



# James City Cavalry PICKET LINES



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Camp #2095 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Virginia Division Army of Northern Virginia

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## NEXT MUSTER

Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 6:30pm

Colonial Heritage Club

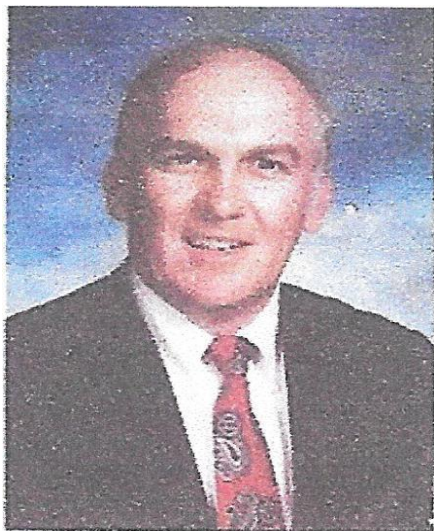
<http://colonialheritageclub.org/home.asp>

6500 Arthur Hills Drive

Williamsburg, VA 23188

**Guest Speaker:**

**Mr. James G. Flanagan  
Fredericksburg, Virginia**



***The Battle at Kelly's Ford***

**Meal Cost: \$17.00 Per Person –  
(genuine Confederate currency gladly accepted –  
will reluctantly accept US \$5 notes)**

**Honored Confederate Soldier:**

**Private Evan Larmer**

**Company B**

**25<sup>th</sup> Virginia Cavalry**

**RSVP Required**

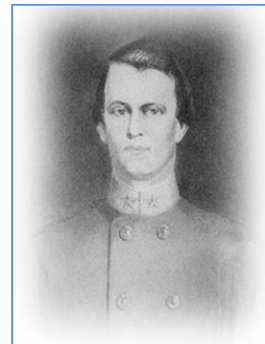
**Compatriots' Ladies & Guests Encouraged To Attend**

## MARCH GUEST SPEAKER

**Mr. James G. Flanagan  
Fredericksburg, Virginia**

***The Battle at Kelly's Ford***

The Battle at Kelly's Ford on the Rappahannock River on 17 March 1863 was a major cavalry engagement, which resulted in the deaths of two distinguished Confederates: Majors John Puller of Alabama and John Puller of Gloucester County, Virginia (grandfather of Lieutenant General Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller, USMC). This battle proved to be the precursor to the largest cavalry battle ever fought in North America – The Battle of Brandy Station on 9 June 1863. During the battle at Kelly's Ford, the 5<sup>th</sup> Virginia Cavalry lost one officer and one trooper killed with two officers and seven troopers wounded, and 16 horses killed with 13 wounded.



***Major John Puller***



***Major John Pelham***

Jim has multiple degrees in Biology and Science Teaching and has done research at a number of universities and is currently enrolled in a doctorate program at the University of Maryland.

He is the president and founder of the Fauquier County Civil War Round Table and serves as a tour guide and docent with the National Park Service in the Fauquier/Culpeper historical community and has been very active in War for Southern Independence events in and around Fredericksburg for thirty-five years. Join us as Jim takes us back to a watershed cavalry battle fought on the Rappahannock by many of our local ancestors.

Bring a guest to our March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. Supper will be served at 6:30 and we will introduce Jim at 7:30. Our buffet costs \$17 per person. Non-members please contact Ken Parsons at 757-876-6967 or [kparsons4@cox.net](mailto:kparsons4@cox.net) to confirm reservations.

*- 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander Ed Engle*

# CAMP JOURNAL FOR LAST MUSTER

## Meeting:

Held 4 Mar. at 6:30PM at Colonial Heritage Club,  
James City Cty., Va., 27 attendees

Welcome given by Commander Jeff Toalson

## Invocation:

Given by Chaplain Fred Breeden

Pledge & Salute to the Flags  
Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Quartermaster Warren Raines  
Guest Introduction by Commander Jeff Toalson

## Ancestral Memorial Candle:

Read by Compatriot Charles Eugene Bush *in honor of*  
*Private Peter Tribble Cowles*  
*Company H (James City Troop)*  
*5<sup>th</sup> Virginia Cavalry*

## Program:

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander Ed Engle introduced our guest speaker, Mr. John Sharrett, charter member and commander of the Stonewall Camp #380 SCV, established in 1977, and also a member of the Tom Smith Camp #1702 in Suffolk. John shared with us his experiences over his incredible 50+ years of membership with the North-South Skirmish Association and had on-hand a combination of original weapons as well as examples of those the N-SSA has approved for competition.

## Committee Reports and Announcements

### Treasurer's Report

Adjutant Ken Parsons indicated the Camp has approximately \$2,520 in the bank.

### Cemetery Report

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander Steve White reports that the JCC Camp has an opportunity to clean/field-day a Timberlake Cemetery near Barhamsville this coming Palm Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Steve and the Camp are respectfully requesting the services of anyone who may possess a metal detector, as well as those who have four-wheel-drive capabilities with their personal vehicles. If you have any of these capabilities and desire to support the Camp efforts, please contact 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander Steve White at 757-566-3740. In addition to our newfound efforts, we humbly beseech any participation you might be willing to provide at 1pm, at Hickory Neck Church in Toano on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. More will be forthcoming at our March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## Support the Troops

Scott Summerfield reported that our overseas package shipments will be ending. The Camp is seeking options to support returning troops.

## Old & New Business

- Williamsburg Civil War Round Table President and FOC Bill Miller, guest at our meeting, announced the WCWRT agenda, which may be found at:  
<http://wcvrt.org/news/news.htm>  
The next presentation is on 31 Mar. at 7PM in the Williamsburg Regional Library Theatre and features *Patrick Schroeder "A Visit to Old Appomattox With County Clerk George Peers"*
- Our Outstanding Camp submission has been prepared.
- The Virginia Division SCV Convention will be held 17-19 Apr. in Colonial Heights.
- The National SCV Convention will be held 15-19 July in Richmond. On 15 July, the Dr. Rufus Weaver monument will be dedicated in Hollywood Cemetery.
- Dr. Anna Holloway will be our guest speaker in April.
- Ft. Magruder Ceremony, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015... The ladies at the Williamsburg Chapter of the UDC have requested that we present the colors at the ceremony. They may also want us to lead the pledge and salutes... May 3 is Sunday... details TBD. Normal time is around 1:00... Please pencil in on your schedules.

## Trivia Question

Which State sent 39 regiments to fight in the Siege of Vicksburg (17 for the Confederacy and 22 for the Union)?  
A. Missouri

## Book Raffle

Proceeds were donated to the Camp Treasury for the raffle of the three donations:  
"From Manassas to Appomattox"  
by Gen. James Longstreet,  
"The Last Review: The Confederate Reunion 1932"  
by Virginius Dabney,  
and "Soldiers Blue & Grey" by James I. Robertson Jr.

## "Dixie"

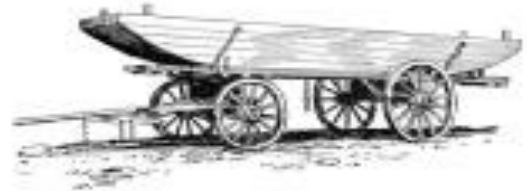
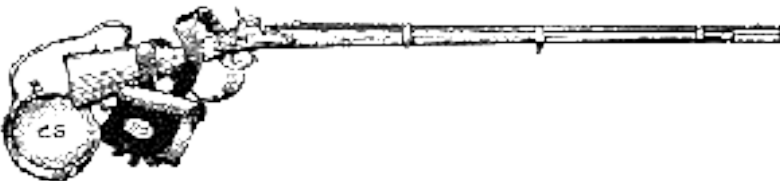
Led by Compatriot Bill Young.

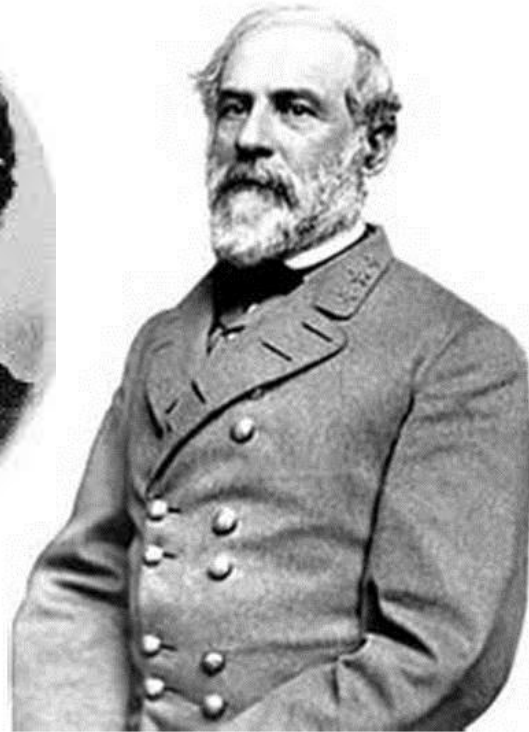
## Benediction

Given by Chaplain Fred Breeden.

## Adjournment

8:45PM.





Question: "What race of people do you think make the best Soldier?"

General Lee's reply: "The Scots who came to this country by way of Ireland because they have all the dash of the Irish in taking up a position, and all the stubbornness of the Scots in holding it!"



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## HONOR YOUR ANCESTOR

In 2014 we lit the candle and honored nine of our ancestors. Seven of those folks were relatives of Camp members. We would like to honor more ancestors of Camp 2095 Compatriots. Contact Jeff Toalson at [troon24@cox.net](mailto:troon24@cox.net) with your ancestor's name, rank, unit, and any other key information like county and state where they lived in 1860.

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND INVITE YOUR GUESTS

March 25<sup>th</sup> -

**Mr. James Flanagan**

"The Battle of Kelly's Ford"

April 22<sup>nd</sup> -

**Dr. Anna Holloway**

"Naval Achievements in Hampton Roads during the WBTS"

June 24<sup>th</sup> -

**Mr. Eric Richardson**

"Brig. General Stand Watie's War in the West"

# CONFEDERATE GRAVESITES

(Contributed by Historian/Genealogist Compatriot Fred Boelt)

Cedar Grove Cemetery has a large section of unmarked graves of Confederate veterans. Many of the men interred here are recorded in Richard Manning Bucktrout's Daybook and Ledger. He laid them to rest in rows organized by the state that they were from. The section is marked by a large granite spire with crossed battle flags and the dates 1861-1865. There is also a granite threshold inscribed "1861 Our Confederate Dead 1865." At the front of this section, there are six small sandstone markers with almost illegible names and "CV" inscribed on them.

Recently, we have been exploring the possibility of getting regular veterans' markers for these graves to honor their service and better preserve the identity of their resting places. Two of the men are the Maupin brothers; Jesse Cole, whose grave has a small bronze marker in addition to the sandstone marker; and Samuel Travis, whom we believe is interred next to his brother. His grave is now marked only by a broken base of a sandstone marker. The story of the Maupin brothers was included in the August 2012 issue of *Picket Lines*. We have now located a descendant, and we are working with her to procure markers for the Maupins.

But that leaves four other men to honor. Finding the details of their lives and service is more challenging. One stone reads, "J. Potts, 2<sup>nd</sup> Howitzers." This man has now been identified as John Potts who first appeared in the 1860 census. He was living in the City of Williamsburg. He was 28 years old, a mechanic, and he was born in New York City. His wife, Hellen, was 21 years old, and she was born in Warwick County, Virginia. In this case, we learned more about this couple from her Confederate Widow's Pension application. They were married in Williamsburg in 1856. Other records indicate that she was the daughter of Robert and Nancy Barham of Warwick County, and that Hellen was born in

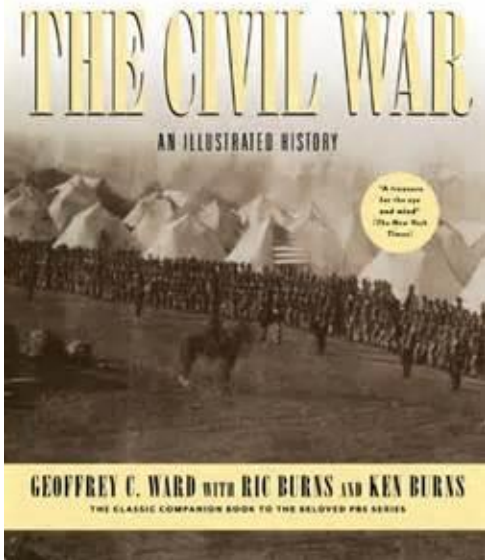
August 1837.

John Potts enlisted on May 20, 1861, at Williamsburg. He was a private in Captain W. R. Garrett's Williamsburg Artillery. Potts was promoted on May 30, 1862, from corporal to sergeant. On October 6, 1862, he transferred as a private into the 2<sup>nd</sup> Company, Richmond Howitzers. While on furlough in New Kent County, he was captured on January 20, 1864, sent to Point Lookout, and exchanged at Aiken's Landing on March 17, 1865. He was again captured at Jackson Hospital in Richmond on April 3, 1865. Potts was paroled on April 17, 1865.

Sketchy information from the 1870 and 1880 censuses indicate that John and his wife were living in Williamsburg and his occupation was listed as "carpenter" on each census. There is no mention of children for this couple. In the 1900 census, Hellen Potts was still living in Williamsburg, but she was then a widow. Again, her widow's pension application, which she submitted in 1902, stated that John had died in 1892 from complications of "disease from the war."

Unfortunately, the James City and Williamsburg death registers for that year are missing, so we have no further information on John Potts' death. Also, an obituary for him has not been located. The pension application was signed by two members of the Magruder-Ewell Camp, Confederate Veterans. Perhaps John was a member of this camp and perhaps they were responsible for having him buried in the Confederate section of Cedar Grove Cemetery. Another intriguing thought; were they responsible for the small sandstone markers? Perhaps we are today continuing their work.

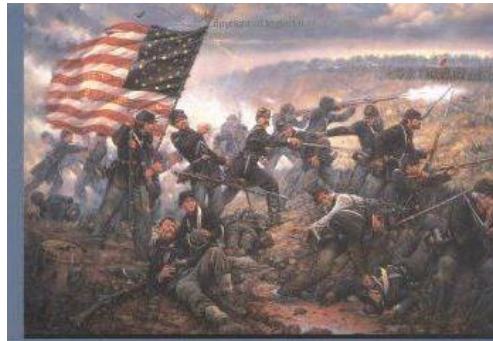
# MARCH BOOK RAFFLE



**"The Civil War: An Illustrated History"**  
 Geoffrey C. Ward with Ric Burns and Ken Burns, Random House, New York, 1990

This edition is interwoven with more than 500 illustrations: rare Civil War photographs as well as paintings, lithographs, and maps in full color.

There is an interview with Shelby Foote by Ken Burns. The complete text of the bestselling narrative history of the Civil War--based on the celebrated PBS television series.

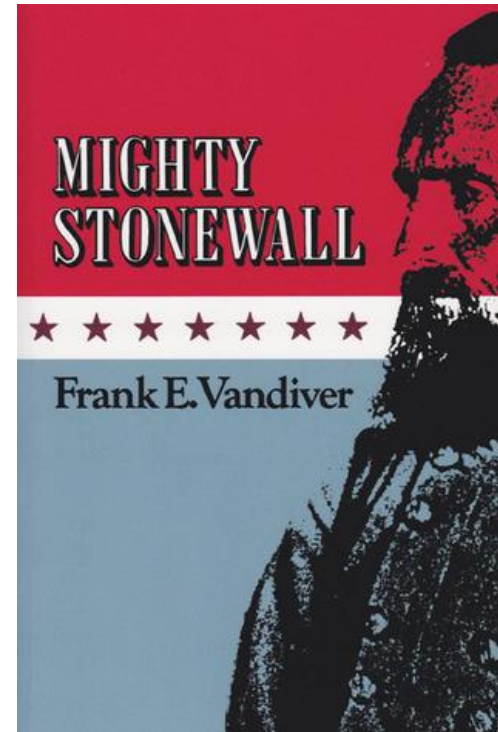


## TO THE NORTH ANNA RIVER

*Grant and Lee*  
 MAY 13-25, 1864

GORDON C. RHEA

**"To the North Anna River: Grant and Lee May 13-25, 1864"** Gordon C. Rhea, Louisiana State University Press, 2000  
 The Battle of North Anna was fought May 23-26, 1864, consisted of a series of small actions near the North Anna River in central Virginia, rather than a general engagement between the armies.



## MIGHTY STONEWALL

Frank E. Vandiver

**"Mighty Stonewall"** Frank E. Vandiver, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1957  
 Frank E. Vandiver's detailed research and zestful writing style provide a vivid description of Stonewall's boyhood, West Point training, early career, years of teaching at the Virginia Military Institute, and campaigns.

# MARCH TRIVIA QUESTION:

**Who are the two Irish/Scots-Irish Confederate Generals depicted on page 3, flanking General Lee, and from which States did they serve?**



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