



James City Cavalry Picket Lines



June 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, June 28th, 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.

JCC Web Site: <http://www.jamescitycavalry.org>

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June Guest Speaker

Kenny Bage
Commander of
the 8th Brigade,
Va. Division

***"The City
Point
Explosion"***



From Kenny Bage's presentation you will find out if a mysterious explosion was an accident, sabotage, a terrorist attack, a well-planned mission, or a mission that went wrong....?

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 Jamestown Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of Union Veterans, Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Military order of Stars and Bars. He also belongs to a number of local historical societies where he holds a variety of offices. Kenny is currently the President of the Petersburg Civil War Roundtable. He is the Commander of the 8th Brigade, Va. Division as well as the Commander of the SCV Camp 1813, Dearing-Beauregard in Hopewell. With all these endeavors and responsibilities, we are fortunate Kenny is available to be our speaker .

Cavalry Memorial Service and Picnic



LtoR: Chaplain Corbett and 1st Lt. Cmdr. Perry conduct the Memorial Service / Ken Parsons with SCV First Grandson Bill Harrison / Linda Baker - the Peach Pie Lady / Bill Harrison at 101 holds Rett Hall at 13 months / Perry, Toalson, Bridewell & Redford in the 'Uniform of the Day' / Aimee and Thomas Holland (photo collage by Jan Toalson)

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Commander's Comments

At our June meeting Commander Kenny Bage of the Dearing-Beauregard Camp will be our speaker. As a resident of the Petersburg area, he has a wide selection of talks that all deal with the WBTS in his backyard. Our June talk will focus on the massive explosion at City Point in 1864.

We had an excellent turnout for our Memorial Service at Peach Park Cemetery and the picnic that followed at Compatriot Fred Boelt's farm. We had 47 paid attendees plus several children. This was our largest gathering at the farm since 2016. We thank Fred for hosting and all of you for joining us for a beautiful Friday evening. Our senior member at 101 years of age, Compatriot Bill Harrison, a First-Grandson, was able to join us with his wife Betty and daughter Susan. Ken Parson's grandson, Rett Hall, who is 13 months old, and no doubt a future member of the S. C. V., was also present giving us an age range of over 100 years. A quite remarkable moment.

The Memorial Service was executed by Historian Fred Boelt, Chaplain George Corbett, 1st Lt. Commander Ron Perry and Aide-de-Camp Jon Holland. Peach Park is a special location for our Camp because James H. Allen, the Captain of the James City Cavalry, is buried there and his home is across the road. He would rise to the rank of Lt. Colonel of the 5th Virginia Cavalry. Postwar he was Superintendent of Schools in James City County for 33 years.

We look forward to seeing you at our June meeting.

Jeff

SCV State Convention Report

Adjutant Dave Watson gave the Camp a report on the significant events at the 2023 Convention which was held in Blackstone, Virginia.



Gerry and Clark Waring filling their plates. What is Ron Perry doing in the background?

Confederate Gravesites – Enoch Piggott

(Contributed by Compatriot Fred Boelt)

In 1833, twenty men and women met at Hill Pleasant farm to organize and found Olive Branch Christian Church. Royal [E.] Piggott (c. 1796/98 – Feb. 5, 1856) was among the men listed. Although his family members did not appear in the church records, census records indicate that Royal was probably married twice with at least two children from each marriage.

In the 1850 census, Royal Piggott was head of household living perhaps in the Centerville Road area based on his neighbors. Among the four children living with him was his son, Enoch J. Piggott born about 1828, and he was listed as a farm laborer. Within a year or so, Enoch married Amanda M. [maiden name unproven] and by 1860, they had established their own household with three sons, John H., age 8, Thomas D., age 6, and George E., age 2.

Enoch Piggott, age 33 years, enlisted in Company H, 32nd Virginia Infantry, as a private on May 28, 1861. He enrolled for active service on June 24th and was present and paid on the July and August rosters. Company H transferred and became Company B, 1st Regiment, Virginia Artillery, (James City Artillery), and Private Piggott was present and paid on their roster through the end of 1861.

In 1862, Enoch Piggott was present on all rosters with the exception of the May-June roster. He entered Chimborazo Hospital No. 3 in Richmond on May 23rd with hepatitis but was back on active duty by July. Again in 1863, Piggott was present and on active duty for the first ten months. However, on October 31st, he was absent, sick in a hospital in Petersburg and remained there for two more months.

Enoch Piggott was back on duty in January 1864. He was furloughed on February 27th but returned shortly and was present through October when he was issued clothing on the 30th. On November 8, 1864, from Chaffin's Bluff, Lt. W. S. Slater, Co. B, James City Artillery, requested that a seven-day furlough be granted to Pvt. Piggott to attend to urgent business. His letter included, "Pvt. Piggott is a dutiful soldier and I hope this will receive your favorable consideration." A six-day furlough was approved on November 10th.

Like so many other service records, Piggott's ended in December 1864. He did return to James City County. In 1870, Enoch and his two sons, John and Thomas, were living in the Bruton District of York County and the three were listed as "farmers." Enoch's wife and youngest son, George, were not included and had perhaps died by that time

An interesting aside; in 1870, the Piggotts were living next door to Jerome Tuttle, a grist miller. Tuttle was a Union veteran from Pennsylvania and in 1878, he married Ada Byron Hankins. After his early death, Ada married Col. James Harvey Allen in 1883. Perhaps her earlier alliance with a Yankee caused her later divorce from Allen!

In 1880, Enoch and his son Thomas were farming back in James City County. The census records do not indicate that Enoch owned real estate throughout his life, but he did own personal property. This may explain his moving around, farming different lands.

Enoch Piggott has not been found in the 1900 census records. Undoubtedly, he died prior to that enumeration. But where was he buried? So far, no marked grave has been found for him or his family members. Other Piggott family lines are interred at Olive Branch Church, but there is no indication that the Royal/Enoch Piggott family is there. Perhaps a reader may have the answer?

Camp News

Virginia Heritage Defense Donation



Virginia Division Heritage Defense Officer Frank Earnest accepts a \$400 donation from Adjutant Dave Watson at the SCV Virginia Convention on April 22nd.

Outstanding Camp Award



Aide-de-Camp Jon Holland (R) is presented the Cavalry's 14th consecutive Outstanding Camp Streamer by Commander Toalson and Adjutant Watson. This will join the previous streamers on our Camp flag.

Newly Elected Treasurer



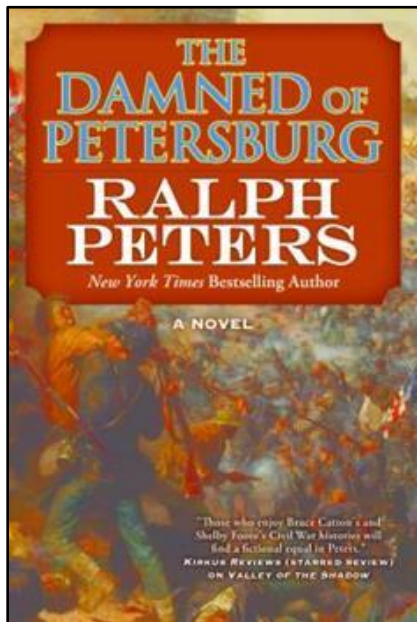
Compatriot Denny Griggs (C) following his election was installed as the new Camp Treasurer by 1st Lt. Cmdr. Ron Perry and Cmdr. Jeff Toalson.

Camp Support of UDC Chapter 173 and CofC Projects

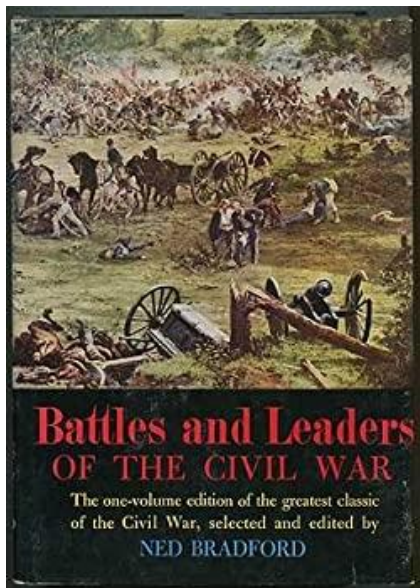
In April the Cavalry sent \$225 to UDC Chapter 173 in Suffolk to support the publication of *Shades of Gray* which documents the history of every Confederate soldier buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery in Suffolk, Virginia. This is a significant historical preservation effort and will provide a wealth of knowledge for genealogical researchers.

We sent \$100 to the Children of the Confederacy to support their 2023 project to repair and restore the 3 sets of doors at Blandford Church in Petersburg. The total cost of this project is \$15,000.

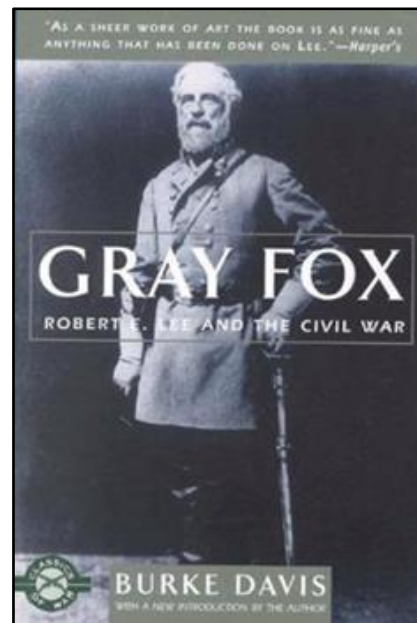
June Book Raffle



"The Damned of Petersburg"
by Ralph Peters

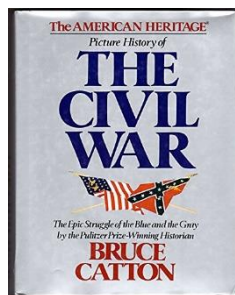


"Battles and Leaders of the Civil War"
By Ned Bradford



"Grey Fox - R. E. Lee & the Civil War"
by Burke Davis

Bonus Book:
"American Heritage Picture History of the Civil War"
By Bruce Catton



Restored Southern Cross of Honor



Someone probably stole a Southern Cross of Honor from a cemetery, and it ended up for sale at a Virginia Beach antique store. Joseph Wert's wife and in-laws purchased it for him as a present. He has removed the rust, treated it with a rust inhibitor and fully restored the cross. At the April Cavalry meeting he presented it to 2nd Lt. Cmdr. Steve White (R) and he will join Steve later this year installing it at the grave of Corporal Southey Savage Hankins, Co. H - 5th Virginia Cavalry in the Olive Branch Cemetery. When this cross is installed, we will provide you with information on the service of this James City Cavalry trooper.