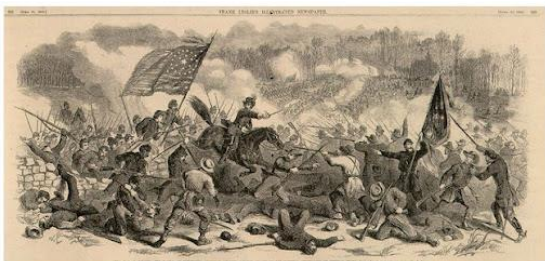


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The Civil War in March

First Battle of Kernstown, March 23rd 1862



Although the battle was a tactical defeat for Stonewall Jackson, it represented a strategic victory for the South by preventing the Union from transferring forces from the Shenandoah Valley to reinforce the Peninsula Campaign against the Confederate capital.

Commander's Comments

We had a marvelous February meeting. This marks the beginning of our 13th year having our meetings and suppers at Colonial Heritage Country Club. Dr. Eric Schweickert gave a very educational talk on the remains of the 4 soldiers found near the Williamsburg Powder Magazine. We hosted 30 guests, from all over eastern Virginia, who were very interested in learning about what the archaeologists have discovered.

We were joined by members of the Isle of Wight Avengers, the Dearing-Beauregard and the Lane-Armistead Camps of the SCV. Ladies from the Williamsburg, Petersburg, President Jefferson Davis and the Sally Thompkins Chapters of the UDC were attending. Representatives from the Williamsburg Battlefield Association, the Williamsburg Civil War Roundtable, and the Military Order of the Stars and Bars were present along with a variety of Williamsburg area residents.

On February 29th we received a letter from Jack Gary, Director of Archaeology at C.W., requesting our approval to proceed with DNA extraction. As the 'stakeholder' representing the S.C.V. and these presumed Confederate soldiers, we gave our approval. Preliminary osteological results from the William and Mary Institute of Historical Biology have allowed them to identify which of the 20 potential individuals most closely match each set of remains. The Virginia Department of Historical Resources and C.W. can now proceed and send these samples to the University of Connecticut Ancient DNA Laboratory. The goal is to complete the DNA extraction by March 12th.

Jeff

Confederate Gravesites

(Contributed by Compatriot Fred Boelt)

William Walker Ware (1803-1854) lived in James City County with his brother, Robert Ware and his family, for several years as a young adult. After his brother's death in 1828, William Ware continued to live with his brother's widow, Susannah, and her daughter, and they moved to Peach Park on Forge Road. The builder of Peach Park was William Walker, and looking at names, there may have been some kinship there. Susannah Ware eventually married Turner Christian of Charles City County.

William Walker Ware and Letitia Power Gregory were married on April 20, 1831, and they had five children. Their first two children were born in Charles City, so the family may have continued to live with or near Susannah and her new husband. Their second child, first son, Edmond Macon Ware, was born on July 10, 1834. W. W. Ware purchased 438 acres in James City County in 1835, and the family moved there. By 1851, the Ware family was living in the city of Williamsburg and the county land was sold by 1852. By 1854, Edmond Ware was living in Petersburg and working for a tobacco company. In the 1860 census, he was still living in Petersburg and his occupation was listed as "tobacconist."

Edmond Ware enlisted in the 3rd Virginia Cavalry in Williamsburg on June 24, 1861, and was elected 3rd Lieutenant in March 1862. He transferred to Company H, 5th Virginia Cavalry, on May 1, 1862. He was captured at White House on June 15th and sent to Fort Delaware. He was exchanged on August 5, 1862. Ware was appointed Captain and assistant Quartermaster on November 28, 1862. After signing for numerous supplies for the troops at a camp near Guinea Station in early January, he resigned from the cavalry at the end of January 1863.

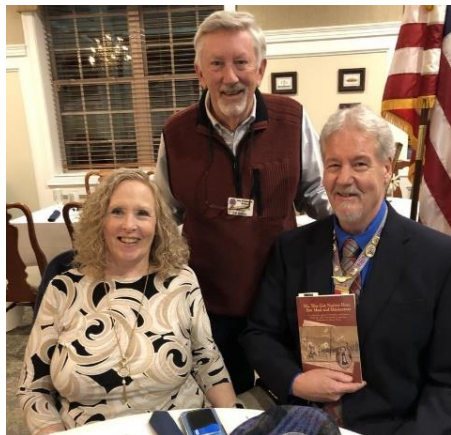
He was reinstated in May as 3rd Lieutenant and detailed for Court Martial duty on May 25, 1863. He was company commander by November 12, 1863, and again, still as 3rd Lieutenant, he was listed as such at Orange Court House in February 1864. Edmond Ware was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant on May 9th. Ware was recommended for promotion to captain by General Lomax for "skill and valor" at Spotsylvania Court House on May 9th and at Yellow Tavern on May 11th. His promotion was approved by Gen. Fitzhugh Lee and Gen. Robert E. Lee. [Ware was also reported killed at Yellow Tavern.]

Edmond Ware was wounded in action in the side of his face, left thigh and left hand at Haw's Shop on May 27th and was admitted to a Richmond hospital on June 1st. He was promoted to 1st Lieutenant on June 16th and was furloughed for thirty days on July 14th. Ware was captured at Yorktown on the 19th, sent to Fortress Monroe and exchanged on August 18, 1864. He was finally promoted to Captain on September 9, 1864.

The October 1864 roll reported Ware "absent, wounded." In November, he was assigned to command Company E, Consolidated Regiment. After spending more time in a Richmond hospital from November 20, 1864 through January 1865, he was recommended for retirement for *Morbi Cutis* (skin disease), but he was detailed as an enrolling officer through February where his service record ended. Edmond Ware was paroled in Williamsburg on May 6, 1865.

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Photos from the Last Muster



Jeff Toalson (C) is joined by Melody Bage and 8th Brigade Commander Kenny Bage. Kenny is a candidate for Commander of the Virginia Division at the upcoming convention and spoke briefly with the Camp at the meeting.



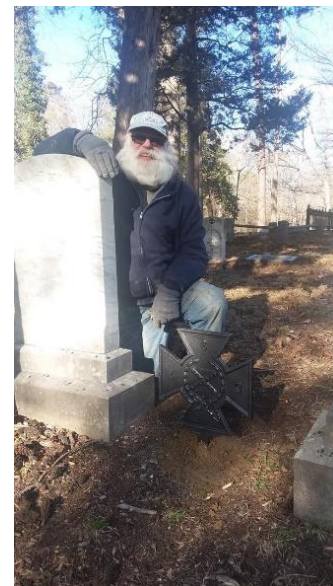
Current Virginia Division Commander Tony Griffin (L) and our 1st Lt. Commander Ron Perry are all smiles. Tony addressed the Camp and thanked us for our support during his two terms as our Commander. Tony is also a member of Isle of Wight Avengers.



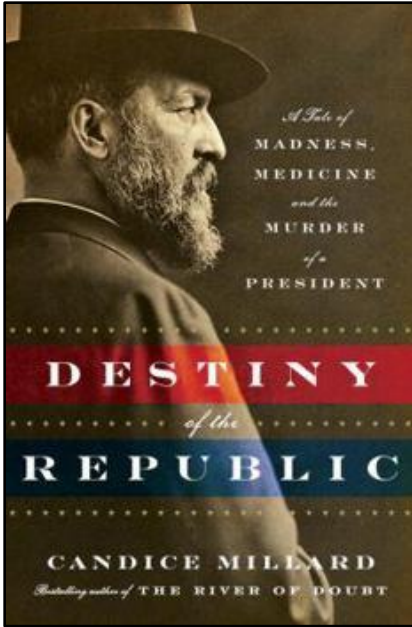
Three members of the Isle of Wight Avengers at our meeting: LtoR are Virginia Division Archivist Pete Marsh, Bob Kennedy and 10th Brigade Cmdr. Ed Whitley.

Crosses of Honor

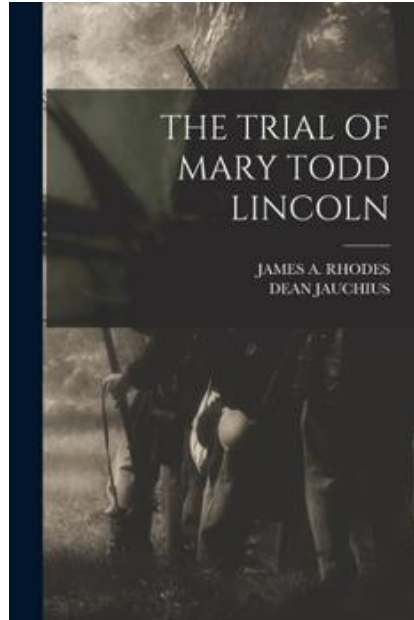
Both of our Southern Crosses of Honor were installed at Olive Branch Christian Cemetery this year. On October 25, 2023, Steve White (L) and Dennis Dasher installed a Cross to honor Cpl. Southey Savage Hankins of Co. H, 5th Virginia Cavalry. They installed the Cross for Captain George Edward Geddy on February 23, 2024 and Steve White is shown as he finished smoothing the dirt around the project. For the next several years our Southern Crosses of Honor will be installed at Olive Branch.



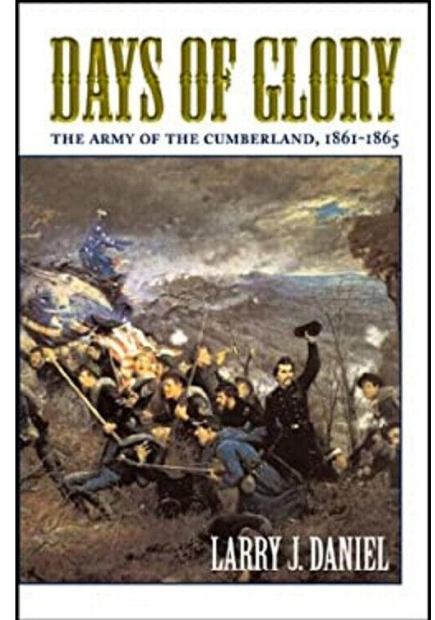
March Book Raffle



“James Garfield - Destiny of the Republic”
by Candice Millard



“The Trial of Mary Tood Lincoln”
by Rhodes and Jauchius



“Days of Glory - Army of the Cumberland”
by Larry Daniel

Bonus Book:
“Battle Cry of Freedom”
by James McPherson



Williamsburg Civil War Round Table



<http://www.wcwrt.org>

On March 26th, 2024 – Dr. Jonathan Jones
will present:

**“Opium Slavery: Drug Dependency Among Civil War
Veterans”**