



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

Friday, May 25th 2018, 5 pm
Olive Branch Church
7643 Richmond Road
Williamsburg, VA 23188

Followed by



James City Cavalry Camp Picnic Supper

Friday, May 25th 2018, 6:00 pm
Compatriot Fred Boelt's Farm
2896 Forge Road
Toano, VA 23168

Meal Cost: \$10.00 Per Person

(genuine Confederate currency gladly accepted)

Commander Comments

Compatriots,

If you were unable to be with us on April 25th, you missed a fine evening. Eric Wittenberg gave a fantastic talk about Brandy Station. Not only did he explain the battle strategy, but he also gave the background of most of the key players on the field. Several Friends of the Camp as well as a number of friends from the WCWRT joined us making for an evening of camaraderie as well as obtaining a great history lesson.

We appreciate Ken Parsons and Jeff Toalson representing our camp at the annual Virginia Division, SCV, convention held in Roanoke on April 20 and 21. They returned with yet another Outstanding Camp streamer to be affixed to our colors. Adjutant Parsons presented the streamer to the camp on April 25th. Some of you may not realize what this really represents.

The purpose of this award, as set forth by the Virginia Division, is “to provide a visible testimonial and recognition to those camps...who best exemplify the Charge of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and who, through their efforts, have increased the membership and the reputation of the organization of the Sons of Confederate Veterans by accomplishing specific goals as set forth by the Outstanding Camp Awards Committee...” We are indebted to Jeff Toalson for tracking our activities throughout the years and submitting the lengthy applications.

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Camp Journal for Last Muster

Meeting:

Held April 25 at 6:30PM at Colonial Heritage Club, James City Cty., Va., 48 attendees

Pledge & Salute to the Flags

Blessing:

Given by Senior Chaplain Fred Breeden

Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Quartermaster Joel Goodwin

Welcome given by Commander Fred Boelt

Letter Reading:

Compatriot David Beish presented General Order 11 from the Federal Headquarters at Fort Magruder.

Program:

Compatriot Jeff Toalson introduced the evening's guest speaker: Eric Wittenberg. Mr. Wittenberg presented "The Battle of Brandy Station", a fast paced 45 minute discussion of the largest cavalry battle ever fought on the North American continent.

Committee Reports and Announcements:

Presentation of the Outstanding Camp Ribbon

Adjutant Parsons presented the Outstanding Camp Ribbon for Camp 2095 to Cmdr. Boelt and the Camp. See page 5 for more.

Old & New Business

- 2nd Lieutenant Steve White announced a clean up time at Ft. Magruder for Thursday, April 26 at noon.
- Fort Magruder UDC Ceremony on May 6
- Memorial Day Service – Olive Branch on May 25 (5:00 pm)
- Memorial Day Picnic – Boelt Farm on May 25 (6:00 pm)
- The Starbuck Family is donating our BBQ for the picnic
- Quartermaster Joel Goodwin represented the Camp at the Williamsburg Battlefield Association Park Day on April 22nd.

Book Raffle

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

Benediction

Given by Chaplain Warren Raines.

Adjournment

8:35 PM



Eric Wittenberg and Cmdr. Fred Boelt



Susan Wittenberg, Eric Wittenberg and Cmdr. Fred Boelt

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Commander's Comments

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Minimum requirements include sending at least one delegate to the annual convention and increasing the net membership by two each year. The balance of the twenty plus categories include such things as placing two Veterans Administration Confederate grave markers and holding one grave marking ceremony. Additionally, participating in living history or providing a color guard for ceremonies, working in a recruitment booth (State Fair), having a project that assists veterans or troops deployed to a foreign land, provide a speaker to a UDC meeting or another SCV camp meeting (Jeff Toalson and his books), care for a Confederate monument or park (work at Fort Magruder), care for Confederate veterans' graves (Steve White and his band of bushwhackers), recruit or sponsor a participant in the annual Sam Davis Youth Camp, and advance the local history of the war years (website: list of known burials, biographies, and letters from the troops).

And this is not the full list; I have highlighted the areas that we usually succeed in fulfilling. I mention all of this as a way of stressing how important it is to have full participation in the extra camp activities. By doing so, we will continue to have a great camp locally and continue to receive accolades from the Virginia Division.

As I write this, the peacocks are "in voice" outside my window, practicing to serenade you on May 25th. Please plan to join us at Olive Branch Church at 5:00PM where we will honor the memory of the twenty-nine Confederate veterans interred there. This is the largest identifiable concentration of Confederate veterans in James City County. After the ceremony, please join us at my farm for a barbeque supper and please remember to bring lawn chairs.

We serve in their memory,

Fred Boelt
Commander



The 31st Alabama Infantry

CONFEDERATE REMEMBERANCE DAY

(Contributed by Commander Fred Boelt)

This year, we will be returning to Olive Branch Christian Church (7643 Richmond Road) to hold our annual Confederate Remembrance Day service. We were there in 2010 and 2013, but we have recently added a grave marker for John W. Hubbard. There are at least twenty-four veterans resting at Olive Branch. Additionally, there are five more veterans buried in the Hubbard Family Cemetery, located on the knoll to the left of the church driveway. These two burial grounds have the largest number of Confederate veterans interred in close proximity in all of James City County.

Olive Branch Church (Disciples of Christ) was organized in October 1833 at Hill Pleasant farm in present day Norge. A few years after this early beginning, Dr. Charles Miles Hubbard and his wife, Mary Henley Hubbard, donated a portion of their farm (present day Oakland) to the congregation for a church site. Around 1845, the front part of the present structure was completed.

During the Civil War, Union cavalrymen tore out the pews and flooring to be used for firewood, stabled their horses in the sanctuary, and used the gallery as a barracks for themselves. Windows were broken out and the communion silver disappeared. Church services continued through this period at the Farthing farm located on York River Road. In 1866, services were resumed at the church which had been restored. In 1917, the church received \$500 from the federal government in compensation for damages during the war. This money and other funds were used for the first addition to the sanctuary. If you look closely at the outside walls of the church, you can see the break in the brickwork where the addition was joined.

When Mary Henley Hubbard died in 1891, she stipulated in her will that the two acres adjacent to Olive Branch Church, where the Henley/Hubbard Family Cemetery was located, should be maintained in perpetuity for the use of her descendants. This is still an active burial ground for her family.

This year on Remembrance Day, we honor the Confederate veterans who rest here from their labors: George Fielding Clopton, Winder George Whiting Farthing, Pinkethman Taylor Garrett, Richard Minor Garrett, George Edward Geddy, George William Geddy, Francis Ward Hammond, Alexander Hamilton Hankins, Southey Savage Hankins, Winfield Scott Hankins, Richard Daniel Hicks (unmarked grave), George W. E. James, Robert Pryor James, Sr., John W. Minor, George Washington Otey, George A. C. Piggott (unmarked grave), Benjamin Henry Ratcliffe, George Thomas Ratcliffe, John R. Ratcliffe, George Eaton Richardson, Richard Edward Taylor, William Benjamin Vaiden, Richard Harwood Whitaker, III; and Thomas Wynne.

There are five more veterans buried in the Hubbard Family Cemetery: Peter Tribble Cowles, Charles William Miles Hubbard, James Filmer Hubbard, John W. Hubbard, and George W. Tyree. Service rank, unit and vital statistics may be found for all of these men on our camp website. With the exception of Charles W. M. Hubbard, John R. Ratcliffe, and Richard Harwood Whitaker, all of these men survived the war and returned to their homes and families in James City County. Comrades at arms – Comrades at rest.



Virginia SCV Convention in Roanoke

Saturday, April 21



SCV Virginia Division Commander Tony Griffin presents Adjutant Ken Parsons with our 2017 Outstanding Camp streamer.



SCV Virginia Division Treasurer Bill Graham accepts a \$500 donation to the Virginia Heritage Defense Fund from Adjutant Ken Parsons.

Williamsburg Civil War Round Table



<http://www.wcwrt.org>

On May 28th, 2018 - Dr. James I. Robertson
will present:

"The Four-Legged Soldiers"