



# 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

### Confederate Remembrance Service

Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012, 5:00pm  
Cedar Grove Cemetery

<http://www.williamsburgva.gov/Index.aspx?page=524>

809 South Henry Street  
Williamsburg, Virginia 23185

followed by:

### Annual James City Cavalry Picnic Supper

Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012, 6:00pm  
Compatriot Fred Boelt's Farm

2896 Forge Road, Toano, Virginia 23168



Compatriot David Ware will be serving his famous BBQ with cole slaw, potato salad, and baked beans plus beverages and dessert.

**Side dishes gratefully welcome**

Meal Cost: \$15.00 Per Person, \$25.00 Per Couple,  
\$5.00 Per Child - Payable at Fred's

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

**RSVP By:**

**Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012**

Adjutant Ken Parsons at

[kparsons4@cox.net](mailto:kparsons4@cox.net) or 757-564-0878

Compatriots' Ladies & Guests Encouraged To Attend

## CAMP JOURNAL FOR LAST MUSTER

### Meeting:

Held 25 Apr. at 6:30PM at Colonial Heritage Club,  
James City Cty., Va., 40 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 to include prospective members

### Ancestral Memorial Candle:

Read by Compatriot Charles Eugene Bush *in honor of*  
*Private John Wesley Casey*  
*Co. K – Richmond Howitzers*

John farmed and operated the J.W. Casey General Store in Williamsburg which later became "Casey's Department Store at the same location as the current College bookstore and Barnes and Noble at the corner of Henry and Duke of Gloucester Street.

### Trivia Question:

1. A unit of Virginia Militia was guarding the execution yard where John brown was eventually hanged. A young private in that unit would gain notoriety shortly after the war ended.

Who was he?

A. John Wilkes Booth.

### Program:

Mr. Kenneth Harris, Author and SCV Compatriot spoke on his book, "Princess Anne County, Virginia: Its Contributions and Sacrifices to The War Between the States".

The presentation highlighted the service of Major Edgar Burroughs and the Partisan Rangers who operated in Princess Anne County during the War. New Member, Jerry Harris, inducted.

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## Committee Reports & Announcements:

### Treasurer' Report

Adjutant Ken Parsons indicated that we have \$1,742 in the checking account and over \$2,000 in the savings account.

### Support the Troops

Compatriot Joel Goodwin indicated we are now in full swing to support Chaplain Fred Breeden's son-in-law's Navy unit in Afghanistan. Please bring your support items to the next meeting.

### Cemetery Report

2nd Lt. Commander Steve White indicated the berm at Fort Magruder was completed by Jim Redford, Chris Hockaday and himself and a new flag will be installed by Ken Parsons. Chris Hockaday will cut grass at Peach Park and all brochures are gone indicating a high level of visitation by the public. Steve indicate that a clean-up is scheduled at Fort Magruder on April 28th at 4:30PM

### Old Business

None to report.

### New Business

UDC will host a Memorial on 6 May at 4:00 PM at Fort Magruder. 25 May there will be a Remembrance at Cedar Grove Cemetery followed by a supper at Fred Boelt's farm. 2 June there will be a ceremony at Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond honoring President Jefferson Davis. It was noted that our Camp received its third Outstanding Camp Award and a streamer was added to our Flag. there were 31 camps in competition and it is noted that Jeff Toalson did an outstanding job at preparing our Camp submission for the award.

Thanks was given to Compatriot David Ware for organizing a trip to the Appomattox Annex of the Museum of the Confederacy Grand Opening Ceremony on March 31st.

### Book Raffle:

\$90.00 was collected for the Book Raffle which included "Shiloh, Bloody April", "Lee and His Generals" and a book donated to the raffle by our guest speaker Kenneth Harris entitled "Princess Anne County, Virginia: Its Contributions and Sacrifices to the War Between the States". The book may be purchased from Kenneth. If interested, contact Jeff Toalson.

### Benediction:

Given by Chaplain Fred Breeden.

### Adjournment:

The Camp adjourned at 8:45PM.

## THANKS TO OUR GUEST SPEAKERS

The James City Cavalry would like to thank both Robbie Smith of the National Park Service and Compatriot Ken Harris for returning their travel reimbursement fees to Camp as donations to our General Fund. The Camp also thanks Compatriot Harris for the donation of one of his books to our April Book Raffle.

## CAMP OFFICERS

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# SUPPORT THE TROOPS

We are now sending packages to Chief Rex Carmichael, a relative of Fred Breeden, on duty in Mazar-e-Sharif, Afghanistan. Supplies are running low in Compatriot Goodwin's larder.

**PLEASE BRING ITEMS FOR THE SOLDIERS TO THE PICNIC AT FRED BOELT'S FARM.**

**We will have a table set up for SUPPORT THE TROOP DONATIONS.**

**In the book 'Until Tuesday' by former Army Captain L. C. Montalvan, his stories of tours in Iraq and Afghanistan he had the following note on wet wipes...**

**"...the best thing to send soldiers."  
"Almost every soldier I knew carried baby wipes, even on long patrols. The sand infiltrated everything, and baby wipes were the best way to remove it from elbow folds, hair lines, lips, nostrils, ears, and every other awful place you can think of. They were also great to wipe down weapons. I spent many evenings, and many water breaks on patrol, wiping down my M4 carbine and Beretta 9mm pistol with baby wipes. If it wasn't for Pampers brand butt cleaners, there would have been alot more jammed weapons and a few more dead soldiers. Of course the Army does not supply them, so baby wipe purchases are out of pocket expenses. If you really want to send something useful to the troops, send baby wipes."**

## *Other Items desired :*

Slim Jim's  
Beef Jerky  
Mints  
Gum  
Nuts (all kinds)  
Dried Fruit  
Single powdered drink mixes  
(such as Crystal Lite)  
Soap Bars  
Disposable Razors  
Shaving Cream  
Shampoo  
(regular and dandruff)  
Deodorant  
Lotion  
Floss  
Advil  
Stamps  
Paperback Books  
DVDs



# CONFEDERATE GRAVESITES

(Contributed by Historian/Genealogist Compatriot Fred Boelt)

There are three monuments honoring our Confederate dead located within the City of Williamsburg. The first one, dedicated on May 5, 1893, stands in the Bruton Parish Church cemetery and is inscribed, "Erected in memory of the Confederate Soldiers Who Fell in the Battle of Williamsburg May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1862 and Lie Buried Under and Around this Monument." The names of twenty-nine men and their regimental information are also inscribed on this monument. There are at least eleven other marked veterans' graves in the churchyard and also an unknown number of other men hastily buried after the battle.

The second monument is now located in Bicentennial Park on Court Street. This monument started out being located on the Palace Green. In 1902, the Magruder-Ewell Camp, CV, began to raise funds, and ultimately, the United Daughters of the Confederacy and local citizens brought the project to fruition. The Monument was finally unveiled on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1908, amidst great ceremony. The front of the shaft of gray granite is inscribed, "1861 - 1865, To the Soldiers and Sailors of Williamsburg and James City County." On the left side, "Erected by the Daughters of the Confederacy and the Citizens of Williamsburg and James City County," and on the right side, "Lord God of Hosts, Be With Us Yet, Lest We forget, Lest We forget!"

When the town was being restored, the monument was first moved to Cedar Grove Cemetery in January 1932. Unhappy with that location, the UDC and other groups petitioned the court in April 1932, and won permission to move the monument to the east side of the new Courthouse on the corner of Francis and South England Streets. And when the third Courthouse was erected on Court Street, the monument was again moved there. In 2000, it finally went to its present location across Court Street, next to the Galt family cemetery.

The third shaft erected to honor the Confederate casualties was placed in Cedar Grove Cemetery on South Henry Street. On November 15, 1859, the City of Williamsburg purchased four acres of land from Judge John B. Christian to create a public burial ground. The land was part of the 947 acre Tazewell Hall tract, owned originally by John Randolph in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. The cemetery grounds were later expanded to seventeen acres. It is believed that, after the Battle of Williamsburg, about 250 Confederate soldiers were hastily buried there in a mass grave. Erected in 1935, this monument is located over the mass grave. There are crossed battle flags and the dates 1861 - 1865 on the monument. Additionally, there is a granite threshold in front of the burial area inscribed, "1861 Our Confederate Dead 1865."

Richard Manning Bucktrout, a Williamsburg resident who offered coffin making and undertaking services, maintained a Day Book and Ledger for the years 1850-1866. This book was discovered in 1997, and has given new in-depth information about many of the other burials of Confederate veterans in Cedar Grove. Bucktrout really began burying these men soon after the war commenced in 1861. He systematically buried them in rows by their state of origin. He recorded the name of the deceased, rank and regiment if he knew it, date the order was taken, and where he placed the remains of each man in the state row.

During the early months of the war, there were many deaths due to disease. Bucktrout began burying these men on July 28, 1861, with numerous entries through the fall and winter months. The burials tapered off in early May 1862. Some entries note that the deceased was "sent home" or later "exhumed and sent home." It is believed that the remaining burials by row are twenty-four Alabama, four Florida, fifty-seven Georgia, forty-three Louisiana, nine Mississippi, eight North Carolina, twelve South Carolina, two Tennessee, and twenty-four Virginia. The Bucktrout Day Book and Ledger is now in the Archives at Swem Library and is available on line.

In addition to the mass grave and the Bucktrout burials, there are another 54 veterans buried throughout the cemetery, many in family plots. These men are all listed in the James City Cavalry Camp website under Gravesite Locations. We have already written about many of these men in *Picket Lines*, and will continue to chronicle their lives in future issues.

For many years, there were elaborate commemorative ceremonies at the Bruton Parish and Palace Green monuments on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Newspaper articles spoke of orations at first by the old veterans, and later by city leaders. School children came to sing and recite poems appropriate for the day. Graves at Bruton Parish and Cedar Grove Cemetery were strewn with flowers by the ladies of the UDC. In time, some of these ceremonies were moved from May 5<sup>th</sup> to the modern Memorial Day observances later in May. By holding our Confederate Remembrance service at the Cedar Grove monument, we are continuing an old tradition and perpetuating a little bit of history.





# CAMP PICTORIAL



*The Stars & Bars proudly waves over Peach Park Cemetery. Many grateful thanks to Adjutant Ken Parsons for the purchase of replacement flags.*



*New James City Cavalry member Compatriot Jerry Harris.*



*Guest Speaker and Immediate-Past 1st Brigade Commander Kenny Harris (c.) flanked by Quartermaster Jim Swords (l.) and 1st Lt. Commander Jeff Toalson (r.).*



## MAY TRIVIA QUESTION:

What state provided a large number of men for Mosby's cavalry unit and why did they come from that state?



# LOCAL WBTS PROGRAMS

## **May 20, 3 pm, York Hall: The Peninsula Campaign**

Mr. J. Michael Moore, Historian and Curator at Lee Hall Mansion and Endview Plantation, will lecture on many well-known and not-so-well-known facts about the Peninsula Campaign and why it failed to end the war in the spring of 1862. York Hall, 301 Main Street, Yorktown, Virginia. Sponsored by the York County Historical Committee. 757-890-3508. Free.

## **May 26, 10 am – 2 pm, Yorktown Battlefield: Civil War Balloon Observation Exhibit**

Kevin Knapp, retired Army Officer, professional balloon pilot, and Civil War Balloon Corps enthusiast will share separate presentations on how balloons were used for observation and surveillance by both the North and the South. His presentations will include the complete history of balloon operations from their first appearance in 1861 to the end of the Balloon Corps in 1863, and will place special emphasis on balloon operations during the Peninsula Campaign of 1862. 757-890-3508. Free.

## **May 26 – 27, 9 am – 5 pm, Yorktown Battlefield: Civil War Weekend**

Tactical demonstrations, encampments and a Confederate field hospital interpret the role Yorktown played during the Peninsula Campaign. On Sunday special memorial ceremonies will take place at the Yorktown National Cemetery and Confederate Cemetery. Colonial National Historical Park, 757-898-2410 or [www.nps.gov/colo](http://www.nps.gov/colo). Entrance Fee.

## **May 26 – 28, Sat – Sun, 9 am – 5 pm; Mon, 9 am – 12 pm, Yorktown Battlefield: Virginia Civil War HistoryMobile**

The Civil War 150 HistoryMobile is an interactive “museum on wheels” housed in a 53’ expandable tractor-trailer. The four-year tour launched on July 21, 2011, in conjunction with the 150th anniversary commemoration of the First Battle of Manassas. The HistoryMobile draws together stories from all over Virginia and uses state-of-the-art technology and immersive exhibit spaces to present individual stories of the Civil War from the perspectives of those who experienced it - young and old, enslaved and free, soldiers and civilians. Colonial National Historical Park, 757-898-2410 or [www.nps.gov/colo](http://www.nps.gov/colo). Free.

## **May 28, 12 pm, York Hall: Memorial Day Ceremony**

Includes the posting of colors, historical re-enactors, a guest speaker, the placing of flowers, and the presentation of awards to student winners of the “York County Remembers” Poster Essay Contest. York Hall, 301 Main St., Yorktown. Call 757-890-3500. Free.

## **June 10, 3 pm, York Hall: The War Comes to Ship Point**

Frank Green, local historian and President of the York County Historical Society, will lecture on how the Civil War affected the Dare Community, with specific emphasis on Ship Point. York Hall, 301 Main Street, Yorktown, Virginia. Sponsored by the York County Historical Committee. 757-890-3508. Free.

## **July 15, 3 pm, York Hall: York County's Brave Men of the Civil War**

Tim Smith, local historian and professional actor, will share photos and stories of York County residents who served during the War; many who made the ultimate sacrifice. York Hall, 301 Main Street, Yorktown, Virginia. Sponsored by the York County Historical Committee. 757-890-3508. Free.

## **August 19, 3 pm, York Hall: The Yorktown-Hampton Halfway House in Tabb**

Over the last 18 years, Robert Emerson, a local historian, researched the history of Tabb, with some of the data being published in various newspaper articles. Recently, Mr. Emerson combined these articles with other unpublished information in a book titled, “Tabb in Retrospect.” The chapters on the Halfway House and the Civil War form the core of the book and the basis of Mr. Emerson's presentation. York Hall, 301 Main Street, Yorktown, Virginia. Sponsored by the York County Historical Committee. 757-890-3508. Free.

## **September 16, 3 pm, York Hall: Union Army Census of the Colored Population of York County, March 1865**

Local historian and retired York County educator, Russell Hopson, will follow some of the contraband families as they began new chapters in their lives after the Civil War. York Hall, 301 Main Street, Yorktown, Virginia. Sponsored by the York County Historical Committee. 757-890-3508. Free.

## **October 21, 3 pm, York Hall: Medical Problems on the Peninsula**

About the Confederate troops that initially defended Yorktown and the “deadly enemy” they encountered (and it wasn't the Yankees.) York Hall, 301 Main Street, Yorktown, Virginia. Sponsored by the York County Historical Committee. 757-890-3508. Free.

## **November 3, 10 am – 2 pm, Yorktown Middle School: Hunt for York County's History (Yorktown Village, Moore House, Edgehill, Marlbank, Yorktown Battlefield)**

In cooperation with Virginia's 150 Legacy Project, this event is designed to document the history of the County and the Commonwealth through the use of digital imagery and photography. This event includes historical exhibits, presentations/lectures, Civil War documentary films, historic photo slide show, historical interpreters, children's activities, and more. Yorktown Middle School, 11201 George Washington Memorial Hwy., Yorktown, VA. 757-890-3508. Free.

## **November 4, 3 pm. Presentation: A Prelude to “Kiss My Little Girls - 1861”**

Jeff Toalson, historian and author of three Civil War-era books, will provide some special insights into his research and how he came to know the intriguing story of Richard and Mary Watkins. Richard Watkins, Prince Edward County lawyer and former Confederate cavalry captain (portrayed by Mr. Toalson), will join us for a visit on the front porch and recall stories of the conflict. Mr. Toalson will capture your interest and prepare you for the upcoming performances of one of his most popular works. York Hall, 301 Main Street, Yorktown, Virginia. Sponsored by the York County Historical Committee. 757-890-3508. Free.

## **November 9 – 18, Times Vary, Yorktown Freight Shed: “Kiss My Little Girls - 1861,” A Civil War Romantic Epic (Theatrical Production)**

Between 1861 and 1865, plantation owner, lawyer and Confederate Cavalryman Richard Watkins and his young wife, Mary, exchanged detailed and heartfelt letters. Richard had enlisted with Company K of the 3rd Virginia Cavalry after Virginia seceded from the Union. Mary remained living in Prince Edward County, Virginia, raising their three daughters and managing the farm. Richard and Mary's letters offer a heartfelt and eye opening glimpse into the War and the times, weaving both a love story and intense eyewitness accounts of the battlefield. Call 757-766-2309. Tickets available online at [www.bootsandkisses.com](http://www.bootsandkisses.com), at the door and at some Yorktown merchants.

## **Premiering in Gloucester, Virginia, December 2012 - “Kiss My Little Girls - 1862; The Healing Child” (Theatrical Production)**

The epic journey continues with Part II of this exciting story. Tickets required. Visit [www.bootsandkisses.com](http://www.bootsandkisses.com).

## **December 16, 3 pm, York Hall: The Civil War - A Woman's Cause**

Local historian and historical interpreter, Sharleen Leigh West-Carr, will provide insights into the role of women during the war. Ms. West-Carr is currently the chairman of the North-South Skirmish Association Costume Committee and makes Civil War period clothing. York Hall, 301 Main Street, Yorktown, Virginia. Sponsored by the York County Historical Committee. 757-890-3508. Free.



2012 Sesquicentennial Event

# The Jefferson Davis Memorial Committee

proudly announces that this years service for our  
first and only President of the Confederate States

*Jefferson F. Davis*

SATURDAY JUNE 2, 2012

9:00 AM

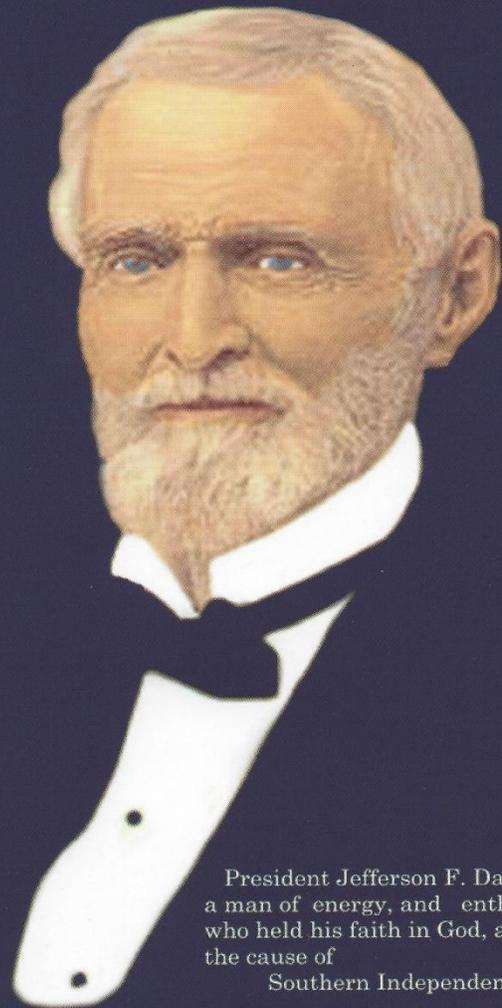
Hollywood Cemetery  
412 South Cherry Street  
Richmond, Virginia

The Memorial service is a family event complete with music, songs, poems, historian and author. There will also be a marching bagpipe band, honor guard and musket salute. An unforgettable artillery salute with replica cannons. Period dress encouraged, but is not required.

The Ceremonial flags, which have flown on the president's flag pole, will be made available along with a certificate of authenticity.

Free souvenir programs, ribbons, and light refreshments will be served on a first come first serve basis.

The ceremony remembers and honors a Southern gentleman who served with the United States Army during the Black Hawk war, and is also a hero of the Mexican war. In addition to serving as the Commander in Chief of the Confederate Army and Navy, Jefferson F. Davis had served as a US Congressman, US Senator, and Secretary of War.



President Jefferson F. Davis was a man of energy, and enthusiasm, who held his faith in God, and to the cause of  
Southern Independence.

For further information contact  
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Program is FREE and OPEN to the Public

Sponsored by the Virginia Division Sons of Confederate Veterans





Please join the  
**James City Cavalry's**

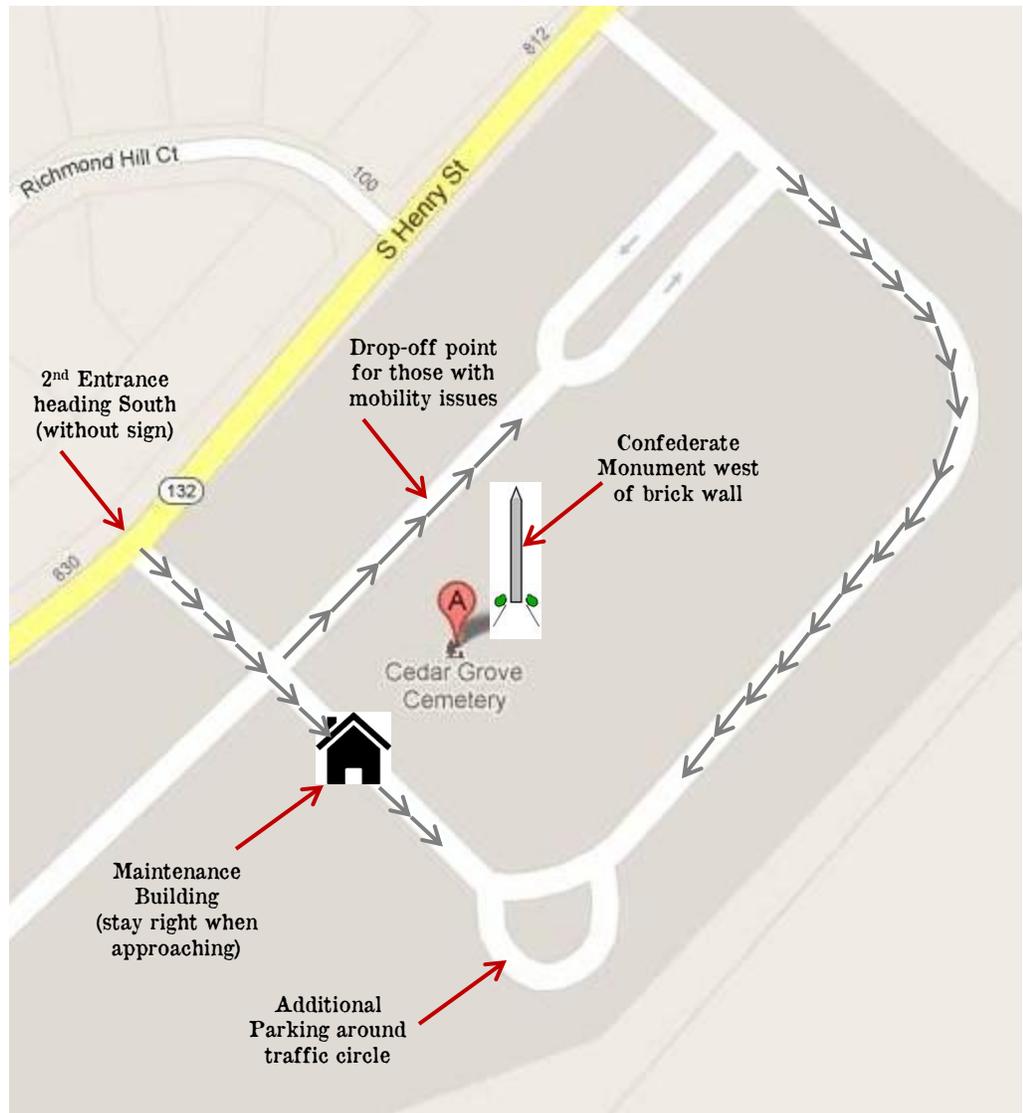


# CONFEDERATE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

on Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 5:00pm

## AT CEDAR GROVE CEMETERY

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**Please join us at 6:00pm after the Confederate Remembrance Service, at the James City Cavalry's May Picnic, in lieu of our regular meeting! Picnic information & directions to the farm of Compatriot Fred Boelt in Toano are on the attached flyer!**





Please join the  
**James City Cavalry's**  
**PICNIC SUPPER**



on Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 6:00pm

# AT COMPATRIOT FRED BOELT'S FARM

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Please RSVP to Adjutant Ken Parsons at [kparsons4@cox.net](mailto:kparsons4@cox.net) or 757-564-0878 so sufficient fixin's can be prepared.

Bring folding chairs as we will dine with the peacocks, weather permitting. Side dishes gratefully welcome.

