



James City Cavalry Picket Lines



August 2017 Dispatch – Williamsburg, Virginia – <http://www.jamescitycavalry.org>

Camp #2095  1st 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 23rd, 2017, 6:30pm
Colonial Heritage Club
<http://colonialheritageclub.org/home.asp>
6500 Arthur Hills Drive
Williamsburg, VA 23188



Meal Cost: \$17.00 Per Person

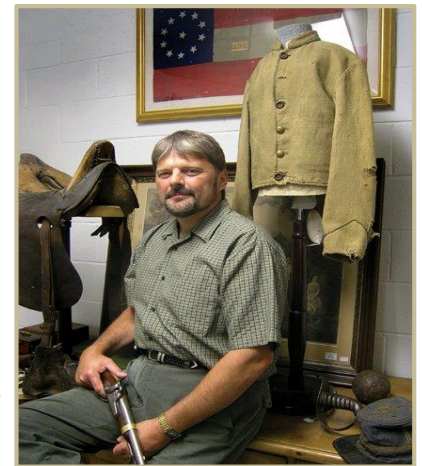
(genuine Confederate currency gladly accepted)

Honored Confederate Soldier:

4th Sergeant John B. Wilkins
Co. C – 32nd Virginia Infantry

August Guest Speaker

Shannon Pritchard
Vice-President of
the Civil War
Dealers &
Collectors



*“Collecting
the
Confederacy”*

Mr. Pritchard will discuss the investment opportunities, joys and pitfalls of collecting Confederate memorabilia.

Shannon Pritchard has lived on the battlefields around Richmond, Virginia, since the time of his birth in 1962; having literally lived on the Gaines Mill battlefield. He has been hunting and collecting Confederate antiques for more than thirty-five years and has been for the last fifteen years a full time Confederate Antiques dealer. His love of all things Confederate prompted him to found www.oldsouthantiques.com, which has grown into the largest all Confederate antiques dealership in the world.

Camp members may bring in civil war artifacts for Shannon to look at; one per person please.

Camp Journal for Last Muster

Meeting:

Held 26 July at 6:30PM at Colonial Heritage Club,
James City Cty., Va., 34 attendees

Call to Order given by Commander Jeff Toalson

Invocation:

Given by Senior Chaplain Fred Breedon

Pledge & Salute to the Flags

Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Quartermaster Jerry Thompson

Ancestral Memorial Candle:

Read by Compatriot David Beish in honor of

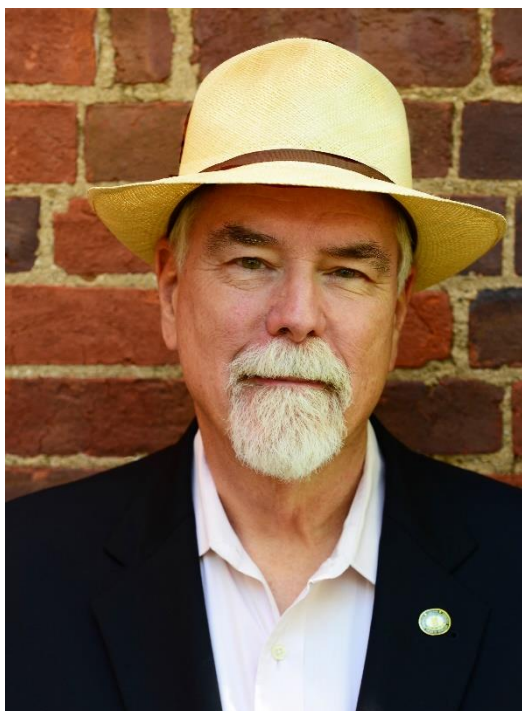
Private Lewis Leon

1st & 53rd North Carolina Infantry

Program:

1st Lt. Commander Jim Leach introduced the evening's guest speaker:
Compatriot David Goetz.

Compatriot Goetz presented "*Hell is Being a Republican in Virginia*", a highly informative discussion on the postwar relationship between John Singleton Mosby and Ulysses S. Grant.



Compatriot David Goetz

Committee Reports and Announcements:

Cemetery Report

2nd Lt. Commander Steve White reported summer progress

Old & New Business

- Treasurer's Report – Adjutant Ken Parsons
- Upcoming tour of Confederate artifacts at the W&M Swem Library
- Heritage Update – Adjutant Ken Parsons

Book Raffle

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

Benediction

Given by Chaplain Warren Raines

Adjournment

8:35 PM



Camp Officers



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Morning fog on the Shiloh battlefield

Commander's Comments

Mosby and Grant – We had a wonderful evening with David Goetz as he discussed the relationship between Col. Mosby and President Grant following the war. Col. Mosby, being a Republican, indeed found 'Hell in Virginia'. It is a remarkable story. We had a storyteller visiting the Cavalry.

August Speaker - Members may desire to bring a (one) WBTS artifact with them to the meeting. Mr. Shannon Pritchard will discuss buying and selling Confederate memorabilia. After discussion using various items he is bringing he will use some of your items and discuss their condition, value, provenance, etc. etc. It promises to be a very educational evening.

Swem Archival Tour of Special Collections - On July 27th we were the guests of Jay Gaidmore, in the Special Collections reading room, on the campus of William and Mary. We were treated to a marvelous grouping of letters, journals, order books, pictures and even a torn portion of Virginia's original secession flag. The originals of two CSA soldier letters, from the Yorktown area, that we helped the collections acquire were also part of the display. On page 5 you will find a picture of the Compatriots and friends who were attending.

Bench Dedication Thank You Letters - On page 6 you will find a grouping of thank you notes we received from various members of the extended family of Compatriot David Ware. They were touched and honored by our ceremony and the respect we have for David. You will also find a piece of original artwork created by Lili and Theo. Be assured that all of the members of the extended Ware family are always welcome at our Cavalry functions.

Remember, we serve in their memory,

Jeff

Confederate Gravesites

(Contributed by Historian/Genealogist Compatriot Fred Boelt)

Randolph Harrison was born in Richmond on February 12, 1831. His parents were Randolph Harrison (1799-1844) and Heningham Carrington Wills (1801-1864). A stately home called Elk Hill was built in Goochland County, Virginia, between 1835 and 1839, overlooking Elk Creek. This was the family residence until after the war years.

Randolph, the son, was at the College of William and Mary for the 1849-1851 terms. He later attended Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia and graduated as a medical doctor in 1853. In that same year, he married Elizabeth Williamson, daughter of Gabriel Galt Williamson and his wife, Elizabeth Gatewood. Over time, the couple had six sons and four daughters.

In the 1860 census, Randolph Harrison and his family were living at Elk Hill and his occupation was listed as "farmer." He mustered in as 1st lieutenant, Company H, Goochland Infantry, in Richmond on July 6, 1861. Harrison was elected captain on October 12, 1861, and received a twenty day sick furlough on February 19, 1862. He was reelected captain of Company H on May 16, 1862, and he was made Lt. Colonel of the 4th Virginia Heavy Artillery on June 24th of that year. Harrison was stationed at Chaffin's Farm for much of the remainder of 1862 and into 1863. He was hospitalized twice during this period with various complaints. In March 1863, Wise's Brigade was ordered to Charleston, South Carolina, and Harrison served in the Palmetto state until the brigade returned to Virginia in May 1864.

Randolph Harrison was made Colonel of the 46th Virginia Infantry on March 28, 1864. He received a severe wound in the neck at Petersburg on June 9, 1864. On the 17th, he was furloughed from General Hospital, Petersburg, to Elk Hill for sixty days where he recuperated and returned to active duty in the

trenches around Petersburg. He was captured there on October 27, 1864, and sent to the Old Capitol Prison in Washington, DC. On January 4, 1865, while being transferred to Fort Delaware, Harrison escaped by jumping out of the window of the train as it passed through Baltimore. He managed to get to Philadelphia to the home of a well known southern sympathizer where he was able to shed his Confederate uniform and gain civilian clothes. Anxious to return to his family in Virginia, he was again captured as he passed back through Baltimore. He was then sent to Fort Delaware, arriving there on February 3, 1865. He remained there until he was released on June 13, 1865, after signing the oath of allegiance. His residence was listed as Goochland County, and he was six feet tall, of fair complexion, and had hazel eyes, and brown hair.

Sometime after the end of the war and before the 1870 census, Randolph Harrison moved his family to Williamsburg. There he farmed and practiced medicine for the remainder of his life. Colonel and Mrs. Harrison and their family were listed as communicants at Bruton Parish Church beginning in 1870. Two censuses indicated that Harrison did not own real estate in Williamsburg. Instead he rented the Wythe House for most if not all of his time in town. The landlord was Miss Mary King Sherwell who had purchased the property before the war. When the house was later acquired by the Restoration (forerunner of Colonial Williamsburg), the question arose about gardens at the Wythe House. One venerable old lady replied that indeed there had been a garden there for she remembered seeing Dr. Harrison working out there in his shirt sleeves!

Dr. Randolph Harrison died at his home on June 14, 1894. His funeral was held at Bruton Parish Church and he was interred in the Galt family plot in the church graveyard.

Visit to Swem Library

The camp arranged for a special visit to the Special Collections at the Swem Library on the William & Mary Campus on Thursday, July 27.

Jay Gaidmore, Director of Special Collections, had a wide variety of letters, order books, the Bucktrout Ledger, diaries, pictures, scraps from several flags and the head of a pike belonging to John Brown among the many items displayed on tables in the reading room. Included were 3 letters and documents the Cavalry helped Special Collections acquire with monies from the Keating Endowment. We very much enjoyed and appreciated Jay and his staff putting together this historical viewing opportunity.



LtoR: Tom Campbell, Eleanor Hunter, Jerry Thompson, Jim Redford, Lorraine Beasley, Joel Goodwin, Steve White, Jan Toalson, Fred Breeden, Sandy Breeden, Jim Wells, Fred Boelt, Bill Miller, Ken Parsons, Jim O'Donnell, Doug Cummings, Jay Gaidmore and Jeff Toalson. Not pictured: Fred Satterwhite, John Holt and Ryan Goodwin

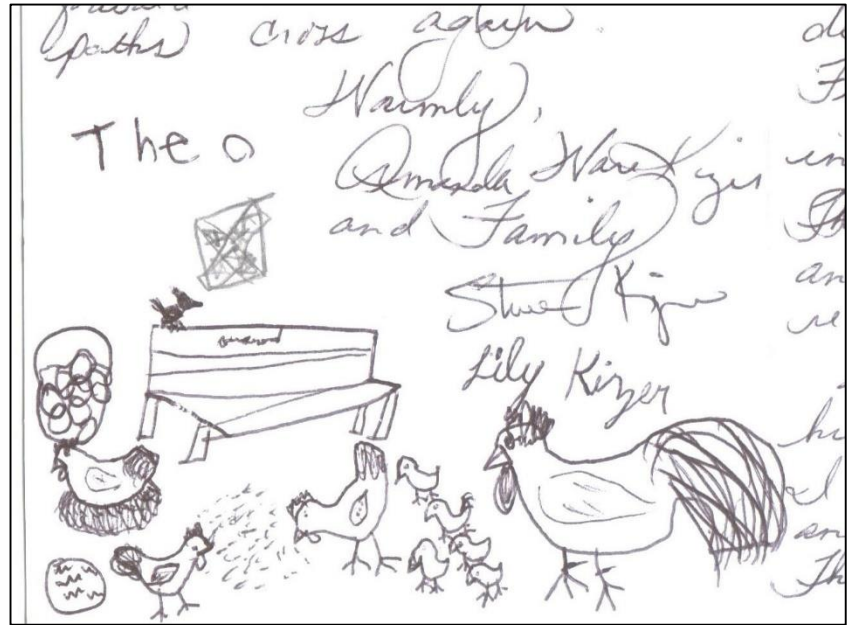
FYI - The table in the foreground is covered with correspondence from General Joe Johnston. The two books in front of the group are a couple of his order books which were maintained by his Chief of Staff. For a portion of the war the Chief of Staff was Col. Benjamin Ewell who had been the President of W&M prior to the war.

Ware Family Thank You Notes

Cmdr. Toalson & JCC Cavalry Camp 2095:

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Camp Leadership and to each Camp member. The David Ware Memorial Bench is absolutely beautiful. The dedication ceremony was heart-warming and lovely. David was a proud SCV member, and he enjoyed the comradery of so many wonderful Southern gentlemen! Thanks to Steve White who coordinated the installation and the many others who participated in this effort from initiation to completion. I am truly grateful to all of you for honoring and remembering David. Thank you from deep within my heart.

- Sherron Ware



To Commander Toalson and Camp 2095: I regret that I was unable to attend the dedication of the David Ware memorial bench. I heard it was a very lovely and sentimental ceremony followed by a great celebration party. I know David would have been honored and humbled by the thoughtfulness of the camp in recognition of his service. As one of the "sisters", I sincerely thank you for your kind and generous gesture. I hope the bench serves it's purpose, gets plenty of use, and all who sit on it remember our beloved brother, David Ware.

- Marily Johnston

Dear Son's of the confederacy, Thank you for the bench. It is a very nice bench. I had a lot of fun at the picnic/farm. Thanks again for the bench.

Sincerely,
David (Ian) Gregory.

Dear sons of confederate veterans, thank you for raising and funding the memorial bench for my grandfather. He would have loved the ceremony and the picnic afterwards.

- Alex Gregory

Dear James City Cavalry, Thank you for donating such a beautiful bench in my dad's name. Your kind words about him really touched me. Thank you for remembering him and honoring him.

Love Kate & Thorpe Gregory

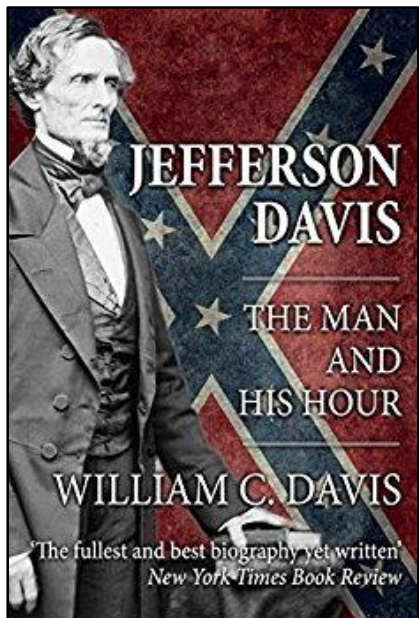
Dear Mr. Boelt and members of the SCV: My family had a wonderful time at the bench dedication and the bar-be-que! Fred, thank you for opening your beautiful home. The food was delicious and it was wonderful to re-connect with you all. Dad was so proud of his Southern heritage and I know he would be delighted and honored with the bench. Thank you all for honoring him in this way. I can see his big 'ol smile' and face lit up with it! I know our family will visit Peach Park often. I look forward to the day our paths cross again.

Warmly,
Amanda Ware Kizer and Family, Steve, Theo & Lily Kizer

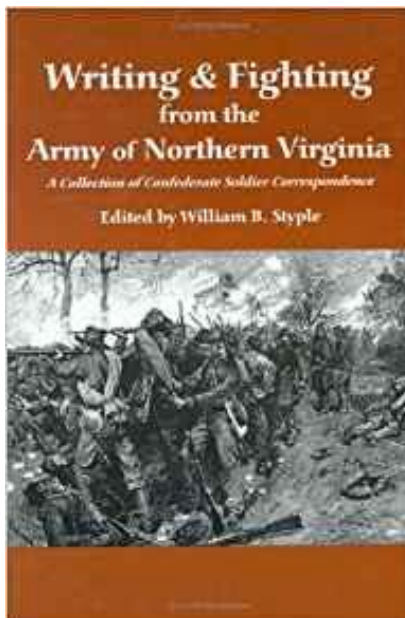
Dear Commander Toalson and fellow compatriots: Thank you for honoring David Ware in such a lasting and warm tribute. The ceremony was well executed and very touching. As one of his many family members I was deeply touched by the high esteem his fellow compatriots held him in. Thank you for remembering him in such a touching fashion. . . . Sincerely,
Wendy Blizzard "one of the sisters"



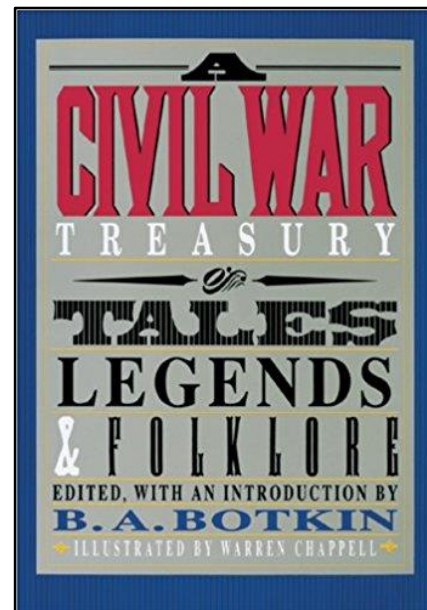
August Book Raffle



"Jefferson Davis - The Man and His Hour, A Biography"
by William C. Davis



"Writing & Fighting from the Army of Northern Virginia"
Edited by Williams B. Style



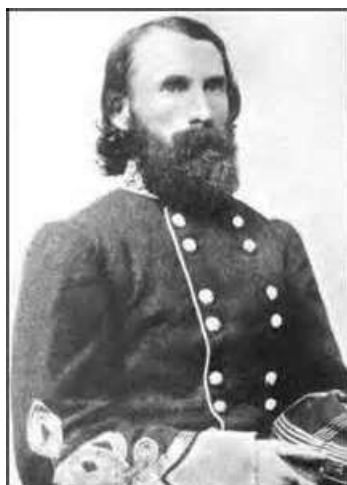
"A Civil War Treasury, of Tales, Legends and Folklore"
Edited, with an Introduction by B. A. Botkin.

August Trivia Question:

This Confederate officer was one of four West Point graduates who served on both sides during the Civil War. After serving with the Union at the First Battle of Manassas he switched to the southern cause. His son commanded US forces in one of the major battles of WW II.



Williamsburg Civil War Round Table



<http://www.wcwrt.org>

On September 26th, 2017 - Patrick Falci (a.k.a. General A. P. Hill) will present:

"Up Came Hill (A. P. Hill at Sharpsburg)"