



James City Cavalry Picket Lines



February 2026 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, February 25th, 2026, 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>

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. To email one of the camp officers directly, see **Camp Officers** on page 3.

February Guest Speaker

**Mr. Andrew
Morehead**

***The Rest of the
Story – General
A. P. Hill Finally
at Rest!***



Andrew Morehead will be joining us to complete the story of A. P. Hill after the recovery of his remains from his grave on Laburnum Avenue. This will be the story of A. P. Hill's last ride. Andrew will discuss the "clandestine" trip from Richmond to Fairview Cemetery in Culpeper, the graveside ceremonies and service, and the design for the "new grave memorial". Several of us were at the service and we will all enjoy this recap of the second half of the story.

Andrew is a second-generation funeral director with Bennett Funeral Home. He grew up, and still resides, in Eastern Hanover. Andrew received a BA in Economics from Hampden-Sydney College in 1998. He has been a member of the SCV since 2007 and was a founding member and current Commander of the Brig. Gen. W.C. Wickham Camp 2250, SCV. Since 2020, Andrew has been involved with the descendants of A. P. Hill in their ongoing fight over the monument that served as his grave-marker. In 2022, he founded the A. P. Hill Memorial Association as a non-stock/non-profit organization as the sole means of funding this endeavor.

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

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Peach Park Maintenance

(Contributed by Chief of Staff Ken Parsons)

Steve White went out to Peach Park for an hour on Saturday the 17th of January. He pruned the lower branches on some of the pine and spruce trees. He removed some rotten and broken pieces of our fencing and made notes for ordering replacements. He put up a new flag and spread some mulch around the base of the oak trees. The David Ware Memorial bench needs repair or replacement and perhaps should be moved to a location with more shade.

Future work will be scheduled here and at Sunnyside Cemetery.

Commander's Comments

Snow was the main word for late January. Ron Perry, Jon Holland and Sam Winkler communicated daily as the snow and ice disrupted things. On Monday the 26th, they made the decision to cancel our Wednesday meeting for the safety of all concerned. Good call, gentlemen. Sam and Ron will work together to rebook his visit with the Cavalry in the late summer.

On February 5th, Williamsburg Chapter 637 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy awarded military service honors to Joseph Wert and George Bridewell. At the same meeting Ken Parsons was honored for his dedicated support helping the Chapter with their many projects at Fort Magruder. See the details on page 5.

All of us have received the Confederate Signal Corp bulletin of January 31st. The current representatives in both houses are preparing the next round of assaults on our heritage. We all need to email our Delegates and Senators regarding these actions. Complete details are in the bulletin. The key proposals are:

- 1) HB 167 – Removal of the Real Estate Tax Exemption from Confederate Heritage Organizations.
- 2) HB 1344 – Removal of Commemorative License Plates for the Sons of Confederate Veterans and for Robert E. Lee.
- 3) HB 1374 – Oversight control of the VMI Board of Supervisors by Virginia State University.
- 4) HB 1377 – State Defunding of VMI.
- 5) HB 636 – Removal from the State Capitol and Grounds the statues honoring Dr. Hunter McGuire, 2 term Governor Billy Smith and T. J. “Stonewall” Jackson.

At our meeting this month we expect a large crowd to hear Andrew Morehead tell the “Rest of the Story” regarding the transportation to and reburial of the body of A. P. Hill in Culpeper, Virginia.

- Jeff

Confederate Gravesites

(Contributed by Historian Fred Boelt)

The letter in the January edition of *Picket Lines* continues here:

“The retrograde movement of the Artillery from Yorktown was attended with the utmost difficulty and hardship. Execrable weather had rendered the roads all but bottomless, and without the constant assistance of the infantry commands, the gunners would have been utterly unable to save the pieces from the mires and later from the enemy. No march of artillery was ever, perhaps, made under more adverse conditions, for the route of the Army lay over roads which were delusions as highways. Horses were sadly lacking. The worn out teams were called upon for the most unreasonable exertions. Finally, on Sunday night, May 4th, after the most heartbreaking march the artillery camped at Hickory Neck Church. Here the horses and men got a much needed and much deserved rest. The Church of God which in ages past has ever been the place of refuge and of rest for weary souls, now became the place of rest and peace for weary men and animals.

Because Hickory Neck Church stands in the center of that region that was a great battlefield during the War between the States; because the flood-tide of War surged up and around her sacred walls; because she witnessed the life struggle of the Confederacy; because from her walls there went forth men to serve under the banner of the Confederate States, and to spill their blood in a cause they held to be dearer than life itself; because her children returned to her after Appomattox to find peace and comfort; because she lives today a sacred temple in the heart of our beloved Southland; because of these and a thousand other reasons we feel very strongly that the Battle Flag of the Confederate States of America should hang within her hallowed walls.

Would the Williamsburg Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy care to present to Hickory Neck Church a Battle Flag of the Confederacy? We can think of no other body which would have a better right to present such a Flag.

Such a gift would be deeply appreciated on the part of the Church. It would be a most gracious act on the part of the Daughters.

With all good wishes and the kindest personal regards, I am

Faithfully yours,
Jno. B. Bentley”

The 1927 Vestry minutes contained the following note: “A Confederate battle flag was hung in the church. This flag was given by the Williamsburg chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy as a memorial to those heroic men of the Army of Gen. Jos. E. Johnston who camped in the yard of the church on the night of Sunday May 4th. 1862 during the retreat up the peninsula from Yorktown before the advance of McClellan’s hosts.”

This flag did, in fact, hang in the Historic Church until the 1980s. When the walls were being painted, Col. Richard Wilkinson (camp member now deceased) felt that the flag had faded and he purchased a replacement flag. Judy Hodges, a Hickory Neck member and also a UDC member, expressed her love for the flag and ultimately, the old flag was given to her. After Judy’s death in 2025, her daughters contacted Commander Toalson asking advice on what to do with the flag. For many years, Hickory Neck Church has had a repository of records established at the archives of Swem Library. It was suggested that this would be a safe haven for the flag. To date, we have no word on the final decision for the flag.

Not just another Confederate flag, but one with a documented local history!

Fort Magruder January Clean-Up

(Contributed by Chief of Staff Ken Parsons)

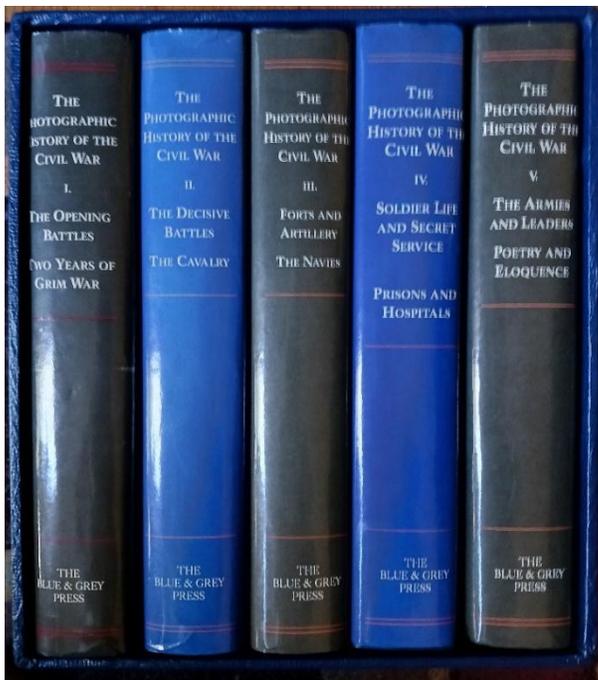
On January 3, with brisk 38-degree mid-day temperatures, we did our annual collection of tree fall. Steve White was joined by Walker Ware, James Gilley, Joe Duggan, Derick Hayman, Mark Griggs, Ron Perry and Jeff Toalson. Ron brought coffee and Walker had a small trailer that removed about 5 piles of our trash. Steve and Mike Garrett returned on the 9th, ahead of the rain forecast, and collected all of the remaining tree trash with Mike's large trailer.

Our work on the 10th was cancelled by rain. A small amount of work remains in the moat and some weed whacking of various vines on the battlements. That work will be scheduled at a later date.



Book Donation to the UDC

(Contributed by Compatriot Derick Heyman)



The Brewer Library at the U.D.C. headquarters in Richmond has the 10 volume, 1911, first edition of Francis Miller's *The Photographic History of the Civil War*.

When John Pelletier passed away our good friend Marilyn Iglesias acquired his boxed 5 volume reproduction of the original and she donated it to the Cavalry. We were going to auction it at the Christmas party, but the Brewer Library said they would love to have it for researchers and then they could put their 10 volume first edition set in with their rare books. Jeff Toalson delivered our gift to Teresa Roane on January 9th.

U.D.C. Awards Ceremony in Toano on February 5, 2026

Chapter 637 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy held a special awards ceremony at their February meeting. Two members of the James City Cavalry Camp 2095 of the S.C.V. were honored for their military service. Chief of Staff Ken Parsons and Past President Gerry Waring were awarded special honors for their teamwork and dedication in working together on the relocation, re-erection and dedication of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument at Fort Magruder. Ken received the U.D.C. Stonewall Jackson Award and Gerry received the U.D.C. Winnie Davis Award.



Compatriot Joseph Wert is awarded the Meritorious Service Award for his naval service during the Global War on Terror. Colonel Eleanor Hunter, USAF-Ret. - Recorder of Military Service Awards (C) and President Lynne Jakobowski (R) presented the award and certificate.



Compatriot George Bridewell is awarded the National Defense Medal for his army service during the Vietnam war years. Colonel Eleanor Hunter and President Lynne Jakobowski presented the award and certificate.



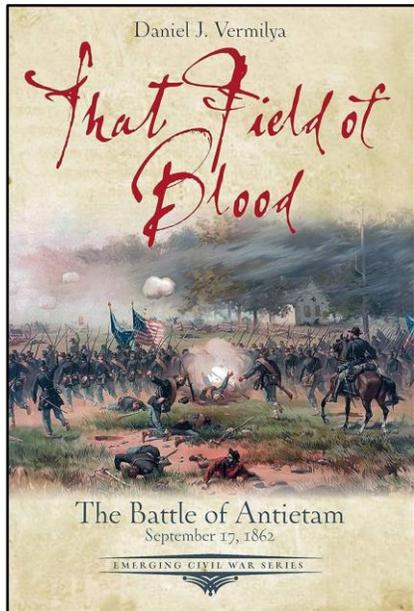
President Lynne Jakobowski (L) and 1st Vice President Pam Natchus (R) presented Camp 2095 Chief of Staff Ken Parsons with his Stonewall Jackson medal and certificate.



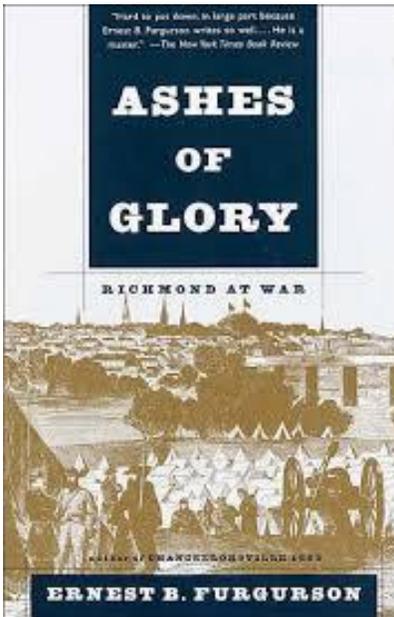
1st Vice President Pam Natchus (L) and President Lynne Jakobowski (R) presented Past Chapter President Gerry Waring with her Winnie Davis medal and certificate.

February Book Raffle

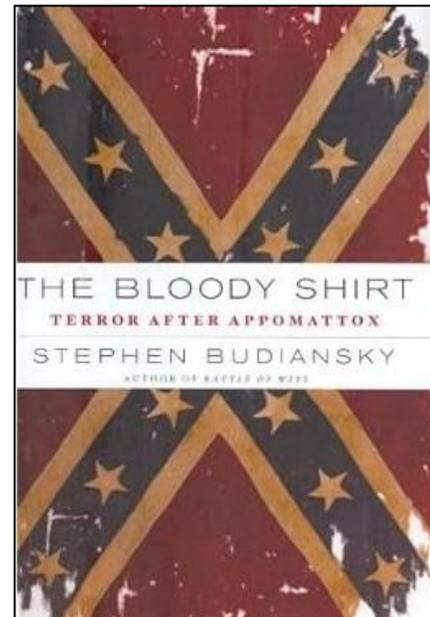
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“That Field of Blood: The Battle of Antietam”
By Daniel J. Vermilya

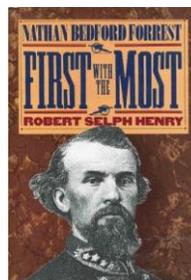


“Ashes of Glory: Richmond at War”
By Ernest B. Furgurson



“The Bloody Shirt: Terror After Appomattox”
by Stephen Budiansky

Bonus Book:
“First with the Most: Nathan Bedford Forrest”
By Robert Selph Henry



Williamsburg Civil War Round Table



<http://www.wcwr.org>

At 6:30 PM on February 24th at the Williamsburg Library Theatre - Rob Abbott will present:

“Old Clubby: Alleghany Johnson’s Division on Culps Hill”