



# 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, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 6:30pm  
Colonial Heritage Club  
<http://colonialheritageclub.org/home.asp>  
6500 Arthur Hills Drive  
Williamsburg, VA 23188

**Guest Speaker:**

**Mr. Les Updike**

**Henrico County, Virginia**

*"Ten Reasons for Secession - One Reason for War"*



*Mr. Les Updike attired as his ancestor Cpl. William Austin Gibbs, Co. I, 34<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry, Killed in Action at Petersburg, Virginia August 31, 1864*

**Meal Cost: \$17.00 Per Person –**

(genuine Confederate currency gladly accepted –  
will reluctantly accept US \$5 notes)

**Honored Confederate Ancestor:**

**Miss Bridget M. Grimes**

**Employee, Dept. #6, C. S. Laboratory, Brown's Island  
Richmond, Virginia**

**No RSVP Required**

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

## NOVEMBER GUEST SPEAKER

**Mr. Les Updike**

**Henrico County, Virginia**

*"Ten Reasons for Secession - One Reason for War"*

Join Les in an introspective look at the choices our ancestors had to make when faced with a hostile federal government determined to eliminate their rights as citizens. Les will explore ten reasons for their making the decision to secede from that government and the one reason which led to war with it.

Les Updike is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Cmdr. of the General James Longstreet Camp #1247 in Richmond.

His interest in things Confederate are not tactical or battle related. He prefers to study the underlying social, legal, economic, and religious issues involved. Tonight's topic is the latest of 8 subjects on which he has made presentations to various SCV and UDC groups.

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, 3 grandchildren, and a great grandson.

Bring a guest to our November meeting. Supper will be served at 6:30 and we will introduce Dr. Read at 7:30. Our buffet costs \$17 per person. Non members please contact Ken Parsons at [kparsons4@cox.net](mailto:kparsons4@cox.net) or 757-564-0878 to confirm reservations.

*1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander Ed Engbe*



# CAMP JOURNAL FOR LAST MUSTER



## Meeting:

Held 23 Oct. at 6:30PM at Colonial Heritage Club,  
James City Cty., Va., 44 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

Welcome and introduction of guests given by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt.

Commander Ed Engle

## Trivia Question:

How many battles were fought during the WBTS?

Which state had the most battles and which  
county or region within that state had the most?

Answer(s): **2651, VA, Orange County.**

## Ancestral Memorial Candle:

Read by Compatriot Charles Eugene Bush *in honor of*  
*Private John W. Robison*

*Maury [Sparkman's] Tennessee Light Artillery*

## Program:

Playing of Joey+Rory video "Josephine"

<http://joeyandrory.com/tv/music-videos>

Introduction of Guest Speaker by 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant  
Commander Ed Engle: Our guest speaker was Mr.  
Arthur Wingo, NPS Docent at Chimborazo Hospital  
Museum, who provided a fascinating history into the  
origins and operations of the Chimborazo Hospital,  
along with data on other Richmond area hospitals.  
Mr. Wingo gave intriguing details regarding the name  
"Chimborazo" and of its history and the medical staff  
associated with the site, including Surgeon General  
Samuel P. Moore and Dr. James B. McCaw. Mr. Wingo  
also graciously provided period scale-models  
of the site.

## Committee Reports & Announcements:

### Treasurer' Report

Adjutant Ken Parsons indicated that we have  
\$2256 in the bank. He also informed the Camp that  
there are still \$890 remaining in outstanding dues.

### Life Membership

Adjutant Ken Parsons and Virginia Division Adjutant  
Tony Griffin presented four Camp members with their  
lifetime certificates.

### Support the Troops

Adjutant Ken Parsons informed the Camp that we  
continue to send packages to our troop, Marine Sgt.

Tommy Toquothy. The Camp needs continued support  
for supplies, packaging, and shipping.

## Cemetery Report

Nothing significant to report at this time.

## Old & New Business

Commander Jeff Toalson reminded the Camp of the  
James City Cavalry Christmas Supper, to be held on  
Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Toano  
Women's Club on Richmond Road. Commander  
Toalson also indicated that all six area High Schools  
have been contacted regarding the James City Cavalry  
Camp Scholarship for historical essay. More  
information on the scholarship is posted on our  
Camp website.

## Book Raffle:

\$85.00 was donated to the Camp Treasury for the  
raffle of the volumes: "The C. S. S. Shenandoah - The  
Memoirs of Lt. Commanding James Waddell" edited by  
James Horan; "Nathan Bedford Forrest - First with  
the Most" by Robert Self Henry; and "The  
Chickamauga Campaign" by Patrick Abbazia.

## Benediction:

Given by Chaplain Fred Breeden at 8:30pm.

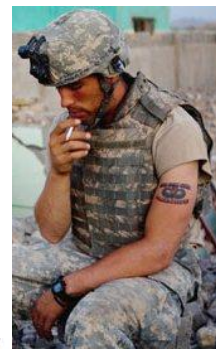


# SUPPORT THE TROOPS

Our soldier is Marine Sgt. Tommy Toquothy,  
Son-in-Law of Compatriot Sparkie Harcourt.  
Sgt. Toquothy is presently stationed in Afghanistan.  
The Camp continues to send packages with your help.

## Immediately Needed Items :

Q-Tips  
Hard Candy  
Slim Jims  
Lip Balm  
Beef Jerky  
Dental Floss  
Moisture Lotion



## OCTOBER GUEST SPEAKER



*L to R – 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander Ed Engle and Mr. Arthur Wingo, NPS Docent – Chimborazo Hospital Museum*

## WILLIAMSBURG CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm

Williamsburg Library

*"Unionists Gone Underground – Richmond in the War"*

Mr. Jeffrey Borden

### R. E. Lee A Biography by Douglas Southall Freeman, Volume IV Chapter XII – Two Decisions

"One day," it has been recorded by Colonel Clement Sullivan, aide to Custis Lee, "all visitors were turned away, generals and statesmen, high and low alike, with the statement that General Lee had such an arrearage of correspondence that he must dispatch it, and he had given instructions during the day to excuse him to all visitors. I was seated at a window in the parlor only a few feet from the door; and as the windows and doors were all open, I could see and hear all that passed. By and by a tall, ragged Confederate soldier, with his left arm in a sling, came up the steps and was met at the door by Custis Lee. He asked to see General Lee. 'I am sorry,' replied Custis, giving him the familiar explanation. The soldier hesitated a moment and then said that he belonged to Hood's Texas brigade, that he had followed General Lee for four years, that he was about to set off and walk to Texas, and he had hoped before he left to shake his old commander by the hand and bid him good-bye; but if he couldn't, he couldn't, and it could not be helped, and with this he turned away and went down the steps. Custis Lee hesitated a few moments and then called to the soldier to come back, that possibly General Lee would make an exception in his case, and he would see. So he ushered him into the parlor and went off upstairs. I offered the old soldier a seat and entered into a friendly conversation with him about his wounds, etc. Presently I heard the stately step of General Robert E. Lee, descending the stairway. As we both arose on his entrance into the room, he bowed gravely to me and then advanced to the Texan, with his hand extended. The poor fellow grasped it, looked General Lee straight in the eye, struggled to say something, but choked and could not, and, wringing Lee's hand, he dropped it as he burst into tears; then covering his face with his arm, he turned away and walked out of the room and the house. General Lee gazed after him for a few moments with emotion, and then, again gravely bowing to me, he left the room and returned upstairs. Not a single word was spoken during the meeting by any of the three participants. . ."

## CAMP OFFICERS

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## HONOR YOUR ANCESTOR

In the past four years we have had Camp members light memorial candles eleven times in honor of their ancestors. That is only about three per year!

Please provide Commander Jeff Toalson with information on your ancestor and he will conduct additional research, coordinating with you and your family to select a night to honor ancestor.

# CONFEDERATE ANCESTOR

(Contributed by Commander Jeff Toalson)

Bridget M. Grimes was born in 1849 in Roundstone, County Galway, on the west coast of Ireland. She was the youngest daughter of Mortimer Grimes and Barbara Grimes (King). In 1860 her mother, Barbara Grimes and sister Elizabeth were servants living with the Royster family of the Royster & Brothers Tobacco Company. Barbara and three daughter immigrated sometime during the 1850s. The family lived in a residence on 7<sup>th</sup> and Cary Street in downtown Richmond.

At age 14 Bridget, along with many other young girls and young boys, was employed in Department # 6 of the Confederate States Laboratory on Brown's Island. The laboratory was responsible for the manufacture of both breech-loading and pistol ammunition. The facility was located on the island, in the James River, for safety reasons.

On March 13, 1863 a huge explosion tore half of the 100' long building down. *"Operatives were killed, wounded, thrown into the air or upon the floor."* A huge fire engulfed the scene. The initial death toll was 31 women and 2 men with an additional 25 women and 5 men wounded. Many of the wounded were badly burned. The *Richmond Enquirer* noted that *"some of the unfortunate girls were burnt from head to foot, others were burned in the face and eyes; some had an arm or leg divested of flesh and skin, others were bleeding with wounds received from the falling timbers and violent concussions . . ."* The dreadfully burned, including Bridget, were taken to General Hospital #2 on the corner of Cary and 7<sup>th</sup> streets.

Bridget died on March 23<sup>rd</sup> after eleven days of suffering. Her obituary in the *Richmond Dispatch* recorded that, *"Bridget M. Grimes died on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup>, at Hospital #2 of burns received at the explosion of the Laboratory,*

*Bridget M. daughter of Mrs. Barbara Grimes in her 14<sup>th</sup> year.*

*In the death of this young girl, her circles of friends have lost a bright ornament. She was gifted with beauty of body and mind and possessed of a loving disposition, which won her the devotion of an immense number of friends. During the eleven long days of her excruciating suffering her priest and doctor were untiring in attention. She died in implicit faith in the Holy Catholic Church. Her friends and the family are invited to attend her funeral this (Tuesday) afternoon, at 3 o'clock from her mother's residence on Cary near 7<sup>th</sup> street."*

Bridget is buried in the same unmarked grave with her mother, Barbara, who passed in 1877, at Mount Calvary cemetery in Richmond. Bridget's tragic death has yet to be recognized by those that have memorialized the other young victims of this tragic event. After 150 years, Bridget and her sacrifice to the cause will no longer be forgotten.

(Family history provided by Richard Gordon Schwartz regarding his great-great aunt. *Richmond Enquirer* of March 14, 1863, *Richmond Daily Dispatch* of March 16, 1863, *Richmond Sentinel* of March 16, 1863 and *Richmond Dispatch* of March 24, 1863.)





# CAMP PICTORIAL



*Commander Jeff Toalson (L) and Historian Fred Boelt (R) of the James City Cavalry Camp - Sons of Confederate Veterans recently met with School Counselor Denise Barnhart at Williamsburg Christian Academy. The James City Cavalry is offering a \$500 college scholarship to a local high school senior in an essay contest. Seniors at Bruton, Jamestown, Lafayette, Walsingham, Warhill, and Williamsburg Christian are eligible. All six schools have the scholarship application and essay details on their scholarship websites.*

*Details are also available at*

*[www.jamescitycavalry.org](http://www.jamescitycavalry.org)*

*(as submitted to the Williamsburg Gazette)*



*The First Four Commanders of the James City Cavalry: (L to R) Ken Parsons, Don Woolridge, Jerry White, & Jeff Toalson. Jerry and Susan White have recently relocated to Texas and will be heartily missed.*



*James City Cavalry Adjutant (and Virginia Division 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander) Ken Parsons and Virginia Division Adjutant Tony Griffin stand next to the Camp's latest lifetime members with their certificates.*

## MORE HISTORIC REVISION, DISTORTION, AND DESTRUCTION OF THE TRUTH

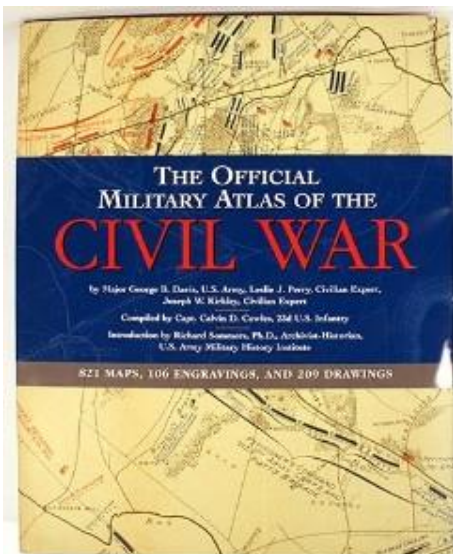
...from the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI), an agency contracted to train present-day Air Force personnel:

DEOMI, 366 Tuskegee Airmen Dr., Patrick AFB, FL 32925

EOAC STUDENT GUIDE, January 2013, EOAC - 3150, Extremism, Section D, 1, Para. 1

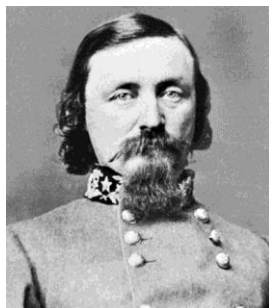
"As noted, an ideology is a set of political beliefs about the nature of people and society. People who are committed to an ideology seek not only to persuade but to recruit others to their belief. In U.S. history, there are many examples of extremist ideologies and movements. The colonists who sought to free themselves from British rule and the Confederate states who sought to secede from the Northern states are just two examples."

# NOVEMBER BOOK RAFFLE



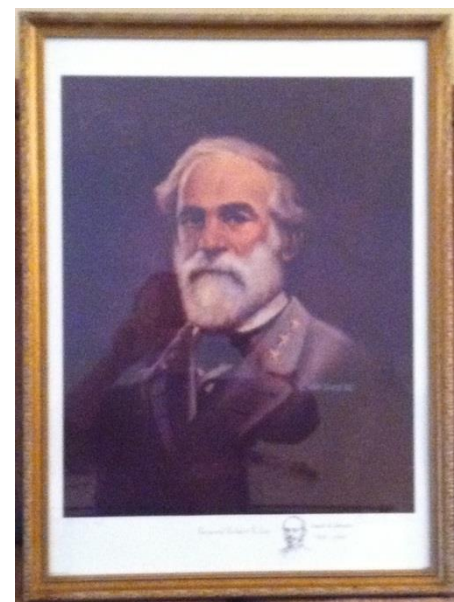
**"The Official Military Atlas of the Civil War" Maj. George Davis, U.S. Army, 1983, New York, hard cover/large format, 300 pages**

This large format book is full of plates of maps of all major and many minor battlefields, theatre maps, city maps, forts & fortifications, and a wide variety of other illustrations. A remarkable research tool.



**"The Heart of a Soldier - As revealed in the Intimate Letters of Genl. George W. Pickett" Published by Seth Moyle of New York, 1913, hard cover, 215 pages**

This is a collection of the personal letters of George Pickett, the majority of them to Sallie. They are rather pompous, stilted and flowery... certainly not the way a normal person would talk or write... but interesting none the less. You gain the feeling that George would have seen himself as a knight at the round table of King Arthur . . . that somehow he had arrived at the WBTS via a timewarp. Unusual letters from an unusual general.



**"General Robert E. Lee" signed print by Richmond artist Charles Van Goor, 1982**

Limited Edition, Print Number 10/25, one of 300 proofs plus 25 artist's proofs, nicely framed. Reflection of editor taking picture not included.

## NOVEMBER TRIVIA QUESTION:

**What company in which city held the only gas works of the Confederacy capable of inflating observation balloons?**



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## AT A CONFEDERATE CHRISTMAS SUPPER!

Please  
bring your  
Artifacts  
for proud  
display -  
we may  
also have a  
Silent  
Auction!

The Camp is  
providing BBQ &  
Brunswick Stew  
& Requests one  
large Potluck dish  
from each  
Family/Party

JCC Christmas Trivia Question:  
Saint Nick or Steve White?

**Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**6:00pm - 9:00pm**

at the

**Toano Women's Club  
7965 Richmond Road  
Toano, VA 23168**

