



James City Cavalry Picket Lines



May 2024 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 24th, 2024, 5:00 pm
Olive Branch Church
7643 Richmond Road
Williamsburg, VA 23188



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

A call team will be contacting all camp members. Non-members, please call Commander Jeff Toalson at troon24@cox.net or (757) 220-0131 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. To email one of the camp officers directly, see **Camp Officers** on page 3.

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., **33** Attendees

Welcome given by Cmdr. Jeff Toalson

Pledge & Salute to the Flags led by Aide de Camp Jon Holland

Blessing:

Given by Sr. Chaplain George Corbett

Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Quartermaster George Bridewell

Program:

Cmdr. Toalson introduced the evening's guest speaker:

Mrs. Billie Earnest

Billie presented "*General William Mahone – Life After the War*". She gave a marvelous talk on the life of William Mahone with emphasis on his railroading career, his move from the Democratic to Republican party post-war, and his interest in the education and encouragement of success for the Negroes.



Commander Jeff Toalson (L) welcomed Mrs. Billie Earnest to the April meeting.

Committee Reports and Announcements:

Cemetery Report

2nd Lt. Commander Steve White reported a wet winter and the wettest March on record in James City County. This past Saturday, the 20th, Jim Redford and Steve cleared the berm on the inside of Fort Magruder and did brush-hogging. It's still too wet to work on the moat side of the works. Sunnyside Cemetery is cleared. Peach Park is good and we will do mulch in 2025. Cowles-Spencer needs weeding but wood-ticks and poison ivy have arrived so that task will be next winter.

Old & New Business

- Annual Financial Reconciliation - Historian Fred Boelt
- Commander Comments - Cmdr. Jeff Toalson
- Report on SCV Convention - Cmdr. Jeff Toalson
- Heritage Defense Comments - Coordinator Frank Earnest
- Brigade Comments - Commander Ed Whitley
- WCWRT Comments – Compatriot Miller
(see page 6 for more photos)

Installation of Officers



Three new Camp officers were elected and sworn in at the April meeting. Brigade Commander Ed Whitley (L) performed the ceremony. The new officers are Jon Holland - Treasurer, David Stover - Chaplain, and Derick Hayman - Special Projects Officer. We thank Denny Griggs, Warren Raines and Rob Symer for their service in these positions.

Book Raffle

Proceeds of \$50 were donated to the Camp Treasury for the raffle of three donation books.

Benediction

Given by Chaplain David Stover

Camp Officers

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May in the Civil War



May 23rd, 1861 - Virginia voters ratify the State Convention's decision to secede.

Commander's Comments

May Greetings Compatriots and Friends -

We thank Mrs. Billie Earnest for a marvelous talk on the life of William Mahone with an emphasis on the post-war phase of his life. Billie never disappoints and 32 of us learned a great deal about a scrappy, little, very wealthy builder of a railroading empire.

I was joined in Bristol at the annual Virginia S.C.V. Convention by Compatriot Joe Wert. We elected a solid group of officers to lead our Division for the next two years. Additionally, Camp 2095 earned yet another 'Outstanding Camp' streamer for our flag and it was presented to our Quartermaster at the April meeting. President Jefferson Davis was the keynote speaker, at the Convention, and he will be speaking at the James City Cavalry Camp in July.

Mark May the 5th at 4:00 on your calendar for the annual Memorial Service of the U.D.C. at Fort Magruder.

Our own S.C.V. Memorial Service will be at Olive Branch Christian Cemetery at 5:00 on May 24. See full details on the last two pages of this newsletter. Twenty seven (27) Confederate veterans rest quietly at Olive Branch. Please, join us in honoring them. Sr. Chaplain Corbett, 1st Lt. Commander Perry and Historian Fred Boelt will be conducting the service. Following this we will all adjourn to the Fred Boelt Farm and Peacock Sanctuary on Forge Road for our annual BBQ picnic. Bring your chairs, bring your kids and grandkids. The peacocks, guinea hens, chickens, roosters, sheep and lambs are looking forward to your company. Full details and maps are part of this issue. The call team will be touching base to get a rough count in case we need additional food. Bring lawn chairs.

I look forward to seeing you at our Memorial Service and Picnic.

Jeff

Confederate Gravesites

(Contributed by Compatriot Fred Boelt)

On May 24th, we will hold our annual Confederate Remembrance Day service at Olive Branch Christian Church on Richmond Road near Toano. There are at least twenty-two Confederate veterans buried there along with five more in the adjacent Hubbard Family cemetery.

Twenty men and women met at Hill Pleasant farm in 1833 for Bible study and communion, and the church was formed from these early gatherings. The charter members followed the Disciples of Christ teachings of Alexander Campbell. Dr. Charles Miles Hubbard and his wife, Mary Henley Hubbard, donated land, and a few years later, the earliest part of the brick church was erected.

During the war, Union cavalymen occupied the church, tore up most of the pews and flooring for firewood, stabled their horses in the sanctuary and used the gallery for a barracks for themselves. Windows were broken out and the communion silver disappeared. The interior walls were smoked up to the extent that the church was left unusable. In 1866, restoration work was undertaken, services were again held there, and continue to the present day. Many of the veterans buried there were church members before the war and undoubtedly, helped to repair the damage done by their old enemy. It seems fitting that they rest in the shadow of their church that rose again like the Phoenix from the ruins left by the Union army.

In 1917, the church received \$500.00 from the federal government in compensation for damages during the war. A bequest formed the nucleus of funds to add an annex to the sanctuary which was dedicated in 1925. An additional building was erected in 1974 that houses offices, classrooms, a nursery and the fellowship hall. Two additional purchases of surrounding land were made over time, bringing the total campus to about eleven acres. Much of this rolling terrain is now used as a well-landscaped graveyard.

Confederate Veterans Buried at Olive Branch Church:

Winder George Whiting Farthing, 1836-1891, 5th Texas Volunteers
 Pinkethman Taylor Garrett, Jr.; 1845-1905, James City Artillery (unmarked grave)
 Richard Minor Garrett, 1831-1900, James City Artillery
 George Edward Geddy, 1826-1887, 5th Virginia Cavalry
 George William Geddy, 1847-1910, 32nd Virginia Infantry
 Francis Ward Hammond, 1821-1894, 5th Virginia Cavalry
 Alexander Hamilton Hankins, 1813-1899, James City Artillery
 Southey Savage Hankins, 1843-1914, 5th Virginia Cavalry
 Winfield Scott Hankins, 1845-1892, James City Artillery
 Richard D. Hicks, c. 1827 - ?, James City Artillery (unmarked grave)
 George E. W. James, c. 1832-1883, 5th Virginia Cavalry
 Robert P. James, Sr.; unknown, 20th North Carolina Infantry
 John W. Minor, 1848-1916, service record unproven
 George Washington Otey, 1832-1907, 32nd Virginia Infantry
 Benjamin Franklin Piggott, 1832-1866, 32nd Virginia Infantry
 George A. C. Piggott, c. 1843-before 1896, 5th Virginia Cavalry
 Benjamin Henry Ratcliffe, 1839-1914, 32nd Virginia Infantry
 George Edward Camp Richardson, 1830-1906, James City Artillery
 Richard Edward Taylor, 1837-1922, 5th Virginia Cavalry
 William Benjamin Vaiden, 1831-1900, 5th Virginia Cavalry
 Richard Harwood Whitaker, 1830-1862, 5th Virginia Cavalry
 Thomas Wynne, 1845-1875, 5th Virginia Cavalry

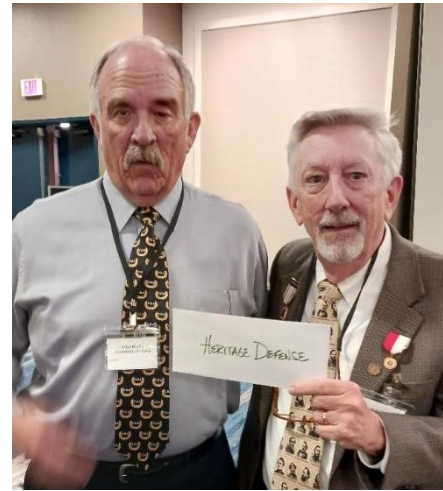
Confederate Veterans Buried in the adjacent Hubbard Family Cemetery:

Peter Tribble Cowles, 1844-1929, 5th Virginia Cavalry
 Charles William Miles Hubbard, 1838-1864, 5th Virginia Cavalry
 James Filmer Hubbard, 1840-1903, 5th Virginia Cavalry
 John William Hubbard, 1844-1912, 5th Virginia Cavalry
 George W. Tyree, 1839-1917, 5th Virginia Cavalry

SCV Convention



Compatriot Joseph Wert (R) accepts the Outstanding Camp Ribbon for this past year from Virginia Division Commander Tony Griffin. At our April 24th meeting the ribbon was presented to Quartermaster Bridewell to add to the Camp battle flag.



Volpe Boykin (L) is the Virginia Division Deputy Heritage Defense Coordinator. Commander Jeff Toalson presented him with a \$400 Heritage Defense donation on Saturday, April 21, at the Convention in Bristol, Virginia.

President Jefferson Davis and his wife Varina. They were our keynote speakers at the Saturday evening banquet.



Lifetime Membership Presentation



David Stover (L) receives his Virginia SCV Division Life Membership certificate from Adjutant Dave Watson.

Donation to the Surry Monument Fund



Commander Jeff Toalson (L) presents a \$300 donation to Commander Mike Armistead of the 13th Mechanized Cavalry for assistance with their restoration and reconstruction of the Surry County Monument. The monument should be ready for rededication in 2024.

Williamsburg Civil War Round Table



<http://www.wcwrt.org>

On May 28th, 2024 - Patrick Schroeder
will present:

**“Forgotten Friday: The April 7, 1865 Actions in
Cumberland County, VA”**



Please join the
James City Cavalry's



Confederate Remembrance Service

Olive Branch Church

on Friday, May 24th, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

7643 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, VA 23188



Please join us at 6:00 p.m. after the Confederate Remembrance Service for the James City Cavalry's May Picnic, in lieu of our regular meeting! Picnic information & directions to the farm of Historian Fred Boelt in Toano are on the attached flyer!



James City Cavalry's Picnic Supper

on Friday, May 24th, 2024, at 6:00pm

At Compatriot Fred Boelt's Farm

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

The James City Cavalry will be serving BBQ from Route 60 BBQ with cole slaw, potato salad, and baked beans plus beverages and desserts (including Big Jessie's Lemon Cake.) The cost is \$10 per person (children free), payable at Fred's.

A call team will be contacting camp members to confirm reservations. Or you may contact Commander Jeff Toalson at troon24@cox.net or call (757) 220-0131 so sufficient fixin's can be prepared. Please call by May 17th.

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.

