



James City Cavalry Picket Lines



May 2016 Dispatch – Williamsburg, Virginia – <http://www.jamescitycavalry.org>

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

Friday, May 27th, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Cedar Grove Cemetery

809 South Henry Street, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185



Followed By

James City Cavalry Camp Picnic Supper

Friday, May 27rd, 2016, 6:00pm

Compatriot Fred Boelt's Farm

2896 Forge Road

Toano, VA 23168

Meal Cost: \$10.00 Per Person,

\$5.00 per Child

All members and guests are encouraged to wear bright colors, Jimmy Buffet shirts, Hawaiian shirts, and other festive spring colors to our Memorial Service and Picnic.

Guest RSVP Required

See Flyer For Details

2016 Lt. Colonel James H. Allen Memorial Scholarship Awarded

Miss. Kayla Coghlan of Jamestown High School was the recipient of our \$1000 scholarship this year. Kayla wrote an excellent winning essay on 'The Hampton Roads Peace Conference of February, 1865' which can be viewed on our website at www.jamescitycavalry.org. At our April 27th meeting I was joined by Mrs. Ann Darst of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and Mr. Bill Miller of the Williamsburg Civil War Roundtable in presenting our champion with her scholarship. Kayla was accompanied by her father, Mr. Phil Coghlan, to our supper and meeting.

Kayla will be attending Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia, this fall where she plans to work toward a Marketing Degree in the School of Business. We wish her the best of success at Liberty.

Our thanks to both the Williamsburg Chapter of the UDC and the Williamsburg CWRT for their financial support of this continuing educational and historical opportunity for our local students. Thanks also to Camp Historian Fred Boelt for chairing the program and to my fellow judges; Mr. Bill Miller, Mr. Paul Huelskamp and Mrs. Joli Huelskamp.

Commander Jeff Toalson

Camp Journal for Last Muster

Meeting:

Held 27 April at 6:30PM at Colonial Heritage Club,
James City Cty., Va., **31** 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

Ancestral Memorial Candle:

Read by Compatriot Charles Eugene Bush in honor of
Sgt. Jesse Harper
Co. E, 6^{1st} North Carolina Infantry

Program:

1st Lt. Commander Ed Engle introduced the evening's guest speaker: Mr. Arthur Candenuist who presented *"If We Build It, Supplies Will Come"*, discussing the need, planning, construction, and legacy of the Centerville Military Railroad.



Committee Reports and Announcements:

Old & New Business

- UDC Fort Magruder Ceremony – May 15 @ 4:00 p.m.
- Memorial Day Service – May 27 @ 5:00 p.m. at Cedar Grove
- Camp Memorial Day Picnic – Boelt farm @ 6:00 p.m.
- SCV State Convention Reports

Book Raffle

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

Benediction

Given by Chaplain Fred Breeden.

Adjournment

8:45 PM





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A Note from Past Commander Jerry White:

Thanks for thinking of us during the April hail storm that hit Frisco, Texas, with softball size hail. It went just southeast of us. We got some minor hail for a few minutes.

The local SCV camp in Plano has been a disappointment. Their meeting venue is not great and the programs and attendance is weak. There are probably better camps in Dallas but the traffic and distance are limiting factors. We have been enjoying attending TCU football games in Ft. Worth and on the road. Looking forward to another good season this year.

I enjoy reading each issue of the 'Picket Lines' with all the Camp news and the excellent programs that you continue to produce. Glad the scholarship program is working out well. Give my regard to our compatriots.

- I do miss you all.

Commander's Comments

May 27th is our Memorial Day Service and Camp Picnic. Our service this year is at Cedar Grove Cemetery in Williamsburg. More Confederate soldiers are buried at Cedar Grove than at any other site in Williamsburg or James City County. In addition to many Virginia soldiers there are the remains of men from other states who died of various diseases in 1861-1862 plus many unidentified men who died in the battle of Williamsburg.

We will be honoring two local soldiers and dedicating their new grave markers. Several members of their extended family are coming in from out of state for this service. Those family members will also be our guests at the picnic after the service. Please introduce yourself to them either at the service or at the picnic, visit with them and thank them for coming for our service and picnic.

The Memorial Service will begin at 5:00 and will be done before 5:30. Please plan to attend this important ceremony. Your presence will honor our ancestors and reflect well on the James City Cavalry.

At 6:00 we will all gather at the Fred Boelt Peacock Farm, out on Forge Road, in Toano. The Starbuck family is providing the BBQ for our enjoyment. The Camp will be providing the baked beans, slaw, dessert and refreshments. Please bring lawn chairs for everyone in your party.

Cost is only \$10 per person and children are \$5. Bring the whole family and enjoy the shade out in the back yard as the peacocks, guineas and geese provide entertainment.

Maps to both Cedar Grove Cemetery and the Fred Boelt farm are included in this issue.

-- Jeff Toalson

Outstanding Camp Award



Virginia Division Commander Tony Griffin presents the 2016 'Outstanding Camp' streamer to Compatriot Jonathan Starbuck. In the background is outgoing Division Commander Tracy Clary.



Outstanding Camp streamer is added to the JCC flag by compatriots Thompson, Raines, and Commander Toalson.

Virginia SCV Division Reunion / MOC Visit

The opening evening of the Virginia SCV Division Reunion featured an open-house at the Museum of the Confederacy. Compatriots Parsons, Leach, Thompson, White, Raines, Toalson and Starbuck attended and were joined by Suzanne Starbuck of the UDC. We viewed some amazing artifacts, uniforms, historical items, and battle flags. Among the flags was this 'Van Dorn' pattern battle flag carried by the 4th Missouri Infantry in the Battle of Elkhorn Tavern [Pea Ridge], Arkansas, in March of 1862.



Compatriots Raines, Parsons, Thompson, Toalson & Starbuck at the Museum of the Confederacy during the April 15th Open House.

Confederate Gravesites

There are three monuments honoring our Confederate dead located within the City of Williamsburg. The first one, dedicated on May 5, 1893, stands in the Bruton Parish Church graveyard and is inscribed, "Erected in Memory of the Confederate Soldiers Who Fell in the Battle of Williamsburg May 5th, 1862 and Lie Buried Under and Around this Monument." The names of twenty-nine men and their regimental information are also inscribed on this monument.

The second monument is now located in Bicentennial Park on Court Street. This monument was originally located on the Palace Green. In 1902, the Magruder-Ewell Camp, CV, began to raise funds, and ultimately, the United Daughters of the Confederacy and local citizens brought the project to fruition. The monument was finally unveiled on May 5th, 1908, amidst great ceremony. The front of the shaft of gray granite is inscribed, "1861 – 1865, To the Soldiers and Sailors of Williamsburg and James City County." On the left side, "Erected by the Daughters of the Confederacy and the Citizens of Williamsburg and James City County," and on the right side, "Lord God of Hosts, Be With Us Yet, Lest We forget, Lest We forget!"

When the town was being restored, the monument was first moved to Cedar Grove Cemetery in January 1932. Unhappy with that location, the UDC and other groups petitioned the court in April 1932, and won permission to move the monument to the east side of the new Courthouse on the corner of Francis and South England Streets. And when the third Courthouse was erected on Court Street, the monument was again moved there. In 2000, it finally went to its present location across Court Street, next to the Galt family cemetery.

The third shaft erected to honor Confederate casualties was placed in Cedar Grove Cemetery on South Henry Street. Although the exact date for the erection of this monument has not been determined, it seems probable that it was dedicated after 1932 based on the paragraph above. The year 1935 has been offered as an unproven date. There are crossed battle flags and the dates 1861 – 1865 on the monument. Additionally, there is a granite threshold in front of the burial area inscribed, "1861 Our Confederate Dead 1865."

For many years, it was believed that this monument marked the site of a mass grave of casualties from the Battle of Williamsburg. However, new light was shed when Richard Manning Bucktrout's Day Book and Ledger, 1850-1866, was discovered in 1997. It is now known that he buried many soldiers, both disease fatalities and battle casualties in 1861-1862, in rows according to their home state.

On May 27th, we will gather to specifically honor the memory of two brothers, Samuel Travis Maupin and Jesse Cole Maupin, who fought for the Confederacy, survived the war, and when they died many years later, were interred near the outer edge of the Confederate plot.

Samuel enlisted as a private in Company C, 32nd Virginia Infantry, on April 28, 1861, in Williamsburg. He was appointed 3rd corporal in May 1862, reduced to private on October 12, 1862, appointed 4th corporal in August 1864, and returned to 3rd corporal on January 1, 1865. Other than being absent for sickness in February and September 1863, and absent detached to Fort Clifton on May 1, 1863, Samuel was present on all rolls. He was paroled at Appomattox on April 9, 1865.

Jesse enlisted as a private into Company A, 38th Battalion, Virginia Light Artillery, on April 1, 1864, in Richmond. He was present on all rolls through February 1865, except he was absent due to illness from November 23 through December 1864. His parole was endorsed along with those of other prisoners at Burkeville Junction, Virginia, between April 14 and 17, 1865.

Both brothers returned to Williamsburg after the war. Jesse married and had children; Samuel did not marry. He died suddenly on February 24, 1901, and was buried in the soldiers' section of Cedar Grove Cemetery. Jesse suffered a fatal stroke on May 13, 1902. He, too, was interred in the soldiers' section of Cedar Grove Cemetery along-side his brother Samuel.

On Confederate Remembrance Day, 2016, we will honor the service of Samuel and Jesse Maupin by dedicating their new veterans' grave markers.

Cemetery Report

- Grass cutting was done at Peach Tree Park. Mike Garrett will cut in May.
- Volunteer for a month. Please call 5663740 and leave a message.
- The David Ware Memorial Bench will be shipped on May 10th, 2016.
- We will cut the grass at Fort Magruder before May 14th with walk-behind brush hog.



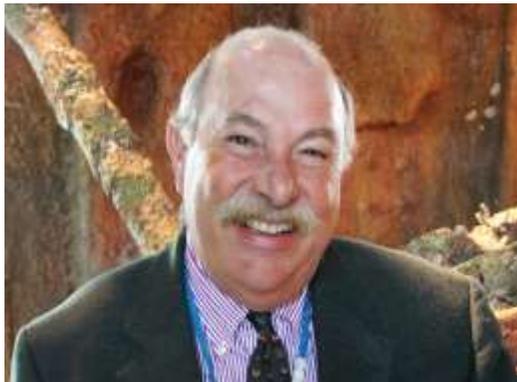
US Grant Speaks at WCWRT

Mrs. Julia Grant and Lt. General U. S. Grant were in Williamsburg on April 26th and visited with the WCWRT.

Of special interest to Camp 2095 is the fact that the actor portraying the General is an active member of the S.C.V.



Williamsburg Civil War Round Table



<http://www.wcwrt.org>

On May 24th, 2016 – John Quarstein will present:

“The Battle of Mobile Bay”



Please join the
James City Cavalry's

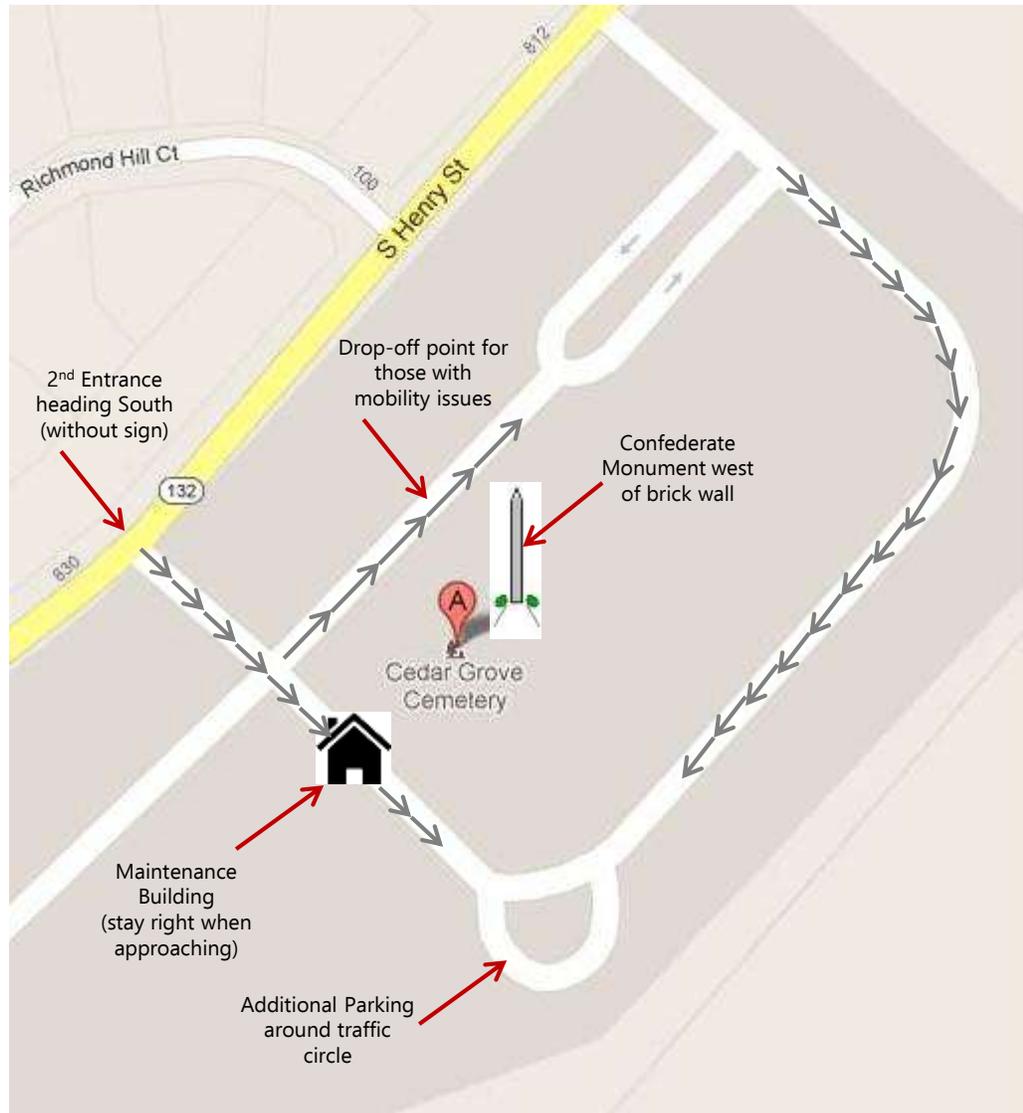


Confederate Remembrance Service

Cedar Grove Cemetery

on Friday, May 27th, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

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The third shaft erected in Williamsburg to honor the Confederate casualties was placed in Cedar Grove Cemetery on South Henry Street. On November 15, 1859, the City of Williamsburg purchased four acres of land from Judge John B. Christian to create a public burial ground. The land was part of the 947 acre Tazewell Hall tract, owned originally by John Randolph in the 18th century. The cemetery grounds were later expanded to seventeen acres. It is believed that, after the Battle of Williamsburg, about 250 Confederate soldiers were hastily buried there in a mass grave.

Please join us at 6:00 p.m. after the Confederate Remembrance Service, at the James City Cavalry's May Picnic, in lieu of our regular meeting!
Picnic information & directions to the farm of Compatriot Fred Boelt in Toano are on the attached flyer!





James City Cavalry's Picnic Supper



on Friday, May 27th, 2016 at 6:00pm

At Compatriot Fred Boelt's Farm

2896 Forge Road, Toano, Virginia 23168 (Use this address in GPS or online)

James City Cavalry will be serving BBQ with cole slaw, potato salad, and baked beans plus beverages and dessert. **The cost is \$10 per person or \$20 per couple, \$5 per child, payable at Fred's.**

Please RSVP to Adjutant Ken Parsons at kparsons320@gmail.com or 757-564-0878 so sufficient fixin's can be prepared. Bring folding chairs as we will dine with the peacocks, weather permitting.

