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Camp #2095 1st Brigade Virginia Division Army of Northern Virginia

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NEXT MUSTER

Wednesday, April 25th, 2012, 6:30pm
Colonial Heritage Club

<http://www.colonialheritageva.com/club.html>

6500 Arthur Hills Drive
Williamsburg, VA 23188

Guest Speaker:

Mr. Kenneth Harris

Author & SCV Compatriot

**"Princess Anne County, Virginia: Its Contributions
and Sacrifices to The War Between The States"**

The talk will focus on 1863 and the actions of Major Edgar Burroughs and the Partisan Rangers as they wreaked havoc on the U. S. Colored Troops that were terrorizing the non-combatants in Princess Anne County. This will include stories of evasion, capture, hanging, blockade running, the burning of Union vessels, the destruction of salt-work operations in the county and the assisted escape of seventy CSA officer POW's from a Yankee steamer.

Mr. Harris is our 1st Brigade Commander of the Virginia Division of the SCV. He is a member of the Princess Anne Camp of the SCV. He has held many Camp and Division offices supporting the mission of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. His dedication to preserving the memory of the citizen soldiers of Princess Anne County prompted him to do ten years of research to compile and preserve their history.

Honored Confederate Soldier:

Private John Wesley Casey
Co. K – Richmond Howitzers

Meal Cost: \$15.00 Per Person

(genuine Confederate currency gladly accepted –
will reluctantly accept US \$5 notes)



RSVP By:

Monday, April 23rd, 2012

Adjutant Ken Parsons at

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Compatriots' Ladies & Guests Encouraged To Attend

CAMP JOURNAL FOR LAST MUSTER

Meeting:

Held 28 Mar. at 6:30PM at Colonial Heritage Club,
James City Cty., Va., 37 attendees

Welcome given by Commander Jerry White

Invocation:

Given by Chaplain Fred Breeden

Pledge & Salute to the Flags

Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Quartermaster Jim Swords
Guest Introduction to include prospective members

Ancestral Memorial Candle:

Read by Compatriot Charles Eugene Bush *in honor of*
Private Samuel Crabill, Co. D – 18th Virginia
Cavalry. Candle lit by Compatriot Ed Truslow, the
Great-Great-Great-Grandson of Private Crabill.

Trivia Question:

1. Who was the lead contender for President of the Confederate States of America (CSA) before Jefferson Davis?
A. Howell Cobb of Georgia.
2. What was the term of office for President of the CSA?
A. 6 years, one term.

Program:

Ms. Robbie Smith, Historian, National Park Service - Yorktown, VA spoke on the subject: "General Robert E. Lee at Chancellorsville and the Five Principles of Effective Military Leadership". The five principles correspond to the acronym P R I D E. Perspective, Responsibility, Intuition, Daring and Endurance. General Lee effectively applied all five principles at Chancellorsville. After the program three new members were inducted into the Camp Membership: Derek Harris, Jim Redford and Christine Swords (wife of Quartermaster Swords inducted into the FOSCV).

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Committee Reports & Announcements:

Treasurer' Report

Adjutant Ken Parsons indicated that we have over \$2,000 in each of our accounts - checking and savings.

Support the Troops

Compatriot Joel Goodwin indicated we still intend to support Chaplain Fred Breeden's son-in-law, Navy Reserve Chief, Rex Carmichael and his unit as soon as he deploys. The donation table will be set up at the next meeting. All support is appreciated.

Cemetery Report

2nd Lt. Commander Steve White indicated the following: Hockaday Cemetery, Compatriot George Bridewell had recently cut all trees that had grown up since the cemetery was cleared last spring. Cowles-Spencer Cemetery, work complete. Sunnyside Cemetery - Confederate graves mulched and marked by Compatriot Fred Boelt. Richardson Family Cemetery, 3 stones set. Fort Magruder work date set for March 31st.

Old Business

Commander Jerry White indicated he had sent a letter to CEO of the Museum of the Confederacy, Waite Rawls indicating the Camp did not endorse the Museum's decision not to display any Confederate Flag at the new Museum at Appomattox.

New Business

1. It was announced that Compatriots Jerry White, Ken Parsons and Jim Swords will attend the Division Meeting at Virginia Beach on March 31st.
2. Adjutant Ken Parsons announced that there will be a memorial at the Fort Magruder Cemetery at 4PM on May 6th. More details available at the next meeting.
3. Compatriot David Ware announced that he was organizing a trip to the new Museum of the Confederacy Appomattox location on March 31st.

Book Raffle:

\$89.00 was collected for the books "Reading the Man - A Portrait of Robert E. Lee Through His Private Letters" by Elizabeth Brown Pryor and "Chancellorsville - 1863: The Souls of the Brave" by Ernest B. Furgurson.

Benediction:

Given by Chaplain Fred Breeden.

Adjournment:

The Camp adjourned at 8:45PM.

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Compatriots,

The Virginia Division's annual convention was held in Virginia Beach on March 31 and was attended by Jeff Toalson, Ken Parsons, Jim Swords and myself. Coincidentally, this was the same day as the Appomattox facility of the Museum of the Confederacy opened and several camp members were present there.

As you can imagine, the museum, the flag issue and the director were topics of discussion as well as a number of other items. Of particular relevance to our camp, Adjutant Ken Parsons was elected as Second Lieutenant Commander of the Virginia Division. His efforts in organizing the recent training seminar that was held in February received praise from the Division Commander as well as his overall dedication to the principles of the SCV were cited which were instrumental in his election.

As a reminder, we will be conducting our remembrance ceremony at Cedar Grove cemetery in Williamsburg on May 25 to be followed by a picnic at Fred Boelt's home. Also, the UDC will be holding a memorial ceremony at Fort Magruder at 4 pm on May 6. More to come on both events.

Deo Vindice
Jerry White



A BUSY DAY FOR THE 'CAVALRY'

On Saturday, March 31, the James City Cavalry had compatriots at three different venues:

Jerry White, Jeff Toalson, Ken Parsons and Jim Swords represented the Camp at the Virginia Division Convention in Virginia Beach. Our Camp was awarded our third consecutive 'Outstanding Camp' streamer for our flag. Adjutant Ken Parsons was elected 2nd Lt. Commander for the Virginia Division. Congrats Ken!



James City Cavalry Camp 1st Lt. Commander Jeff Toalson (r.) accepts the third consecutive "Outstanding Camp" streamer from Virginia Division Commander Mike Rose (l.) at the Virginia Division Convention in Virginia Beach.

Steve White, Chris Hockaday and Jim Redford did brush work at Fort Magruder to finish getting it ship-shape for the upcoming Battle of Williamsburg anniversary celebration.

David Ware, Norman Goodwin, Jim Raiford, Bill Brown, Jean Keating and Linda Lightfoot traveled to Appomattox for the grand opening of the new Museum of the Confederacy. They participated with the flaggers in their massing of various Confederate flags and toured the museum.

Even though stretched thin the James City Cavalry was able to accomplish several key tasks and provide a presence where needed.



HONORED CONFEDERATE SOLDIER

**Private John Wesley Casey
Co. K – Richmond Howitzers**

John was born in August, 1842 to John and Elizabeth Casey.

He enlisted in the Lee Artillery on May 20, 1861 in Williamsburg. This company of artillery was initially attached to the 32nd Virginia Infantry.

The Lee Artillery became part of the 1st Virginia Artillery and saw action from the battle of Williamsburg till the battle of Sharpsburg. They were disbanded in October, 1862.

On October 6, 1862 John transferred to Co. K – Richmond Howitzers.

He saw service with the Howitzers in the campaigns of 1863 and 1864 including Gettysburg and Petersburg.

John was on detached duty as a teamster for part of 1864.

Following the surrender at Appomattox John returned to Williamsburg to the family farm.

In 1868 her married Lucy Allen Davis and they had 10 children. Eight of their children survived to adulthood.

John farmed and operated the J. W. Casey General Store which sold "Dry Goods, Notions, Boots, Shoes, Groceries and Hardware of all kinds." John advertised in the *Virginia Gazette* that he sold all of his goods "at rock bottom prices."

John passed away on July 17, 1917 at almost 75 years of age. He is buried, along with Lucy, in the family plot at the Cedar Grove Cemetery in Williamsburg.

It should be noted that his brother Robert, who was too young for Confederate service, also ran a general store that was located on the corner of Henry & Duke of Gloucester Street. This is the Casey Dry Goods and Clothing Store that is now the location of the College Bookstore and Barnes & Noble.

('Confederate Cemeteries' by Fred Boelt, *James City Cavalry Picket Lines*, August – 2011, page 4.)

SUPPORT THE TROOPS

Items desired for the Regional Supply Command –
North (RSC-N) Mazar-e-Sharif, Afghanistan:

Slim Jim's, Beef Jerky
Mints, Gum

Nuts (all kinds), Dried Fruit

Single powdered drink mixes (such as Crystal Lite)

Soap Bars, Disposable Razors

Shaving Cream, Shampoo (regular and dandruff)

Deodorant, Lotion, Floss

Advil, Stamps, Paperback Books, DVDs

The James City Cavalry Camp is supporting Chief Rex
A. Carmichael and his fellow servicemen at:
RSC-N Camp Mike Spann
APO AE 09638

Please bring any donations of the above materials to
our meeting on the 25th and Compatriot Joel Goodwin
will ensure their delivery to Chief Carmichael. Your
support is gratefully appreciated by our brave men and
women in uniform!

APPOMATTOX MOC MUSEUM – APRIL 4

Jan and I drove to Appomattox on April 4th and
toured the new Museum of the Confederacy. It is a
magnificent facility and has a marvelous display of
artifacts of our ancestors during the WBTS. There
was a room full of company flags and regimental
battle flags. Some were true pieces of art. Each flag
was accompanied with a detailed description of its
history and story. In the total museum there must
have been some 30 different Confederate flags
including one flown by a CSA blockade runner. The
selection of uniforms, weapons, swords,
accoutrements, letters, pipes, UCV ribbons, and other
personal items was very impressive. General Patrick
Cleburne's uniform coat that he was wearing when he
was killed on the battlefield in Franklin, Tennessee is
on display. A photograph of the general, wearing the
same article of clothing, is positioned beside the coat
along with the story of the CSA surgeon charged with
saving the uniform. It is well worth a trip to
Appomattox to tour this facility and the adjoining
Appomattox National Historic Park. It is an easy 3
hour drive using scenic Route 5 and US 460. Jan and
I highly recommend an outing to Appomattox.

- 1st Lt. Commander Jeff Toalson

BRIGADE DISPATCHES

Compatriots,

If you weren't at the Virginia Division State
Convention, please let me bring you up to date as far
as the 1st Brigade is concerned. I am pleased to
announce that Compatriot Kenzy Joyner is your new
1st Brigade Commander. He was chosen during the
Brigade caucus at the state convention held this past
weekend in Virginia Beach. I have known Compatriot
Joyner for many years now, and I can assure you that
he will continue to serve you as well or better than I.

Kenzy is a member of the Norfolk County Grays
SCV Camp, and past Commander of that camp as well.
He and his lovely wife Flo are very active in the
Southern heritage community, attending many events,
ceremonies, parades, festivals, and just about anything
else Pro-Confederate that you can imagine. I think
Compatriot Kenzy Joyner will make a very fine 1st
Brigade Commander, and I hope you show and treat
him with as much respect as you have shown me when
he comes to visit your camp. It has been a pleasure
and an honor to have served you for the past two
years, and upon his request I will continue to help
Compatriot Joyner in any way possible to see that the
1st Brigade is the best brigade in the entire state.

With warmest Southern regards, Confederately,
Kenny Harris
Past 1st Brigade Commander, Virginia Division SCV



LINKS OF INTEREST

<http://www.scvva.org/>

<http://www.scv.org/>

<http://www.wewrt.org/>

<http://shnv.blogspot.com/>



CAMP PICTORIAL



(l. to r.) Commander Jerry White, Guest Speaker Bobbie Smith of the US Park Service, and 1st Lt. Commander Jeff Toalson.



(l. to r.) Compatriot Derek Harris, Friend of the Camp Christine Swords, and Compatriot Jim Redford.



(l. to r.) Compatriot Joel Goodwin, Friend of the Camp Linda Lightfoot, Compatriot Jim Raiford, and Compatriot Bill Brown represent the James City Cavalry Camp at the opening of the Museum of the Confederacy at Appomattox on March 31st. (Compatriot David Ware is behind the camera).



Visitors await the opening on the new Museum of the Confederacy at Appomattox.



An airplane pulling the Confederate Navy Jack and a banner that reads "Reunification by Bayonet SCV 1896" plies the skies over the opening of the Museum of the Confederacy at Appomattox on March 31st.



This picture at the opening of the Museum of the Confederacy, taken by Compatriot David Ware, shows great enthusiasm and interest in the flying of Confederate Flags at this historic site.

CONFEDERATE GRAVESITES

(Contributed by Historian/Genealogist Compatriot Fred Boelt)

Recently, while researching veterans buried in Williamsburg, a newly-found obituary for another James City County veteran has prompted this article. His tombstone is very prominently set within a wrought iron enclosure at Olive Branch Christian Church on Richmond Road, but he was not listed on their veterans' list. Our camp did not acknowledge him when we held our Confederate Memorial Day service there in 2010.

John Fielding Clopton was born on January 16, 1834, in Richmond. His parents were William Edmund and Mary Apperson Clopton. He was the grandson of Judge John Clopton of New Kent County, and he received part of his early schooling in New Kent. He also attended school in Stewart County, Tennessee. John Fielding Clopton received his degree in medicine from the Virginia Medical College in Richmond on March 9, 1857, and practiced until the beginning of the war in Caroline County, New Kent, and Richmond, Virginia.

Clopton first entered into service with Company F, Richmond Volunteers in 1861, and soon after, he was appointed Assistant Surgeon, 1st Texas Infantry. He was later transferred as Surgeon for the 16th Georgia Regiment. On April 10, 1863, he was appointed Assistant Surgeon for the 34th Virginia Infantry, and promoted to Surgeon in August. After the Battle of Chickamauga (September 19-20, 1863), he was appointed medical purveyor of Longstreet's Corps, and held that position until after the Battle of the Wilderness (May 5-7, 1864). From there, he was sent to Petersburg to serve as post purveyor, and later, he held that position in North Carolina until the end of the war.

Dr. Clopton returned to Richmond and to his medical practice. In 1868, he was appointed by the Federal Government to be the assistant physician at the Eastern Lunatic Asylum in Williamsburg. He held that position until after the gubernatorial election in 1881 when William Cameron, the Readjuster Party candidate, won the election and held office from 1882 to 1886. Clopton lost his position at the asylum as a result of the election, practiced briefly in Charles City County, but returned to the same position at the

asylum in 1884.

Sometime during John Clopton's time in Williamsburg, he met Wilhelmina Somerville Piggott (November 9, 1850 – June 22, 1890). She was the daughter of Fielding and Eliza H. Piggott, and had grown up on the family farm, Temple Hall, located to the east of the Geddy family farm, White Hall near Burnt Ordinary. In an undated letter, John wrote to Mrs. Shackelford (Robinette Piggott, older sister of Wilhelmina, married George S. Shackelford), acknowledging her letter suggesting reflection on his admiration for "Miss Willie." He went on to ask Mrs. Shackelford "to persuade [Miss Willie] that too long engagements are not good for the soul." Wilhelmina and her younger sister, Margaret, lived with the Shackelfords after their parents' deaths.

John and Wilhelmina were married in James City County on July 6, 1875. They had five children, John Fielding, William Edmund, Martha A., Mary E., and George Izzard, before Miss Willie's untimely death in 1890. Dr. Clopton followed his wife to the grave on July 23, 1891. His funeral was held at Bruton Parish Church, followed by interment next to his wife at Olive Branch Church. Having been a Knight Templar and active in the Williamsburg Masonic Lodge, he was afforded Masonic honors at the grave.

The five children were left as orphans by their parents' early deaths. In the 1900 census, John F. and Mary E. were living with their uncle and aunt, William and Margaret Piggott Schenck in York County. The youngest child, George, was living with the William Walker Ware family on Forge Road, and his relationship to the head of household was listed as "cousin." George continued to live with the Wares at the time of the 1910 census. He went on to serve with the U.S. Marines during World War I. He was wounded at the Battle of Chateau Thiery on June 18, 1918. He died at Coulommiers on June 27th and was buried in France. There is a large gravestone in the cemetery at Olive Branch that marks the graves of John and Wilhelmina Clopton and memorializes their son George and his service to our country.



MUSEUM OF THE CONFEDERACY AT APPOMATTOX

(Written & Contributed by Compatriot David Ware)

The Appomattox Branch of the Museum of the Confederacy opened on March 31, 2012, with fanfare and symbolism. Leading off the celebration were re-enactors of the 23rd U. S. Colored Troops. While paying homage to Sesquicentennial efforts to portray African American participation in the events of 1861-65 as an effort of slaves and ex-slaves to achieve their own emancipation, the other side of the coin is that we are reminded, as Lysander Spooner noted, that "...the number of slaves, instead of having been diminished by the war, has been greatly increased; for a man, thus subjected to a government that he does not want, is a slave." (Lysander Spooner Reader, p. 49).

Also, of course, there was no recognition of the vast majority of Black Americans who remained loyal to their adopted homeland. Following the U. S. Colored Troops was General Grant who would preside over one of the most corrupt administrations of many corrupt presidencies to follow. Behind them came the Confederates with General Lee. Somber, dignified, well groomed, they reminded us that the heritage and principles represented by Southerners is now second place. Then came the flaggers, representing a people who gave their all to establish a government based on the revolutionary right of self-determination.

Police at the scene politely directed them across the street and into the parking lot, away from the main gathering. Across the front street were bearers of many Confederate battle flags reminding us that this was indeed a war, a war where over six hundred thousand American people died. A war for what? If it was to free the slaves, then one person had to die for every six slaves freed. Could there have been other reasons? The speakers seemed to search for some.

The Political Representative droned on about the importance of tourism and how this new Museum would generate tourism dollars and "create jobs." His talk reminded us to follow the money. The Education Representative reminded us that Lincoln's War made us "one nation indivisible." This played well to the crowd whose cheers served to remind us of the success of some five generations of compulsory education in government schools that have brainwashed and indoctrinated the population into a nationalistic mob whose allegiance is to the nation's governments rather than to its Constitution and the founding documents. Also playing well to the crowd were statements about Lincoln's War creating the "greatest nation on Earth" occupied by "God's chosen people."

That this nation and these people now wage war in foreign lands on at least three fronts, routinely passes unread legislation, elect rulers who torture and imprison people without due process, can declare martial law at will and assassinate American citizens without trial remained unsaid. During most of the speeches, a plane circled the area carrying a banner which read: "reunification by bayonet SCV 1896." The incessant sound of the plane's motor served as a distraction.

After the ribbon cutting some of the speakers remarked amongst themselves that the Sons of Confederate Veterans had again showed their true colors. No one stated the obvious: that what the banner said was true. Most times though, truth is rude and obnoxious. After the speeches, following the crowd through a rapid observation of the museum's relics I sought solace on the porch. Facing the gentle breeze, I heard the Spirits of those who once cherished the items housed behind me whisper "Deo Vindice."



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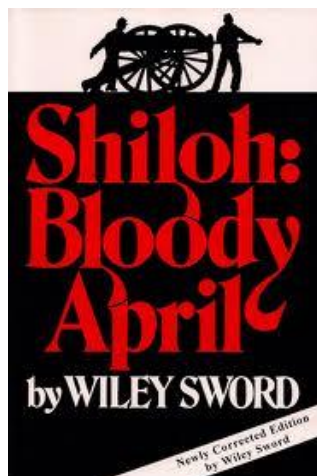
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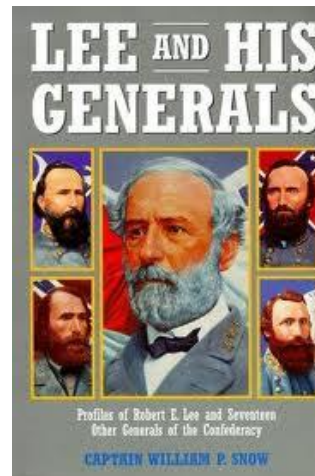
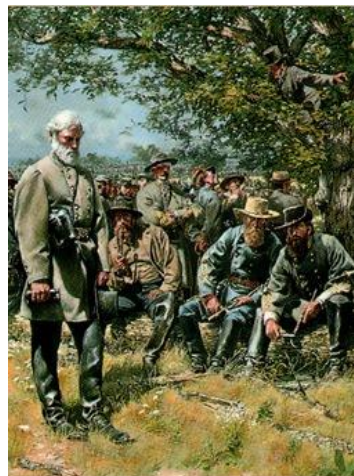
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APRIL BOOK RAFFLE



"Shiloh: Bloody April"
 Wiley Sword, Hardcover,
 1974, New York, 517 pages

A comprehensive account of this major 1862 battle in western Tennessee which had a profound impact on the WBTS in the west. Mr. Sword uses a wide array of unpublished and first person sources to tell the story of Shiloh. So close to being a Confederate victory and ultimately a major reversal for Confederate fortunes.



"Lee and His Generals"
 Captain Wm. P. Snow, CSA, Hardcover,
 1982, New York, 508 pages

This is a reprint of Captain Snow's 1867 work. "Although Captain Snow has his heart with the Confederacy, he presents a balanced view of the WBTS and the Southern generals who, without reservation, deserve credit for their military brilliance." A good addition to any library.

APRIL TRIVIA QUESTION:

A unit of Virginia Militia was guarding the execution yard where John Brown was eventually hanged. A young private in that unit would gain notoriety shortly after the war ended. Who was he?

Last month's trivia question identified Jefferson Davis opponent for President of the Confederacy as Mr. Howell Cobb. Then the question arose "who was Howell Cobb?" General Howell Cobb was born, raised and educated in Georgia, admitted to the Georgia bar in 1836 and became a well known lawyer, he was elected to congress and became Speaker of the House. In 1851 he was elected governor of Georgia, then in 1857 was name Secretary of the Treasury by President Buchanan. He chaired the convention to organize the Confederacy in Montgomery in 1861. Following this he organized the 16th Ga. Inf. Reg. and was elected Colonel and was sent to Yorktown where he was promoted to brigadier general and lead some of the fighting on the Yorktown line and during the march to Richmond. He was active through the war and finally surrendered his troops on April 20 1865 at Macon , Georgia. He died in 1868 after receiving a pardon.



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2012 Sesquicentennial Event

The Jefferson Davis Memorial Committee

proudly announces that this years service for our
first and only President of the Confederate States

Jefferson F. Davis

SATURDAY JUNE 2, 2012

9:00 AM

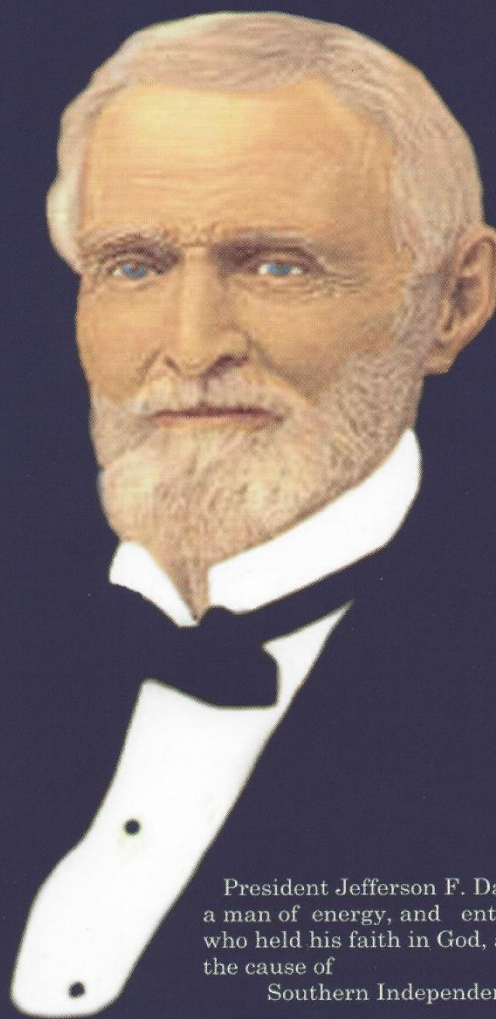
Hollywood Cemetery
412 South Cherry Street
Richmond, Virginia

The Memorial service is a family event complete with music, songs, poems, historian and author. There will also be a marching bagpipe band, honor guard and musket salute. An unforgettable artillery salute with replica cannons. Period dress encouraged, but is not required.

The Ceremonial flags, which have flown on the president's flag pole, will be made available along with a certificate of authenticity.

Free souvenir programs, ribbons, and light refreshments will be served on a first come first serve basis.

The ceremony remembers and honors a Southern gentleman who served with the United States Army during the Black Hawk war, and is also a hero of the Mexican war. In addition to serving as the Commander in Chief of the Confederate Army and Navy, Jefferson F. Davis had served as a US Congressman, US Senator, and Secretary of War.



President Jefferson F. Davis was a man of energy, and enthusiasm, who held his faith in God, and to the cause of Southern Independence.

For further information contact
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Program is FREE and OPEN to the Public

Sponsored by the Virginia Division Sons of Confederate Veterans

