



# James City Cavalry Picket Lines



September 2022 Dispatch – Williamsburg, Virginia

Camp #2095  10<sup>th</sup> 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, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 6:30 pm  
Colonial Heritage Club House  
[www.colonialheritageclub.com/find-us](http://www.colonialheritageclub.com/find-us)  
6500 Arthur Hills Drive  
Williamsburg, VA 23188



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

**Menu: salad, rolls, blackened rockfish, green beans, rice pilaf and dessert**

Non-camp members please contact Jeff Toalson (757) 220-0131 or [troon24@cox.net](mailto: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>

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](mailto:jccpicketlinesdistribution@gmail.com)

## September Guest Speaker

J. Michael Moore

Curator for Lee Hall  
Mansion and  
Historic Endview

*“Siege of the  
Warwick-  
Yorktown Line”*



In March 1862, the Union Army of the Potomac arrived at Fort Monroe and Camp Butler for the much-anticipated advance up the Virginia Peninsula to the Confederate capital at Richmond. The Confederate Army of the Peninsula under Major General John B. Magruder blocked their advance with a twelve-mile line of fortifications that altered the course of the Civil War. Please join Historian J. Michael Moore for a lively discussion covering the civilians, commanders, and soldiers who participated in the Siege of the Warwick-Yorktown line.

J. Michael Moore is employed by the City of Newport News and serves as curator for Lee Hall Mansion and Historic Endview. Moore received a bachelor of arts in history from Christopher Newport University and a master of arts in history from Old Dominion University. During his tenure with the City, he has curated exhibits at several local historic sites, developed historic signage, and led battlefield tours in Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia. Working with the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, he has placed Causey's Mill, Endview Plantation, Lee's Mill, and Whitaker's Mill on the National Register of Historic Places. In addition, Michael is a popular lecturer for CNU's LifeLong Learning Society. Moore has co-authored two books – *The Peninsula Campaign of 1862: A Military Analysis* in 2005 and *Yorktown's Civil War Siege: Drums Along the Warwick* in 2012. In addition, he has served as the editor and photographic editor for twelve books and written articles for *Virginia Cavalcade*, *North & South*, *Military Collector & Historian*, and *Mulberry Island Notes*. In recognition of his work in public history, the Governor of Kentucky commissioned Moore a Kentucky Colonel in 2014. He is a Newport News native and resides in Historic Yorktown.

# Camp Journal for Last Muster

## Meeting:

Held August 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at Colonial Heritage Club House,  
James City County., Va., **40** Attendees

Welcome given by Cmdr. Jeff Toalson

Pledge & Salute to the Flags led by Senior Chaplain George Corbett

## Blessing:

Given by Senior Chaplain George Corbett

Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Quartermaster George Bridewell

Comments by Cmdr. Jeff Toalson

## Program:

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

### David Goetz

Mr. Goetz presented "*John S. Mosby & The Lincoln Conspiracies*", telling the camp a wide variety of Mosby stories from his childhood up through his wartime exploits and spent the latter part of the meeting discussing a variety of individual items regarding the Confederate Secret Service, plots to kidnap and/or kill Lincoln, bombings, and the use of Mosby's Rangers as facilitators in the execution of various plans.



Mr. Goetz and 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Cmdr. White

## Committee Reports and Announcements:

### Old & New Business

- Discussed the upcoming State Fair and the SCV Booth. Solicited member interest, projected to take a day we would need 6 people for 2 shifts, members to contact Ken Parsons and we will proceed based on response.
- Bill Miller, President of the WCWRT, announced that meetings begin again on September 27
- Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Ken Parsons

### New Member Induction

#### Welcome Compatriot Ben Vincent!



Cmdr. Toalson, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Cmdr. White, Compatriot Vincent and Treasurer Parsons

### Book Raffle

Proceeds of \$86 were donated to the Camp Treasury from the raffle of four book donations.

### Benediction

Given by Senior Chaplain George Corbett

## Camp Officers



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## Gen. Forrest's Coffin



Gen. N. B. Forrest coffin at SCV National HQ in Elm Springs, TN. Compatriot Lang Shelton toured the museum and grounds in late August.

## Commander's Comments

As we discussed at the August meeting our website host has decided they only want to deal with major business accounts and their pricing went through the roof.

Don Woolridge is currently working with GoDaddy on our new site. Their costs are in line with our accustomed fees and the website has a clear, easy to use format. Don is in the process of uploading our history from the old site and he will announce when the new site is operational. We appreciate his dedication.

The State Fair is coming up the end of the month and the Cavalry is working the S.C.V. booth on Friday, September the 30th. We will be engaged in recruiting new members for the S.C.V. and answering questions regarding Southern history. Four of the dates/days were quickly chosen by ourselves, the Dinwiddie Grays, the Old Brunswick Camp, and the Jack Adams Camp. Yes, these are four of the best Camps in the Virginia Division. I am sure we will be joined by additional excellent Camps in the next few days to fill out the schedule.

Remember, we serve in their memory.

Jeff

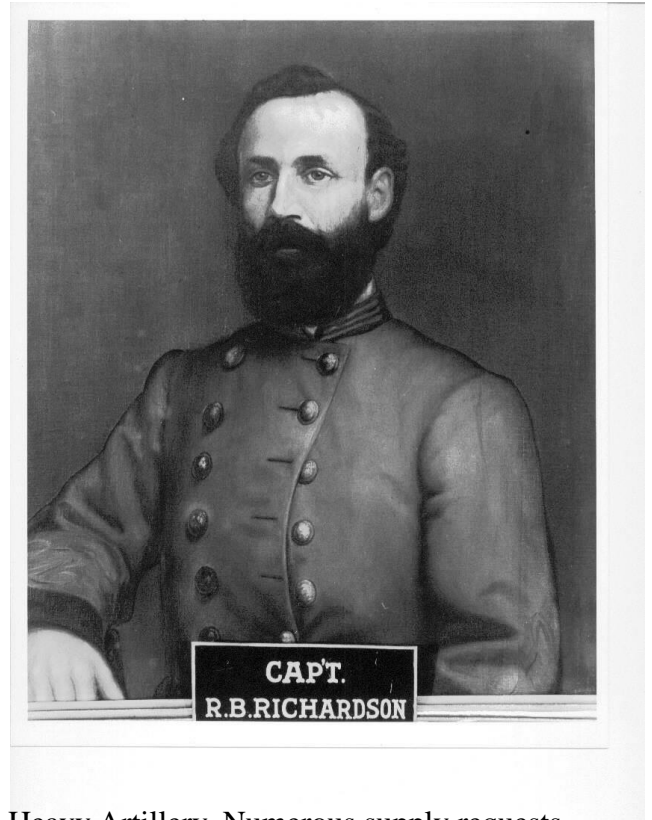


# Confederate Gravesites

(Contributed by Compatriot Fred Boelt)

Robert Benskin Richardson was born on December 15, 1831, in James City County. He was the second son of Henry Benskin Marshall Richardson and his wife Eliza Taylor Withers. The Richardsons owned Cloverdale, a large farm located on the south side of Ware Creek Road. Robert graduated from medical school, and by 1860, he was listed in the census as a physician living at Cloverdale with his mother and several siblings.

The James City Artillery was originally raised as Company H, 32<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Infantry in Williamsburg on May 16, 1861. Dr. Richardson enlisted in this company on the day that it was formed. Company H was incorporated into the 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Artillery in September 1861. He was present on all rolls until November and December 1861, when he was absent on leave to go home. He was promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant on May 12, 1862, and to Assistant Surgeon on June 4, 1862.

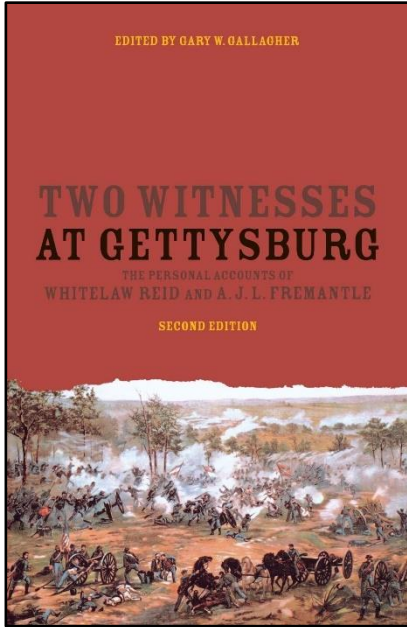


By October 1863, he had transferred to the 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Virginia Heavy Artillery. Numerous supply requests have been found for fodder, grain and hay for his one horse after this transfer. Much of his time was spent at Chaffin's farm near Richmond. For much of 1864, he was in charge of the 10th Virginia Artillery hospital and requested supplies for the hospital throughout his time there. He was appointed Senior Surgeon on February 10, 1865.

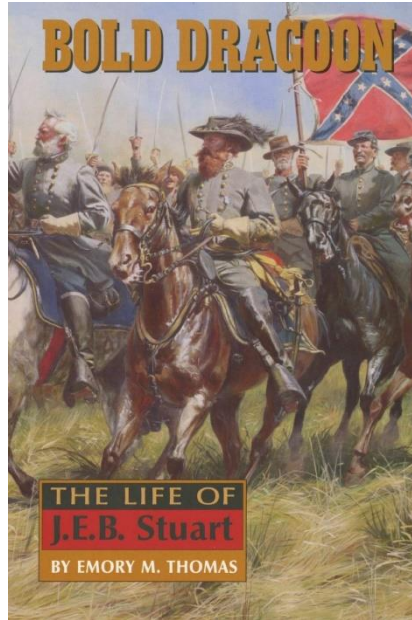
Sometime after the end of the war, Dr. Richardson moved to Allensville, Todd County, Kentucky where he was listed as a physician in the 1870 census. He returned to James City County long enough to marry Harriett Hankins, one of the daughters of George and Mary Hankins, on March 11, 1873. Dr. and Mrs. Richardson were listed as residents of Allensville, Kentucky in the 1880 census. However, the Richardsons did return to Virginia before Dr. Richardson's death for his obituary stated that he died at Marlbrook in James City County, the Hankins family home, adjacent to Hickory Neck Church. He was buried in the Hankins family cemetery at Marlbrook.

When a portion of the farmland was purchased for the Stonehouse Elementary School, the family cemetery was located on that tract. In 1998, the family graves were moved to the Christian Services Cemetery, a part of Marlbrook that adjoined the Hickory Neck Church land. This five-acre parcel was later donated to Hickory Neck, and the Hankins/Richardson graves are now considered to be in the church graveyard.

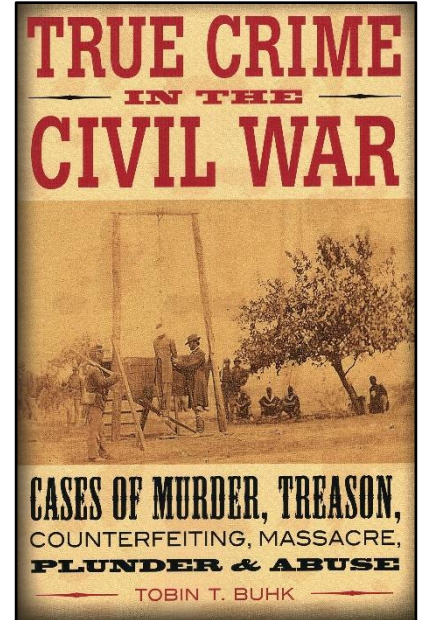
# September Book Raffle



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Edited by Gary W. Gallagher Second Edition

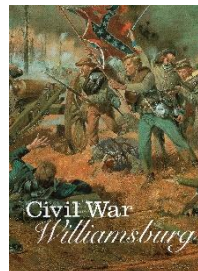


"Bold Dragon - The Life of J.E.B. Stuart"  
by Emory M. Thomas

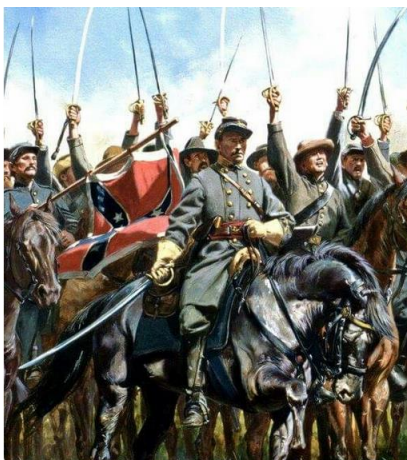


"True Crime In The Civil War - Cases of  
Murder, Treason, Plunder & Abuse"  
by Tobin T. Buhk

Bonus Book:  
Civil War Williamsburg  
by Carson O. Hudson, Jr.



## Williamsburg Civil War Round Table



<http://www.wcwrt.org>

On September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 - Eric Wittenberg  
will present:

**"Cavalry Operations in June 1864, Around the Cold  
Harbor Battles"**