



# James City Cavalry Picket Lines



September 2018 Dispatch – Williamsburg, Virginia – <http://www.jamescitycavalry.org>

Camp #2095  1<sup>st</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 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 6:30pm  
Colonial Heritage Club  
<http://colonialheritageclub.org/home.asp>  
6500 Arthur Hills Drive  
Williamsburg, VA 23188



**Meal Cost: \$17.00 Per Person**

You must call or email Jon Holland (757 869-2774 / [jonholland79@gmail.com](mailto:jonholland79@gmail.com)) to make a dinner reservation. Attendees without a reservation are welcome to attend the meeting but may not receive a dinner.



## September Guest Speaker

Mr. Fred  
Chiesa

*“Oakwood  
Cemetery”*



Initially Oakwood Cemetery was a 66 acre burial site established by the City of Richmond in Henrico County. The first burials were in 1856. In July, 1862, large scale burials of Confederate dead began during the battle of the Seven Days, to include the dead from the Chimborazo Hospital complex. By the end of war the dead covered 7.5 acres with 17,000 interred. Fred will cover this history of the cemetery during the war, as well as the post-war activities.

Fred Chiesa is a native of Newport News and has been a very active member in several War for Southern Independence Associations. A member of the Portsmouth Civil War Round Table and Order of the Stars and Bars, Fred also has been instrumental in the efforts of the Jefferson Davis Committee and has served three times as the 1st Lt. Commander of the Virginia Division and as Commander of SCV Stonewall Camp 380. An author of several local articles on the War for Southern Independence, Fred has become an acclaimed speaker on a wide range of topics. Fred Chiesa has worked for the Norfolk Naval Shipyard for 36 years. He is currently retired and lives in Fluvanna County with his wife Ginger Chiesa.

# Camp Journal for Last Muster

## Meeting:

Held 22 August at 6:30PM at Colonial Heritage Club,  
James City Cty., Va., **44** attendees

Pledge & Salute to the Flags

## Blessing:

Given by Chaplain Warren Raines

Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Quartermaster Joel Goodwin

Welcome given by Aide de Camp Jon Holland

Guests: Kitty Hastedt, Katherine Starbuck, Marvin and Casey Frame;  
Marilyn Iglesias and Susan Hudson

## Letter Reading

Compatriot David Hastedt

## Program:

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander Jim Leach introduced the evening's guest speaker:  
Mr. David Meisky.

Mr. Meisky, interpreting as Governor William Smith, presented  
*"Governor Extra Billy Smith & the Fall of the Confederacy"*, a personal  
observation by the Governor shortly after the end of the war.



Governor Smith (Mr. Meisky) and 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Cmdr. Leach

## Committee Reports and Announcements:

### Cemetery Report

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander Steve White reported that the new bench for  
Peach Park has been received but still needs to be assembled and  
finished.

### Old & New Business

- Katherine Starbuck described her experiences at the Sam Davis Camp.
- Adjutant Ken Parsons reported there are still a few unpaid memberships outstanding.

### Book Raffle

Proceeds were donated to the Camp Treasury  
for the raffle of the four donations.

### Benediction

Given by Chaplain Warren Raines.

### Adjournment

8:20 PM



Kitty (Mom) & David Hastedt



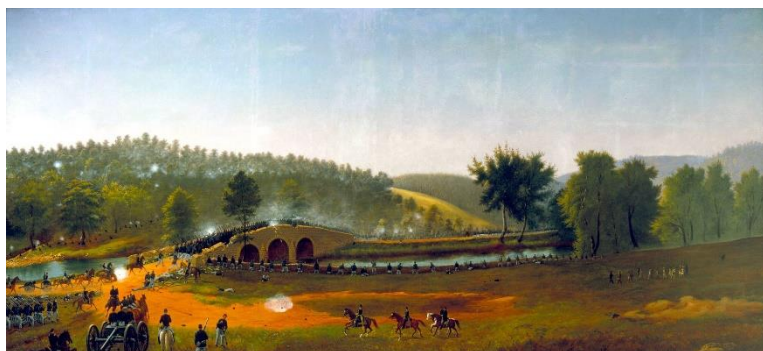
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## Battle of Sharpsburg September 17, 1862

### The Bloodiest Day in US History



Burnside's Bridge  
By Capt. James Hope

# Commander's Comments

Where will it all end? It seems like every few weeks a new statue-toppling/desecrating event happens. We have now had incidents in most all of the southern states; most recently Silent Sam at the University of North Carolina. Thankfully some of the perpetrators have been arrested and the Chancellor claims that the statue will be returned to its base. But are those hollow words? We have heard similar words from the now former president of the College of William and Mary. The tablet honoring the students that served in Confederate forces was removed about two years ago. We have been told that a new tablet should be erected by this fall. Well fall is almost here; we will watch but not hold our breath.

A first cousin once removed recently stopped by for a visit. Southerners know about "removed" cousins, but I was glad to see this one. He had just brought his nephew to enter William and Mary as a freshman. He, himself, had been a freshman here in the 1970s and now had toured around the campus for a few days. He noticed the missing tablet and remembered that he had read about it in the alumni magazine. I asked him if he had responded in any way at the time of the removal. He confessed that it upset him, but he was living in Nashville and thought no more about it.

Is he typical of our generation? Did we become complacent about our heritage thinking that it would never be challenged? Did we lower our guard as educators rewrote our history? Has the truth about the causes of the war been so tarnished that generations to come will never understand the south's position? Is it too late to reverse the inaccuracies being taught today? Hopefully not, but we certainly have our work cut out for us to maintain the truth and dignity of the old south.

This cousin mentioned above had lived off campus during his senior year. An older couple lived across the street from his rooming house, and being good neighbors, occasionally invited him and other students over for supper. His main remembrance of this house was that they had a large framed portrait of General Lee hanging in the entrance hall with a framed score of "Dixie" hanging beside it. That quietly spoke volumes about their southern heritage. How many houses do we walk into today and see a similar display of loyalty to the old south?

I believe as a camp, we quietly work to preserve our heritage. In addition to caring for Fort Magruder and several cemeteries where veterans now rest, we maintain veterans' grave locators for Charles City and James City Counties and the City of Williamsburg on our website. We have published biographies of many local men who fought for the cause. Several members have also published books documenting southern history. Perhaps now our most important effort is to provide funds for Heritage Defense. Many of our camp members have already made contributions to this fund. If you would like to add to the fund, please give your checks to Adjutant Parsons made payable to the camp with Heritage Defense on the memo line.

Thank you for bearing with the call committee on gathering a supper count for each meeting. We offer special thanks for the callers' time and effort. This system is working and we hope to see improved attendance this fall. I look forward to seeing all of you in September.

We serve in their memory,

Fred Boelt  
Commander

# Letter Reading

(Contributed by Compatriot Jeff Toalson)

**“ . . . went on steamboat from Rockets to Kingsmile . . . ”**

Private William Preston Holland, Company G – 11<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry

“We . . . went to Richmond; went on a steamboat from Rockets to Kingsmile [Kingsmill Wharf] and from there went near Yorktown and camped not far from the Warwick River, where we threw up entrenchments. . . .

On the third of May we left Yorktown, and on the 4<sup>th</sup> we marched toward Williamsburg. It was very muddy, and that night it was raining, and we made such shelters as we could of fence rails and got into fence corners and so passed the night.

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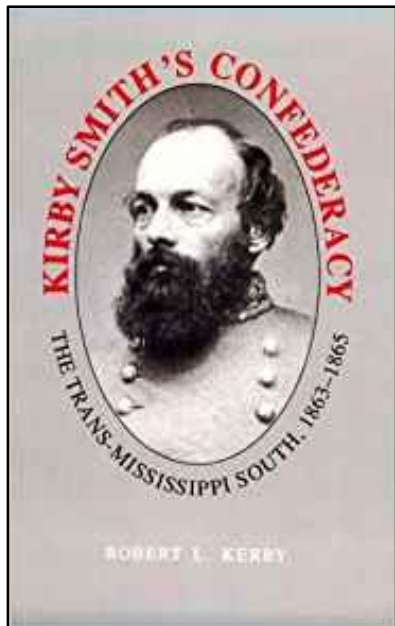
. . . [May 6<sup>th</sup>] we resumed our retreat without any further trouble with the Yankees. As we went back through Williamsburg, we passed near the lunatic asylum. Some of the inmates were out in the yard, and some of our men called out, “We’d like to swap places with you.” “We’ve tried it out there and we like it better in here,” some of them answered. One old man, however, upstairs at a window, replied, “I wish to the Lord I could, but they won’t let me out.”

We kept on the march . . . the roads were very muddy and it rained much of the time. . . . we tried to keep on going as there was no good place to stop. There was a long deep mud hole in the road, and I believe every other man . . . got in it. There was just light enough for the next man to see the one before him had stepped in and to avoid it; then the man next to him would get in it, and so on. I got in it up to the knee. One man declared his hat had got moldy on his head.

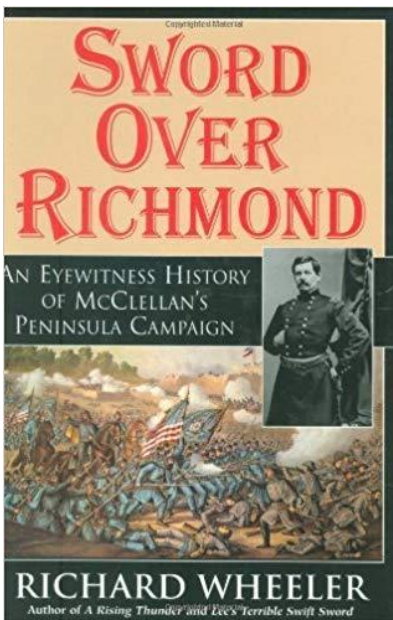
After about ten days we got to the camp a few miles from Richmond . . . “ 1

1. *Recollections of a Private- William P. Holland, published 1936, reprinted 2009, Rocky Mount, p. 10 – 12.*

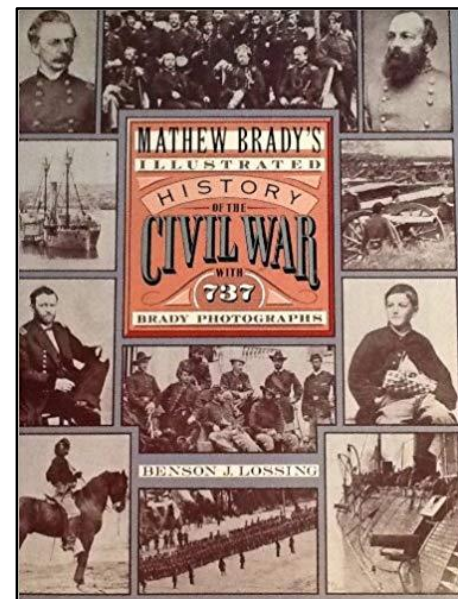
# September Book Raffle



“Kirby Smith's Confederacy, The Trans-Mississippi South, 1863 – 1865”  
by Robert L. Kerby



“Sword Over Richmond, An Eyewitness History of McClellan's Peninsula Campaign”  
by Richard Wheeler



“Mathew Brady's Illustrated History of the Civil War with 737 Brady Photographs”  
by Benson J. Lossing, L.L.D.

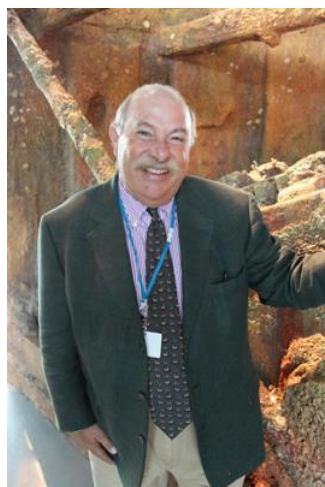


## September Trivia Question:



Which general was wounded six times, in addition to being hit by fifteen spent balls, during the course of the war?

## Williamsburg Civil War Round Table



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On September 25th, 2018 – John Quarstein will present:

“Wake-Up Call – The Battle of Big Bethel”