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Camp #2095  1st Brigade  Virginia Division  Army of Northern Virginia

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NEXT MUSTER

Wednesday, March 26th, 2014, 6:30pm
Colonial Heritage Club

<http://colonialheritageclub.org/home.asp>

6500 Arthur Hills Drive
Williamsburg, VA 23188

Guest Speaker:

Mr. Robert Dunkerly, Historian and Author
Richmond, Virginia

“The Confederate Surrender at Greensboro – The Final Days of the Army of Tennessee, April – 1865”



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

Honored Confederate Soldier:

Lt. Jacob Engle
12th Virginia Cavalry

RSVP Required

Compatriots' Ladies & Guests Encouraged To Attend

MARCH GUEST SPEAKER

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Largely overshadowed by the events at Appomattox, the surrender at Greensboro was larger than the one in Virginia. The story is one filled with twists and turns, and fraught with a great deal of tension and uncertainty. Author Robert “Bert” Dunkerly will discuss how events unfolded, and compare the events at Greensboro with the better known story of Appomattox. Bring a friend and join Bert as he takes us back to those fateful events in the Spring of 1865.

Robert M. Dunkerly is a historian, award-winning author, and speaker who is actively involved in historic preservation and research. He holds a degree in History from St. Vincent College and a Masters in Historic Preservation from Middle Tennessee State University. He has worked at nine historic sites, written seven books and over twenty articles. His research includes archaeology, colonial life, military history, and historic commemoration. He has visited over 400 battlefields and over 700 historic sites worldwide. Mr. Dunkerly is currently a Park Ranger at Richmond National Battlefield Park. When not reading or writing, he enjoys hiking, camping, and photography.

Mr. Dunkerly will have copies of his book, *Confederate Surrender at Greensboro*, available at \$35 each for anyone who would like to acquire an autographed copy.

Bring a guest to our March meeting. Supper will be served at 6:30PM, and we'll introduce Mr. Dunkerly at 7:30. Our buffet costs \$17 per person. Please contact Commander Jeff Toalson, troon24@cox.net or (757) 220-0131, to confirm your reservations.

CAMP JOURNAL FOR LAST MUSTER

Meeting:

Held 26 Apr. at 6:30PM at Colonial Heritage Club,
James City Cty., Va., 48 attendees

Welcome given by Commander Jeff Toalson

Invocation:

Given by Chaplain Fred Breeden

Pledge & Salute to the Flags

Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Quartermaster Warren Raines

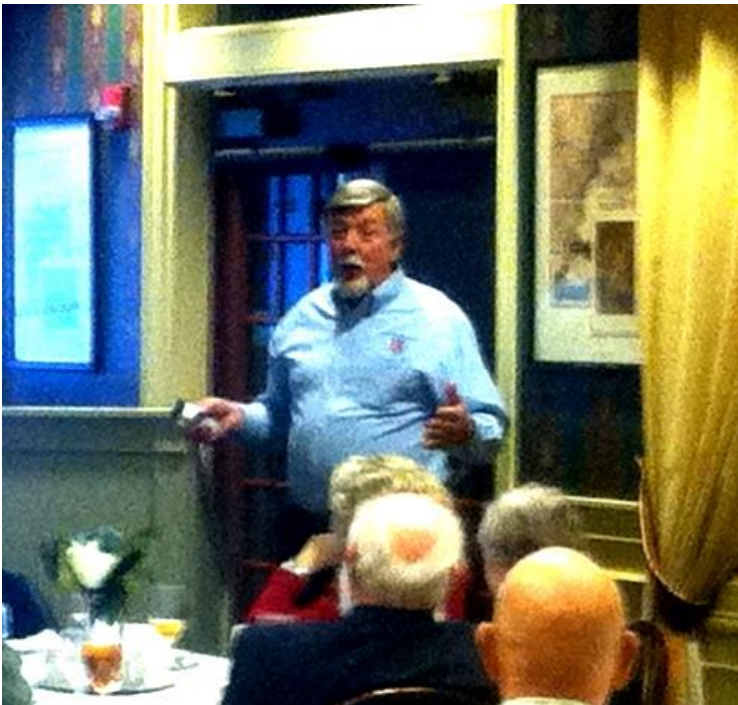
Guest Introduction by Commander Jeff Toalson

Ancestral Memorial Candle:

Read by Compatriot Charles Eugene Bush *in honor of*
Sergeant Roland H. Woodward,
Private Robert A. Woodward,
Co. B - 53rd Virginia Infantry.

Program:

Commander Jeff Toalson introduced our guest speaker, Mr. John Sharrett, Commander of the Stonewall Camp #380 SCV. John presented his experiences at the 150th Anniversary Reenactment of that horrific battle, held 5-7 July 2013. As part of his presentation, John displayed an extensive photographic slide-show, providing the Camp a greater understanding of the conditions in which he, other re-enactors, and spectators enjoyed this historic event, including the proper definition of oxen and an engaging account of a limber-box ride.



John Sharrett, Commander of the Stonewall Camp #380, describes conditions of events at the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg.

Committee Reports and Announcements

Treasurer's Report

Adjutant Ken Parsons indicated the Camp has approximately \$1,800 in the bank.

Cemetery Report

(Please see Page 3)

Support the Troops

Scott Summerfield reported that two boxes were sent to Cpl. Dalton Simmons, USMC, 9th Comm Battalion. Thanks to all who brought supplies to the meeting. Needed Items:

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

New Member

Compatriot Jim Leach was inducted as a member of the Camp.

Old & New Business

1. Williamsburg Civil War Round Table President and FOC Bill Miller, guest at our meeting, announced that their guest speaker on 25 Mar will be our Commander Jeff Toalson.
2. Plans are moving ahead to honor Bridget Grimes at Oakwood Cemetery in June.
3. More to follow on our Col. Allen Scholarship winner.
4. A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to donate \$200 for fence repair at Ft. Magruder.
5. Our Outstanding Camp entry is being prepared.
6. The Virginia Division Convention will be held 11-13 Apr in Roanoke.

Trivia Question

In his first election A. Lincoln received a low percentage of the popular vote. What was that percentage?

Book Raffle

Proceeds were donated to the Camp Treasury for the raffle of the three donations:
"Sacred Ties - From West Point Brothers to Battlefield Rivals" by Tom Carhart,
"Nathan Bedford Forrest - A Biography" by Jack Hurst,
and "Civil War in Pictures" by Fletcher Pratt

"Dixie"

Led by Compatriot Bill Young.

Benediction

Given by Chaplain Fred Breeden.

CEMETERY REPORT

Both work dates in January were weathered out.

Feb. 19 – Ken Parsons and Scott Summerfield re-did the flag at Ft. Magruder.

Feb. 22 – Worked at Ft. Magruder. Made temporary repairs to the chain-link fence that was torn down by a vehicle. Cut down two small, dead trees. Piled up limbs to be hauled away in better weather. Compatriots Fred Boelt, George Bridewell, Joel Goodwin, Billy Hynes, Ken Parsons, Scott Summerfield, Richard Swartz, Jeff Toalson, Dave Ware, and Steve White along with Friend of the Camp Spencer Garrett assisted. Thanks to Midnight for letting us have some donuts this year and thanks you Jeff for bringing them.

Feb 23 – Picked up three bags of trash and bush-hogged the ditch line down past Peach Park Cemetery. We still need to cut around the groundhog holes and cut some more brush by hand. *(A note on Peach Park: Scott Summerfield is not going to be able to cut the Cemetery this upcoming summer. If anyone can cut the grass out there, please let me know. It's the only cemetery that we maintain which is open to the public. We'd like to keep it nice. Thank you, Scott for a great job out there last year with all that rain.)*

Mar 8 – Work date. Started out at the Cowles-Spencer Cemetery on Theodore Allen Road at 1:00pm then proceeded to Peach Park Cemetery, then to Sunnyside Cemetery. Weed-eaters and pruning tools were the order of the day. *(Grateful thanks to all Compatriots and Friends of the Camp who donated their time and energy during a much-needed warm and sunny day.)*

I have some “Known Only To God” markers to set at the Old Hockaday Cemetery but it's still way too wet out there.

Mar 22 – Will be our next work-date, if needed, to get our Cemeteries in shape.

Thanks to all who have helped in the past and hope that more of you can help sometime in the future.

Yours in preservation,
2nd Lt. Commander Steve White, Cemetery Liaison

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

It was wonderful to see almost 50 people at our February meeting. I fully expect a sold out house for Bert Dunkerly in March.

Thanks to all of you for your motion and unanimous approval to donate \$200 to the Williamsburg UDC Chapter for repair of the Fort Magruder fencing. A tip of the cap to Ken Parsons and Bill Miller for their efforts in securing several bids. We sincerely thank the fine folks at Hercules Fence of Yorktown who bid the job at cost. Compatriots, we need 40 of us to each give our adjutant \$5 to replenish our treasury . . . several gave Ken monies at the February meeting, he needs some additional donations in March.

It was great to see a huge pile of donations for our care packages to our troops. A special thanks to Marty Rittenhouse, a long time donor, who gave us a large box full of varied items. Scott mentioned that he really needs wet wipes, hard candy, Q-Tips, dental floss, and Slim Jims.

In conclusion I can announce that Fred Boelt has received at least two essays for our 2014 Colonel Allen College Scholarship.

LAST WORD

“Fort Magruder Update”

The James City Cavalry Camp 2095 S.C.V. held a spring cleaning workday at Fort Magruder on February 22nd and did temporary repairs to the fence that was damaged by the hit and run driver. The United Daughters of the Confederacy, who manage the site, are grateful to Hercules Fencing of Yorktown for bidding the repair job at cost. Their generosity in helping to restore this historic Confederate and Union fort is greatly appreciated. Hercules expects to have the new fencing installed during the final two weeks of March. Monetary donations from the Williamsburg Civil War Roundtable and the James City Cavalry assisted the U.D.C. with 66% of the cost. Many thanks, to all four of these organizations for their assistance at this historic landmark.

- Commander Jeff Toalson





(l. to r) Adjutant Ken Parsons, Lt. Commander Ed Engle, Guest Speaker & Stonewall Camp # 380 Commander John Sharrett, and Commander Jeff Toalson.

INDUCTION OF COMPATRIOT JIM LEACH



Lt. Commander Ed Engle (l.) administers the oath to Compatriot Jim Leach (r.) as Adjutant Ken Parsons (c.) looks on.

WILLIAMSBURG CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

Tuesday, March 25th, 2014, 7:00pm
 Williamsburg Regional Library: Mr. Jeff Toalson –
*"Mama, I Am Yet Still Alive –
 A Composite Diary of 1863 in the Confederacy"*



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CONFEDERATE GRAVESITES

(Contributed by Historian/Genealogist Compatriot Fred Boelt)

Richardson Leonard Henley was born on July 27, 1836, at Hill Pleasant farm in James City County. He was the son of Richardson Henley and his wife, Catherine Norvell Lightfoot. He grew up at the farm and attended local private schools. Henley received his undergraduate degree from Bethany College [now in West Virginia] on July 3, 1853, just prior to his seventeenth birthday. He studied law at Washington College [present day Washington and Lee] during 1858-1859, and then read law under Lemuel J. Bowden in Williamsburg for two more years. As 1861 opened, Henley gave the nominating speech at Windsor Shades for John Tyler who was elected to represent Charles City, James City and New Kent at the Constitutional Convention that ultimately led to secession. He was living at Hill Pleasant when the war broke out.

Richardson L. Henley enlisted as a sergeant in Company C, 32nd Virginia Infantry, on April 28, 1861, in Williamsburg. He served on extra daily duty as General Superintendant of Fortifications from July 1 to August 31, 1861. He was commissioned as a captain and Assistant Commissary of Subsistence for field and staff on October 7, 1861. Henley was present in this capacity in Williamsburg through the winter of 1862. He was the only commissioned officer with his home company at the Battle of Savage's Station on June 29, 1862.

Henley was wounded three times at Sharpsburg on September 17th. As a regiment of raw recruits retreated, Henley left his position, rallied the men, and led them back into action again. For this valiant deed, he was promoted to the rank of major and eventually reassigned to the 8th Virginia Battalion of Infantry. Wounded, he was listed on a report for General Hospital No. 6 in Richmond on September 28th. He was again listed as a patient at General Hospital No. 10 in Richmond on February 25, 1863. Richardson L. Henley's service records seem to be missing after this. He was stationed near Danville when the war ended, received his parole there, and returned to James City County.

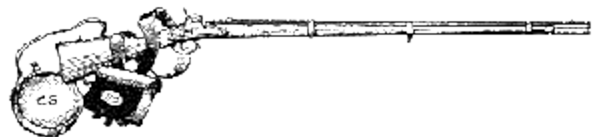
As soon as the courts re-opened, Henley began a law practice that proved very lucrative. His reputation rose in the profession. On December 11, 1867, he married

Ida D. Spencer, daughter of William Llewellyn and Martha Richardson Spencer, at their home Locust Hill in James City County. Of their eleven children, their first son was born at Locust Hill in 1869. Their family Bible suggests that most of the other children were born at Hill Pleasant, and the family lived there until the early 1890s.

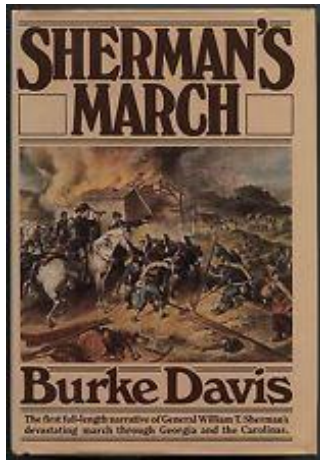
From 1870 until 1882, Henley served as judge of the James City, Williamsburg and York County courts. In 1882, Governor William E. Cameron appointed Henley to the Board of Directors of the Eastern Lunatic Asylum, and he soon became president of the board. In 1883, he was elected judge of the 8th Judicial Circuit Court and served until the expiration of the term. After retiring from the bench, he entered into a law practice, first with B. D. Peachy, and later with his son, Norvell L. Henley.

In 1892, Henley was appointed to the State Board of Agriculture and served for several years as its president. In 1894, he purchased a parcel of land in Williamsburg between Scotland Street and the railroad tracks known as the Northington tract. He built a large Victorian style home there and then subdivided the tract into other lots. The family moved from Hill Pleasant at this time.

Only a few weeks before his death, Governor O'Ferrall appointed Henley as a commissioner at large from Virginia for the Tennessee Centennial. Judge Richardson Leonard Henley died at Northington on May 23, 1897. The Masonic Lodge No. 6 and the Magruder-Ewell Camp, Confederate Veterans, took part in his funeral conducted from his residence. "Many places of business were closed for the day, and while the procession was moving to the cemetery, the bells of the city were tolled" (*Norfolk Virginian Pilot*, May 25, 1897, p.5). Judge Henley was interred in Cedar Grove Cemetery. Two of his cousins, John and Leonard Henley also served in the Confederate Army and lived in Williamsburg. We will look at their lives next month.

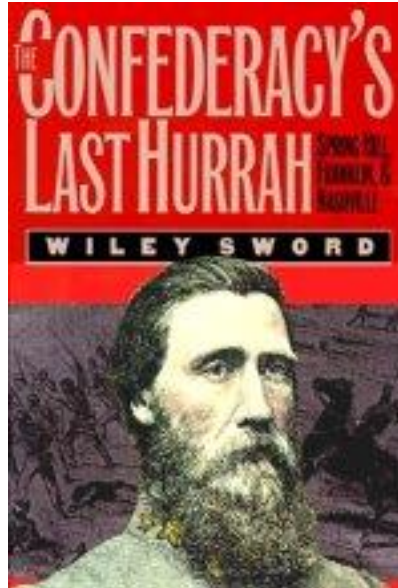


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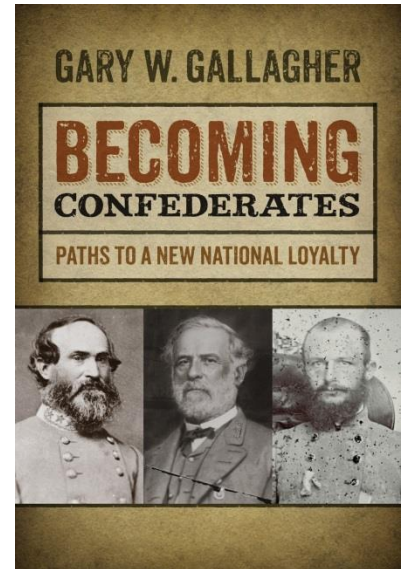
"Sherman's March" Burke Davis, New York, 1980, Hard Cover, 1st edition, 330 pages

In his fast paced, engaging style Davis treats us to an analysis of the March to the Sea and the final campaign in the Carolinas. There is a section devoted to the postwar period and in the final paragraphs notes that CSA General Joseph Johnston, hatless, was one of his pall bearers. Johnston caught pneumonia in the rain and was dead 10 days later.



"The Confederacy's Last Hurrah" Wiley Sword, Lawrence, 1992, Soft Cover, 492 pages

An account of General John B. Hood's daring and yet foolish march into Tennessee in 1864-65. It includes analysis of Spring Hill, Franklin and Nashville and the 'mortal wounding' of the Army of Tennessee.



"Becoming Confederates" Garry Gallagher, Athens, 1955, Soft Cover, 114 pages

This work delves into Robert E. Lee, Stephen D. Ramsauer, and Jubal Early. It examines the paths these men took to Confederate loyalty. In the opinion of Joseph Glatthaar this book "gives us wonderful food for thought on the nature of Confederate nationalism."

MARCH TRIVIA QUESTION:

What distinguished Shiloh from the battles fought before then?



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