



James City Cavalry Picket Lines



April 2019 Dispatch – Williamsburg, Virginia

Camp #2095  10th 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

Wednesday, April 24th 2019, 6:30 pm
Colonial Heritage Club House

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

6500 Arthur Hills Drive
Williamsburg, VA 23188



Meal Cost: \$17.00 Per Person

You must call or email Jeff Toalson (757) 220-0131 or troon24@cox.net to make a dinner reservation. Attendees without a reservation are welcome to attend the meeting but may not receive a dinner.

JCC Web Site: <http://www.jamescitycavalry.org>

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April Guest Speaker

Chris Mackowski,
Ph.D.

*“Strike Them a
Blow: Battle
Along the
North Anna
River”*



The most overlooked segment of the Overland Campaign also represented some of the best chances both generals had for destroying each other's armies – but the war of attrition had taken a personal toll on the commanders, peppering the North Anna River with lost opportunities.

Chris Mackowski, Ph.D., is the editor-in-chief and co-founder of Emerging Civil War. He is the series editor of the award-winning Emerging Civil War Series and the “Engaging the Civil War” Series. Chris is a writing professor in the Jandoli School of Communication at St. Bonaventure University in Allegany, NY. Chris has authored or co-authored a dozen books on the Civil War, and his articles have appeared in all the major Civil War magazines. Chris serves on the board of directors for the Central Virginia Battlefields Trust and the national advisory board for the Civil War Chaplains Museum in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Camp Journal for Last Muster

Meeting:

Held 27th of March at 6:30 PM at Colonial Heritage Club House,
James City County, Va., **28** attendees

Pledge & Salute to the Flags lead by Aide de Camp Jon Holland

Blessing:

Given by Adjutant Ken Parsons

Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Quartermaster Joel Goodwin

Welcome given by Commander Jerry Thompson

Program:

1st Lt. Commander David Hastedt

introduced the evening's guest speaker: Mr. Chris Kolakowski
Mr. Kolakowski presented "*Civil War to World War: The MacArthurs
and the Buckners*", a highly informative comparison of two of the
leading military families of the era.



1st Lt. Cmdr. Hastedt and Mr. Kolakowski

Committee Reports and Announcements:

Cemetery Report

2nd Lt. Commander Steve White reported a cleanup of Peach Park
and a grave stone setting at Olive Branch are both scheduled for
April 13. The street fence at Fort Magruder has suffered some
damage from a car accident.

Old & New Business

- Thank you Letter from Heritage Defense
- Park Day April 6th
- Fort Magruder Damage
- Cemetery Headstone Cleaning
- Division SCV Convention April 26-28
- The camp charter will be the responsibility of the Camp
Commander

Book Raffle

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

Benediction

Given by Compatriot Jeff Toalson.

Adjournment

8:43 PM

Save the Date

May 24th will be the date for the camp
memorial service at Peach Park and
following picnic at the Fred Boelt Peacock
Farm.

More details to come soon in the event
flyer.

Camp Officers



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The Civil War in April: The Battle of Fort Pulaski



Over April 10-11, 1862 Ft. Pulaski in Georgia was bombarded by Federals using innovative rifled artillery to reduce the masonry fort.

Williamsburg Battlefield Cleanup Day

On Saturday, April 6th, several camp members helped out with the Williamsburg Battlefield Association cleanup of their parcel just to the east of Fort Magruder.



Group shot after the cleanup



Camp compatriots Huelskamp, Hastedt, and Goodwin (on the left) with descendants of Union soldiers (on the right). Compatriots not pictured: Dennis Dasher and Rob Symer.

Civilian Glimpses of the War Years

(Contributed by Compatriot Fred Boelt)

In 1852, Littleton Tazewell Waller purchased Lombardy, a large farm on Old Forge Road. At that time, Lombardy joined John Taylor Martin's farm and Martin's journal has already given us some insight into local conditions during the war years. In the following letter now in a private collection, Waller is writing to his neighbor, Dandridge Watkins Marston, who was living directly across the road at Variety Grove.

During the war years, there was a Goddin family living near the Ship Yard landing [Menzel's Road] and this may be who was referred to in the letter. Mr. Wilkinson is Cary Wilkinson who lived at Merry Oaks [present day housing area off Route 60].

Addressed to: "D W Marston esqr
James City Co. Va.

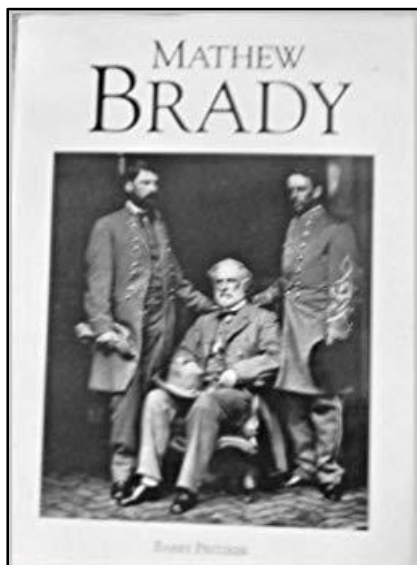
Richmond Dec 12th 1862

My dear Sir

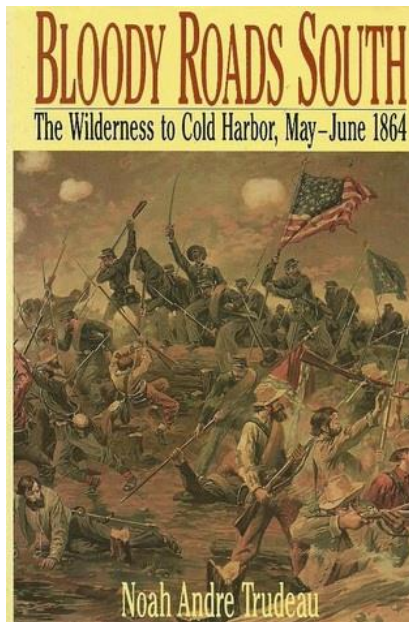
Your neighbor Mr. Goddin has just called to see me, in order to buy from me various articles which we now have at Lombardy, which if not sold will be waste[d] and stolen, and prove an utter loss to me. He says there is quite a good crop of corn, some wheat, and potatoes, some 21 hogs now in the fattening pen, and some cattle and perhaps some fodder. Now as I do not know what there is at Lombardy nor the prices of things there, and as you are near the spot, and can be informed of what is there, and its value, I ask as a great favor that together with my friend Mr. Wilkinson, will sell to Mr. Goddin upon fair terms such things as he may want – he tells me that he will give \$6 per barrel for corn, \$150[sic] per bushel for potatoes, \$25 per hundred [pounds] for pork – for wheat, fodder or cattle the price not named, but I leave the price of each and everything to you and Mr. Wilkinson. If you should sell things to Mr. Goddin – please send me an account of sales, and Mr. Goddin will settle with me here – I wish however in case of sale that there be retained for the use of the negroes who are still at home, 20 barrels of corn – 500 pounds of pork and some potatoes. I also wish one yoke of oxen and two of the best cows to be retained for the use of the negroes. Whatever expenses may be incurred in the sale, I wish you of course to deduct from the proceeds. It may be as well to state to you the prices of some of these articles here – Viz – corn \$18 per barrel, pork \$35 per hundred, fodder \$4 per bushel, such are the prices of these things here in Richmond and by these you and Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Goddin can settle upon what he can afford to pay. All this however I leave to you to do with as you think fit, but there is one thing which is most important, and that is, that you make sale of this property as soon as possible, as all of it may be lost by least delay; and you can well imagine how every little [bit] is a big help to one who has suffered so heavily as I have. I make no apology for asking of you and Mr. Wilkinson this favor, for I know that you both will cheerfully do for me whatever you can, and you know that you will have my sincere thanks for your friendly kindness. You can send me the account of sales when made, by Mr. Goddin who will be the safest opportunity." *To be continued...*

Remembering the plundering and great loss of commodities at John Martin's adjacent farm in 1862 [*Picket Lines*, February 2019], it seems remarkable that there was anything left to be sold at Lombardy. Waller, his wife Elizabeth, and daughter Fannie, had refuged to Richmond just ahead of the Peninsula Campaign that spring. The farm had been left in the hands of trusted enslaved workers who apparently had continued to work the land. There will be more about this in the second part of the letter.

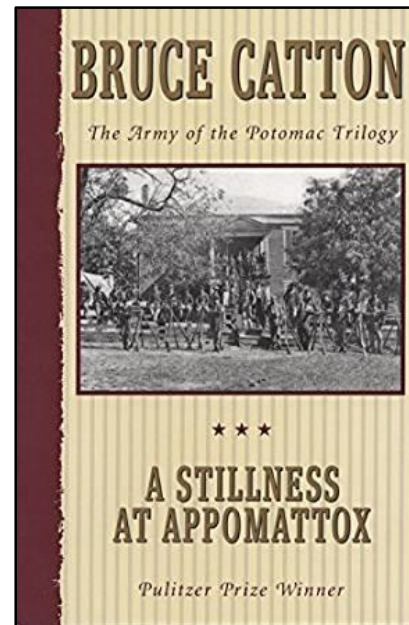
April Book Raffle



"Mathew Brady"
by Barry Pritzker



"Bloody Roads South, The Wilderness to Cold Harbor: May - June 1864"
by Noah Andre Trudeau



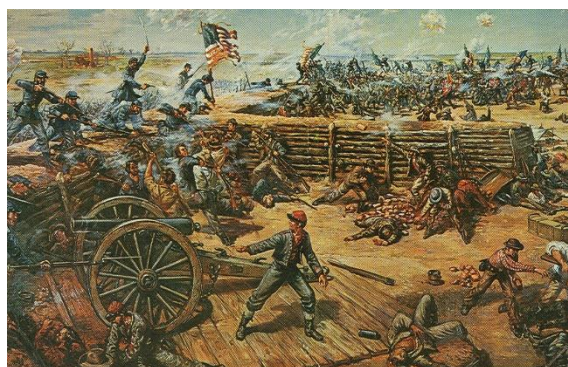
"A Stillness at Appomattox"
by Bruce Catton

April Trivia Question:

What all-important railroad led from Wilmington, North Carolina to Richmond, Virginia?



Williamsburg Civil War Round Table



<http://www.wcwrt.org>

On April 23rd, 2019 - Edward Alexander will present:

"Breaking Through to the Other Side – Petersburg, April 2, 1865"