



James City Cavalry Picket Lines



August 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, August 26, 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.

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.

August Guest Speaker

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

Ms. Teresa Roane
UDC Archivist



***"Matthew
Fontaine Maury
-- Pathfinder of
the Seas / You
are the Living
Monument"***

Commander Matthew Maury, considered a founder of modern oceanography, will be discussed by Ms. Roane. In her research she found an interesting aspect of how the Bible played a role in discovering the pathways of the seas and oceans. Her other topic of presentation, "You are the Living Monument", is a history lesson to assist people against the National Narrative. It is her response to the removal of the Reconciliation Memorial in Arlington National Cemetery. These two topics will be educational and current subjects that should be of interest to us.

Teresa is a Richmond native having earned her B.A. in History from Virginia Commonwealth University. She has worked at the Richmond Public Library, the Valentine Museum's library, and was the Archivist at the Museum of the Confederacy. Teresa is currently the Archivist for the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She has served on numerous boards and foundations. She has also received numerous awards from the UDC, SCV and MOSB. In her free time, she enjoys reading and walking battlefields. She is a true Confederate archivist and activist.

Camp Journal for Last Muster

Meeting:

Held July 22nd at 6:30 PM at Colonial Heritage Club House,
James City County, Va., **29 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 Captain Bob Kennedy, U.S.N. Retired, to our July meeting. Captain Bob presented a marvelous talk on "Blockade Runners During the W.B.T.S." Over 80% of the blockade running attempts were successful and without those ships bringing the needed military supplies, foods, medicines, and raw materials there is no way the Confederacy could have survived from 1861 to 1865.



Capt. Bob Kennedy and 1st Lt. Cmdr. Perry

Committee Reports and Announcements:

Old & New Business

- Cemetery Report – 2nd Lt. Cmdr. Steve White
- Adjutant's Report – Cmdr. Jeff Toalson
- Upcoming Speaker Report – 1st Lt. Cmdr. Ron Perry
- Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Jon Holland
- Comments - Cmdr. Jeff Toalson

Election of New Quartermaster



Commander Jeff Toalson (L) welcomes newly elected Quartermaster Mark Griggs (C) and thanks outgoing QM Tom Campbell for his service.

Fort Magruder Donation



Treasurer Jon Holland (L) presents President-Elect Eleanor Hunter of the Williamsburg U.D.C. Chapter with a check for \$500 to support their maintenance of Fort Magruder.

Book Raffle

Proceeds of \$80 were donated to the Camp Treasury from the raffle of the four donations.

Benediction

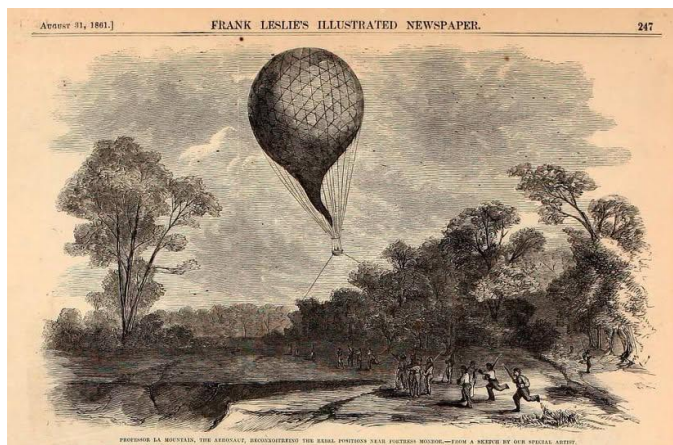
Given by Sr. Chaplain George Corbett

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The Civil War in August

August 3, 1861 - For the first time in warfare a reconnaissance balloon is used by Union forces to assess Confederate positions.



Commander's Comments

We will be honored to have Teresa Roane of the U.D.C. as our guest speaker this month. Her topic is Matthew F. Maury – Pathfinder of the Seas. This man was a giant in his study and documentation of the currents, winds, meteorology and oceanographic data of the key world shipping routes. His cumulative studies were made available to all sailing nations and were standard reference material for ship captains and navigators.

In 1855 he published *The Physical Geography of the Seas* which was a two-volume work.

In 1857 he published *Wind and Current Charts of the North Atlantic*.

In 1861 he published *Sailing Directions and Physical Geography of the Seas and its Meteorology*.

These were the 'Sailing Bibles' that sea captains carried with them on their ships.

A tremendous amount of his research was a result of the 1853 Brussels Conference where he convinced 75% of the major sailing nations of the world to send him the sailing data compiled by their sea captains as they sailed the major trade routes of the world. In short order Prussia, Spain, Sardinia, Chile, Austria, and Brazil also came on board. He even studied older logbooks from sailing vessels in the naval archives of major seafaring countries. Winds, currents, sea-state, and time-of-year all became important in his accumulation of data.

How Virginia could be so short-sighted to remove his statue from Monument Avenue, V. I. M. S. to remove his name from Maury Hall, and the Mariner's Museum to remove his name from their lake is simply beyond the pale.

Please join us in August to expand your appreciation of Matthew F. Maury.

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 August 1861:

Friday, August 2nd...Magruder is moving forces down toward Hampton.

Monday, August 5th... Mr. Picon of the 2nd Louisiana Regiment spent the day with us...Gave supper to 7 men of the Georgia Regiment, who are on their way to Young's Mill to join Genl Magruder's forces.

Wednesday, August 7th...The papers report that Newport News has been evacuated.

Thursday, August 8th...Heard that Hampton was burned last night.

Friday, August 9th...Dr. Read, chaplain of the 5th La. Regiment dined and spent the evening with us. A soldier by the name of Moss of the 14th Va. Regiment, who called in here last evening from a severe attack of cramp, went back to camp.

Wednesday, August 14th...The 5th Louisiana regiment returned from below to their quarters at Grove Wharf.

Thursday, August 15th... The Virginia and Georgia Regiments came up today.

Saturday, August 17th...Today's paper contradicts the report of the capture of McCulloch by the Federals in Missouri, but confirms the account of the defeat of the latter at the late battle near Springfield.

Wednesday, August 21st... Returned from Richmond today – Goods excessively high – Found that four of my men had been ordered into Mulberry Island to work on the fortifications. Went down on yesterday.

Monday, August 26th...The Quartermaster at Yorktown called for our wagon, four mules and driver. Having sent my hands to work on the fortifications in Warwick, had none to send him.

Wednesday, August 28th...in the evening, Uncle Alex Perkins [Wynne's uncle who was a doctor living in King William County at the time] and Mr. Johnson of King William arrived. They had been sent down to Yorktown to move away some of the sick soldiers to King Wm. And hiring a conveyance from old Mr. White came out and spent the night with us.

Saturday, August 31st... Three of my hands are still at work on the fortifications in Mulberry Island.

To be continued.

Sam Davis Christian Youth Camp

(Contributed by Compatriot Joe Wert)

Compatriots Joe Wert, Christopher Wert and Joshua Wert will be attending the Youth Camp the last week of July as counselors. The camp gave them a donation of \$250 to present to Compatriot Tracy Clary and the camp staff to help defray 2026 expenses.



Jon and Thomas Holland at Gettysburg

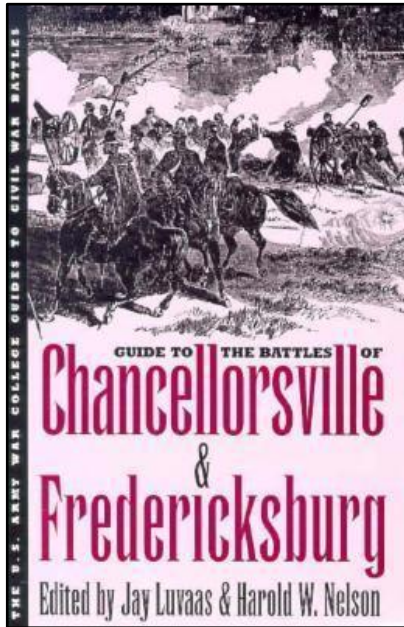
(Contributed by Commander Jeff Toalson)



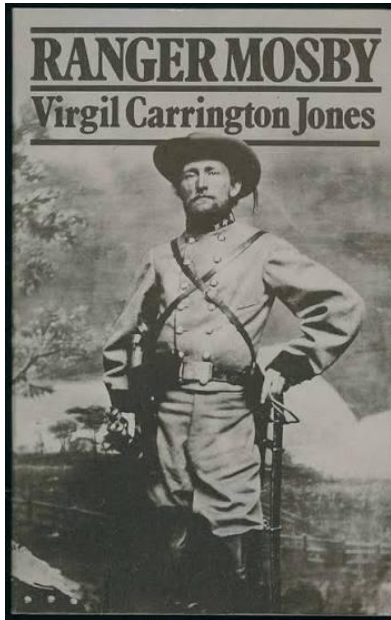
Treasurer Jon Holland and Cadet Thomas Holland at Gettysburg in July ready to follow in their ancestors' footsteps and march across the valley from Seminary Ridge to Cemetery Ridge. The Virginia Monument is in the background on land where Pickett formed his division for the attack.

August Book Raffle

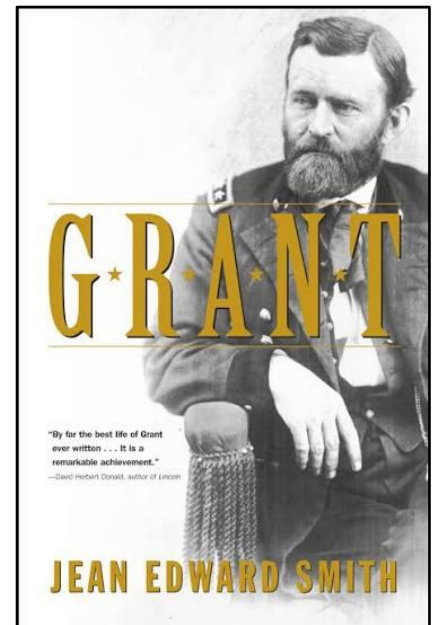
(Contributed by Compatriot Derick Hayman)



"Chancellorsville & Fredericksburg"
Edited by Jay Luvaas and Harold W. Nelson

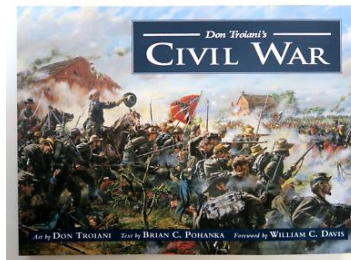


"Ranger Mosby"
by Virgil Carrington Jones



"Grant"
by Jean Edward Smith

Bonus Book:
"Don Troiani's Civil War"
by Brian C. Pohanka



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"**

