



James City Cavalry Picket Lines



May 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

Friday, May 26th, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.
Peach Park Cemetery
Little Creek Dam Road and Forge Road,
Toano, Virginia 23168



Camp Picnic Supper to Follow
Meal Cost: \$10.00 Per Person

A call team will be contacting all camp members. Non-members, please call Chief of Staff Ken Parsons at kparsons320@gmail.com or 757-876-6967 so sufficient fixin's can be prepared.

(See attached flyers for more details)

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

Uniform of the Day

The uniform of the day for the Confederate Remembrance Service and Camp Picnic Supper is tropical shirt and whatever pants/shorts you wish. See the photos below for suggestions:



Walker, Jeff & Sug
at the 2017 picnic



Steve and Sherron
at the 2017
Remembrance

Camp Journal for Last Muster

Meeting:

Held April 24th 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 Aide de Camp Jon Holland

Blessing:

Given by Chaplain George Corbett

Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Compatriot Lang Shelton

Program:

1st Lt. Cmdr. Perry introduced the evening's guest speaker:

Eric Richardson

Mr. Richardson, assisted by Ms. Teresa Roane, presented "*Post-War Pensions for Widows & Soldiers in NC, SC & VA*", a highly informative discussion that taught us a lot about the pension system in the various states.



Mr. Richardson & Ms. Roane

Cemetery Report

2nd Lt. Cmdr. White

At Peach Park Joseph Wert repaired the decorative fencing behind the David Ware bench and the two refurbished bluebird houses are replaced and looking for residents. Two pines that were getting close to the power lines have been topped. A new First National Flag is flying, and additional cemetery brochures are on order. Sunnyside Cemetery is in good shape. Due to weather, we have been unable to work on the Hunt Farm Cemetery or at Cowles-Spencer.

Committee Reports and Announcements

- Treasurer's Report –Treasurer Griggs
- Commander Comments - Cmdr. Toalson
- WCWRT Report – Compatriot Miller

Book Raffle

Proceeds of \$43 were donated to the Camp Treasury for the raffle of the three donations.

Benediction

Given by Chaplain George Corbett

Recent awards and new officers will be covered in the June issue of Picket Lines.

Williamsburg Civil War Round Table

<http://www.wcwrt.org>



On May 23rd, 2023 -
Dennis Frye
will present:

**"Stonewall Jackson's
Greatest Victory:
Harper's Ferry"**

Confederate Remembrance Day Service

(Contributed by Compatriot Fred Boelt)

On May 26th, we will gather at Peach Park Cemetery to honor the service of Colonel James Harvey Allen. This ancient cemetery, though known to exist, had long been overgrown and forgotten. Knowing that Colonel Allen was buried here, the James City Cavalry Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans undertook the clearing and preservation of this cemetery as their service project in the winter of 2008.

James Harvey Allen was born in James City County on January 19, 1829. He was the son of Benjamin Allen and his wife, Frances B. M. Coke. His early life is undocumented, but it seems probable that he had formal educational training. In the 1860 census, he was listed as a classical teacher and was living with his sister and brother-in-law Daniel and Lucy Jones on their farm on the Chickahominy River off Forge Road.

A year later, Allen began his service in the James City Cavalry, Company H of the 5th Virginia Cavalry. He enlisted in Williamsburg on June 14, 1861, was elected Captain, and was reelected on May 1, 1862. He saw service in Williamsport, Maryland; Fredericksburg, Brandy Station, Orange Courthouse and Ashland, Virginia; and was wounded in action at Cold Harbor on June 1, 1864. Soon thereafter, he was promoted to Major on June 16, and to Lt. Colonel on July 20, 1864. He was present at New Bridge on February 28, 1865, commanding the 5th Cavalry, and was paroled and took the oath in Williamsburg on April 29, 1865.

The 1870 and 1880 censuses indicated that Colonel Allen was living in the Burnt Ordinary section of the county. After the war, he became Superintendent of Schools in James City County and held that position until his death. On March 10, 1882, he bought a part of Peach Park, the farm where his gravesite is located. On December 19, 1883, he married Ada Byron Hankins, the Widow Tuttle. This marriage ended in divorce before Colonel Allen died and Ada is buried at Olive Branch Church.

In 1896, Colonel Allen wrote a detailed article on the organization and service of the James City Cavalry and included a roster. This was published in The Richmond Dispatch on June 21, 1896. James Harvey Allen died at Peach Park on April 28, 1898. His obituary stated that he was a charter member of the Magruder-Ewell Camp of Confederate Veterans and that his funeral took place from his home on April 30, 1898.

Across the road from the cemetery, the circa 1790 story and a half house still stands that Colonel Allen lived in. Originally built and occupied by several generations of the Walker family, the house is now boarded up and the current owner plans to restore this relic of earlier times.





Please join the
James City Cavalry's

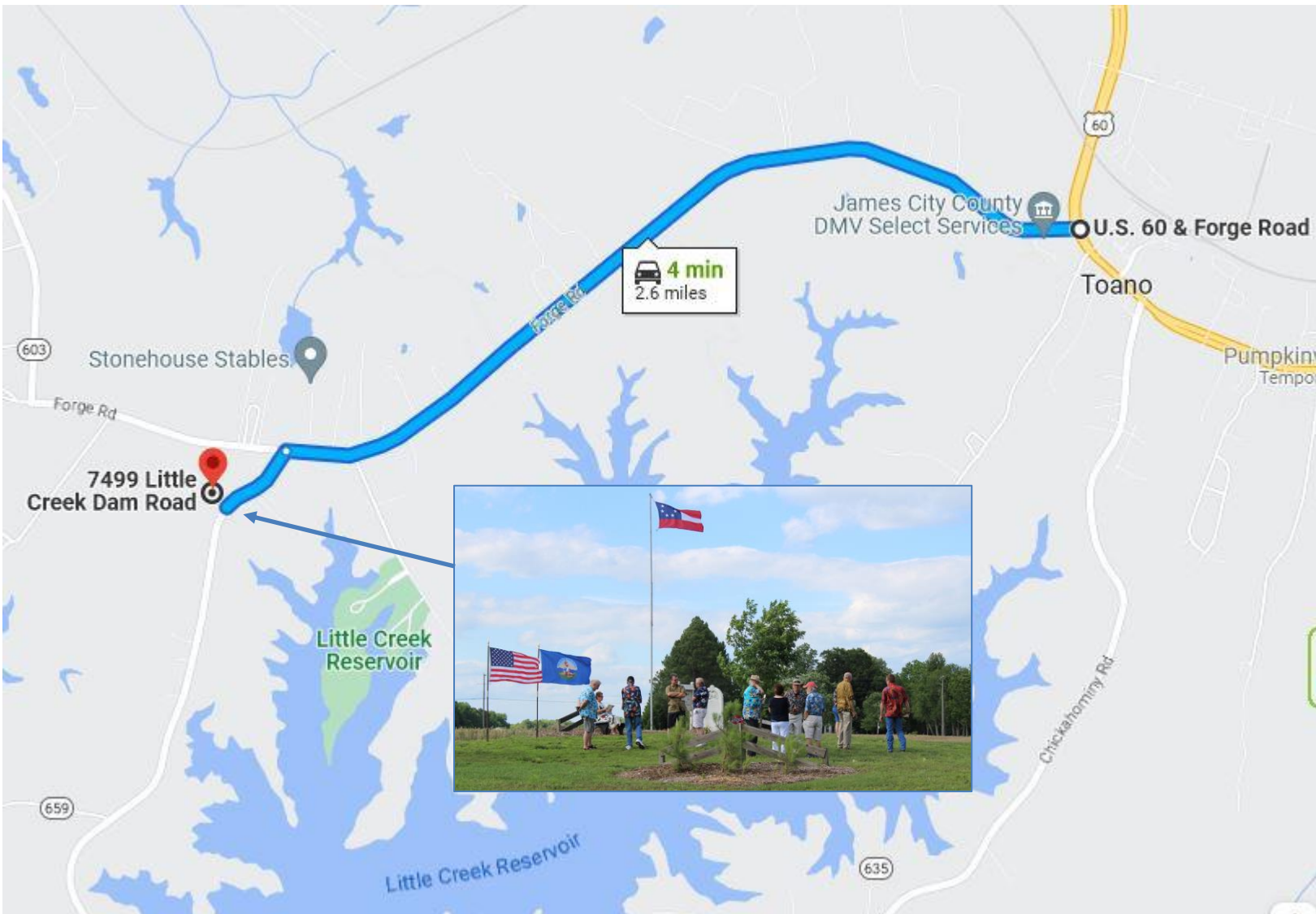


Confederate Remembrance Service

Peach Park Cemetery

on Friday, May 26th, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Little Creek Dam Road and Forge Road, Toano, Virginia 23168



Please join us at 6:00 p.m. after the Confederate Remembrance Service, at the James City Cavalry's May Picnic, in lieu of our regular meeting!

Picnic information & directions to the farm of Compatriot Fred Boelt in Toano are on the attached flyer!



James City Cavalry's Picnic Supper

on Friday, May 26th, 2023, at 6:00pm

At Compatriot Fred Boelt's Farm

2896 Forge Road, Toano, Virginia 23168 (Use this address in GPS or online)

James City Cavalry will be serving BBQ with cole slaw, potato salad, and baked beans plus beverages and dessert. The cost is \$10 per person (children free), payable at Fred's.

Non-members, please call Chief of Staff Ken Parsons at kparsons320@gmail.com or 757-876-6967 so sufficient fixin's can be prepared. Bring folding chairs as we will dine with the peacocks, weather permitting.

Note that there is a new gravel road next to the entrance to Fred's. Take the older left-hand gravel road, not the newer right-hand road. See photo below.

