



James City Cavalry PICKET LINES



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Camp #2095  1st Brigade  Virginia Division  Army of Northern Virginia

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NEXT MUSTER

Wednesday, April 24th, 2013, 6:30pm
Colonial Heritage Club

<http://www.colonialheritageva.com/club.html>

6500 Arthur Hills Drive
Williamsburg, VA 23188

Guest Speaker:

Mr. Michael Moore
Yorktown, Virginia

*"Yorktown's Civil War Siege:
Drums Along the Warwick"*



Meal Cost: \$17.00 Per Person –

Includes Dessert & Coffee

(genuine Confederate currency gladly accepted –
will reluctantly accept US \$5 notes)

Honored Confederate Soldier:

Private Joseph Bashaw
Co I- 7th Tennessee Infantry

No RSVP Required

Compatriots' Ladies & Guests Encouraged To Attend

APRIL GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Michael Moore
Yorktown, Virginia

*"Yorktown's Civil War Siege:
Drums Along the Warwick"*

Tonight we will focus on General John Magruder and his defense of the 'Warwick line' against the Union forces of General George McClellan. The 'Warwick line' will extend from Yorktown, on the York river, across the entire peninsula to Mulberry Island on the James river. McClellan had to get through or around Magruder's defenses to execute his plan to capture Richmond. Michael will increase our understanding of the defensive line constructed by Magruder and special emphasis in the talk will be on Magruder's strategy and tactics from March through May of 1862.

Signed copies of Drums Along the Warwick will be for sale at \$21 tax included.

Mr. Michael Moore is the curator for Lee Hall Mansion and Endview Plantation. He holds his BA in history from CNU and an MA in history from ODU. Michael is a regular lecturer and tour guide on regional battles and battlefields. He is also the author of two books about the Peninsula campaign and numerous WBTS articles in North & South, Virginia Cavalcade and other historical journals. Michael was also our keynote speaker when the James City Cavalry hosted the Virginia Division SCV Convention in 2009.

Bring a guest to our April meeting. Supper will be served at 6:30 and we will introduce Mr. Moore at 7:30. Our buffet costs \$17 per person. Non members please contact Ken Parsons at 757-564-0878 for reservations (217 Sherwood Forest – Williamsburg, Virginia 23188).

1st Lt. Commander Jeff Toalson



SUPPORT THE TROOPS

Immediate Need Items :

Q-Tips
Hard Candy
Slim Jims
Lip Balm
Beef Jerky
Dental Floss
Moisture Lotion



JEFF TOALSON AWARDED GOLD MEDAL IN HISTORY

On March 14, 2013, Williamsburg historian Jeff Toalson was awarded the Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal by the United Daughters of the Confederacy in recognition of his three works on the American Civil War. Presenting their highest award were Historian Karen Gregory (L) and President Mary Vial (R) of the General Stuart Chapter #2195 of Richmond, Virginia. Significant past recipients of this UDC historical recognition include: Douglas Southall Freeman, Bell I. Wiley, Clifford Dowdey, James I. Robertson and Shelby Foote.



Mr. Toalson's three volumes all use the diaries, letters and journals of common soldiers and civilians to portray a human, intimate look at the greatest conflict in our national history. *No Soap, No Pay, Diarrhea, Dysentery & Desertion* (2006); *Send Me a Pair of Old Boots & Kiss My Little Girls* (2009) and *Mama, I Am Yet Still Alive* (2012) are told in the 'first person' by over 400 Southern individuals, 160 of whom have never before been published.

JAMES CITY CAVALRY CAMP CHARGE

"The James City Cavalry, Camp 2095, Sons of Confederate Veterans, is proud of the brave men who left their homes and families in defense of Constitutional Liberty and States Rights to face overwhelming odds. Many paid the ultimate price; all endured hardships and suffering while maintaining the reputation of the greatest fighting force the world had ever known. Placing their faith in God, the Southern Soldiers fought for a just cause and the light of their accomplishments can never be dimmed or shadowed by any revision of history."



Compatriot Walker Ware (L) is inducted by 1st Lt. Commander Jeff Toalson (R) as Commander Jerry White looks on.

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CAMP JOURNAL FOR LAST MUSTER

Meeting:

Held 27 Mar. at 6:30PM at Colonial Heritage Club,
James City Cty., Va., 43 attendees

Welcome given by Commander Jerry White

Invocation:

Given by Chaplain Fred Breeden

Pledge & Salute to the Flags
Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Quartermaster Jim Swords
Guest Introduction by Commander Jerry White

Ancestral Memorial Candle:

Read by Compatriot Charles Eugene Bush *in honor of*
Private Joseph P. Hoover,
Co. D – 45th Tennessee Infantry.

Program:

1st Lt. Commander, Jeff Toalson, introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Christopher L. McDaid, lead archaeologist for Fort Eustis, Virginia. Mr. McDaid described his unit's work on the archeological work and discovery on the Warwick Line around Mulberry Island (Fort Eustis) and Fort Crafford. Christopher indicated he could arrange a tour for camp members with some prior coordination.



(L. to R) Commander Jerry White, Mr. Christopher L. McDaid, & 1st Lt. Commander Jeff Toalson

Committee Reports and Announcements

Treasurer's Report

Adjutant Ken Parsons indicated we have \$2,288 in the bank.

Trivia Question

Many battles and campaigns had more than one name, ie.: Sharpsburg/Antietam or First Manassas/First Bull

Run... There was a campaign late June 1862 in Virginia with seven names. What were they?

Answer: There were 7 names for the battle of Glendale/Frasers Farm as named by Compatriot Ed Engle, but the campaign with 7 standard names for the 5 battles was the 7 Days Campaign (Mechanicsville, Beaver Dam Creek, Gaines's Mill, Glendale, Fraser' Farm, Savage Station and Malvern Hill).

Support the Troops

Scott Summerfield reported that on 1 March 4 boxes were sent to Brendan Geyer, Ray Adams' grandson. Brendan will be deployed awhile longer. Scott also indicated that on 18 March 1 box was sent to Kirby Smith. Kirby will soon be returning home.

Cemetery Report

2nd Lt. Commander Steve White indicated a headstone had been ordered for Logan Lukard, CSA, buried at Hill Pleasant Cemetery. Also, Steve and Chris Hockaday probed and found gravesites at the Lacy Burial Ground (New Kent). No monuments were found to designate it as a Confederate Cemetery and no future work will be done at the site. Steve also indicated that Kim Monagle donated some fencing to the Camp for future use at cemeteries.

Old Business

It was decided by the Camp that both the old version of the SCV Charge and the version specifically addressing the James City Cavalry will be read at each meeting.

New Business

It was announced that April is Confederate History Month and to be on the lookout for events to attend and support.

It was mentioned that the Camp is willing to sponsor a young person to attend the Sam Davis Camp to be held in Virginia this year, 15-22 June. It was announced that this year's Confederate Memorial day will be held on 31 May at Olive Branch Church, to be followed by a picnic at Fred Boelt's farm. It was also announced that Jefferson Davis' Birthday Celebration will be held in Richmond on 8 June.

New Member

Walker Ware, Compatriot David Ware's brother, was inducted as a member of the Camp.

Book Raffle

\$73.00 was donated to the Camp Treasury for the raffle of the two donations:

"The Amish Rebel - The Story of the Confederate States Naval Academy", Preston Nuttall, 2012, Camp Hill, soft cover, 245 pages
and "Cold Mountain", Charles Frazier, 1997, New York, hard cover 353 pages.

Benediction

Given by Compatriot David Ware.

CONFEDERATE GRAVESITES

(Contributed by Historian/Genealogist Compatriot Fred Boelt)

The Vaiden family has been on the peninsula for centuries. A main branch of this family was in New Kent County in the eighteen and early nineteenth centuries with later generations moving into Charles City and James City counties. In the September 2010 edition of *Picket Lines*, we looked at the life of William Benjamin Vaiden, and later, in December 2012, we saw that Sarah Meredith Vaiden married William Meanley. There are two Vaiden men, second cousins, who were buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery. Both of these men served in the Confederate army.

One of these men, Galba Vaiden, was born on September 27, 1845, in New Kent County. His parents were Melville Vaiden and his first wife, Mary Lucy Stubblefield. After Mary Vaiden's untimely death in 1855, Melville married Maria Louisa Meanley, and they had one daughter before the war began. Melville Vaiden enlisted in Company F, 3rd Virginia Cavalry in New Kent on June 28, 1861, serving as captain. His service was shortened by an unstated illness starting in September. Unable to serve beyond that point, he died at his home on January 28, 1862, and is presumably buried in the family cemetery in New Kent.

Not yet seventeen years old, perhaps spurred on by his father's death, Galba Vaiden enlisted in Company F in Richmond on May 5, 1862, as a private. On May 15th, he re-enlisted in Company B, 5th Virginia Cavalry. However, he was not listed on Captain Allen's 1896 roster for the 5th Cavalry. The limited extant records for Galba Vaiden indicate that he served throughout the remainder of the war with the 3rd Cavalry. His obituary stated that he was in Stuart's raid in Pennsylvania (October 1862), was slightly wounded at Nance's Shop (June 24, 1864), and surrendered at Appomattox.

After the war, Galba Vaiden moved to

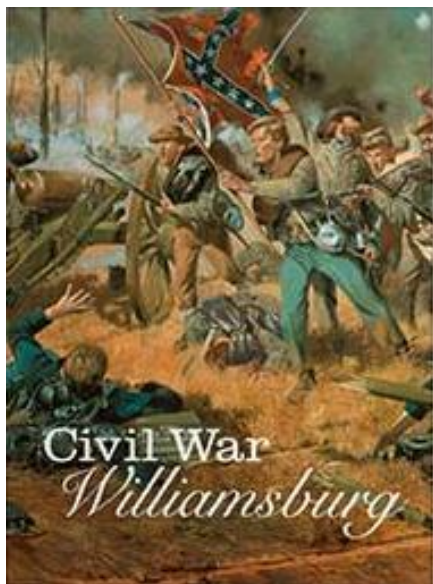
Williamsburg. There he married Louisa Anna Barlow on February 5, 1868. Louisa's two brothers, John Holdsworth Barlow, Jr. and Thomas Joel Barlow, were featured in *Picket Lines*, June 2012. Galba and Louisa were married in the Barlow home (Alexander Craig House today) on Duke of Gloucester Street, and they lived there for the rest of their lives. They had two children, Lucy Nelson Vaiden, born on February 7, 1869, and John Melville Vaiden, born on October 9, 1871, and died on September 3, 1879. The 1870 census listed Galba's occupation as "Engineer, Eastern Lunatic Asylum," a position that he would hold until the early 1890s.

Following his service at the asylum, Galba was chief engineer at the Normal School in Hampton for several years. He returned to Williamsburg and purchased the Denmead Ice Plant which he ran until a few years before his death. Vaiden was a Justice of the Peace and also served on the Williamsburg City Council for a number years, holding that position at the time of his death. He was a charter member of the Magruder-Ewell Camp, Confederate Veterans, and was a Mason.

Galba Vaiden died on January 4, 1923. His funeral was held at the Williamsburg Baptist Church (then located on Duke of Gloucester Street) by the Reverend E. Ruffin Jones of Bruton Parish Church, a close personal friend. The interment followed at Cedar Grove Cemetery. After the funeral the *Daily Press* reported "The funeral of the late Galba Vaiden held ... Sunday afternoon was perhaps the largest ever seen in this city certainly within the memory of those now living. ... The handful of comrades in arms, five in number, followed the body to the grave."

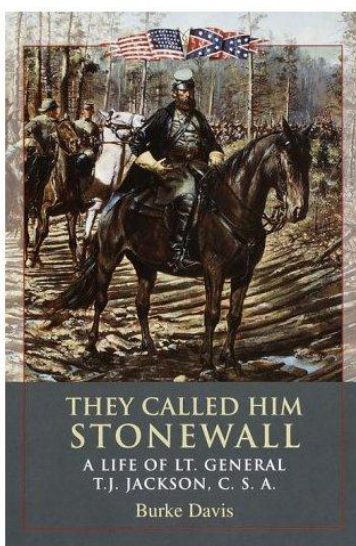
In another article, we will look at the life and service of Jacob Vaiden, also interred at Cedar Grove.

APRIL BOOK RAFFLE



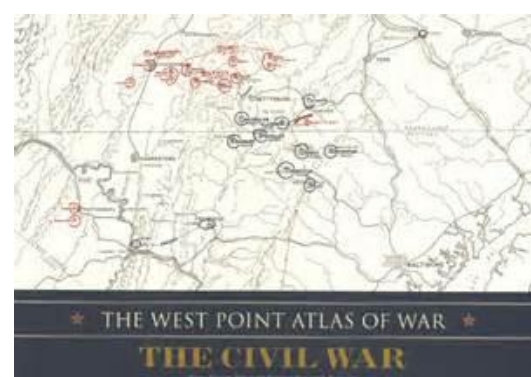
"Civil War Williamsburg"
 Carson Hudson, Jr., 1997,
 Williamsburg, 96 pages, soft cover

A basic overview of Williamsburg in the WBTS by local author Carson Hudson. An excellent selection of local pictures. Published by Colonial Williamsburg.



"They Called Him Stonewall"
 Burke Davis, 1961, New York, 8th
 edition, 470 pages, hard cover

In the well known writing style of Burke Davis you follow T. J. Jackson from the capture of John Brown at Harper's Ferry to a small room at Guiney's Station where his life ends. A good read.



"The West Point Atlas of the Civil War"
 Col. Vincent J. Esposito – editor, 1962,
 New York, Large Format Coffee Table
 Book, over 155 Map pages, hard cover

This book contains maps of 19 major campaigns of the WBTS. The major campaigns that the students at West Point study in their understanding of strategy and tactics of the WBTS. Peninsula Campaign (13), Murfreesboro (11), Vicksburg (18), Wilderness-Spotsylvania (27). Excellent book and top notch maps to increase your understanding of the battles.

APRIL TRIVIA QUESTION:

What was called the "Land Merrimac"?
 How and where was it used?

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CONFEDERATE GRAVESTONE AT HILL PLEASANT

(Contributed by Historian/Genealogist Compatriot Fred Boelt)

An article in the October 2012 *Picket Lines* identified two Confederate veterans, Thaddeus Hankins (3rd Virginia Cavalry) and Logan Lukhard (Co. C, 32nd Virginia Infantry), who were buried at Hill Pleasant farm. Brian Lukhard, a descendant of Logan's brother, William, picked up the article from the internet and contacted us. Brian now lives in Kernersville, North Carolina, but had placed several veterans' stones at other cemeteries in Virginia. When he found out that Logan's grave was unmarked, he asked for our help in correcting that situation.



Well, as luck would have it, Steve White, who agreed to receive the stone from the shipper, heard soon thereafter that the stone was on the way. The cold, wet March weather was actually on our side! Planting had been delayed, the stone arrived, and on Saturday, April 6th, the stone was set in place. Steve White, Ken Parsons, Fred Boelt, Scott Summerfield, and Mark and Vivian Carpenter got Logan William Lukhard's final resting place properly marked. We have sent pictures to Brian who sends his sincere thanks to our camp for doing this for his ancestor, and Brian hopes to visit in the fall after harvest time!

Forms were filled out, permission was obtained from Don Hunt, current owner of Hill Pleasant, and the race was on. The cemetery at the farm is on a small knoll located in the middle of a huge crop field. The stone would have to be erected before this year's crop was planted, or we would have to wait until harvest time. When Brian got final approval from the veterans' administration in late March, he was told we would receive the stone in four to six weeks, leaving us no chance of getting it in the ground this spring.

