



James City Cavalry Picket Lines



November 2025 Dispatch – Williamsburg, Virginia

Camp #2095  10th Brigade  Virginia Division  Army of Northern Virginia

Camp 2095 - Our 20th Anniversary Year!

Next Muster

One Week Early!

Wednesday, November 19th, 2025, 6:30 pm

Colonial Heritage Club House

www.colonialheritageclub.com

6500 Arthur Hills Drive

Williamsburg, VA 23188



Meal Cost: \$23.00 Per Person

Payment by check or exact cash only please.

Non-camp members please contact Jeff Toalson (757) 220-0131 or troon24@cox.net to make a dinner reservation. Camp members will be contacted by the 'Call Team' for your 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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November Guest Speaker

Carson Hudson
Williamsburg
Historian

*"The
President is
Dead!"*



Lincoln was the most photographed man of his time. When he was assassinated in April 1865, the government used photography for the first time to assimilate evidence as they investigated the suspects, and the various scenes of the drama. Join us with historian Carson Hudson as he investigates the Lincoln assassination through photographs of the period.

Carson Hudson is an author, a folk musician, and Emmy-Award winning screenwriter and once upon a time . . . a circus fire-eater. He and his banjo entertained us at our 2016 Christmas celebration. With an M.A. in Military History and an M. Ed. in Social Studies and Educational Technology, Carson is a social and military historian and a Williamsburg treasure.

(Submitted by 1st Lt. Cmdr. Ron Perry)

Camp Journal for Last Muster

Meeting:

Held 22nd of October at 6:30 PM at Colonial Heritage Club House,
James City County, Va., **32 Attendees**

Welcome given by Cmdr. Jeff Toalson

Pledge & Salute to the Flags led by Treasurer Jon Holland

Blessing:

Given by Sr. Chaplain George Corbett

Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Compatriot George Bridewell

Program:

1st Lt. Cmdr. Perry introduced the evening's guest speaker:

Capt. Bob Kennedy, U.S.N. Ret.

Capt. Kennedy discussed the history of "*Mines and Torpedoes during the WBTS*." Necessity is the mother of invention, and the Confederacy was very creative in designing a wide variety of mines to sink Union naval vessels and even destroying railroad locomotives and other stationary targets.



Commander Jeff Toalson (L) and 1st Lt. Commander Ron Perry (R) welcome speaker Capt. Bob Kennedy

Committee Reports and Announcements:

Old & New Business

- Adjutant's Report – Adjutant Dave Watson
- Chief of Staff's Report – Chief of Staff Ken Parsons
- Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Jon Holland
- Comments - Cmdr. Jeff Toalson
- WCWRT Update – Compatriot Bill Miller

Certificate Presentations

New Member – Compatriot Bill Wildes



Commander Jeff Toalson (L) and Adjutant Dave Watson (R) welcome Mr. Bill Wildes of Williamsburg as a new member.

Book Raffle

Proceeds of \$58 were donated to the Camp Treasury from the raffle of the four donations.

Benediction

Given by Chaplin David Stover

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Potential Speaker Ideas

I am working on our 2026 speakers. If you have heard a good speaker on a topic that would be of interest, please provide me with the speaker's name, contact info and title of talk that you heard.

Give me a note at a meeting or email me at perryra@gmail.com

Ron Perry - 1st Lt. Commander

Commander's Comments

Our Twentieth Anniversary Year as an S.C.V. Camp is rapidly approaching a conclusion.

We thank Captain Robert Kennedy, U.S.N. Ret. for a very educational talk on *Damn The Torpedoes – Mines and Torpedoes during the WBTS* in October. For November we look forward to Carson Hudson doing one of his patented period photographic historical talks. He has chosen *The President is Dead!* which will use an amazing array of period photography to cover the event and the aftermath of the Lincoln assassination.

December will bring our first Christmas Party since COVID. Many of our members have never been to one of our Christmas Parties. The key thought is LOTS OF REALLY GOOD FOOD. The Camp will provide the main course, and each family brings a large side dish. That can be salads, desserts, veggies, breads . . . well you get the idea. It is a POTLUCK CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Mark Wednesday, December 10 on your calendar and bring the whole family. A map, and other key information, is attached to this newsletter. A large parking lot is beside the building and another lot one building away continuing down the street. We are using the entrance at the back door.

See the grouping of books for the book raffle. This is only 9 books; there are a few more. All are non-WBTS. THESE ARE EXCELLENT CHRISTMAS PRESENTS. These monies support our speaker fund.

Our own Joe Duggan will provide entertainment with his guitar and some selected tunes.

Derick Hayman has put together 30 great items for auction. Mostly WBTS related but also some wines, whiskey, artwork, and other items of interest. This will be a silent auction. Minimum bid on all items begins at \$1.00. Many of the items are worth well over \$50. You will get a number when you check in and will use that number for your bidding. We will send out that listing for you to review prior to the party. These monies support the Camp general fund.

Jeff

Twenty Years Ago

(Contributed by Historian Fred Boelt)

James City Cavalry Camp, SCV

Minutes from the November 30, 2005 Meeting held at Hickory Neck Parish House

Commander Parsons called the meeting to order at 7:25 and Fred Boelt gave the Invocation. Guests were introduced and the pledge and salutes were given to the flags. There were 23 members and guests attending.

Charles Bush read a portion of Stephen Vincent Benet's John Brown's Body detailing General Lee at Appomattox.

Lt. Commander Charles Howard reported on the State of the Confederacy, centering on the proposed move of the museum and White House.

John M. Coski presented the program based on his book, The Confederate Battle Flag, America's Most Embattled Emblem. Mr. Coski is Historian and Library Director at the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond, Virginia. A discussion of the book and of the museum followed his program.

Commander Parsons handed out a new membership roster and reported that there are 25 members. On January 25, 2006, there will be an induction ceremony for new members, the charter will be presented for signing and membership certificates and cards will be provided for all members. Commander Brandon Dorsey will be here to present the charter and Russell Darden, Commander, 1st Brigade, Virginia Division, SCV has been invited to attend.

There was no old or new business.

Robert Glaser announced that the 32nd Virginia Infantry re-enactors would be at Endview on Saturday and Sunday, December 10 and 11, 2005 for their Christmas encampment.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted in the absence of Adjutant David Forrest,

Frederick Boelt

Attendance Report: John Vaughan, Fred Boelt, Sherron L. Ware, Lucy B. Wallace, Will Wallace, Matthew Ferguson, David Ware, Patrick Moore, Jason Healy, Harold Beimler, Warren Lee Raines, Thomas H. Williams, Steven White, Michael Apperson, Mike Garrett, Fred Satterwhite, Charles Eugene Bush, Robert Glaser, Scott Summerfield, Ken Parsons, Catharine Parsons, Charles Howard, John Coski.



October 3 at the State Fair

(Contributed by Commander Jeff Toalson)

The James City Cavalry worked the S.C.V. booth at the Virginia State Fair and had an excellent day selling merchandise and recruiting new members. The U.D.C. also joined us this year as a test for future combined fair efforts.

LtoR: Derick Hayman, Virginia S.C.V. Fair Chairman Edwin Ray, Jeff Toalson, Mark Griggs, Lang Shelton, Tom Campbell and Perry Turner



Donation to the Children of the Confederacy

(Contributed by Treasurer Jon Holland)

The Camp just forwarded a \$100 check to the Children of the Confederacy to support their project to protect a trench near the Polegreen Church on the Cold Harbor battlefield. Union riflemen were using the church for cover while firing at the Confederate lines. The Richmond Howitzers were ordered to destroy the church with artillery fire. This project will include signage to explain what happened on this ground in 1864 and encourage everyone to avoid walking on the earthworks.

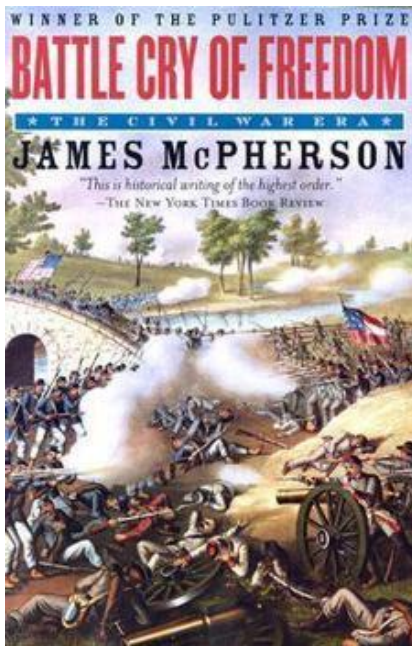
This church was also central in the movement in Colonial Virginia to accept churches other than the Church of England. The Virginia Articles of Religious Freedom and the future First Amendment to our Constitution grew from events at Polegreen Church.



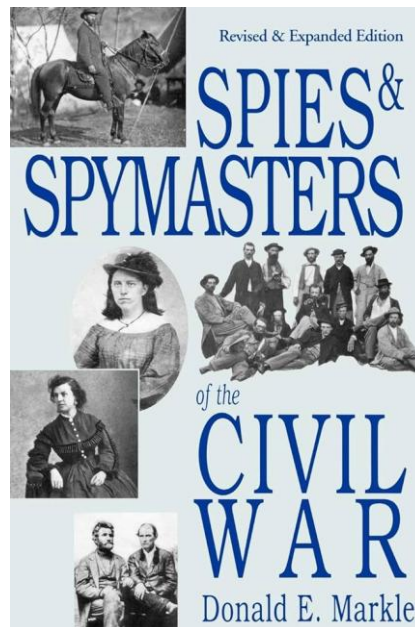
Polegreen Church

November Book Raffle

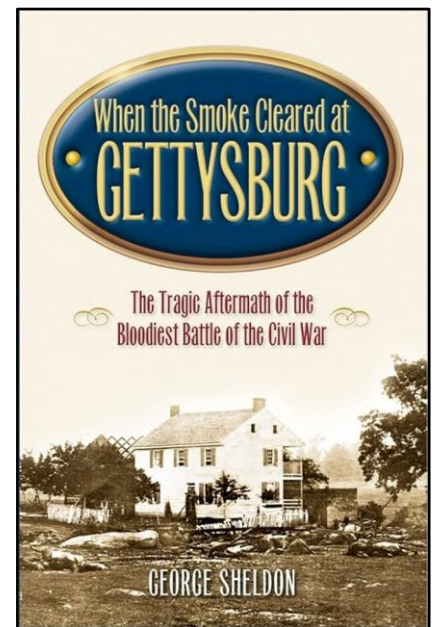
(Contributed by Compatriot Derick Hayman)



"Battle Cry of Freedom"
by James McPherson

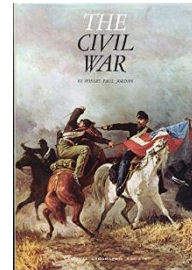


"Spies & Spymasters of the Civil War"
by Donald E. Markle



"When the Smoke Cleared at Gettysburg"
by George Sheldon

Bonus Book:
"The Civil War"
by Robert Paul Jordan



Williamsburg Civil War Round Table

<http://www.wcwrt.org>

At 6:30 PM on November 25th at the Williamsburg Library
Theatre - Mr. Mark Maloy will present:

"The Establishment of Arlington National Cemetery"



Join the James City Cavalry

At a Confederate Christmas Supper!

A book raffle and
silent auction of
WBTS and other
items will be held.

Joe Duggan will be
strumming tunes
on his guitar.

The Camp is
providing ham and
requesting one large
potluck dish from
each family/party.
We are expecting
over 50 attendees.

JCC Christmas Trivia Question:
Saint Nick or Steve White?

Wednesday, December 10th, 2025

5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

at the

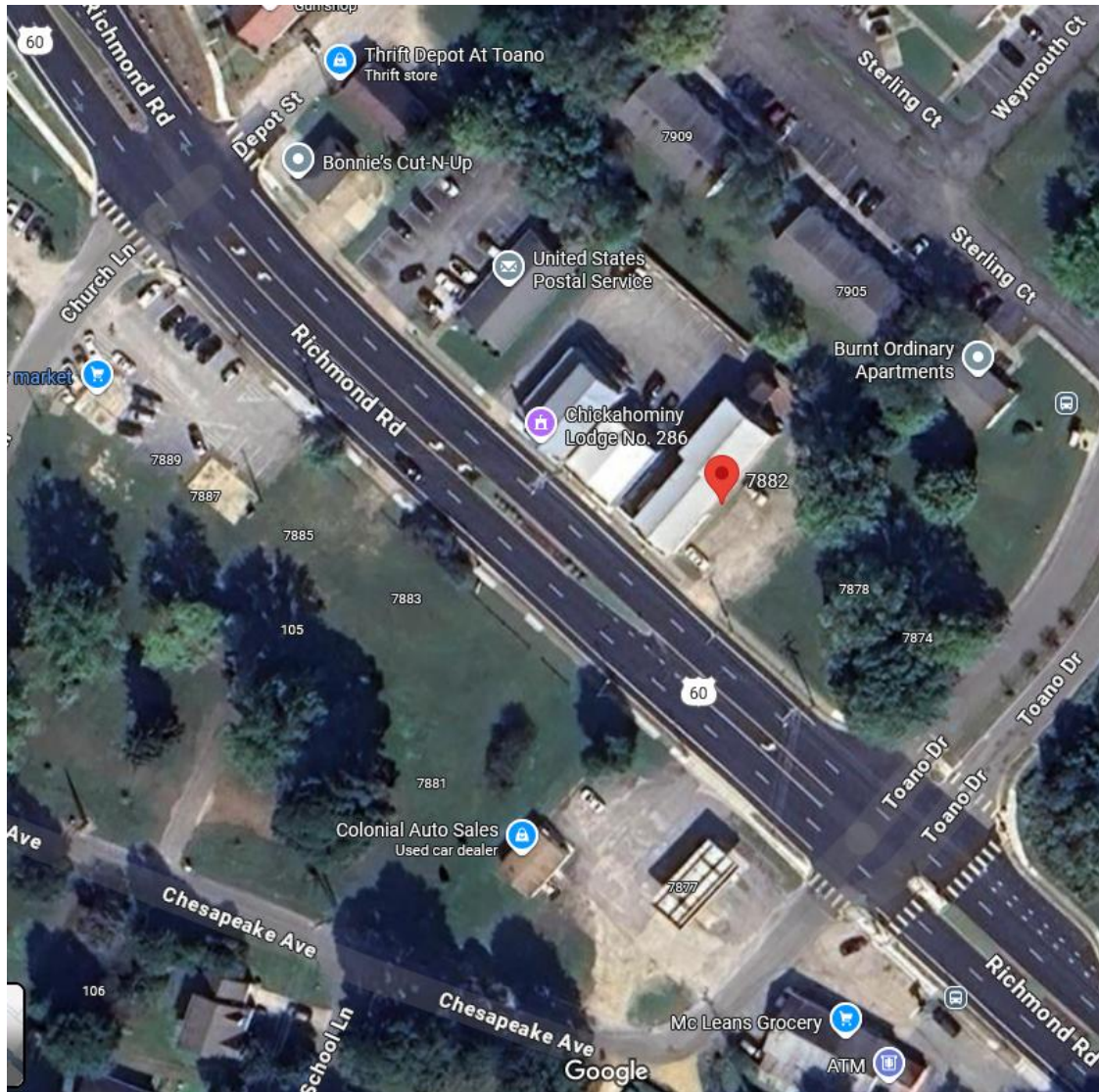
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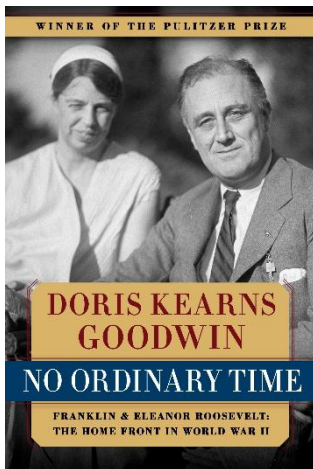


Parking is available in the large store lot and behind the adjacent Masonic Lodge or next-door Post Office. The entrance is at the back door.

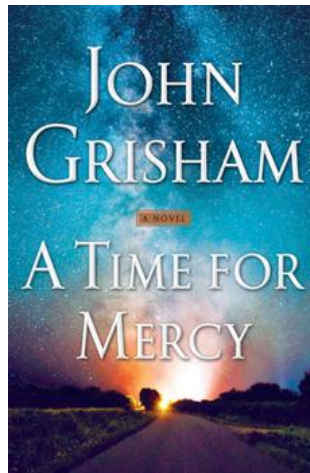


Christmas Presents Raffle

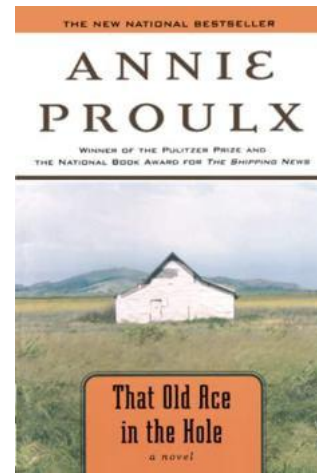
Support our camp Speaker Fund and win a gift for someone on your Christmas list.



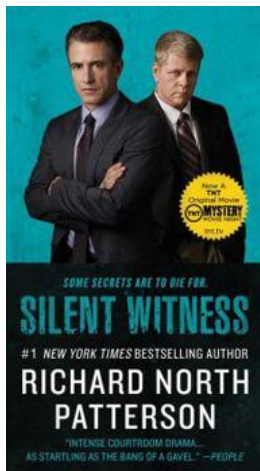
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"No Ordinary Time"



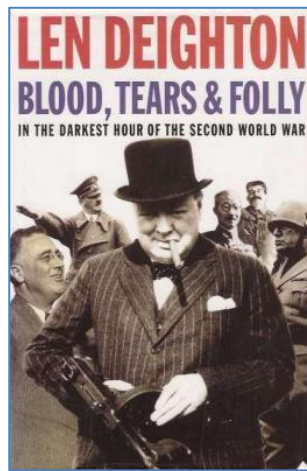
John Grisham
"A Time For Mercy"



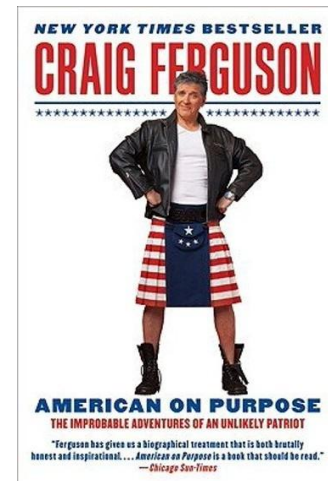
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"That Old Ace In The Hole"



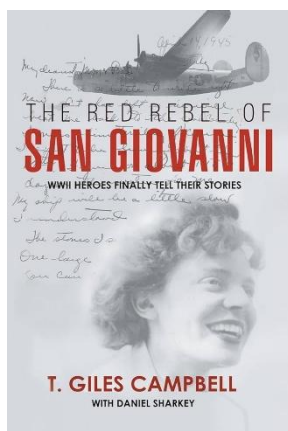
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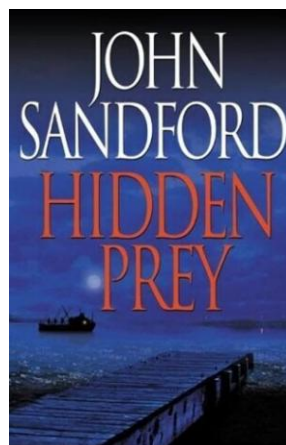
Len Deighton
"Blood, Tears and Folly"



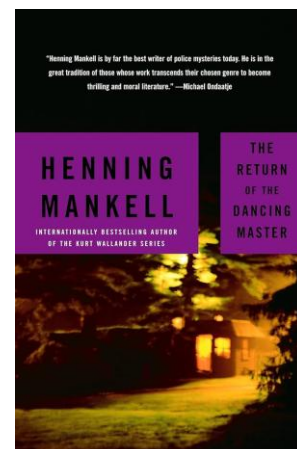
Craig Ferguson
"American on Purpose"



Tom Campbell
"The Red Rebel of San Giovanni"



John Sandford
"Hidden Prey"



Henning Mankell
"The Return of the Dancing Master"