



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, January 25th, 2017, 6:30pm
Colonial Heritage Club
<http://colonialheritageclub.org/home.asp>
6500 Arthur Hills Drive
Williamsburg, VA 23188



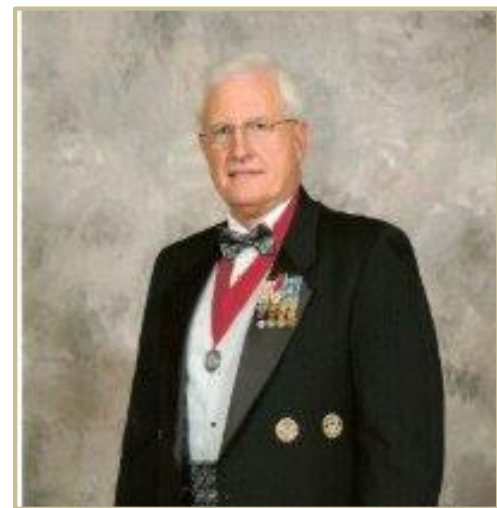
Meal Cost: \$17.00 Per Person
(genuine Confederate currency gladly accepted)

Honored Confederate Soldier:
Private Joel Henry White
Badham's Battery – 3rd Battalion N. C. Light Artillery

January Guest Speaker

Col. Edward
Craig Norman
U.S. Army
(Retired)

*“The
Stonewall
Brigade”*



“The Stonewall Brigade”, one of the most celebrated fighting units in American military history, will be the topic of our January program. Col. Norman will trace the brigade’s exploits at Manassas, in the Valley Campaign, the Seven Days, 2nd Manassas, Sharpsburg and on to their virtual destruction at Spotsylvania. Additionally, he will detail history of the Stonewall Brigade in WW 1, WW 2, and more recent U. S. Military actions.

Col. Norman is a Virginia native who currently lives in Chesapeake. A 32-year veteran of the U. S. Army who in his early career served in Company and Battalion duties in the “Stonewall Brigade.” In 1999 he retired from the Army and founded his own company providing emergency & disaster planning support to Virginia communities. Since retiring again in 2012 he has served on the board of the Stonewall Brigade Museum in Verona, Virginia.

Camp Journal for Last Muster

Meeting:

Held 23 Nov. at 6:30 PM at Colonial Heritage Club, James City Cty., Va., 27 attendees

Welcome given by 1st Lt. Commander Jim Leach

Invocation:

Given by Chaplain Warren Raines

Pledge & Salute to the Flags

Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Quartermaster Jerry Thompson

Ancestral Memorial Candle:

Read by Compatriot Mike Willoughby in honor of
Capt. Elijah Perry
Co. F – 17th Texas Infantry

Program:

Past 1st Lt. Commander Ed Engle introduced the evening's guest speaker: Dr. Cheryl Davis

Dr. Davis treated the camp to a wonderful review of southern music from 1850 – 1870.



Committee Reports and Announcements:

Old & New Business

- 70 members have now paid their dues
- 46 seats have been reserved for the Christmas party

Book Raffle

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

"Dixie"
(reprised)

Benediction

Given by Chaplain Warren Raines

Adjournment
8:35 PM

Cemetery Winter Work Dates

| Date/Time | Location |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| Jan 14th Noon | Fort Magruder |
| Jan 21st Noon | Peach Park |
| Jan 28st Noon | Sunnyside & Cole-Spencer |



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Commander's Comments

Happy New Year to all of our James City Cavalry compatriots and friends. The Cavalry will continue our excellent community service in 2017 with our college scholarship, our work maintaining several local cemeteries, our clean up support at Fort Magruder assisting the U.D.C., our preservation of Southern history and many other worthy projects.

The paperwork is currently being filled out, and documentation provided, to earn our Camp another 'Outstanding Camp' streamer at the April, 2017, Virginia Division S.C.V. Convention which will be held in South Boston.

Our Camp book raffles generated some \$745 in funds at our 10 supper meetings. This generated the funds to pay for our speakers, their guests and their travel expenses during 2016. George Bridewell, our Raffle Chairman, is in need of gently used books to bolster his inventory. If you can spare 2 or 3 volumes, from your personal library, please bring them to an upcoming meeting.

A salute to Compatriots Jim Swords (QM & Editor) and Ed Engle (1st Lt. Commander) who have served the Camp well for the past several years. We would like to thank Paul Huelskamp (Editor), Jerry Thompson (QM) and Jim Leach (1st Lt. Commander) for stepping forward to fill their slots. We also appreciate Chaplain Warren Raines joining Senior Chaplain Fred Breedon in providing their services to the Camp.

We had a wonderful Christmas Supper at Colonial Heritage. It was very nice to be catered for the event and not have to do set-up and tear-down with a pot luck format for our meal. Carson Hudson and Arden Clark provided an excellent and very moving musical performance. We look forward to your feedback so that we may evaluate which format you would prefer for 2017.

I thank all of my officers, my staff, and all of my compatriots in Camp 2095 for your work and efforts supporting the endeavors of our Camp last year. You are the reason why we are one of the top Camps in Virginia.

Jeff Toalson - Commander

"Pickled in Rum" – The Death and Burial of Gen. Pakenham at the Battle of New Orleans, War of 1812

In 1771, my ancestors settled in Chester County, South Carolina and fought in the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and the War for Southern Independence. My ancestors included the Ford family of Chester County.

In the 1800's, a member of the Ford family, Tyree Ford, had a tavern and store that was located in Rossville, Chester County; and this store became 'famous' after the Battle of New Orleans of the War of 1812.

British General Edward Pakenham commanded the British expedition at New Orleans. On 1 January 1815, Pakenham's army attacked the American line. Pakenham's left knee was shattered and his horse was killed by artillery fire. He was also wounded in his right arm. After remounting, grapeshot ripped through his spine resulting in a fatal wound.

Pakenham's body was packed in a cask of rum for his return to Killucan County, Ireland, for burial. However, some type of shipping error resulted in the cask being delivered, a few weeks later, to Tyree Ford's tavern in Rossville, South Carolina. Patrons, celebrating at the tavern, were disappointed when this new cask did not yield much rum. Examination of the still heavy cask revealed the "pickled in rum" body of the General packed inside. The General did eventually make it back to Ireland and was buried in an up-right position in what remained of his "spiritual tomb."

-- Compatriot Tom Campbell

Confederate Gravesites

(Contributed by Historian/Genealogist Compatriot Fred Boelt)

There is a small cemetery located on the grounds of the College of William and Mary between Monroe and Blow Halls. The cemetery is surrounded by a substantial brick wall that is visible from Richmond Road. There are two Confederate veterans buried at this site.

Perhaps, the lesser known of these two men is Thomas Tully Lynch Snead. He was the son of George F. and Henrietta Snead, and he was born on March 20, 1832, in Accomack County, Virginia. He attended Margaret Academy on the Eastern Shore and in 1850, he was living with his mother and sister in St. Georges Parish, Accomack. As an eighteen-year-old, he was working as a clerk.

Soon after in 1852, he enrolled at the College of William and Mary and completed his studies there in 1856. In 1855, while still a student, he served as an instructor at the Williamsburg Female Academy. He was appointed to be an adjunct professor of mathematics at the college in 1856, and elevated to full professor in 1859. He served as a captain with the C.S.A. Engineers during the war, but his actual service record has not been found.

Thomas Snead returned to Williamsburg after the war and resumed teaching at the college. In 1867, he planted trees on the campus and was recognized for his beautification efforts. Snead taught Benjamin Stoddert Ewell's classes while Ewell was in Washington seeking compensation from Congress to rebuild the main building [Wren Building] that had been burned during the war. On June 19, 1872, Snead requested remuneration for this extra teaching assignment. Shortly thereafter, Thomas Snead died on July 3, 1872. At the request of the faculty, he was buried in the college cemetery.

The other veteran interred in this cemetery is Benjamin Stoddert Ewell, well known for his presidency of the college both before and after the war. He was born in the Georgetown section of the District of Columbia and was the son of Dr. Thomas Ewell of the U. S. Navy and Elizabeth Stoddert, his wife. Appointed in 1828, Ewell graduated third in his class at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point in 1832. Assigned to the 4th U. S. Artillery in July 1832, he remained at the Academy as an assistant professor of mathematics until 1835, when he became an assistant

professor of natural and experimental philosophy for another year.

Ewell resigned from the army in 1836, and became the principal assistant engineer for the Baltimore and Susquehanna Railroad, continuing in that occupation until 1839. After that, he taught mathematics and natural philosophy at Hampden-Sydney College, Virginia from 1839 to 1846. He then taught mathematics and military science at Washington College, Lexington, Virginia until 1848, when he moved to Williamsburg. He taught mathematics at the College of William and Mary and served as acting president from 1848 to 1854, when he was elected president.

Benjamin Ewell had married Julia McIlvain, a native of Pennsylvania, and they had one daughter, Elizabeth, born in 1841. Several years after arriving in Williamsburg, he bought a large tract of land several miles west of the town on the Stage Road. There he built Ewell Hall, a stately home that stands today on the grounds of the Williamsburg Memorial Park.

Ewell continued as president until the war broke out, and he was appointed as a colonel in the 32nd Virginia Infantry. He had been opposed to secession and the disruption of the Union, but he felt compelled to defend his state and people. Colonel Ewell assisted General Magruder in the location of defenses on the Peninsula prior to McClellan's advance in 1862. He was dropped from the regiment's rolls on May 21, 1862, and he was appointed Acting Adjutant General on the staff of General Joseph E. Johnston on November 24, 1862. He served in that capacity for the remainder of the war.

After the war, he returned to the college and was again elected president. He held that office and taught natural philosophy until he resigned in 1888. He then held the title of President Emeritus until his death. Known to his friends as "Old Buck," he faithfully rang the college bell during the years 1881-1888 to keep the charter active when it was closed due to lack of finances. He died at his residence on June 19, 1894. His funeral was held in the college chapel, and he was buried in the college cemetery with his mother and his sister.

2016 Christmas Party Photos



Ken Parsons, Janet Parsons, Catherine Bridewell and Lauren Bridewell going (R to L)



Dinner in the Queen's Room at the Colonial Heritage Country Club



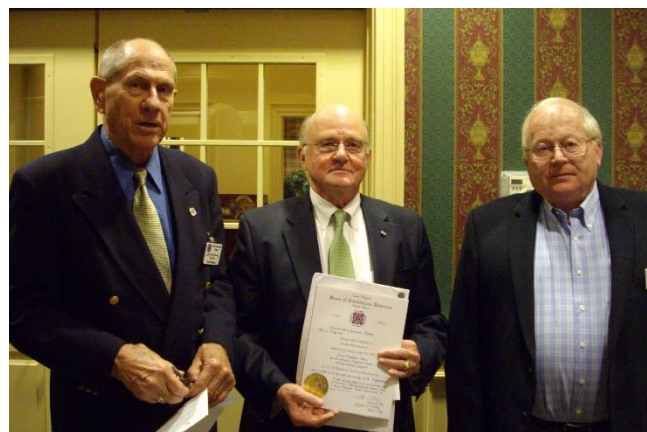
Jim and Chris Swords



Bill and Betty Harrison

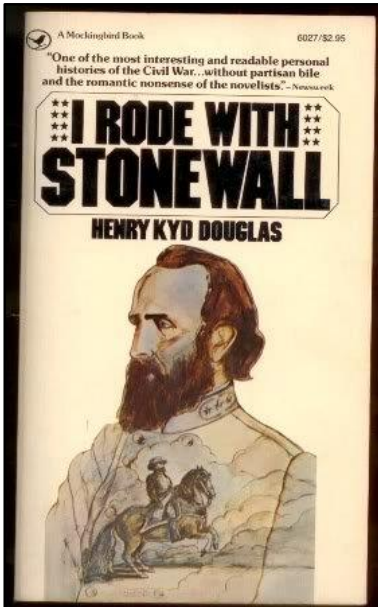


Our entertainment at the Christmas Supper . . . Arden Clark (L) and Carson Hudson related musical history and played a selection of Southern songs of the WBTS.

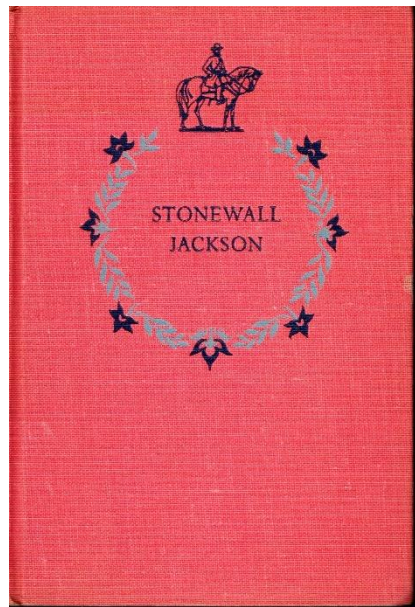


New Member Induction: L to R) Adjutant Ken Parsons, Compatriot Tom Campbell & 1st Lt. Commander Jim Leach

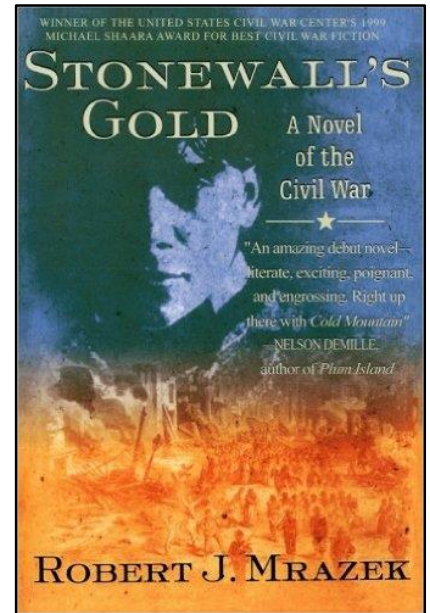
January Book Raffle



"I Rode With Stonewall"
by Henry Kyd Douglas



"Stonewall Jackson"
by Jonathan Daniels



"Stonewall's Gold"
by Robert J. Mrazek

January Trivia Question:



Which CSA general declined a commission as brigadier general in the Union Army, later served as Governor of Kentucky, and attempted to resolve the Hatfield-McCoy feud?



Williamsburg Civil War Round Table



<http://www.wcwrt.org>

January 24th, 2017

Dr. Jonathan White

"Lincoln and Civil Liberties"