



# James City Cavalry Picket Lines



January 2019 Dispatch – Williamsburg, Virginia

Camp #2095  10<sup>th</sup> 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, January 23<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 6:30pm  
Colonial Heritage Club  
<http://colonialheritageclub.org/home.asp>  
6500 Arthur Hills Drive  
Williamsburg, VA 23188



**Meal Cost: \$17.00 Per Person**

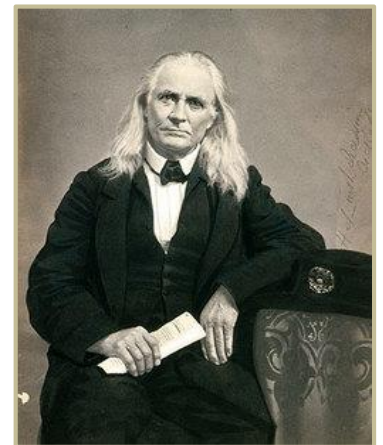
You must call or email Jerry Thompson (202 441-7455 / [jerrythompson@yahoo.com](mailto:jerrythompson@yahoo.com)) to make a dinner reservation. Attendees without a reservation are welcome to attend the meeting but may not receive a dinner.

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

To add or remove an email address for the Picket Lines distribution list, or for questions or comments regarding the newsletter, email to: [jccpicketlinesdistribution@gmail.com](mailto:jccpicketlinesdistribution@gmail.com)

## January Guest Speaker

Mr. Tilghman  
Broaddus  
Descendent of  
Edmund Ruffin



*“Edmund  
Ruffin’s view of  
the War”*

Edmund Ruffin (1794-1865) was an ardent secessionist. His views on slavery, secession and his post-war suicide overshadow his massive contributions to U. S. Agriculture. His plantation home became a showplace for his innovative farming techniques. Mr. Broaddus will discuss Edmund Ruffin's view of the war through his interpretation of Ruffin's diary.

Mr. Broaddus is a graduate of Washington and Lee college and has a post-graduate degree in physics from William and Mary. Edmund Ruffin is his great, great grandfather. He has lived his entire life at Ruffin's plantation home, Marlbourne. He has given multiple talks to historical societies and SCV camps.

# Camp Journal for Christmas Supper

## Meeting:

Held 15th December at 6 PM at Colonial Heritage Club House,  
James City Cty., Va., **31** attendees

Welcome by Commander Boelt

Pledge & Salute to the Flags  
- Compatriot Jeff Toalson

## Blessing:

Given by Chaplain Warren Raines

Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Compatriot Jerry Thompson

Speaker introduced by Commander Boelt

## Letter Reading:

Compatriot Jeff Toalson, using their letters, told stories of Pvt. J. W.  
Robison and Josephine Robison of Maury County, TN.

## Cemetery Report

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander Steve White:

- Currently a major water problem at Ft. Magruder
- **Upcoming Work Schedule**
  - Jan 19 - Peach Park beginning bench installation work on Dozier bench
  - Jan 26 - Fort Magruder
  - Feb 2 - Cowles-Spencer, Sunnyside and Peach Park - General Clean Up
  - Feb 9 - Peach Park - Installation of the Dozier bench
  - Feb 16 - Backup date
  - Feb 22 - Backup date
  - Fort Magruder – to be rescheduled

## Book Raffle

Monies for the Speaker Fund given to Adjutant Parsons (\$71) .

## Benediction

Given by Chaplain Warren Raines.



# Christmas Supper Photos

Some of our Compatriots at the Christmas Party



Linda, Ray & Sherron



Mike & Lurlene



Rob & Cindy



Warren & Paula



Lorraine & Steve

## Camp Officers



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## Commander's Comments

Another year has come and gone. Time seems to fly by faster or maybe we just live at a faster pace in this modern world. At any rate, I hope each of you enjoyed the holidays and are now ready for new adventures in the coming year.

On a note of concern for the camp, we had 73 paid members on our roster in 2017, but only had 59 members for 2018. We did lose several of our long time compatriots during that period. Perhaps others moved or simply became disinterested in what we do. If you have friends or relatives that you think would be interested in attending our meetings, please invite them. We consistently have great speakers and a fine meeting hall. We all need to work toward increasing our camp membership.

We have just received a new veteran's marker for the grave of Benjamin Franklin Piggott who is interred at Olive Branch Church. 2nd Lt. Commander Steve White will be scheduling an installation date in the future. The requirements for receiving these stones are becoming more rigorous. We had been refused on the basis that we did not have written proof that he was buried there. With some effort, Veterans Administration finally agreed to issue the stone based on his wife's obituary, the fact that his farm joined the Olive Branch land, his membership record at Olive Branch, and the fact that numerous other family members were buried there. Based on this, we are running out of new candidates for markers.

The Annual Convention of the Virginia Division of the S.C. V. will be held on April 26-28, 2019, in Colonial Heights, Virginia. The proximity of this city will make carpooling for the main part of the meeting on Saturday a possibility. Attending is a good way to learn more about our organization from the state level. Contact Adjutant Ken Parsons for more information.

At our recent staff meeting, while discussing the budget, past and present, we realized that our monthly book auction is doing quite well, thanks for your generous support. The proceeds from the auction are used to defray the cost of the meal and honorarium for our monthly speakers. We get a wide variety of books donated for the auctions, but if you have a few more to donate, Compatriot George Bridewell will be happy to receive them for future auctions.

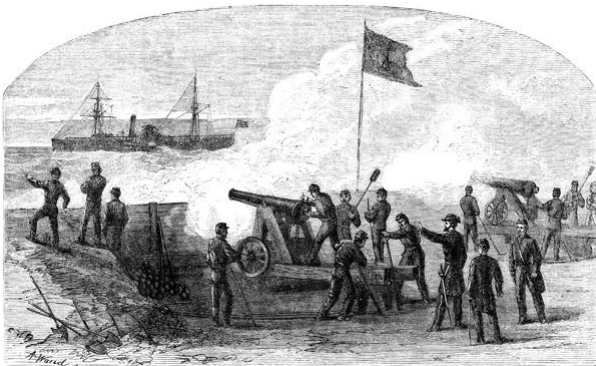
The nominating committee, Adjutant Parsons and Compatriot Toalson, has nominated Jerry Thompson for our new Commander and David Hastedt for 1st Lt. Commander. These gentlemen will be installed at our January camp meeting. Jerry will begin duties on February one. Our current 1st Lt. Commander, Jim Leach, has scheduled all of our speakers through 2019. This has to be done well in advance to get the quality of programs that we have. David will work with him for the first half of the year to learn the process and take over mid-year giving him time to arrange for the 2020 programs. All of the other camp officers and staff will remain in place at the present time.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Commander for the past year. I deeply appreciate all of your support, and I will now be continuing as camp Historian. We have recapped the lives of most of the known veterans buried locally and looked at some letters from servicemen that contained local references. I now want us to look at some letters and diaries of local citizens to get a feeling of how their lives were affected by the war. I hope you will find these items enlightening.

We serve in their memory,

Fred Boelt  
Commander

## January in the WBTS



Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, 1861 - South Carolina initiates hostilities by firing upon the *Star of the West*, an unarmed merchant vessel hired by the U. S. government to deliver troops and supplies to Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor.

# Thanks to Last Year's Speakers



Prof J White



John & Nancy Fox



Eric Wittenberg



David Goetz



Fred Taylor



Extra Billy Smith



Fred Chiesa

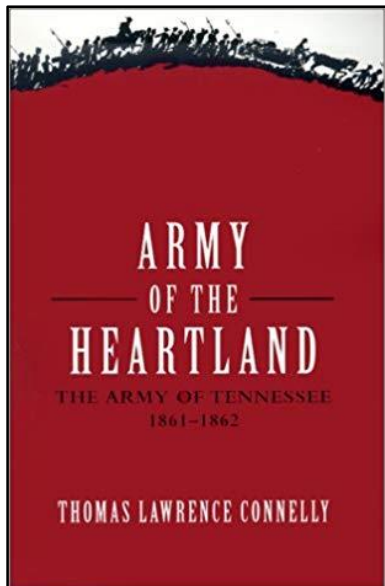


Charles Wood

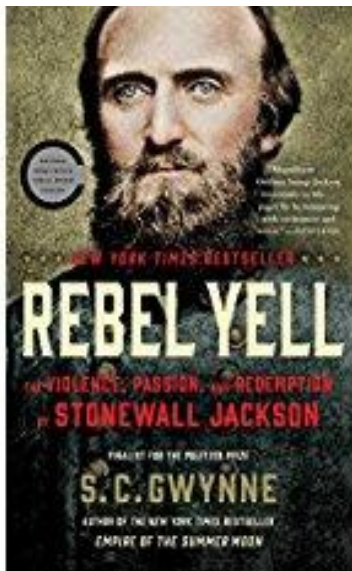


Dave Hastedt

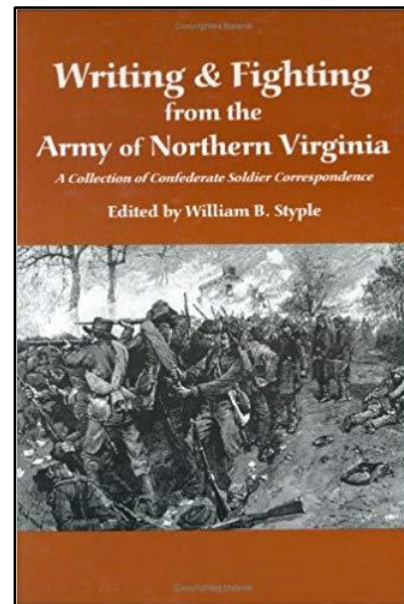
# January Book Raffle



“Army of the Heartland: The Army of Tennessee 1861-1862 & Autumn of Glory 1862-1865” [2 Volume Set]  
By Thomas Lawrence Connelly



“Rebel Yell: The Violence, Passion, and Redemption of Stonewall Jackson”  
by S. C. Gwynne



“Writing & Fighting from the Army of Northern Virginia, A Collection of Confederate Soldier Correspondence”  
Edited by William B. Styple

## January Trivia Question:

After the war a colony of former Confederates was established in what South American state?



## Williamsburg Civil War Round Table



<http://www.wcwrt.org>

On January 22th, 2019 - Matt Atkinson will present:

“The Siege of Vicksburg”