

# 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, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 6:30pm  
Colonial Heritage Club  
<http://colonialheritageclub.org/home.asp>  
6500 Arthur Hills Drive  
Williamsburg, VA 23188

**Guest Speaker:**  
**Dr. Mallory Read**  
Norfolk, Virginia

*"Lincoln's Lues – The Disease of Tyrants"*



**Meal Cost: \$17.00 Per Person –**  
(genuine Confederate currency gladly accepted –  
will reluctantly accept US \$5 notes)

**Honored Confederate Soldiers:**

Cpl. John F. Gooldy, Co. A - 11th Virginia Infantry  
2nd Lt. William J. Gooldy, Co. D - 28th Virginia Infantry  
1st. Sgt. Robert Gooldy, Co. K - 58th Virginia Infantry

**No RSVP Required**

**Compatriots' Ladies & Guests Encouraged To Attend**

## SEPTEMBER GUEST SPEAKER

**Dr. Mallory Read**  
Norfolk, Virginia

*"Lincoln's Lues – The Disease of Tyrants"*

Tyrants are leaders whose rule ignores laws and borders and may involve violence and cruelty to preserve and expand the area under their control. Courses on deviant behavior teach the fact that many ruthless dictators had brain infections, particularly the prevalent sexually transmitted disease, syphilis. While often sparing intelligence in it's early phase, the brain eating germs cause depression, headaches, monomania, delusions of grandeur, uncontrollable anger and aggression, and loss of certain important human functions such as judgement, insight, and compassion. The more than 16,000 books on Lincoln are mostly fawning praise of a man who was chief executive during the worst 4 years of our history, a time when the Federal government stole power from the States and committed unspeakable war crimes upon Southern civilians. Few of these mention that the 16th President took Bluemass, a mercury containing compound, 3 times a day for many years. There is scant serious medical consideration given to what was really wrong with Mary Lincoln, or with the Lincoln's diseased children. Seldom is the case made of the fact that the Commander-in-Chief of the Union had a common form of insanity. Join us tonight for an insightful medical discussion into this very probable situation.

Mallory Read, MD is the great grandson of Lt. Charles William "Savez" Read, CSN, and is one of 5 generations named for Stephen Mallory. He took his BA from UVa and MD from The Medical College of Virginia, now VCU. He served as Chief of Emergency Medicine at Norfolk General Hospital and Maryview Hospital, and was a medical director of the Rescue Squad. He practiced clinical medicine for 33 years, doing diagnostic work every day. He is proud to serve as Commander of The Norfolk County Grays.

Bring a guest to our September meeting. Supper will be served at 6:30 and we will introduce Dr. Read at 7:30. Our buffet costs \$17 per person. Non members please contact Ken Parsons at [kparsons4@cox.net](mailto:kparsons4@cox.net) or 757-564-0878 to confirm reservations.

1st Lt. Commander Jeff Toalson





# CAMP JOURNAL FOR LAST MUSTER



## Meeting:

Held 28 Aug. at 6:30PM at Colonial Heritage Club,  
James City Cty., Va., 50 attendees

Welcome given by Commander Jerry White

## Invocation:

Given by Commander Jerry White

Pledge & Salute to the Flags

Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Quartermaster Jim Swords

James City Cavalry Charge

Welcome and introduction of guests given by

Commander Jerry White

## Trivia Question:

What unit (north or south) had the greatest number of  
soldiers killed during the war?

Answer: **Pending**

## Ancestral Memorial Candle:

Read by Compatriot Charles Eugene Bush *in honor of*  
*Captain Thomas J. Key, Key's Battery - Arkansas*  
*Light Artillery*

## Program:

Introduction of Guest Speaker by 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant  
Commander Jeff Toalson: Our guest speaker was Ms.  
Marilyn Iglesias, who provided a vivid and fascinating  
first-person portrayal of Captain Sally Tompkins, CSA.  
The camp was regaled with stories of her life and in  
particular the role she undertook during the WBTS  
when she convinced Judge Robertson of Richmond to  
allow him to turn his home into the 'Robertson  
Hospital.' We also learned why President  
Jefferson Davis commissioned Sally as a Captain in  
the Confederate cavalry.

## Committee Reports & Announcements:

### Treasurer' Report

Adjutant Ken Parsons requested prompt submission of  
dues by those members who have not yet paid.

### Cemetery Report

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Commander Steve White thanked  
Compatriot Scott Summerfield for continuing  
maintenance efforts and indicated that recent wet  
weather has inhibited otherwise scheduled activities.

### Support the Troops

Adjutant Ken Parsons again indicated that a  
replacement deployed soldier will need to be identified  
shortly in order to continue our "Support the Troops"  
project. Ken also requested assistance with packages  
and shipping.

## Old Business

Commander Jerry White informed the Camp of  
ongoing efforts by many groups via the York County  
Board of Supervisors to inhibit the potential  
commercial/residential development of significant  
portions of the Williamsburg Battlefield.

## New Business

The Nominating Committee submitted its slate of  
candidates for Camp Office for 2013-2015 and the  
Camp approved the following nominees by  
acclamation:

Commander - Jeff Toalson

Adjutant - Ken Parsons

1st. Lt. Commander - Ed Engle

2nd Lt. Commander - Steve White

Quartermaster - Warren Raines

Archivist & Editor - Jim Swords

Chaplain - Fred Breeden; Historian - Fred Boelt

## Book Raffle:

\$100.00 was donated to the Camp Treasury for the  
raffle of the volumes: "Crucial Moments of the Civil  
War" Willard Webb - Editor; "Stonewall of the West -  
Patrick Cleburne & the Civil War" Craig L. Symonds;  
and "Chattanooga - A Death Grip on the Confederacy"  
James L. McDonough.

## Benediction:

Given by Commander Jerry White at 8:30pm.

# SUPPORT THE TROOPS

Our new soldier is Marine Sgt. Tommy Toquothy,  
Son-in-Law of Compatriot Sparkie Harcourt.  
Sgt. Toquothy is presently stationed in Afghanistan.  
The Camp sent first packages to him last month.

## Immediately Needed Items :

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



# CAMP PICTORIAL



*L to R - Ms. Marilyn Eglesias as Captain Sally Tompkins, Ann Darst (great, great niece of Sally Tompkins and wife of Compatriot Jackson Darst), and 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander Jeff Toalson*

## JINE THE JAMES CITY CAVALRY

### AT A CONFEDERATE CHRISTMAS SUPPER!

Please bring your Artifacts for proud display - we may also have a Silent Auction!

The Camp is providing BBQ & Brunswick Stew & Requests one large Potluck dish from each Family/Party

JCC Christmas Trivia Question:  
Saint Nick or Steve White?

**Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013**  
**6:00pm - 9:00pm**  
at the  
**Toano Women's Club**  
**7965 Richmond Road**  
**Toano, VA 23168**

## NOTABLE QUOTES

“The trite saying that honesty is the best policy has met with the just criticism that honesty is not policy. The real honest man is honest from conviction of what is right, not from policy.”

- Robert E. Lee

“The patriot volunteer, fighting for country and his rights, makes the most reliable soldier on earth.”

- Stonewall Jackson

## CAMP OFFICERS

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- Chaplain** Fred Breeden  
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## HONOR YOUR ANCESTOR

In the past four years we have had Camp members light memorial candles eleven times in honor of their ancestors. That is only about three per year!

Please provide 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander Jeff Toalson with information on your ancestor and he will conduct additional research, coordinating with you and your family to select a night to honor ancestor.

## ANNUAL DUES

Annual dues are coming in with about 85% of the Camp's members having paid. Those that haven't please bring your complete dues statement and available remittance to the meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

- Adjutant Ken Parsons

# CONFEDERATE GRAVESITES

(Contributed by Historian/Genealogist Compatriot Fred Boelt)

William Henry Edloe Morecock was born on September 20, 1836 in New Kent County. He was the third child of William Beverley Morecock and his wife, Ann Cocke Edloe. While still a young child, his father purchased "Ashland," an 878 acre farm on Diascund Road in James City County [site of now defunct Colonial Golf Course]. This was where Morecock spent his childhood, but by 1859, he was enrolled at the College of William and Mary. The 1860 census listed him as a "clerk" [of County Court], living in the household of Catherine M. Maupin on Duke of Gloucester Street. The college records indicate that he was still enrolled there in 1861.

Morecock was listed on the Muster Roll on April 28, 1861, but he was elected 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant of Company C, 32<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Infantry, on May 11, 1861. On May 29<sup>th</sup>, Lt. Morecock was detailed with two sergeants to reconnoiter the federal lines for Lt. Col. Benjamin S. Ewell. On December 6<sup>th</sup>, he was appointed Acting Assistant Adjutant General for Col. Ewell at his Williamsburg post. He served in this capacity through January and then was a Mustering Officer in February 1862. He was reelected 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant in May, but by June, he was absent due to illness and seems to have been in a hospital in Richmond through January 1863. He resigned on November 6, 1862, having already been dropped from rolls due to his absence without leave.

However, Morecock's service did not end here. Apparently when his health improved, by his own request, he was granted permission on November 20, 1863, in Fauquier County, to enlist as a private in Company C, 43<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Cavalry, also known as Mosby's Partisan Raiders. He was promoted to 4<sup>th</sup> Sergeant on December 7<sup>th</sup> and served with this unit through October 1864. On January 8<sup>th</sup>, 1864, he was wounded below the hip by a bullet at Harper's Ferry [another source suggests that he was wounded on January 10<sup>th</sup> in the Loudoun Heights battle].

Morecock served as a clerk in General Richard S. Ewell's office toward the end of the war. He was requested by the James City Artillery to become their 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, but the war ended before this transfer was completed. William H. E. Morecock was paroled

at Winchester, Virginia on April 24, 1865. The paper that he signed described him as age 28, 5 feet, 11 inches tall; light complexion and hair, blue eyes.

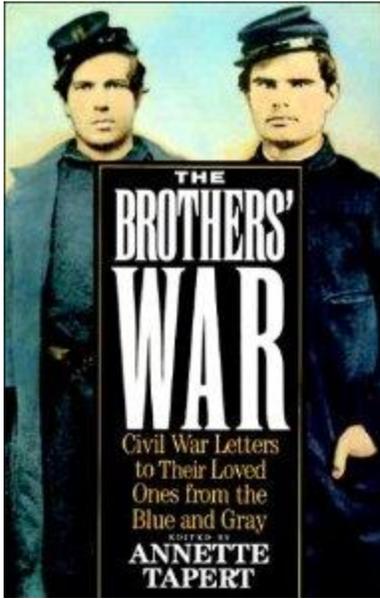
Before he was paroled, William Morecock married Harriett Virginia Jackson (1842-1929) at "Woodlawn," near Markham in Fauquier County, on April 6, 1865. Virginia, as she was known, was the daughter of George Jackson and his wife, Mary Ann Adams. Soon after the war was over, William and Virginia came to Williamsburg and lived on Duke of Gloucester Street near present day Wetherburn's Tavern. They eventually had three sons and five daughters.

William Morecock again became Clerk of Court in 1867. He was one of the three men who formed the City of Williamsburg School Board in December 1870, putting into effect the new state law requiring public education. He was elected chairman in 1873 and remained in that position until 1883. Morecock was secretary for the Board of Visitors of the College of William and Mary from 1877 to 1890, and he was treasurer of the college in 1888 and 1889. He was elected to be a member of R. E. Lee Camp No. 1, Confederate Veterans on December 30, 1887.

William Henry Edloe Morecock died at his home on April 12, 1896, after enduring failing health for a year. He was interred in Cedar Grove Cemetery. There is no tombstone at his grave; only a metal marker with his name, date of death, and 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut, Co. C, 32<sup>nd</sup> Va. Inf. inscribed on it.

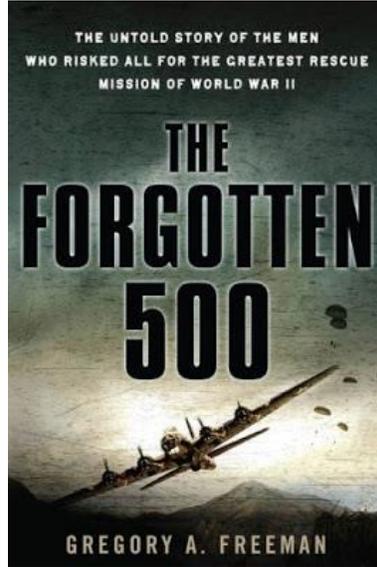


# SEPTEMBER BOOK RAFFLE



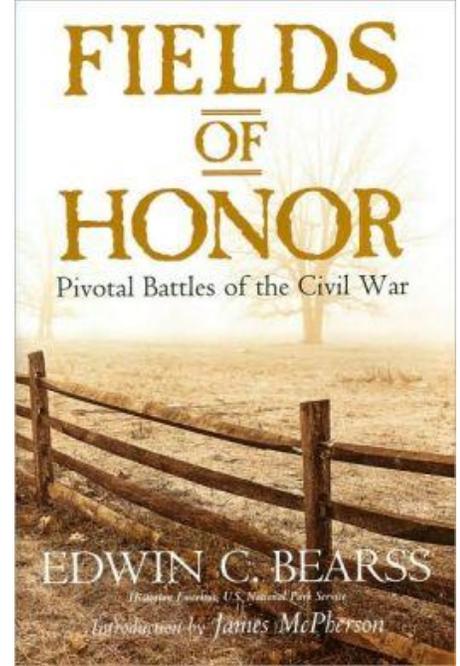
**"The Brothers War - The Civil War Letters to their Loved Ones from the Blue and Gray"** Annette Tapert, editor, Soft Cover, 1989, New York, 240 pages

A collection of letters home, mostly from the common soldiers, spanning the entire conflict. An interesting collection.



**"The Forgotten 500"** Gregory A. Freeman, Soft Cover, 2007, New York, 300 pages

A daring WW II rescue of downed U. S. bomber crews in Yugoslavia using C-47 cargo planes landing on dirt strips cleared by the stranded Americans without tools and without alerting the Germans. Operation Halyard is quite a story.



**"Fields of Honor - Pivot Battles of the Civil War"** Edwin C. Bearss, Hard Cover, 2006, Washington, 447 pages  
Renowned historian Ed Bearss takes you on a written version of his famous walking tours of the key battle of the WBTS. Easy reading and insightful.

## SEPTEMBER TRIVIA QUESTION:

**From which state did the most WBTS soldiers die and where are the most Union soldiers buried?**



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