



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 service and preserving the true history of the War
Between The States.

Next Muster

Wednesday, February 24th, 2016, 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:

Sgt. Archie Livingston
Co. G - 1st & 3rd Florida Consolidate Infantry

RSVP Required for Compatriots' Ladies & Guests:

All are encouraged to attend. Call Ken Parsons (876-6967)
or Jeff Toalson (220-0131) to RSVP.

February Guest Speaker

Les Updike
Henrico County, Virginia



"West Virginia or Western Virginia"

We will examine the Constitutionality or lack thereof for the very existence of West Virginia. We will also be looking at the voting patterns of the Virginia counties involved which supposedly approved of the secession from Virginia. What did it mean then and what does it mean now?

Les is a member of the General James Longstreet Camp #1247, SCV, and is serving as the 2nd Brigade Commander of the Virginia Division. Les's interest in Confederate things are not military related. He prefers to study the underlying social, legal, economic, and religious issues involved. Les is most noted in SCV circles as the author of his poem "Tis For You, Dear Sir!" which he often recites at Confederate Grave Marker dedication ceremonies, and other appropriate occasions. Les is a U.S. Navy veteran and a retired electronic technician from AT&T with 38 years' service. His family includes his wife, Barbara, (UDC & DAR), two sons, three grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Camp Journal for Last Muster

Meeting:

Held 27th of January at 6:30PM at Colonial Heritage Club,
James City Cty., Va., 24 attendees

Called to Order by Commander Jeff Toalson

Invocation:

Given by Jeff Toalson

Pledge & Salute to the Flags

Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Alan Pinekenstein

Ancestral Memorial Candle:

Read by Compatriot Charles Eugene Bush in honor of:

Pvt. S. S. Simmons – 8th Va. Cav.

Pvt. Thomas Alexander - 37th NC Inf.

Audio recordings of actual confederate veterans giving the rebel yell were presented. To re-experience online go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7mGAesLYIF8>

Program:

1st Lt. Commander Ed Engle introduced the evening's guest speaker: Mr. Fred Taylor.

Mr. Taylor presented *"Our Southern Heritage in the 21st Century"*, an enthusiastic discussion of 400 years of southern heritage and how it is now threatened.



Committee Reports and Announcements:

Cemetery Report

2nd Lt. Commander Steve White reported on cemetery clean-up efforts in January.

Old & New Business

- Adjutant Ken Parsons presented the Treasurer's Report
- Robert E. Lee Birthday Celebration at VHS
- Chris Mackowski at WCWRT last evening
- \$350 Scholarship donation from the WCWRT
- Ed Truslow now serving as President of the SAR
- HB587 – Del. D. W. Poindexter – 1-27-16



Certificate Presentations

New Member – Joseph Harper
Virginia Lifetime Member – 2nd Lt. Cmdr. Steve White

Book Raffle - Compatriot George Bridewell

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

Benediction

Given by Commander Jeff Toalson

Adjournment

8:50 PM



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Commander's Comments

Weather impacted our turnout for the January meeting. Those attending were treated to an excellent talk on "Our Southern Heritage in the 21st Century" by Compatriot Fred Taylor of the Tom Smith Camp. We also shared a wonderful meal of meatloaf, green beans, mashed potatoes & cheese cake.

I want to thank Camp members and friends who joined us at Fort Magruder on January 9th and at Cole-Spencer, Sunnyside and Peach Park cemeteries on January 16th for our annual clean-ups. Things are looking good. We need to take a trailer back to pick up the remaining wood and brush at Fort Magruder but the ground needs to dry a bit so we can pull up alongside the piles.

I was joined by Ken Parsons and Jerry Thompson for the Robert E. Lee birthday celebration, at the Virginia Historical Society, on January 19th. General Lee (Mr. David Palmer) was present and gave a marvelous talk as he shared thoughts on a variety of situations during and after the WBTS. We also had the opportunity to view the newly restored 'Four Seasons of the Confederacy' murals and a variety of other new WBTS exhibits at the VHS. The trip would not have been complete without also visiting the Chapel.

Our 2016 Application for 'Outstanding Camp' is almost completed and will be sent to our Virginia Division by the time you get this February issue of 'Picket Lines.' I think this will be our 9th consecutive 'Outstanding Camp' ribbon and we will receive the ribbon at the Virginia SCV Convention in April.

Jeff Toalson



1st Lt. Cmdr. Engle and Adj. Parsons induct Joseph Harper



Adj. Parsons presents Lifetime Membership Certificate to 2nd Lt. Cmdr. White

Confederate Gravesites

(Contributed by Historian/Genealogist Compatriot Fred Boelt)

Continued from the January article on the Barnes

Brothers:

Lemuel's occupation was then listed as "secretary and treasurer, Stone Construction Company." By 1920, Lemuel and Ann had moved to a home on Monument Avenue where Ann died on November 15, 1922. Lemuel Franklin Barnes died there on April 6, 1932, and was interred in beside his wife in Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia.

In the previous article about the Barnes family, it was thought that the parents' home farm was located on Barnes Road. Further research now indicates that that farm was owned by one of the sons. The main family farm was located near the intersection of present day Racefield and Stewart Roads, and the parents, William H. and Lucy Barnes were buried in a family cemetery on that land.

February – Wilkins Brothers

The two older sons of Robert Wilkins, who were born in Gloucester County, both served in the 32nd Virginia Infantry. William F. Wilkins was born about 1834/35, and John B. Wilkins was born on September 9, 1841. By 1850, this family was living in York County where Robert Wilkins was an overseer at Dr. Robert P. Waller's farm near Williamsburg. The 1860 census indicated that William was working as an overseer in the eastern end of James City County, and he and his first wife Ann J. had one daughter, Alice E. Wilkins.

Both William and John Wilkins enlisted as privates in Company C in Williamsburg on April 28, 1861. William was present on all rolls with the exception of several periods when he was sick: January 31-February 4, 1862, he was in Seminary Hospital in Williamsburg; June 2- August 8, he was in a hospital in Danville. He returned to active service, but by September 1st, he was in a hospital in Richmond and, other than being marked AWOL on November 15th, his records indicate that he was again hospitalized until February 10, 1863. His health must have improved for after that, he was with his company until December 1864. As a deserter, he came into Federal lines in Yorktown on December 20th, was forwarded to Fort Monroe, took the Oath of Amnesty and was released from there on January 20, 1865. At the time, he was described as 5 feet, 8¾ inches, dark complexion, brown hair, hazel eyes, and a resident of York County.

After the war, William Wilkins seems to have returned to working as an overseer. In the 1880 census, he, his second wife, Jenette, and his daughter, Alice, were living in the eastern section of James City County. William either left our area or died before the 1900 census was taken. It is possible that he had passed on before then for he is not listed as a survivor in his siblings' obituaries after that time. And so far, William has not been found in a marked grave locally.

John B. Wilkins was appointed corporal from the ranks on May 12, 1862 and served in that position until he was appointed 4th sergeant on January 19, 1863. Present on most rolls, he was on the sick list for November and December 1863. Sometime in 1863, possibly in December, John married Harriet A. Williams (1840-1912), daughter of Dudley and Nancy Williams of New Kent County. He was not listed on the muster rolls in early 1864. A note on his record stated that he deserted on May 21, 1864. He was later listed on the July-August 1864 muster as AWOL. Perhaps he was in New Kent with Harriet's family until the war was over.

By 1870, John and Harriet were living in James City County with their young son Robert Dudley Wilkins. They were living next door to John's father and family, and John's occupation was listed as "blacksmith." In 1880, for reasons unknown, John and Harriet were living in Isle of Wight County where John continued his trade as a blacksmith. A daughter, Harriet, had joined the family. In 1900 the family was living on Ireland Street in Williamsburg. In 1905, John advertised in the Virginia Gazette that he was back at his old trade, "Horseshoeing is my specialty." In 1910, he advertised as a wheelwright/blacksmith with a shop on Boundary Street. His wife died in 1912, and by 1920, John was living on Richmond Avenue (Road). John B. Wilkins died on January 20, 1927, at the home of his daughter Harriet, wife of Harry D. Bozarth. John's funeral was held at the Williamsburg Baptist Church and he was laid to rest in Cedar Grove Cemetery.

Cemetery Cleanup

Jan. 9, 16 - Fort Magruder

David Hastedt, George Barnett, Wayen Jakob, Ken Parsons, Ed Engle, Jerry Thompson, Scott Summerfield, Jeff Toalson & Steve White all participated.

Jan. 16, 16 - Cowles-Spenser, Sunnyside & Peach Park

David Hastedt, Fred Boelt, Jeff Toalson & Ken Parsons cleaned up and painted fence at Cowles-Spenser; new small flag by Col. Allen's Stone at Peach Park; Picket up debris at Sunnyside.

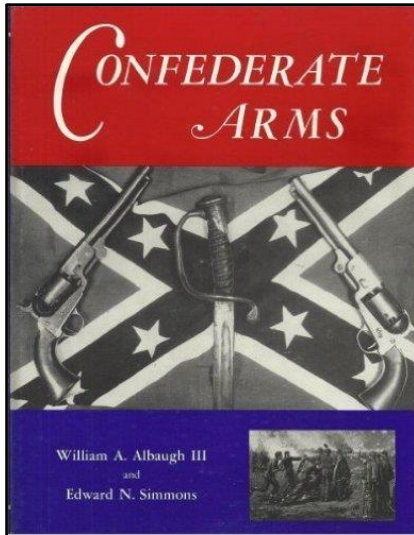
Upcoming Feb. 14 - Timberlake Cemetery, Barhamsville

Upcoming TBD - Fort Magruder debris pickup

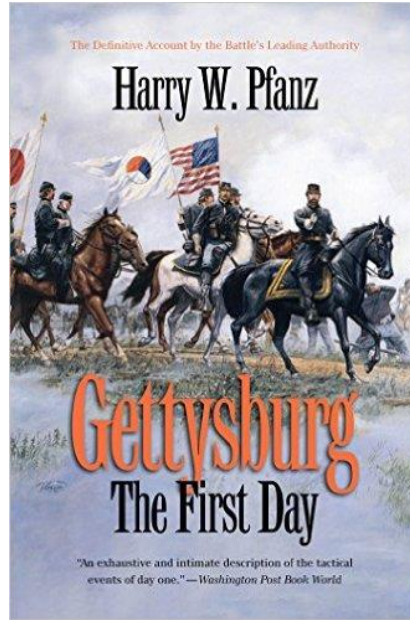
2016 James City Cavalry Speakers

23 Mar	Dr. Mallory Read <i>Battle of Portsmouth</i>
27 Apr	Arthur Candenquist <i>The Centreville Military Railroad</i>
May	Confederate Memorial Service and Picnic
22 Jun	Robert Archer <i>Who Wore What and When</i>
27 Jul	Mike Hendricks <i>The Richmond Clothing Bureau</i>
24 Aug	Billy Earnest <i>TBD</i>
28 Sep	Frank Earnest <i>The Return of von Bourke</i>
26 Oct	Dr. Cheryl Davis <i>Songs Our Southern Soldiers Sang</i>
23 Nov	TBD
December	Camp Christmas Supper

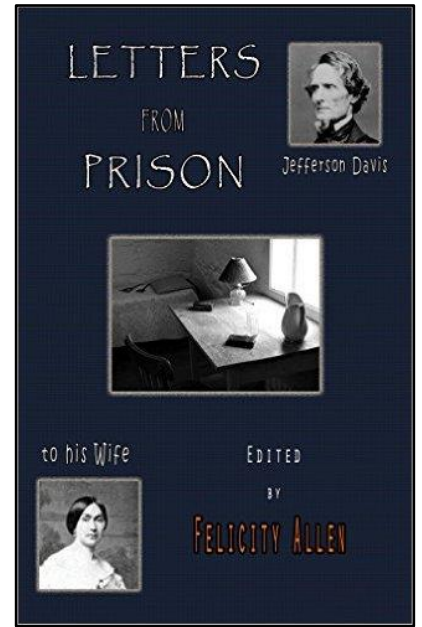
February Book Raffle



"Confederate Arms" - William A. Albaugh, III and Edward N. Simmons



"Gettysburg, The First Day" - Harry W. Pfanz



"Letters from Prison, Jefferson Davis to His Wife, 1865-1866" - Edited by Felicity Allen

February Trivia Question:

Which Union general murdered Union General William Nelson in Kentucky and was never punished for the murder?



Williamsburg Civil War Round Table



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On February 16th, 2016 - Peggy Vogtsberger will present:

"An All-German Regiment - The 32nd Indiana Volunteer Infantry"