



James City Cavalry Picket Lines



October 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, October 28, 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>

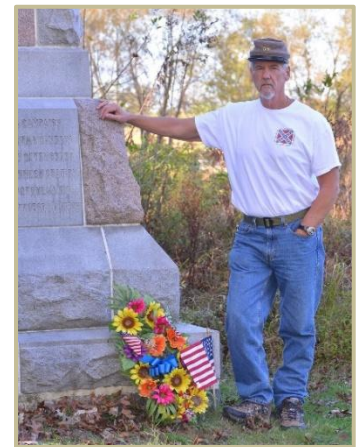
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October Guest Speaker

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

Kenny Bage
Past Commander of the
Virginia Division, SCV

***"Relics Reunited:
Reams Station and Lt.
Col. Richard
Thompson's
Wounding"***



Kenny's presentation tracks Thompson's army career including the key role the 12th NJ Infantry played in Gettysburg as they battled for the property around the Bliss Barn. It will follow him to his serious shrapnel wounds at the Battle of Reams Station and detail his recovery from what should have been mortal wounds. Kenny has acquired, over time, articles of clothing worn by Lt. Col. Thompson on August 25, 1864, when he was wounded at Reams Station and shrapnel that was removed by the surgeon. This is an amazing story made even more remarkable as Kenny has collected these key personal items belonging to the Lt. Colonel over many years.

Kenny is a retired police Detective Sergeant who began his career in Petersburg and retired from the Hopewell Police Dept. He is a professional photographer as well as an avid lover of history. Kenny belongs to several historical heritage groups that include the Jamestowne Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of Union Veterans, Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Military order of Stars and Bars. Kenny is currently the President of the Petersburg Civil War Roundtable and is the Past Commander of the Virginia Division as well as the Commander of the SCV Camp 1813, Dearing-Beauregard in Hopewell.

Camp Journal for Last Muster

Meeting:

Held September 23rd at 6:30 PM at Colonial Heritage Club
House,
James City County, Va., 22 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

Committee Reports and Announcements:**Old & New Business**

- Comments - Cmdr. Jeff Toalson
- State Fair – Cmdr. Jeff Toalson
- Heritage Defense Fund – Cmdr. Jeff Toalson
- WCWRT Update – Compatriot Bill Miller

Book Raffle

Proceeds of \$62 were donated to the Camp Treasury
from the raffle of the four donations.

Benediction

Given by Chaplain David Stover

Program:

Commander Jeff Toalson was welcomed as our September speaker by 1st Lt. Commander Ron Perry. They are holding a replica of the battle flag of the 5th Kentucky Infantry Regiment. The "First National Flag" has been altered to become their battle flag. The large red and white stripes offer excellent areas to place "battle honors" and other key information such as "slogans". A cross of 11 stars has been placed in the large blue field to represent 11 Confederate states. The state flags of North Carolina and Texas were also easily adaptable as regimental battle flags. The 5th Kentucky was one of five Kentucky regiments in the Kentucky "Orphan Brigade."



Cmdr. Toalson and 1st Lt. Cmdr. Perry

Commander's Comments

At the September meeting I held up a glass of water that was a little over half full and asked the members if the glass was half full or half empty. There were a variety of answers including one that it was two thirds full. My response was that this glass of water represents the James City Cavalry. We could be either half full or half empty, but the key point is: **The Glass is Refillable.** The James City Cavalry needs new members. We are not getting any younger, members pass away, some have moved away and we need to add new cavalrymen.

Pick a meeting with an interesting speaker. Bring a guest. Bring your son. The future of the Camp depends on refilling the glass.

- Jeff

PS. In our September talk we saw how Fort Fisher used the "2nd National flag" and created their own field in the upper left corner. We discussed how Confederate commerce raiders did the same thing. Note the interesting fields in the flags of the CSS *Alabama*, CSS *Hampton* and CSS *Shenandoah*.



CSS Alabama



Fort Fisher



CSS Hampton



CSS Shenandoah

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Oakwood Cemetery

(Contributed by Treasurer Jon Holland)

The James City Cavalry has sent a \$500 check to the Oakwood Cemetery Committee to purchase a headstone for Private Edward W. Spraggins - 1 VA ARTY CO B. He drowned on July 7, 1863, crossing a creek near Richmond. His grave is currently designated by a small marker that notes D 37 7. In the near future this soldier from our county will have a proper headstone.

Our goal is to purchase a headstone each year for local soldiers who are in the Confederate section of Oakwood Cemetery in Richmond.

SCV Booth

- 2026 Virginia State Fair

(Contributed by Compatriot Paul Huelskamp)

The Cavalry again manned the SCV booth at the Virginia State Fair on the final Friday which this year was October 2. Because the SCV, for the second year in a row, had a single booth we only needed a maximum of 2 men per 4-hour shift. There was no space for extra bodies.

This year the Cavalry was represented by Tom Campbell, Derick Hayman, Mark Griggs, Perry Turner, Charles Wood and Jeff Toalson.

As always, the top 2 jobs were selling merchandise and recruiting new members. On Friday we processed 5 names for prospective members. We also sold \$860 worth of merchandise making October 2 the top selling day with two days remaining. Christmas ornaments of the Monument Avenue Confederate Monuments were the top sellers, but hats, flags, stickers, patches, challenge coins and donations all helped the total. You cannot sit for this job. It is important to stand and visit with the customers. Show them our beautiful styles of \$10 baseball caps . . . great price and great quality. We missed Lang Shelton this year; he pushes those baseball caps faster than pancakes at the church breakfast.



Greenmount Farm Journal

(Contributed by Historian Fred Boelt)

We continue here with excerpts from Thomas Wynne's farm journal and his insights on the war locally in October 1861:

Tuesday, October 1st...Today a flag was presented by the ladies of Warwick Co. through Mr. Sidney Smith to the Warwick Beauregards. A soldier from the Florida Regiment came up today to get the two stray horses which came here yesterday.

Friday, October 4th...The defeat of the Federals at Lexington, Mo. was confirmed in today's papers.

Saturday, October 5th...Papers brought us good news from the west – Our forces under Jackson were attacked by the Federals under Reynolds. The latter were repulsed with a heavy loss.

Monday, October 7th...Jackson's victory confirmed by today's paper.

Tuesday, October 8th...General Mansfield to take command of Old Point.

Thursday, October 10th...An artillery company went down this evening.

Sunday, October 13th...Five men from the 1st South Carolina regiment stay all night with us.

Saturday, October 19th...Our forces near Newport's News had a skirmish with the Yankees yesterday killing sixty and taking six prisoners. We lost thirteen men.

Sunday, October 20th...The report of a skirmish between the Yankees and our forces near Newport's News was untrue.

To be continued.

William P. Taylor Tombstone

(Contributed by Historian Fred Boelt)

Articles in the May 2009 and the October 2023 editions of *Picket Lines* spoke first of the possibility that William Pinkethman Taylor was buried at the James City Chapel Cemetery in Norge, and later, that his grave had been marked with a stone bearing an incorrect service record. Finally, after working with one of his great granddaughters from Michigan, she has persisted, and William P. Taylor now has a new stone with his correct service listed on it.



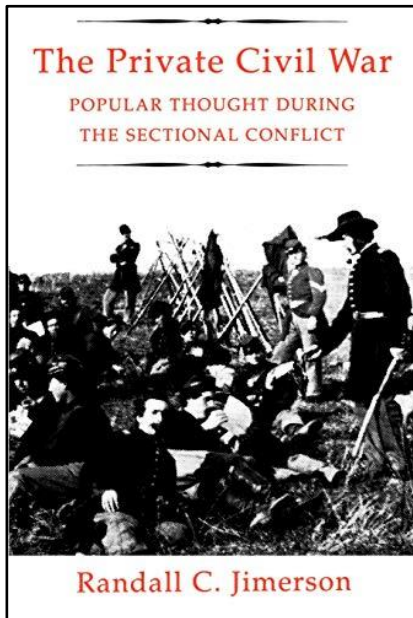
The New Stone



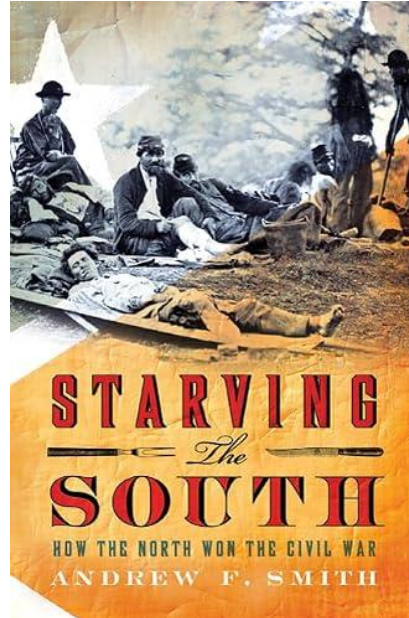
The Incorrect Service Record

October Book Raffle

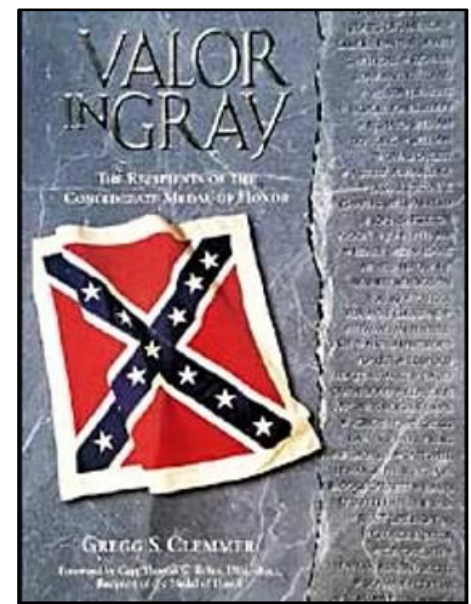
(Contributed by Compatriot Derick Hayman)



"The Private Civil War"
by Randall C. Jimerson

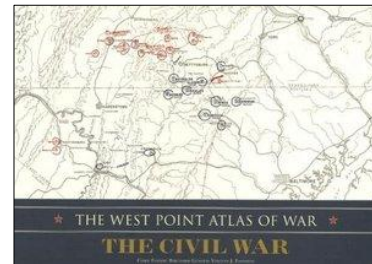


"Starving the South"
by Andrew F. Smith



"Valor in Gray"
by Gregg S. Clemmer

Bonus Book:
"The West Point Atlas of War (The Civil War)"
by Brig. Gen. Vincent J. Esposito



Williamsburg Civil War Round Table

<http://www.wcwrt.org>

At 6:30 PM on October 27th at the Williamsburg
Library Theatre – Robert J. Miller
will present:

"The Role of Religion in the Civil War"

