



James City Cavalry Picket Lines



November 2022 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

One Week Early!

Wednesday, **November 16th**, 2022, 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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November Guest Speaker

Compatriot Bill Miller
President of the
Williamsburg Civil
War Roundtable



***"33 Days:
Stonewall's
1862 Valley
Campaign"***

Bill Miller will give us insights tonight into one of the great campaigns in military history. Beginning on May 7, 1862, Stonewall Jackson and his small army will march & counter-march up and down the Shenandoah Valley defeating the armies of Fremont, Banks, & Shields in 5 key battles: McDowell (5-8), Front Royal (5-23), Winchester (5/25), Cross Keys (6/8) and Port Republic (6/9). He and his 'foot cavalry' became legend as the Union forces fled from these galloping ghosts.

Bill Miller regularly attends our camp meetings as a Friend of the SCV. He presently serves as the President of the Williamsburg Civil War Roundtable. Bill maintains memberships in numerous battlefield preservation organizations.

Camp Journal for Last Muster

Meeting:

Held October 26th at 6:30 PM at Colonial Heritage Club House,
James City County, Va., 29 Attendees

Welcome given by Cmdr. Jeff Toalson

Pledge & Salute to the Flags led by Cmdr. Jeff Toalson

Blessing:

Given by Chaplain George Corbett

Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Quartermaster George Bridewell

Comments by Cmdr. Jeff Toalson

Program:

1st Lt. Cmdr. White introduced the evening's guest speaker:
Compatriot Rob Glaser.

Rob was a walking catalog of knowledge on the Battle of Williamsburg, the troop movements, and other minutia. He had three copies of this map set up in the room so everyone could have a good view of where things were happening.



Compatriot Glaser and 1st Lt. Cmdr. White



Committee Reports and Announcements:

Old & New Business

- Adjutant's Report- Adj. Dave Watson
- Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Ken Parsons
- Capt. Sally Statue – UDC Chapter Pres. Marilyn Iglesias
- WCWRT Update – Compatriot Bill Miller

Book Raffle

Proceeds were donated to the Camp Treasury for the raffle of the three donations.

Benediction

Given by Air Force Chaplain Col. Peter Flood, USAF Ret.

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Announcements

Cavalry members are invited to the Williamsburg Chapter UDC Christmas Party on December 1st at Ford's Colony at 11:30. Lunch will feature Chicken Pot Pie and Cheesecake with entertainment by Timothy Seaman on the Hammered Dulcimer. Cost is \$23. RSVP to Bonnie Mittlemaier by November 23.

The American Legion Post #25 Toy Soldier Show will be held this year on Saturday, November 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Braxton Perkins Post #25, 7609 Marshall Ave., Newport News, VA 23605. Full show information is available if you google: ToySoldiersOnTheMove

Commander's Comments

You will find photographs in here of Lang Shelton, Tom Campbell and me at the S.C.V. booth at the Virginia State Fair. We had an eventful and rewarding day.

The Cavalry gave some major financial support to both the Isle of Wight Avengers and the 3rd Virginia Mechanized Cavalry to support their efforts, respectively, in saving and preserving the Isle of Wight Monument and the Surry Monument. Both Camps are to be commended for their preservation efforts.

General 'Stonewall' Jackson became a legend in 33 days in the Shenandoah Valley in 1862. Bill Miller is going to regale us with stories from one of the great campaigns in American Military History.

Our November meeting is one week **EARLY!** Make sure you mark November **16th** on your calendar.

It is with sadness that I report that Mike Mitchell, a compatriot who had attended many of our meetings over the past 3 years, has passed away. Mike will be missed. He always had interesting stories of his time as a California Parole Officer in San Francisco and San Francisco politics. One night Mike asked for a ride home and I agreed to take him. Mike was a big fellow and he barely squeezed into my Miata. He was a wedged pretzel. We were not sure he was going to get out when we got him home. He always checked which car I was driving before asking for another ride.

We serve in their memory,

Jeff Toalson

NDSM Award



Ken Parsons (C) is presented the SCV National Distinguished Service Medal by Division Commander Tony Griffin (L) and Brigade Commander Ed Whitley (R).

Confederate Gravesites

(Contributed by Compatriot Fred Boelt)

Thomas Edward Evans and Juliet Littleton Upshur were married in Northampton County, Virginia in 1839. They had five children within the next ten years. About 1848/49, Evans purchased Cherry Hall farm from John H. Hankins. Located in York County, this farm had been owned by the Hankins family in the 18th century. The two story brick mansion house, an addition to the property, was built around 1837, before Evans acquired the farm. Unfortunately, this house which stood on the northern side of Lightfoot Road was demolished several years ago.

By 1850, this family was enumerated in the Bruton District of York County, Virginia. The birthplace for all five children was listed as Eastern Shore, so the family probably moved just after the youngest child was born. During the years that the Evans family lived there, Thomas acquired about 600 acres of land, part of which was in James City County, and was a very prosperous farmer. The Bruton District enumeration of the 1860 census is missing.

The older son, Littleton Upshur Evans, born about 1843, enlisted as a private in Company B (James City Artillery), 1st Virginia Artillery, on May 16, 1861, in Williamsburg. He was marked present on all rolls in 1861. On January 7, 1862, he was promoted to 4th Sergeant; on May 12th, 2nd Sergeant; and on June 4th, 1st Sergeant, and he re-enlisted for the war. Present throughout 1862, he was absent on December 28th on a surgeon's leave due to illness. He continued to be marked present on all rolls in 1863, and through August 1864. He received clothing on October 20, 1864, and his service record ended here. It is probable that he served until the end of the war and returned to the family farm afterwards.

Early in January 1863, Maj. William G. McCandless, 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry, dispatched two scouting parties from Williamsburg to sweep through the countryside as Confederate troops had been sighted approaching the town. One horse troop scoured the lower side of the York River and then turned west along present day Lightfoot Road to meet the main column at Six Mile Ordinary (present day Lightfoot). Thomas Evans and his family were occupying Cherry Hall when this troop passed by. No Confederates were sighted on this gallop out, but there were other confrontations reported in this area [*Picket Lines*, February, March 2020].

When the 1870 census was taken, the parents and all five of their children were living on the farm in the Bruton district. Thomas Evans, a farmer, owned \$6,000.00 in real-estate and \$150.00 in personal property, not small amounts for the times. Their post office was Rippon Hall, near the York River. Littleton Evans was farming with his father currently.

Again, in 1880, part of the York County census is missing which complicates this saga. Both the father, Thomas Edward Evans, and the son, Littleton Upshur Evans, are not found in the 1900 census. We do know that "the family" sold Cherry Hall to William Nelson Morris in 1881, which may be a clue that the father had died by that time. We do know that Juliet Upshur Evans died in 1896, and is buried in the James City Chapel Cemetery in Norge. In 1900, the other son, Thomas Edward Evans, Jr., his wife and five children were living in the Bruton District, very possibly on some of his father's other land holdings in the area. He and his wife and some of their children were eventually buried in the Chapel Cemetery

Like other veterans from our area, we know that Littleton Upshur Evans served in the James City Artillery, survived the war, and came home to farm with his father. However, we do not have a death date or burial site for him. Nevertheless, he needs to be remembered for serving the cause.

Working the SCV Booth at the Virginia State Fair

The Cavalry manned the Virginia Division Booth at the Virginia State Fair September 30. Despite heavy afternoon rain from Tropical Storm Ian we still sold over \$400 worth of merchandise and garnered the names of several individuals seeking to join a camp. Thanks to compatriots Lang Shelton, Tom Campbell and Jeff Toalson for their work. We thought we should picture Jeff with and without his facial bandages.



Compatriots Shelton & Campbell with Cmdr. Toalson

Aid to SCV Camps

On October 11th Commander Jeff Toalson and Treasurer Ken Parsons attended the monthly meeting of the Isle of Wight Avengers in Carrollton. At the meeting they presented a \$400 donation to the Avengers to support their efforts in saving the Isle of Wight Confederate Monument. The Cavalry also presented a \$600 donation to the Mechanized Cavalry to support their efforts in restoring and saving the Surry Confederate Monument which sustained serious damage in the non-professional way it was removed from the Surry County Courthouse green. Monuments in Williamsburg, Brunswick County and Isle of Wight have been saved and rededicated. The new base has been installed for the Surry Monument and work on the restoration and assembly is ongoing. This is very important heritage work and it is our honor to support our fellow Camps.

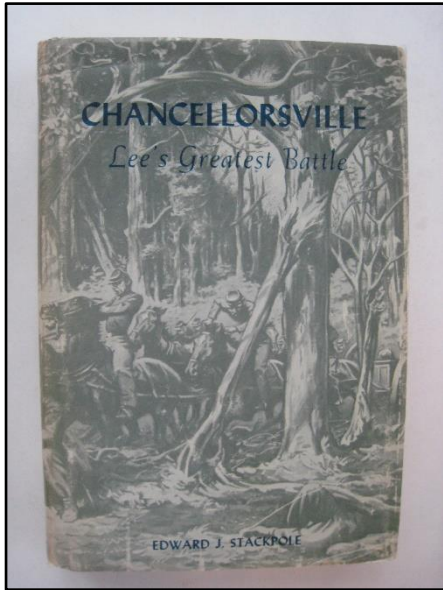


Commander Ed Whitley accepts a donation from Commander Jeff Toalson.

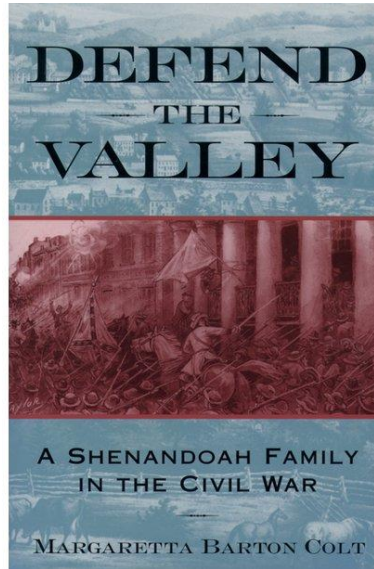
Mike Armistead of the 13th Virginia Mechanized Cavalry (R) is presented a donation by Treasurer Parsons with Brigade Commander Whitley.



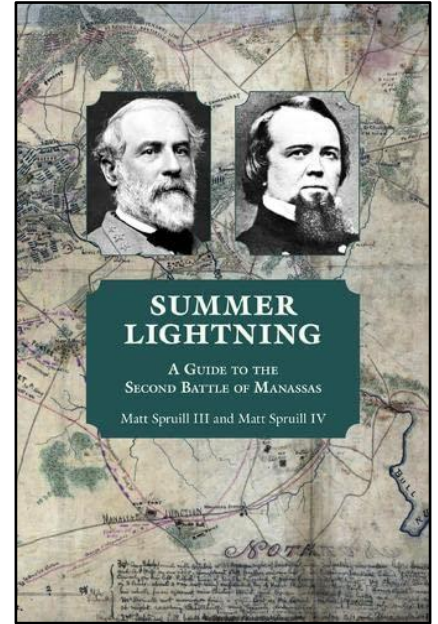
November Book Raffle



“Chancellorsville: Lee's Greatest Battle”
by Edward J. Stackpole

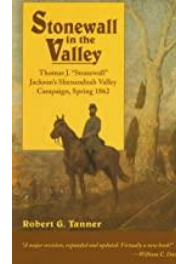


“Defend The Valley: A Shenandoah Family in the Civil War”
By Margarettta Barton Colt



“Summer Lightning: A Guide to the Second Battle of Manassas”
by Mat Spruill III and Mat Spruill IV

Bonus Book:
“Stonewall in the Valley: Thomas J. Stonewall Jackson's Shenandoah Valley Campaign, Spring 1862”
By Robert Tanner



Williamsburg Civil War Round Table

<http://www.wcwrt.org>

On November 22nd, 2022 - Michael Block will present:

“The Battles of Rappahannock Station and Kelly’s Ford – November 7, 1863”

