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Camp #2095 1st Brigade Virginia Division Army of Northern Virginia

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NEXT MUSTER

Wednesday, August 22nd, 2012, 6:30pm
Colonial Heritage Club

<http://www.colonialheritageva.com/club.html>

6500 Arthur Hills Drive
Williamsburg, VA 23188

Guest Speaker:

Colonel Norman G. Cooper
US Army (Ret.)

“Straw Hats, Gloves, Generals, Balloons, a Handkerchief and other Humorous Anecdotes of the 1862 Peninsula Campaign”

Colonel Norm Cooper will entertain us tonight with a wide ranging collection of humorous stories and anecdotes from the Peninsula Campaign. This will not be a study of the campaign and battles but rather the silly stories, pranks, stupidity, oddities and sidelights that occur and are quite often overlooked or forgotten. Norm will keep us laughing and entertained with the selection of tales he has chosen for the evening.

Honored Confederate Soldiers:

Sgt. William S. Eakes & Private John S. Eakes
Company B 'Townsville Guards' – 12th N. C. Infantry

Meal Cost: \$15.00 Per Person
(genuine Confederate currency gladly accepted – will reluctantly accept US \$5 notes)



RSVP By:

Monday, August 20th, 2012

Adjutant Ken Parsons at

kparsons4@cox.net or 757-564-0878

Compatriots' Ladies & Guests Encouraged To Attend

CAMP JOURNAL FOR LAST MUSTER

Meeting:

Held 25 July at 6:30PM at Colonial Heritage Club,
James City Cty., Va., 56 attendees

Welcome given by Commander Jerry White

Invocation:

Given by Chaplain Fred Breeden

Pledge & Salute to the Flags

Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Quartermaster Jim Swords

Guest Introduction by Commander Jerry White

Ancestral Memorial Candle:

Read by Compatriot Charles Eugene Bush *in honor of Captain John H. Thompson, Grimes-Thompson Battery, Virginia Light Artillery.*
Candle lit by Captain Thompson's Great-Grandson, Mr. Mac Parker.

Program:

1st Lt. Commander Jeff Toalson introduced our guest speaker, Robert E. L. Krick, the "Historian" for the Richmond National Battlefield Park. Jeff indicated Bob was our speaker about 2 years ago. Bob's presentation centered on Stonewall Jackson's actions or rather inactions at the Seven Days campaign which began on June 26th, 1862 around Richmond. Jackson's actions were somewhat subpar and Bob offered a number of possible reasons for Jackson's performance that week.

Committee Reports & Announcements:

Treasurer's Report

Adjutant Ken Parsons indicated that we have \$1610 in the checking account and just over \$2,000 in savings. He also presented the Lifetime Membership Certificate to Compatriot Ed Engle.

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CAMP JOURNAL FOR LAST MUSTER

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Committee Reports & Announcements:

Trivia Question

At the Battle of Chancellorsville, what two aspects of the campaign led to the defeat of General Hooker's Army of the Potomac?

1. *Hooker's invading army had crossed the river west of Chancellorsville and had advanced eastward towards Fredericksburg, passing the crossroads at Chancellorsville. Hooker first ordered them to stop and then after a short pause he ordered them to retreat back to the crossroads and set up defensive positions. His generals were confused and angry as they were advancing well and had Fredericksburg in their sights.*
2. *General Stonewall Jackson of 26,000 infantry and 16 brigades of artillery moved around the south and west of Hooker's army were totally ignored even though many scouts reported the movement of troops. General Howard's corps was totally devastated when General Jackson attacked late in the evening.*

Support the Troops

Compatriot Joel Goodwin indicated Navy Reserve Chief, Rex Carmichael, son-in law of Chaplain Fred Breeden, whose unit the Camp is supporting, is scheduled to return to the US in September.

Cemetery Report

2nd Lt. Commander Steve White thanked Linda Lightfoot for donating two solar powered flag lights for two of our cemeteries. One light has been installed at Peach Park and the other will be installed at Fort Magruder in the near future. The Cowles-Spencer Cemetery is okay at the present time as far as maintenance is concerned. Steve thanked Chris Hockaday for cutting the grass at Peach Park.

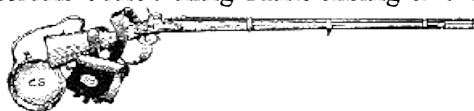
Old Business

None to report.

New Business

It was noted that the Christmas Supper will be held December 14th at the Toano Women's Club.

The Camp intends to sponsor an academic scholarship and suggestions concerning fundraising are welcomed.



Book Raffle:

\$85.00 was donated to the Camp Treasury for the raffle of the two books: "The Seven Days - The Emergence of Robert E. Lee" by Clifford Dowdey and "Generals in Gray - Lives of the Confederate Commanders" by Ezra J. Warner.

Benediction:

Given by Chaplain Fred Breeden

Adjournment:

The Camp adjourned at 8:45PM.

CAMP PICTORIAL



1st Lt. Commander Jeff Toalson, Mr. Robert E. L. Krick, and Commander Jerry White



'Nother shot of our Camp Picnic Supper at Fred Boelt's farm in Toano

AUGUST GUEST SPEAKER

Colonel Norman G. Cooper
US Army (Ret.)

*"Straw Hats, Gloves, Generals, Balloons,
a Handkerchief and other Humorous Anecdotes
of the 1862 Peninsula Campaign"*

I heard Norm give this presentation to the Bethel and Yorktown UDC Chapters for their Lee-Jackson-Maury Day celebration in January, 2012. He had the entire room in laughter. Following the talk I invited Norm to join us in August to give his presentation to the James City Cavalry.

Colonel Cooper is a Williamsburg resident and a member of the Hickory Neck Church in Toano. He is a 1964 graduate of the Citadel, holds an MS from Southern Cal, and a JD from Duke Law School. Norm was a career judge advocate with the U. S. Army. He currently volunteers as a docent at Lee Hall Mansion, gives historical talks regarding the Peninsula Campaign, and is a Past President to the WCWRT.

Bring a guest to our August 22 meeting. Supper will be served at 6:30 and we will introduce Col. Cooper at 7:30. Our buffet supper costs \$15 per person. Contact Ken Parsons at 757-564-0878 for reservations (217 Sherwood Forest, Williamsburg 23188).

- 1st Lt. Commander Jeff Toalson

HONORED CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS

Sgt. William S. Eakes & Private John S. Eakes
Company B 'Townsville Guards' - 12th N. C. Infantry

William Spencer Eakes enlisted as a private in Company B on April 26, 1861 in Granville County, North Carolina. He was promoted to Sergeant on November 7, 1862. William was a regular user of the Confederate hospital system. He was absent sick in August, 1861; on July 7, 1862 he was admitted at Chimborazo #4 with debilities and was furloughed home for 20 days to recover; he was wounded July 1 at Gettysburg and returned to duty September 1; he was wounded again at Cedar Creek on Oct. 19, 1864 with a gunshot wound in the left foot and returned to duty December 28th. There is no further record of William after December 28, 1864.

John S. Eakes enlisted as a private, in the same company as his brother, on April 24, 1864. He joined the regiment and mustered in on April 26, 1864. He is recorded as present on muster rolls of May 1, 1864 and December 31, 1864. John surrendered at Appomattox with 16 other soldiers from Company B of the 12th N. Carolina Infantry on April 9, 1865.

It should be noted that the 12th North Carolina provided 1400 men to the service of the Confederacy. 475 of those men (34%) were killed in battle or died of wounds and disease.

John S. Eakes was born in Granville County, NC in 1845. He was the son of Zachariah and Jane Eakes.

Postwar John married Alice (Allis/Allie) H. Elixson. They had 11 children: Lula, Lidia, Sarah, James, Ottis (?), Bessie, Augustus, John S., Bernard, Allis, and Annie. The census report of 1910 notes that 3 of these children are no longer living.

John farmed his entire life and passed in the years following the 1910 census. He is buried in Granville County, North Carolina.

Tonight we are honored to have Mary Eakes Brewer lighting the candle in memory of her great grandfather John Eakes and her great great uncle William Eakes.

(Micro Copy 270, Roll 208, Compiled Service Records - Confederate, United Daughters of the Confederacy Brewer Library, Richmond, Virginia; Ancestry.com, Provo, Utah microfilm records of U. S. census reports from 1860, 1880, 1900, 1910 & 1920.)

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COMMUNITY SERVICE & HISTORICAL EDUCATION

Fort Magruder – We do annual clean-up and maintenance to the trees, shrubbery, moat, fortifications and general grounds.

Local Family Cemeteries – We have restored and we maintain local family cemeteries in James City County including Sunnyside, Peach Park and Cowles-Spencer-Durand plus Hockaday cemetery in New Kent County.

Support of U. S. Troops Overseas - We send three monthly care packages to servicemen who are stationed overseas. For the last 3 years our soldiers have all been in either Iraq or Afghanistan.

Genealogical Research Site – We maintain genealogical cemetery research information on family cemeteries in New Kent, James City & Charles City Counties and the City of Williamsburg on our website: www.jamescitycavalry.org.

Historical Education – We schedule well known historians and authors for historical talks 10 months per year at our meetings. Guests are welcome. Our meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month (except May & December) at the Colonial Heritage Country Club. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. and our speaker is introduced at 7:30 p.m. Reservations are required. Cost is \$15 per person, paid in advance. Contact Ken Parsons at 757-564-0878 to reserve your seats (217 Sherwood Forest, Williamsburg, Va. 23188).

UPCOMING MUSTERS & GUEST SPEAKERS

Wednesday, September 26th

Mr. Preston Nuttall
Author and Historian

**"The Amish Rebel – The Story of a Midshipman
at the Confederate Naval Academy"**

Wednesday, October 24th

Mr. Jeff Toalson
Author and Historian

**"Mama, I Am Yet Still Alive – A Composite Diary of 1863 in the
Confederacy"**

Wednesday, November 28th

Mr. Robert Glazer
Williamsburg area Civil War Re-Enactor

**"The Battle of Williamsburg from a perspective of geography and
the location of current recognizable landmarks."**

Friday, December 14th
CAMP CHRISTMAS SUPPER

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



SUPPORT THE TROOPS

In the book "Until Tuesday"
by former Army Captain L. C. Montalvan,
his stories of tours in Iraq and Afghanistan he had the
following note on wet wipes...

"...the best thing to send soldiers."
"Almost every soldier I knew carried baby wipes, even
on long patrols. The sand infiltrated everything, and
baby wipes were the best way to remove it from elbow
folds, hair lines, lips, nostrils, ears, and every other
awful place you can think of. They were also great to
wipe down weapons. I spent many evenings, and many
water breaks on patrol, wiping down my M4 carbine
and Beretta 9mm pistol with baby wipes. If it wasn't
for Pampers brand butt cleaners, there would have
been a lot more jammed weapons and a few more
dead soldiers. Of course the Army does not supply
them, so baby wipe purchases are out of pocket
expenses. If you really want to send something useful
to the troops, send baby wipes."



Other Items desired :

Slim Jims
Beef Jerky
Mints
Gum
Nuts (all kinds) & Dried Fruit
Single powdered drink mixes
(such as Crystal Lite)
Soap Bars
Disposable Razors
Shaving Cream
Shampoo (regular and dandruff)
Deodorant
Lotion
Floss
Advil
Stamps
Paperback Books & DVDs

CONFEDERATE GRAVESITES

(Contributed by Historian/Genealogist Compatriot Fred Boelt)

Gabriel Maupin and his family, French Huguenots, arrived in Yorktown in March 1700. This family settled in Williamsburg, and some of their ancestors have continued to live locally until recent years. John M. Maupin (1807-1850) married Catharine Travis (1820-1879) and they established their home on Duke of Gloucester Street. In 1838, John bought the Custis Tenement located across the street from Bruton Parish Church. He soon entered into a contract with David Spencer Cowles to renovate and add to the existing house. John Maupin's untimely death in 1850 caused Catharine to run a boarding house to support her family of six children.

All three younger children served in Confederate forces. Samuel J. Maupin was born in November 1843. He is listed as a student in the 1853 catalog of the Williamsburg Military School. His brothers, John M. [Jr.], born about 1845; and Jesse Cole, born about 1847, undoubtedly had similar schooling.

Samuel and John both enlisted as privates into Company C, 32nd Virginia Infantry, on April 28, 1861 in Williamsburg. Samuel was appointed 3rd corporal in May 1862, reduced to private on October 12, 1862, appointed 4th corporal in August 1864, and returned to 3rd corporal on January 1, 1865. Other than being absent for sickness in February and September 1863, and absent detached to Fort Clifton on May 1, 1863, Samuel was present on all rolls. He was paroled at Appomattox on April 9, 1865.

John was present on all rolls until June 30, 1862 when he was listed as sick in Richmond. There is no further record for John in the 32nd Infantry. However, on April 1, 1864, John enlisted as a private into Company A, 38th Battalion, Virginia Light Artillery (Fauquier Artillery) in Richmond. John was present through February 1865 with no further record. Perhaps John was disabled in some way causing the interruption (June 1862 – April 1864) in his service.

The third son, Jesse, also enlisted as a private into Company A, 38th Battalion, Virginia Light Infantry, on April 1, 1864, in Richmond. He was present on all rolls through February 1865, except his absence due to illness from November 23 through December 1864. His parole was endorsed at Burkeville Junction, Virginia, between April 14 and 17, 1865.

All three of the Maupin brothers returned to Williamsburg after the war. Tragedy struck before the

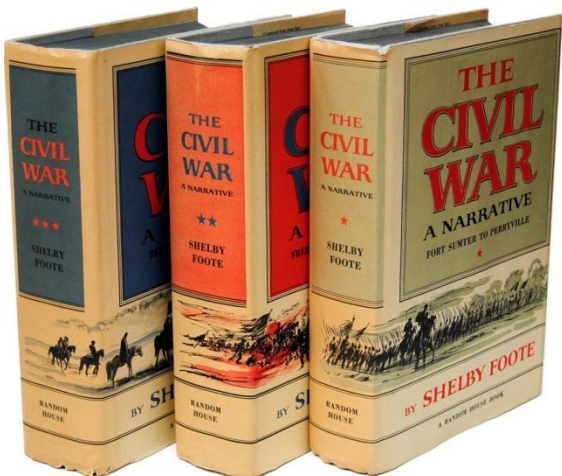
census taker made his rounds in 1870. In the Custis-Maupin Graveyard located behind the home on Duke of Gloucester Street, there is a tombstone that reads: "SACRED TO THE MEMORY of Two beloved Youths Who Died on March 11, 1870. John M. Maupin, aged 24 years; Thomas J. Harrell, aged 21 years." The cause of death has not been determined for these two men. Thomas Harrell was the younger brother of Moses R. Harrell, Jr. (*Picket Lines*, January 2012).

A few months later, the census taker found Catharine and her two sons, Samuel, a bar keeper, and Jesse, a farmer, living together in the family home. Little is known of Samuel's life after the war. He did not marry, and when his mother died in 1879, she left him a small house and a small portion of the Duke of Gloucester Street property. As a disabled veteran, Samuel applied for a pension in May 1900 and was awarded \$15.00 per year. He died suddenly on February 24, 1901. His obituary stated that he had suffered a stroke earlier and that perhaps another stroke had caused his death. He was buried in the soldiers' section of Cedar Grove Cemetery. The obituary further stated that he had been promoted to 2nd sergeant for his bravery while serving in the Junior Guards. It is this writer's opinion that the broken tombstone adjacent to the tombstone of Jesse C. Maupin marks Samuel's final resting place.

Jesse Cole Maupin married Florence Lucille Mullen (1850-1926) of Williamsburg on June 29, 1873. In his mother's will, she left her main residence and lot to Jesse with the understanding that it would pass to his children. Jesse and Florence had six daughters. He served the city as a Councilman, as Commissioner of Streets, and as a member of the School Board. It was under his tenure as commissioner that the streets in the city began to be improved.

For reasons unknown, but probably for health reasons, Jesse moved to the Soldiers' Home in Richmond on April 10, 1901. He suffered a fatal stroke there on May 13, 1902. He was interred in the soldiers' section of Cedar Grove Cemetery alongside his brother Samuel. Many of his old comrades followed the cortege to its final resting place. The small, worn tombstone for Jesse C. Maupin is almost illegible. A little bronze marker has been placed in front of the stone bearing the same inscription.

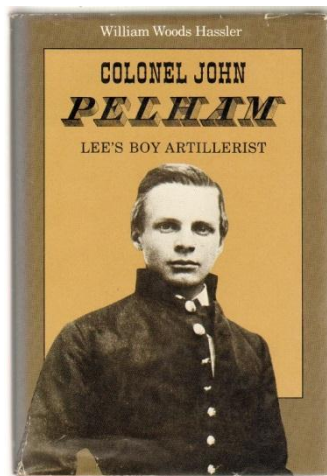
AUGUST BOOK RAFFLE



“The Civil War – A Narrative”

Shelby Foote, 3 Vols. Hardcover, 1958,
New York, 2934 pages

This is Mr. Foote's marvelous work that retailed for \$120 for the three volumes. Without a doubt this is the finest general history of the WBTS ever written. A **MUST** for the library of any serious student of the conflict. Shelby, of course, was a native of Greenville, Mississippi and a longtime resident of Memphis, Tennessee. He was educated at the University of North Carolina and served as an artillery captain in WWII.



“Colonel John Pelham – Lee's Boy Artillerist”

William W. Hassler,
Hardcover, Richmond, 1960

Noted author William Hassler provides an excellent biography of John Pelham. His artillery fought in 60 engagements against cavalry, infantry, gunboats, artillery and locomotives. Pelham never lost a single gun in any of the engagements. Pelham was one of the most gifted artillerymen of the WBTS and was renowned for the uncanny accuracy of his gunfire.

AUGUST TRIVIA QUESTION:

What was the risk General Lee took at the Battle of Chancellorsville?



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