

# MERRY CHRISTMAS!



from the  
James City Cavalry

## PICKET LINES



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Camp #2095  1<sup>st</sup> Brigade  Virginia Division  Army of Northern Virginia

## NEXT MUSTER

**CONFEDERATE CHRISTMAS SUPPER!**  
Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 6:00pm

at the

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

Barbeque & Brunswick Stew Provided  
Please bring a Dish of Your Choosing

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

James City Cavalry Camp Trivia Question:

What was "hay foot" and "straw foot"?

For the answer, please grace us with your company at  
the Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> Christmas Supper!



**Meal Cost: \$0.00 Per Person**  
**(donations of genuine Confederate**  
**currency always gladly accepted –**  
**will reluctantly accept US \$5 notes)**

**No RSVP required per Adjutant Ken Parsons**

## CAMP JOURNAL FOR LAST MUSTER

### Meeting:

Held at 6:30 PM at Colonial Heritage Club,  
James City Cty., Va., 30 attendees  
Welcome given by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander Jeff Toalson  
Invocation given by Chaplain Fred Breeden  
Pledge & Salute to the Flags  
The SCV Charge read by Quartermaster Jim Swords  
Ancestral Memorial Candle: *"Private William R.D.  
Johnson – 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion Georgia Cavalry"*  
read by Compatriot David Beish.

### Committee Reports and Announcements:

#### Support the Troops

Compatriot Joel Goodwin advises that he sent 2  
packages in October. Supplies are in good shape.  
Thank you for the excellent mix brought this month.  
Lcpl. Raines and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Regiment have  
rotated home. PFC Zack Norman, U. S. Army is our  
only soldier ; we need another soldier to support . . .  
anyone?

#### Treasurer's Report

Adjutant Ken Parsons advised that we have over  
\$2000 in our checking account.

#### Cemetery Report

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

1. A large tree has to be dropped at Ft. Magruder by  
professionals & we will schedule a camp workday  
for removal and cleanup.
2. He has received quantities of donated chain link  
fence, a gate and other materials and a work date will  
be scheduled to repair the Spencer – Coles Cemetery.

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3. We will need a workday in the winter to clear brush etc. at the Hockaday Family Cemetery.

## Christmas Party

The Toano Women's Hall is proceeding with repairs. All plans are go to have our potluck Christmas party in Toano. The date is still Friday, December 16. Everyone bring a dish. The Camp will provide the Brunswick Stew and BBQ. Bring the entire family.

## Camp Archivist

Compatriot George Bridewell has volunteered to fill this position.

## Upcoming Speakers

1st Lt. Commander Jeff Toalson updated us on speakers that have been booked through July of 2012. They include: Waite Rawls, Robbie Smith, Ken Harris, Preston Nuttall, and Robert E. Lee Krick. Consult our website for details.

## Book Auction:

The **Compatriot Bridewell** book auction generated \$49 which was donated to the Camp general fund.

## Program:

Our guest speaker was **Mrs. Jamie Radtke** of Richmond. She gave a very informative talk on "Our Founder's Vision of a Constitutional Republic" with detailed emphasis on the Commerce Clause, the 17<sup>th</sup> Amendment, and the loss of State's Rights in our country. Jamie is running for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Senator Jim Webb.

## Benediction:

Chaplain Bill Blizzard

## Adjournment:

Camp adjourned at 8:35 P.M. Our Christmas Supper is December 16<sup>th</sup>, and our next regular meeting will be in January when **Mr. Waite Rawls** of the **Museum of the Confederacy** will be our Guest Speaker.



# UPCOMING SPEAKERS

(1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander Jeff Toalson)

Compatriots, as soon as I can finalize February we will have speakers booked through July. I think this will be an excellent group and they are speaking on a wide variety of subjects. We currently have:

## January

Mr. Waite Rawls the CEO of the Museum of the Confederacy joining us to speak about: "MOC, the new Appomattox Museum & the Sesquicentennial".

## February

Mr. Edward Longacre, the author of 20+ books on the WTBS, speaking about: "Keystone Kops in Blue - The Hapless Army of the James"

## March

Ms. Robbie Smith, Historian NPS Yorktown speaking about: "General Robert E. Lee at Chancellorsville & the 5 Principles of Effective Military Leadership."

## April

Compatriot Ken Harris of the Princess Ann Camp speaking about; "Princess Anne County - Its Contribution & Sacrifices in the WBTS."

## June

Compatriot Preston Nuttall of the Longstreet Camp speaking about : "The Confederate Naval Academy" .

## July

Mr. Robert E. Lee Krick, Historian NPS Richmond speaking about: "Stonewall Jackson and his Travails During the Seven Days Campaign".

Waite, Preston and Robert have all spoken with us in the past and it's our pleasure to welcome them to our new facility at Colonial Heritage. Robbie and Ken have serious competition but I think they will hold their own. Hopefully I will be able to announce our February speaker at our Christmas supper and then I can begin working on the final 4 speakers for the year.

# CONFEDERATE GRAVESITES

(Contributed by Historian/Genealogist Compatriot Fred Boelt)

Edwin Gilliam Booth was born on February 27, 1839, at "Shenstone," the family farm in Nottoway County, Virginia. His parents were Edwin G. Booth, Sr. and Sally Tanner Jones. His father was a prominent lawyer in Nottoway, and later was elected to the Virginia Legislature. Edwin, the son, attended a Latin school for boys at Charlotte Courthouse run by David Comfort, a Princeton graduate. He earned his undergraduate degree at Hampden-Sydney in 1859, and was enrolled during the 1859-1860 term at the University of Virginia to study medicine. However, a bout with typhoid fever intervened. After he recovered, he enrolled at the University of Pennsylvania, and received his Doctor of Medicine degree there in the spring of 1861.

Returning home, he enlisted as a private in Company E, "The Nottoway Cavalry," 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Cavalry, on May 27, 1862, at Nottoway Courthouse. His brother, Archer J. Booth, enlisted in the same company on July 22, 1862, but was killed in action at Mount Jackson, Virginia on November 22, 1864. Edwin served on the Peninsula during the early months of the war and was at the Battle of Big Bethel. He was detailed as a hospital steward in Richmond for the first three months of 1862. Thereafter, he transferred to the Confederate States Navy and served as an assistant surgeon. He was ordered to Norfolk and served on the gunboat, *Beaufort*. He was later ordered to report to Admiral Buchanan in Mobile Bay, who assigned him to be the assistant surgeon on the gunboat, *Selma*, which took an active part in the battle of Mobile Bay in August 1864. When the ship sank during the battle, Dr. Booth, along with the other officers, was taken prisoner and sent to Pensacola, Florida. Dr. Tyrone, a former classmate of Booth's in Philadelphia, now a Federal naval doctor, was instrument in seeing that Booth and the other Confederate officers were treated well while in Pensacola.

Booth was exchanged for a federal officer in Richmond and sent back to Mobile, which was evacuated a few months later. He was paroled several weeks after the surrender and had a difficult time getting back to Nottoway. He finally sailed on a transport from New Orleans with his servant. Not long after this, he went to Europe and met up with a

number of Confederate naval officers. He finally returned to his native county and practiced medicine there. Booth married Clara Haxall Thomson of Jefferson County, West Virginia, on October 17, 1870. They lived at "Shenstone" for the next fifteen years. He became very involved with the Democratic Party during Reconstruction, and served as party chairman in Nottoway for a number of years.

In 1883, Edwin Booth, Sr., bought Carter's Grove in James City County. He died there in 1886, and under the terms of his will, Edwin and Clara Booth and their seven children moved to Carter's Grove in 1887. Governor Lee appointed Dr. Booth to the Board of Visitors for the College of William and Mary in 1886, and he served in that capacity until 1906. The Booths were known for their gracious entertaining "in the old Virginia style" at "the Grove," and had many friends throughout eastern Virginia. They sold Carter's Grove in 1906 to Percival T. Bisland, stored much of their furniture at the Wythe House on Palace Green, and returned to Nottoway. After living in a boarding house there for several years, they returned to live at the Wythe House in Williamsburg. Edwin Gilliam Booth, Jr., died there on January 5, 1922. His funeral was held at Bruton Parish Church, and at the request of the family, the Magruder-Ewell Camp, Confederate Veterans, attended in a body. Burial followed in Cedar Grove Cemetery. His wife, who died on August 25, 1925, is interred there with him, as well as one of their daughters.

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Saint Nick or Steve White?

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