



James City Cavalry Picket Lines



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Camp #2095  1st 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.

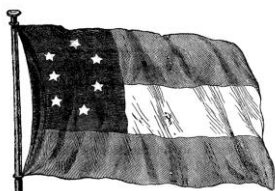
Next Muster

Wednesday, August 22nd, 2018, 6:30pm
Colonial Heritage Club
<http://colonialheritageclub.org/home.asp>
6500 Arthur Hills Drive
Williamsburg, VA 23188



Meal Cost: \$17.00 Per Person

You must call or email Jon Holland (757 869-2774 / jonholland79@gmail.com) to make a dinner reservation. Attendees without a reservation are welcome to attend the meeting but will not receive a dinner.



August Guest Speaker

Mr. David Meisky

*“Extra Billy
Smith and
the Fall of
the
Confederacy”*



Mr. Meisky's topic will be The Governor's Odyssey - Governor William "Extra Billy" Smith of Virginia and the fall of the Confederacy, April-June, 1865. David will join us in the first person as Governor Smith who is serving his second term as the Governor of Virginia. He began this term on January 1, 1864 and it will end shortly after Appomattox.

As a member of Lee's Lieutenants Living History Organization, Dave Meisky presents a first person portrayal of William "Extra Billy" Smith at venues such as Civil War Roundtables and other history groups, historical locations, re-enactments, and other events. He also presents programs on other civil war themes such as Confederate money.

Camp Journal for Last Muster

Meeting:

Held 25 July at 6:30PM at Colonial Heritage Club,
James City Cty., Va., **28** attendees

Pledge & Salute to the Flags

Blessing:

Given by Chaplain Warren Raines

Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Quartermaster Joel Goodwin

Welcome given by Commander Fred Boelt

Letter Reading:

Compatriot Jim O'Donnell read a letter from Lt. Richard Watkins, Co. K,
3rd Virginia Cavalry

Program:

1st Lt. Commander Jim Leach introduced the evening's guest speaker:
Fred Taylor.

Compatriot Taylor presented "*English Imports to the Confederacy*", an
amazing presentation on the importance of imported, and exported,
goods between Europe and the Confederacy.



1st Lt Cmdr Leach and Fred Taylor

Committee Reports and Announcements:

Old & New Business

- Adjutant Parsons reminded the camp that annual dues are due.
- Fred Taylor provided an update on heritage legal issues in Virginia.

Prospective Member



Prospective member **Rob Symer** completed his paperwork and
enjoyed an evening with the Cavalry at the July meeting.

Book Raffle

Proceeds of \$50 were donated to the Camp Treasury
for the raffle of the three donations.

Benediction

Given by Chaplain Warren Raines

Adjournment

8:35 PM

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The Civil War in August

Battle of Wilson's Creek

August 10th, 1861



The battle as depicted on a mural in the Missouri State Capitol.

Commander's Comments

We were treated to a fine presentation by Fred Taylor at our July camp meeting. His remarkable knowledge of the blockade runners during the war was intriguing. It is amazing to consider the vast amount of raw materials transported aboard to say nothing of the finished products returned. Without this supply, the Confederacy would have suffered worse than it did. We are also fortunate to have Fred working tirelessly defending our heritage. The court cases continue over the destruction of our monuments, and we appreciate your donations to help people like Fred Taylor defend our rights.

We are all worn out with the robo-calls that invariably come in just as you are seated for supper. If you answer, there is the connection pause followed by a voice with a foreign accent trying to pronounce your name. We hope that you are not classifying our monthly camp calls in that category! One of our camp members, speaking English perhaps with a southern drawl, is calling to see if you plan to attend the next camp meeting.

This call serves two purposes. One is to know how many reservations to make for the upcoming supper, a number that is required by Colonial Heritage on the Friday prior to the meeting date. The other reason for the call is just to see how you are doing, any concerns that we might help you with. You are an important part of our camp, and we like to know that all is well with you and your family. And we will try not to call you during supper time!

Do you ever wonder what the future of the Sons of Confederate Veterans will be like in twenty-five or fifty years? Will the organization still be in existence? Will there still be a group of men honoring our Confederate ancestors and supporting our southern heritage? The true answer to this is recruitment by all of us for new members, particularly younger men to carry on our work.

We have an outstanding camp. Our camp meets year-round with excellent speakers imparting knowledge about the cause for which our ancestors fought. We maintain Fort Magruder and the resting places of several veterans. We support defense of our southern heritage and preserve the written word through a purchase arrangement with Swem Library.

We should all have pride in our camp and when opportunity presents itself, invite family and friends to join our camp. We have knowledgeable members who can assist with research if that is needed to complete an application. The Sons of Confederate Veterans must survive if there is any hope of maintaining the truth about our past. We must recruit new members now!

So, come to our camp meetings, and please know that having dinner is not a requirement to be present. Bring guests, prospective members, folks with mutual interests; just let the caller know how many are coming. We look forward to seeing you, your family and friends at all of our camp meetings!

We serve in their memory,

Fred Boelt
Commander

Letter Reading

(Contributed by Compatriot Jeff Toalson)

“ . . . they had no fires, and were standing in mud and water . . . ”

Private Newton Camper, Company D – 11th Virginia Infantry

“In this battle [Williamsburg] we advanced thro’ the woods [The Ravine] . . . driving the Yankees. Here the Company remained until night closed the contest. . . . John Carper and John Murray were killed at our front line . . . [Also] Killed: Wm. Bower, Tine Kessler, Edward James. Wounded: Lt. James, 2nd Lt. J. H. Camper, George Loop and Dr. Carper. . . . Dr. Carper and George Loop afterward died from the effects of their wounds.

In the night . . . Co. D was relieved and sent to Fort Magruda [Magruder], a short distance to the rear. Here the men spent a miserable night. Having left their baggage in Williamsburg on the morning of the battle, the men were without blankets or protection of any kind from the weather. More than this, they had no fires, and were standing in mud and water, in many places over their shoe-tops. . .

On the 6th of May began the memorable march from Williamsburg to Richmond. Much rain had fallen and the roads were deep with mud. For three days, and without rations, the wearied troops painfully trudged along through the mire. . . . By many [Company D] soldiers this march is thought to have been the most painful of any made during the whole war.” ¹

1. A Short Sketch of the Fincastle Rifles – Newton L. Camper, 1979, Fincastle, p. 6-7. Compiled from a series of articles by Mr. Camper in the *Fincastle Herald* beginning in July, 1891.



Virginia Division Commander Biography

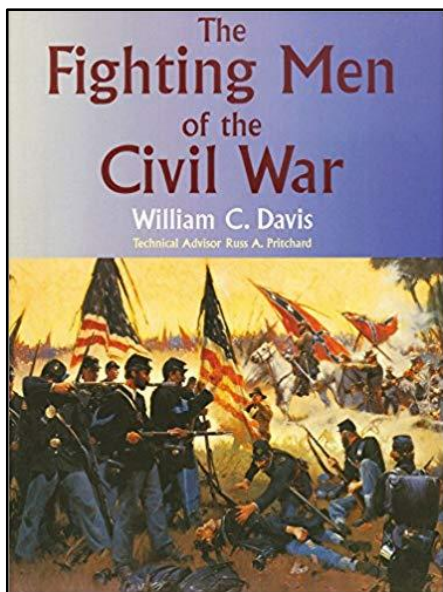


Johnny Neville
Virginia Division Commander

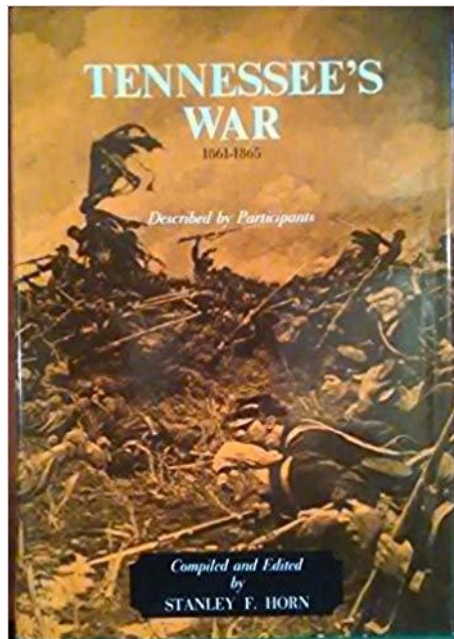
Johnny is a born and bred native Virginian with Virginia Gentlemen ideologies. He graduated from Dinwiddie High School in 1979. He originally joined the Old Brunswick Camp #512. After numerous conversations/dialog and meetings it was decided with all the rich and abundant history, Dinwiddie County needed a SCV Camp, thus in 2012 The Dinwiddie Grays Camp #2220 was chartered, where Johnny has served as Commander since their inception. He is a life member of the Virginia Division and a life member of the National Sons of Confederate Veterans. Johnny and his wife Mercedeas have five daughters between them, five grandboys, five granddaughters, and are also a devout Christian family and members of Hawkins Memorial Presbyterian Church of which Johnny is an Elder of the Church.



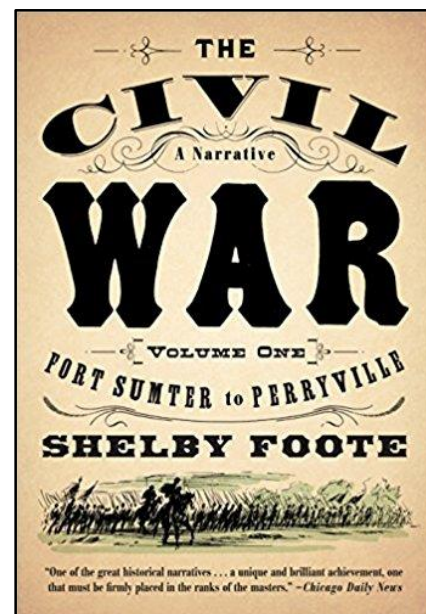
August Book Raffle



"Fighting Men of the Civil War"
by William C. Davis, Technical Advisor
Russ A. Pritchard



"Tennessee's War 1861-1865"
Described by Participants, Compiled and
Edited by Stanley F. Horn



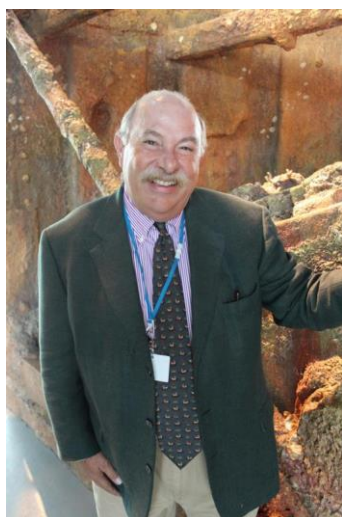
"The Civil War, A Narrative, Fort Sumter to Perryville"
by Shelby Foote

August Trivia Question

What did engineers call a wicker basket, filled with earth and stones, used to reinforce fieldworks?



Williamsburg Civil War Round Table



<http://www.wcwrt.org>

On September 25th, 2018 – John Quarstein
will present:

"Wake-Up Call – The Battle of Big Bethel"