



James City Cavalry Picket Lines



February 2019 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, February 27th, 2019, 6:30 pm
Colonial Heritage Club House
<http://colonialheritageclub.org/home.asp>
6500 Arthur Hills Drive
Williamsburg, VA 23188



Meal Cost: \$17.00 Per Person

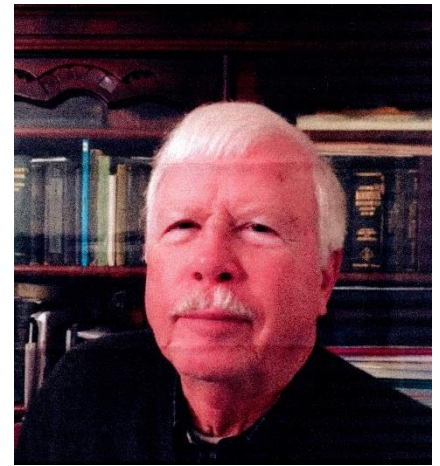
You must call or email Jim Leach (757) 565-4470/
[wlrepro4u@aol.com](mailto:wltrepro4u@aol.com)) to make a dinner reservation. Attendees
without a reservation are welcome to attend the meeting but
may not receive a dinner.

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

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February Guest Speaker

Duff Porter III
Naval
Historian



*“Gosport
Shipyard -
Up to 1862”*

Mr. Porter will discuss the Gosport Shipyard from its beginning to include period ordnance. Central to his discussion will be the conversion of the USS Merrimack to CSS Virginia and the battle of Hampton Roads, March 8-9 1862.

Duff Porter III was born in Portsmouth, Va. during WWII and educated in Portsmouth Schools. A graduate of Norfolk Naval Shipyard Apprentice School, Duff developed an early interest in ships, and began a lifelong study of RMS Titanic. He is a self taught WW2 historian and lectures about shipbuilding in the USA during that war. Duff retired from NNSY in 1999 where he was both the official and an official Command Historian. He is married to Anne Bowen, also from Portsmouth, and the couple have two children.

Camp Journal for Last Muster

Meeting:

Held 23 January at 6:30 PM at Colonial Heritage Club House,
James City County, Va., **32** 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

Program:

1st Lt. Commander Jim Leach introduced the evening's guest speaker:
Tilghman Broaddus.

Mr. Broaddus presented "*Edmund Ruffin's View of the War*", a look at
Ruffin's early life, contributions to agricultural science, and activities
leading up to and during the war.



1st Lt. Cmdr. Leach and Mr. Broaddus

Election of Officers

Jerry Thompson was elected as our new Camp Commander and David
Hastedt was elected as the new 1st Lieutenant Commander.
Compatriot Leach will continue introducing speakers for the next few
months. 1st Lt. Cmdr. Hastedt will begin working on our 2020 speakers
mid-year.



New Camp Officers: Brig. Cmdr. Thomas, Cmdr. Boelt, 1st. Lt.
Cmdr. Hastedt and Cmdr. Thompson

Committee Reports and Announcements:

Cemetery Report

2nd Lt. Commander Steve White reported he was joined by
Compatriots Dennis Dasher, Billy Hynes and Jeff Toalson at Peach
Park on January 19th. Billy brought a trailer load of mulch which
was spread around all the trees, headstones, benches and the
flagpole. Steve had already anchored the new bench. Tim
Norman and Steve will be installing a base of pavers. Steve also
cut two major limbs off the gum tree and improved the 'cemetery
sight lines' for passing cars. A good two hours of work to
celebrate General Robert E. Lee's birthday. *See photos on page 5.*

Old & New Business

- Brigade Commander Tommy Thomas reported on the
upcoming DEC meeting.
- Adjutant Ken Parsons reported on the status of HB-2377 Bill
to strip protections for Monuments and other legislation.
- The JCC Annual Staff Meeting held January 4th.

Book Raffle

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

Benediction

Given by Chaplain Warren Raines.

Adjournment

8:37 PM

CIVILIAN GLIMPSES OF THE WAR YEARS

(Contributed by Compatriot Fred Boelt)

In addition to numerous letters written by soldiers to the families back home, we also have access to letters and diaries written and maintained by civilians that shed light on life on the Peninsula during the war. John T. Martin (1809-1881), a James City County native, opened a school on Forge Road and boarded with the Beal family. The family has often said that, "He came in the house, hung up his hat and never left." He did, in fact, marry their daughter Sarah in 1836 and eventually took ownership of their farm. His house still stands today on Forge Road about a quarter mile west of the fire station. He maintained a farm journal from 1845 until his death in 1881. The original journal is now at the Library of Virginia. The following are excerpts from this journal:

Nov. 11, 1861 – The Southern ports are being blockaded by the Lincoln Government, it could not be forgotten. There is a Civil War now raging between the Free and the Slave States of this Country. It began about the 18th of April last and some great battles have been fought in all of which the South has been victorious. Coffee is now selling for 56 cents a pound, Salt \$12 a sack and sugar 15 to 25 cents a pound. Bacon from 20 to 24 cents per lb., Molasses 75 cents per gallon.

Feb. 28, 1862 – Fast day by Proclamation of the President of the Confederate States.

March 8, 1862 – We have a large army concentrating about Yorktown and are expecting a great battle any day.

May 5, 1862 – A rainy day and memorable on account of it being the day the battle was fought in Williamsburg in which several thousand of the

Southern troops encamped on the front part of my farm and in others [fields].

May 6, 1862 – A fine day and also a large number of troops encamped for the night in the same location killing our cattle, hogs and fowl.

May 8, 1862 – The Federal or Northern Army made their appearance in the neighborhood on their way to Richmond burning the roads, the woods, and the fences, stealing horses, breaking up furniture and running off many of the slaves. Great disturbance and ruin pervades the county.

Aug. 5, 1862 - ...We are now invaded by an unfeeling foe, perhaps one hundred cavalry horses are turned in my field of clover daily. My fruit trees pulled down and destroyed by the vile creatures!!

Aug. 17, 1862 – The Yankees here in great numbers on their retreat from James River doing much damage to the citizens running of Negroes, stealing mules and horses, corn, oats, hogs, fowl, fruit and meal, and almost everything else.

Aug. 21, 1862 – The last of the Yankee pickets left here today.

Sept. 8, 1862 - ...About 350 of our cavalry went down to Williamsburg this morning. Killed and captured more than 100 Yankees and drove the balance some miles below the city. We lost 2 men, killed, 4-5 wounded and 4 taken prisoner. Gov. Campbell and a number of other officers were among the prisoners taken by us.

To be continued

Peach Park & Ft. Magruder Cleanups



Peach Park – Gum Tree & Flag



Peach Park - Mulch



Peach Park – New Bench

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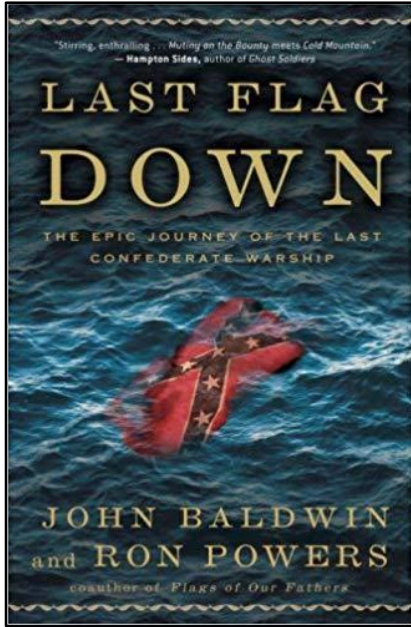
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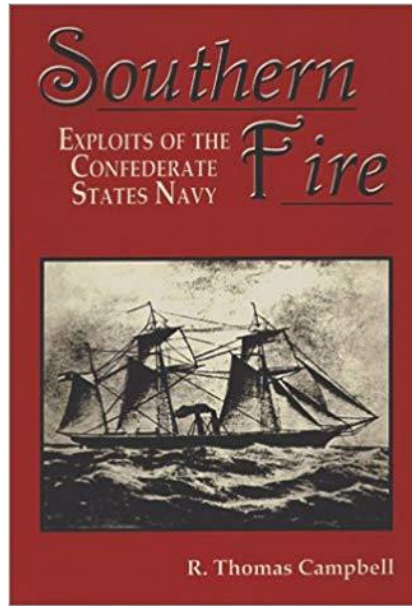


Ft. Magruder Cleanup Crew:
 Compatriots Harris, Bridewell, Holland
 and 2nd Lt. Cmdr. White

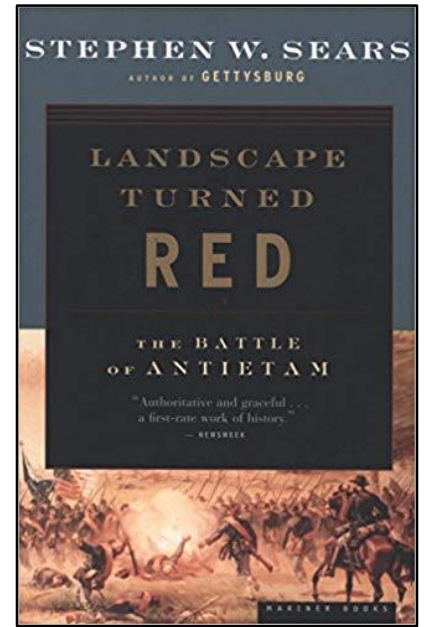
February Book Raffle



"Last Flag Down, The Epic Journey of the Last Confederate Warship:
by John Baldwin and Ron Powers



"Southern Fire, Exploits of the Confederate States Navy"
By Thomas Campbell



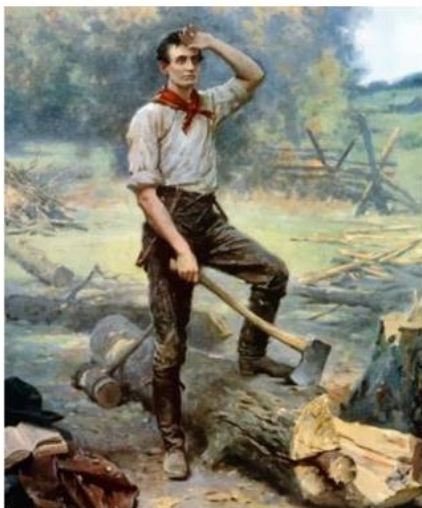
"Landscape Turned Red, The Battle of Antietam"
by Stephen W. Sears

February Trivia Question:

What was the first Zouave infantry unit in the War Between the States?



Williamsburg Civil War Round Table



<http://www.wcwr.org>

On January 26th, 2019 – Dr. Jonathon White will present:

"Abraham Lincoln - Early Life"