



James City Cavalry Picket Lines



April 2023 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, April 26th, 2023, 6:30 pm
Colonial Heritage Club House
www.colonialheritageclub.com/find-us
6500 Arthur Hills Drive
Williamsburg, VA 23188



Meal Cost: \$20.00 Per Person
Payment by Check is Preferred

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.

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April Guest Speakers

Mr. Eric Richardson
Historian
with Ms. Teresa
Roane
UDC Archivist

"Confederate Pension Systems in Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina"



Mr. Richardson (C) with Ms. Roane (R) and Cynthia Baker (L)

Our program/presentation this month "Confederate Postwar Pensions in Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina" by Eric Richardson should create a great amount of interest and present some key questions about postwar pensions. Who will qualify? Do Negro soldiers qualify? How about widows? What is the monthly amount & more importantly, who will pay for these pensions? The south has nothing and is virtually bankrupt. These questions will be addressed and a variety of other items relating to the subject.

Eric John Richardson was born in Roanoke, VA. He graduated with an BA in History from the College of William & Mary and with a MA in History from North Carolina Central University. He pursued an external study program with the Cherokee Nation through UNC - Chapel Hill. He has lectured and presented extensively on ethnicity and the American Civil War, gender, and race in Confederate pension legislation, as well as the rise and impact of Jim Crow, initially in the South and its subsequent impact on Northern race relations.

Camp Journal for Last Muster

Meeting:

Held March 22nd at 6:30 PM at Colonial Heritage Club House,
James City County., Va., **27** Attendees

Welcome given by Cmdr. Jeff Toalson

Pledge & Salute to the Flags led by Compatriot Charles Wood

Blessing:

Given by Chaplain George Corbett

Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Quartermaster George Bridewell

Program:

1st Lt. Cmdr. Perry introduced the evening's speaker: our own
Cmdr. Jeff Toalson

Our March speaker was called out of town on business at the last minute. Commander Jeff Toalson (R), shown with 1st Lt. Commander Ron Perry, gave a talk on "*The First National Flag and Confederate Battle Flags.*" They are shown holding a replica of the battle flag of Company H, the Orleans Rifles, of the 6th Louisiana Infantry. One of the most popular flags for converting to your Company or Regimental battle flag was the 'First National' because of the large area for designs, slogans and battle honors.



Committee Reports and Announcements:

- Cemetery Report - 2nd Lt. Commander Steve White
 - Rain had hampered our spring clean-up work at our cemeteries. Steve has been out to Peach Park and trimmed up all of the trees to allow easy access for weeding, mulching and also to improve site lines and the free flow of air.
 - Compatriot Jim Wert has removed both bluebird houses and is repairing and staining them. They will be back at the park in April. Jan & Jeff Toalson went out on March 26 and transplanted 5 more Rose of Sharon to replace those that died in 2022. We have two that are prospering and hopefully some of these new plants can survive the farm chemicals and get established.
 - Steve has plans for mulching and for repairing the decorative fencing this spring.
- Annual Audit Report – Historian Fred Boelt
- Brig. Commander Report – Commander Ed. Whitley
- Upcoming Speakers – 1st Lt. Cmdr. Ron Perry (*see page 5*)
- Comments by Cmdr. Jeff Toalson

Book Raffle

Proceeds of \$75 were donated to the Camp Treasury for the raffle of the four donations.

Benediction

Given by Chaplain George Corbett

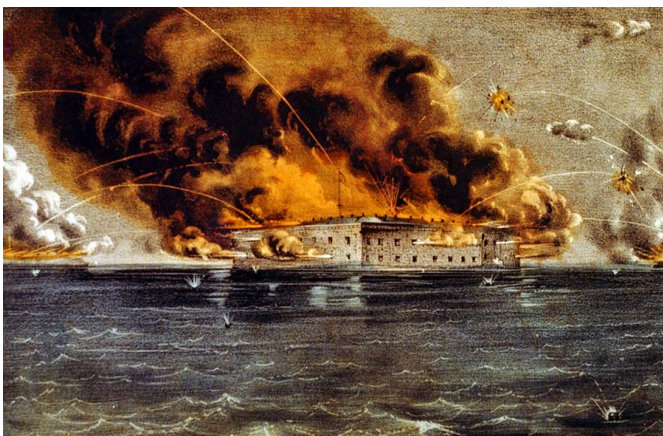
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The Civil War in April

April 12, 1861: The bombardment of Ft. Sumter begins.



Commander's Comments

In April it is our pleasure to have both Eric Richardson and Teresa Roane in Williamsburg to present a program on the post-war state pension systems for widows and soldiers. This is a topic we have never had discussed at a James City Cavalry meeting. Eric has studied this topic in depth over the past several decades and originally did research on this at North Carolina Central University while earning his M.A. in History.

Eric last spoke with us in 2015 on the topic of General Stand Watie and the Indian Nations that supported the Confederacy. Teresa also last spoke with us in 2015 when her talk focused on the Jefferson Davis family and people of color. Frankly it has been too long since these two have joined us to share their research and we look forward to expanding our knowledge on pension systems.

Dave Watson and I will be back from attending the SCV State Convention in Blackstone and will provide a report on events. I am confident we will be bringing back with us another 'Outstanding Camp Streamer' for our Quartermaster to add to our Camp flag.

May 26th will be our Memorial Service and Camp Picnic. The May issue will focus on all of those details. We have already ordered the BBQ, cole slaw, potato salad, desserts and refreshments. Fred's peacocks, guinea hens, chickens and sheep are looking forward to having some company on the farm. Remember to bring your own chairs. Our call team will be contacting you to get a rough idea of how many people to expect. If you have some kids or grandkids running around your house, we urge you to bring them along. They will love the animals. At last count Fred had 9 new lambs that have joined the Boelt farm population.

Jeff Toalson

Confederate Gravesites

(Contributed by Historian Fred Boelt)

While most of our cemetery work has been done in James City County, we have assisted with two veterans' graves in New Kent County. Compatriot George Bridewell's great grandfather, Roland Harry Woodard (Co. B, 53rd Virginia Infantry), was buried on the Hockaday farm on Holly Forks Road, just over the line in New Kent County. Compatriot Sparky Harcourt's son cleaned up the cemetery in an Eagle Scout project and the camp assisted with installing a veteran's marker, and more recently, we placed a Southern Cross of Honor at this grave.

The other grave in New Kent is on land leased by a hunt club. We received an inquiry from a descendant now living in Farmville, asking if we would be willing to help clean up the grave of her ancestor, Robert Lee Timberlake (Co. B, 53rd Virginia Infantry). After obtaining permission from the hunt club to gain access, we met there on a Sunday afternoon, found the cemetery and cleared the site which was in a heavily forested area. We left it in good order but have not returned for further maintenance.

In addition to the Bucktrout burial area at Cedar Grove Cemetery in the City of Williamsburg, other veterans are interred there as well. We assisted the descendants of the two Maupin brothers in getting veterans' markers and held a memorial service there for the family in 2016.

There are three churches in James City that have Confederate veterans interred in their graveyards. While the churches do the regular maintenance for the graveyards, our camp has supplied flags and on occasion, held memorial services at these sites. There is one veteran at Hickory Neck Episcopal Church, Robert Benskin Richardson (5th Virginia Cavalry). He was originally interred in the Hankins family cemetery at Marlbrook, the family farm to the east and behind the church property. The cemetery was located at the site of present-day Stonehouse Elementary School. The family graves were moved to make way for the school. Eventually, the land where the graves were relocated was deeded to Hickory Neck Episcopal Church.

There are five veterans interred at the James City Chapel Cemetery in Norge. All of these graves have markers. Formerly, our camp supplied flags for these graves, but more recently, the cemetery association at Mt. Vernon Methodist Church takes care of that.

And then there is Olive Branch Christian Church where twenty-one veterans are interred. Over the years, we have assisted in adding some veterans' markers and are now beginning to install Southern Crosses of Honor there. When we were writing biographies about these veterans, we received several queries from descendants in Chicago and even from Spain. Again, we were able to help them get markers and provided them with military service and family records.

The Hubbard family cemetery is on the knoll along Richmond Road to the east of Olive Branch. This is not yet a part of the church property, although there is a current movement by the family to deed the land to the church. There are five extended Hubbard family veterans (all 5th Virginia Cavalry) buried in this cemetery, and again, we have assisted in procuring and erecting some veterans' markers there.

On our camp website, you will find listings for known Confederate burials in the City of Williamsburg, James City County and Charles City County. We continue to research, mark and maintain Confederate veterans' graves in our area. We serve in their memory.

1865 Garrison Flag and an 1865 CSS *Hampton* Flag

(Contributed by Cmdr. Toalson)

After the meeting on March 22, Compatriot Joseph Wert showed me a photo of the CSS *Hampton* flag that was captured when she was burned on April 5, 1865 in Richmond. An officer with the 13th New Hampshire took it from the ship just before she exploded. This flag is on display at the Hampton Roads Naval Museum. The Garrison flag flown at Fort Fisher, near the mouth of the Cape Fear River, was captured when the fort fell in mid January 1865. The Fort Fisher flag is in the collection of the former Museum of the Confederacy. On May 26, 1863, the Confederate Naval Department adopted the 2nd National Flag as the standard naval ensign. You will see variations in the flag design in the upper left but the 2nd National is the flag pattern for Confederate naval vessels for the balance of the war.



CSS *Hampton* Flag



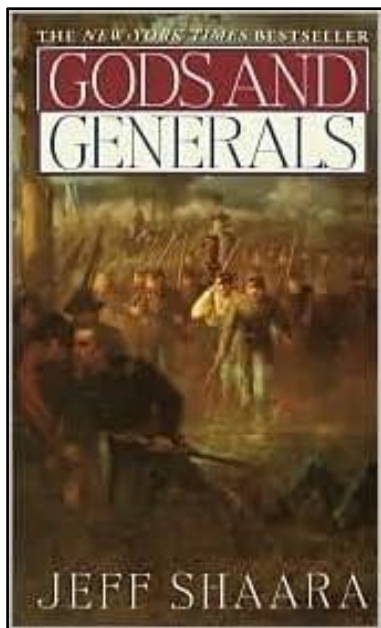
Fort Fisher Garrison Flag

Upcoming 2023 Speakers

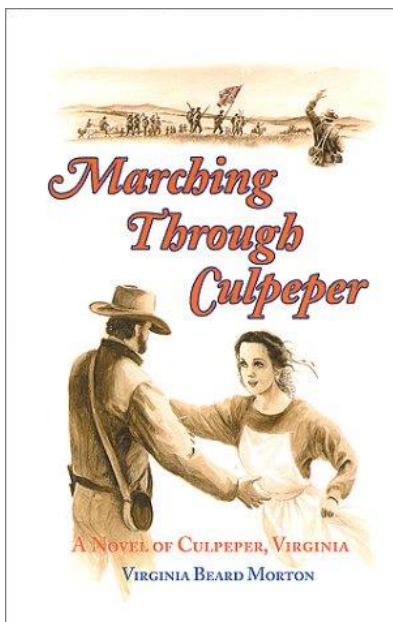
(Contributed by 1st Lt. Cmdr. Perry)

28 Jun	Kenny Bage – <i>“The Explosion at City Point, 1864”</i>
26 July	Lee Pelton – <i>“Terry’s Texas Rangers”</i>
23 Aug.	Larry Floyd – <i>“Cartridge Handguns of the War & those Percussion Ones Converted to Cartridge Post War”</i>
27 Sept.	Butch Barringer – <i>“The Great Thomas Rosser – Thomas Munford Feud”</i>
25 Oct.	<i>t.b.d.</i>
15 Nov. *	Tom Campbell – <i>“The Red Rebel of San Giovanni”</i> * November is one week early to avoid conflict with Thanksgiving
Dec.	No Meeting

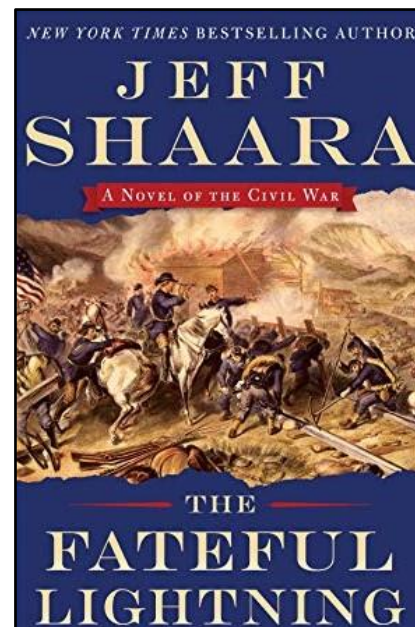
WBTS Novel Book Raffle



"Gods And Generals"
by Jeff Shaara

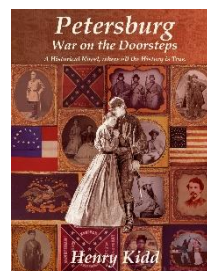


"Marching Through Culpeper"
By Virginia Beard Morton



"The Fateful Lightning"
By Jeff Shaara

Bonus Book:
"Petersburg - War on the Doorstep"
by Henry Kidd



Williamsburg Civil War Round Table

<http://www.wcwrt.org>

On April 25th, 2023 - Dr. Lorien Foote
will present:

"Union Soldiers on the Loose in the Confederacy"



Upcoming May Events

FORT MAGRUDER BATTLE ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

Mark **MAY 7** on your calendar for the U. D. C. "Anniversary of the Battle of Williamsburg Memorial Service" at Fort Magruder on Penniman Road in Williamsburg. The service will be at 4:00 p.m. and the speaker will be Wilford Kale. Light refreshments will follow. Bring folding chairs.

NOTE: 2nd Lt. Cmdr. White will schedule a clean-up date at Ft. Magruder just prior to their celebration.



ISLE OF WIGHT MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR CSA DEAD

Mark **MAY 21** on your calendar for the Isle of Wight ceremony at their newly erected monument. The service will be at 3:00 p.m. at 28360 Walter Highway in Carrsville, VA. Guest speaker is Brian Tidball. His topic will be Confederate Units from the Isle of Wight. Light refreshments to follow. Bring folding chairs and Ladies wear walking shoes.

JAMES CITY CAVALRY MEMORIAL SERVICE & PICNIC

Compatriots: Mark **May 26** on your calendar. Our Memorial Service will be at Peach Park at 5:00 and Picnic at the Fred Boelt Farm at 6:00. In the May issue there will maps to both locations which are on Forge Road in Toano.

Uniform of the day is Hawaiian / Jimmy Buffet / Beach shirts. The peacocks will all be there and Fred has 9 brand new lambs.

We will have Pulled Pork BBQ, Slaw, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Dessert and lots of Ice Water. Cost Is \$10 for adults and children are FREE.

