



James City Cavalry Picket Lines



September 2026 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, September 23, 2026, 6:30 pm
Colonial Heritage Club House
www.colonialheritageclub.com
6500 Arthur Hills Drive
Williamsburg, VA 23188



Meal Cost: \$23.00 Per Person

Payment by check or exact cash only please.

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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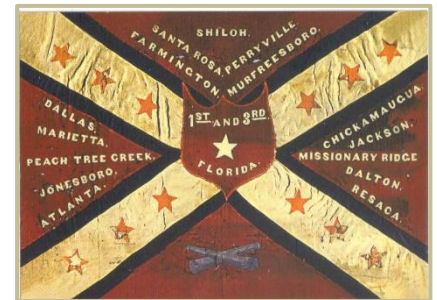
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September Guest Speaker

(Submitted by 1st. Lt. Cmdr. Ron Perry)

Cmdr. Jeff Toalson

***"The First
National Flag
and
Confederate
Battle Flags"***



Our September meeting will begin with the history of the First National Flag. We will then move onto the need for a battle flag and study how that concept developed in the various armies and geographic sections of the Confederacy. The pictured flag is the late 1864 battle flag of the 1st and 3rd Florida Infantry of the Army of Tennessee. You will note 13 stars and a very different color pattern. This flag is in the collection of the former Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond.

Jeff Toalson is the author/editor of 5 histories of the War Between the States, co-author of two plays and creator of a one-person performance of former Captain Richard Watkins of the 3rd Virginia Cavalry. He is a regular speaker on various topics at SCV Camps, UDC Chapters, Civil War Roundtables and other organizations.

Camp Journal for Last Muster

Meeting:

Held August 26th at 6:30 PM at Colonial Heritage Club House,
James City County, Va., **41** Attendees

Welcome given by Cmdr. Jeff Toalson

Pledge & Salute to the Flags led by Treasurer Jon Holland

Blessing:

Given by Sr. Chaplain George Corbett

Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Compatriot George Bridewell

Program:

1st. Lt. Commander Ron Perry welcomed Ms. Teresa Roane, Archivist of the Libraries of the U.D.C. in Richmond, to our August meeting. Teresa discussed the life and accomplishments of "Matthew Fontaine Maury - The Pathfinder of the Seas".



1st Lt Cmdr Perry and Ms. Roane

Committee Reports and Announcements:

Old & New Business

- Adjutant's Report – Adjutant Dave Watson
- Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Jon Holland
- Ft. Magruder Updates - Treasurer Jon Holland & UDC Pres. Elect Eleanor Hunter
- Comments - Cmdr. Jeff Toalson

1862 Johnson Map

1st Lt. Commander Ron Perry was joined by his good friend Col. Mike McHenry, U.S. Army Ret. who shared with us his 1864 map of the "Forts, Military Posts & All the Military Divisions with Enlarged Plans of Southern Harbors." The map had enlarged views of key harbors including Mobile, Charleston, Hampton Roads, Wilmington, Key West, Baltimore and Alexandria. This map had no state boundaries but rather it outlined "Military Departments." The Johnson Map Company of New York did this special map during the war and a Reconstruction Map a few years later. Col. McHenry acquired this map in the early 1980s when he was stationed in England.



1st Lt Cmdr Perry and Col. McHenry

Book Raffle

Proceeds of \$82 were donated to the Camp Treasury from the raffle of the four donations.

Benediction

Given by Sr. Chaplain George Corbett

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WBTS in September

September 14, 1864—The Great Beefsteak Raid

Confederate Maj. Gen. Wade Hampton led a force of 3,000 troopers on what was to become a ride to acquire cattle that were intended for consumption by the Union Army, which was laying a combined siege to the cities of Richmond and Petersburg, Virginia. Abraham Lincoln called the raid "the slickest piece of cattle-stealing" he ever heard of.



Commander's Comments

We had a great meeting in August. Teresa Roane spoke to a packed house and gave us two presentations. She spoke on *Matthew Fontaine Maury – Pathfinder of the Seas* and then presented *You Are the Monument* discussing the destruction and removal of many Confederate monuments and our responsibility to be the “living monuments” to refute much of the misunderstanding and misinformation. A very educational evening.

There are FIVE Wednesdays in September. We meet on the FOURTH which is September the 23rd. Make sure you have marked the correct evening on your calendar.

President-Elect Eleanor Hunter of the Williamsburg Chapter, U.D.C. advised that once Fall comes, followed by the departure of ticks and chiggers, the Williamsburg Battlefield Association will be installing a replica WBTS cannon on the grounds inside Fort Magruder.

The James City Cavalry will man the S.C.V. booth at the Virginia State Fair on Friday, October 2. The last Friday of the Fair is our normal day to man the booth. We will probably work three shifts of 2 men each. It is a small booth, and more people would lead to overcrowding and congestion.

Mr. Larry Floyd was going to be our speaker concerning the “*Weapons of the Lincoln Assassination.*” He is having some work done on his heart. We will reschedule Larry in 2027 when he is fully repaired and feeling chipper. We wish Larry our best and ask him to keep us posted on his recovery. Fortunately, we have tried to keep our Camp members, who make presentations, in reserve for situations like this. I will do my best to expand your knowledge with a few items from a little wooden trunk that will accompany me on the 23rd.

Always remember that we serve in their memory.

Jeff

Greenmount Farm Journal

(Contributed by Historian Fred Boelt)

We continue here with excerpts from Thomas Wynne's farm journal and his insights on the war locally in September 1861:

Monday, September 2nd... William and Moses returned home from Warwick where they have been employed, since last Tuesday week, on the fort on Mulberry Point.

Tuesday, September 3rd... Two men from the 14th Virginia Regiment, stationed at Land's End in Warwick Co., came by here this evening en route for Wmsburg and asked lodgings for the night.

Wednesday, September 4th... Magruder sent again for my hands to work on the fort in Mulberry Island – Sent down Moses.

Thursday, September 5th... Hired out my wagon and mules for \$6 to a number of sick soldiers. Three sick soldiers stopped here tonight amongst them Mr. Picon of the 2nd La. Regiment. This regiment and the 15th Va. are ordered down to Cockletown [Grafton].

Saturday, September 7th... Father and myself went down to Yorktown – 6 companies of the La. Regiment went below this morning – 4 companies of the 10th Georgia regiment camped out in my apple orchard late this afternoon on their way to Warwick Ct. House. Major Weems and Lt. Miller spent the night with me.

Monday, September 9th... Went down to Land's End with Ma [his mother-in-law, Elizabeth Curtis] – Two of the soldiers, belonging to the 14th Va. Regiment died there of Typhoid Fever. They had been kept out of ground so long that they smelled very offensive indeed. That portion of the regiment stationed here had been removed to Mulberry Island Point near Mr. Crafford's.

Tuesday, September 10th... Some of the soldiers from Williamsburg with beeves for Young's Mill stop here tonight. They sleep in my barn.

Wednesday, September 11th... Had two applications for carts to convey sick soldiers down to Young's Mill.

Saturday, September 14th... Went down to Yorktown today to deliver three of Dr. Fred Power's mules to Capt. Bloomfield, the Quartermaster to whom he had sold them for the Confederate States.

Wednesday, September 18th... Went down to Yorktown to collect some money due Ma from the Confederate States, but was unable to get it. This is the third time I have been on the same errand and so far have accomplished nothing.

Thursday, September 19th... Went down, with Father [Richard Cary Wynne], to Mulberry to see the Quartermaster of the 14th Va. Regiment on business.

Friday, September 20th... A soldier of the 10th Georgia Regiment, who had been up to Williamsburg for the mail, stopped with us tonight.

Tuesday, September 24th... A soldier from the 5th La. Regiment came by tonight and requested lodgings – We took the weary man in.

Wednesday, September 25th... Went down to Mulberry Island Battery in company with father to get my money for work of hands on the fort for the month of August.

Thursday, September 26th... Mr. Schwabe paid us a visit this afternoon. He came down from Richmond yesterday where he is engaged in the Ordnance Department making a fulminating composition for percussion caps. He gets \$160 per month.

Friday, September 27th... Capt. Selden came by tonight to get out of the rain. He belongs to the Chas. City Cavalry where he has the commissary's office.

Saturday, September 28th... The papers give an account of another glorious victory by the Confederates at Lexington, Missouri.

Monday, September 30th... Received a check of \$76.12 from the Engineer Department for Ma for the work of her servants on the fort at Mulberry Island Point. *To be continued.*

Sam Davis Youth Camp 2026

(Contributed by Senior Chaplain George Corbett)

Three members of the Cavalry went to the Sam Davis Christian Youth Camp this year. All of them were serving as counselors. The campers were involved in a wide variety of activities, attended lectures given by a variety of scholars and first-person characters. There was lots of good food, firing of WBTS era weaponry, dancing, and even archeological excavation. The Camp was held at the Hat Creek Camp near Brookneal, Virginia.



Tracy Clary (L) the Virginia Camp Director is presented with a \$250 check by Compatriot Joe Wert of the Cavalry to assist the Camp with any area needing funding.



The Cavalry team of Compatriots Christopher Wert, Joe Wert and Joshua Wert before an evening event.



A group of Counselors and Students are all decked out for an evening dance. Joshua Wert on far left and Christopher Wert on far right.



Joshua Wert spent time with local archeologists excavating the kitchen foundation at Patrick Henry's "Red Hill Plantation."



Artillery practice at sunset as a group of the campers learn the process of loading and firing the standard WBTS artillery. Firing the Enfield, Fayetteville and Richmond .58 caliber rifles is enjoyed by all but nothing compares to the earth-shaking blast of the artillery.

2027 Virginia Division SCV Convention

(Contributed by Commander Jeff Toalson)

Saturday - May 1, 2027

Doubletree by Hilton
1021 Koger Center Blvd.
Midlothian, VA 23235

- ❖ Saturday Morning - Registration and Va. Div. Business Meetings
- ❖ Saturday Afternoon - Bus Trip and Tour of the U.D.C. Headquarters Building, Museum and Library
- ❖ Saturday Evening - Cocktail Party, Banquet, Speaker and Awards

Speaker is Ted Savas of Savasbeatie Publishing

Topic: His book - *The Indispensable Man - George W. Rains and the Confederate Powder Works*

Raffle - 500 tickets only - \$10 each

- First Prize - Framed J. P. Strain print *The Gathering Storm - Lee Near Salem Church on November 11, 1862*
- Second Prize - \$400
- Third Prize - \$100



The Gathering Storm

We had about 15 compatriots attend the 2015 Convention, also at the Doubletree, when it was last held in Midlothian. We car-pooled up in the a.m. and drove home following the Museum of the Confederacy tour. We also did a group stop at Krispy Kreme along the way because the red light was on and it seemed like a really good idea.

More details to follow. We do not have costs yet on the banquet or the registration.

Upcoming State Fair

(Contributed by Adjutant Dave Watson)

The James City Cavalry will be manning the S.C.V. Booth at the State Fair on the final Friday (Oct. 2), as is our custom.

Edwin Ray advises that currently we will be in a single booth as was the case last year. That means shifts of 2 men at a time. The U.D.C. will not be sharing the booth with us this year. More details to follow. We will need a minimum of 6 volunteers to cover the three shifts.



State Fair 2024 - Ron, Tom, Perry, Derick, Jeff and Lang

Noreen Wood (1942 - 2026)

(Contributed by Commander Jeff Toalson)

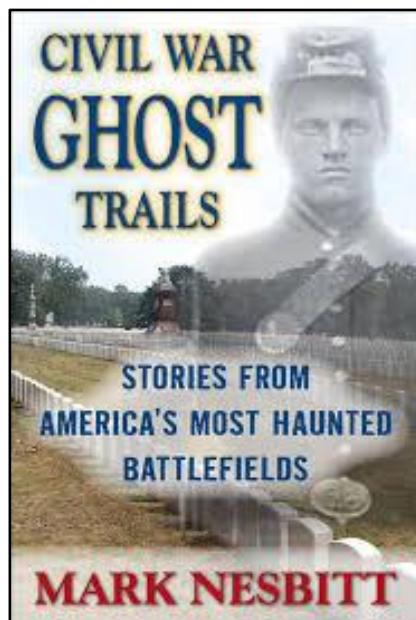


This past winter Noreen received her FOC certificate from Jeff and Dave

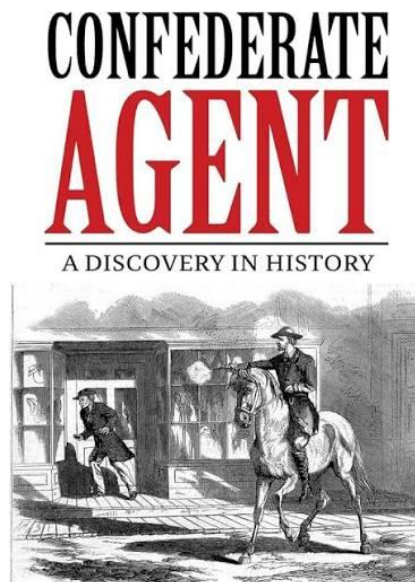
Things were not quite right at the August meeting. Noreen Wood was missing from her spot at the front table next to Charles. It was a rare month that Noreen did not join Charles at the Cavalry meetings and also at the Civil War Roundtable meetings. One of the pleasures of being the commander is that I get to welcome the ladies with a hug. If I was visiting with Charles or someone, and had not done my duty, I would hear a voice say, "I need my hug." I am going to miss my hug and we will all miss Noreen.

September Book Raffle

(Contributed by Compatriot Derick Hayman)

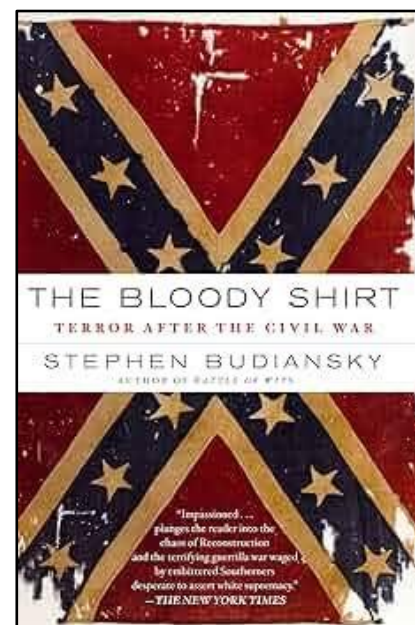


"Civil War Ghost Trails"
by Mark Nesbitt



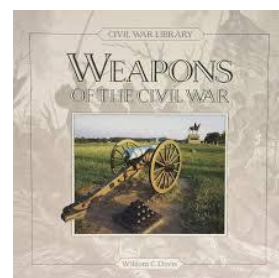
JAMES D. HORAN

"Confederate Agent"
by James D. Horan

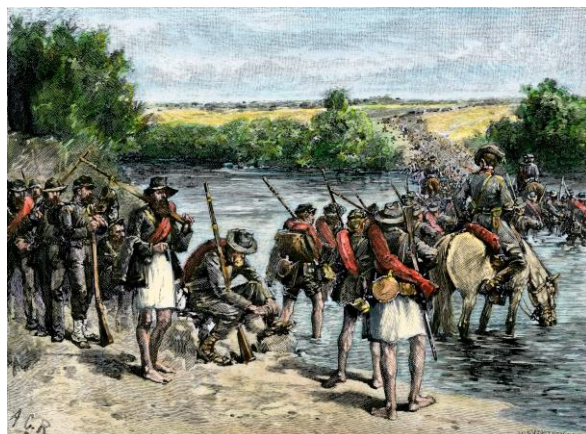


"The Bloody Shirt"
by Stephen Budiansky

Bonus Book:
"Weapons of the Civil War"
by William C. Davis



Williamsburg Civil War Round Table



<http://www.wcwrt.org>

At 6:30 PM on September 22 at the
Williamsburg Library Theatre - Alex Rossino
will present:

**"Lee's Army in Maryland:
A New Perspective on the Campaign of
September 1862"**