



James City Cavalry Picket Lines



March 2018 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, March 28th, 2018, 6:30pm
Colonial Heritage Club
<http://colonialheritageclub.org/home.asp>
6500 Arthur Hills Drive
Williamsburg, VA 23188



Meal Cost: \$17.00 Per Person

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

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

March Guest Speaker

John J. Fox III
Author

*"The
Confederate
Alamo - Fort
Gregg"*



We welcome John Fox this month to speak about the 'Assault on Fort Gregg - April 2, 1865'. It is an amazing story of stubborn heroism.

6000 massed Union troops under Gen. Gibbons attacked the 240 Confederate defenders of Ft. Gregg in the early afternoon of April 2. Gen. Lee needed them to buy him 2 hours to form his retreat. They lost 86% of their 240 men killed & wounded while killing and wounding some 700 of the Union attackers. Only 30 unwounded CSA troops remained to surrender. They bought Lee his precious time.

John J Fox III grew up in Richmond, Virginia. He graduated from Washington & Lee University with a U.S. history degree. After school he served on active duty in the U.S. Army for seven years as an armor officer and aviator. He belongs to the Museum of the Confederacy, the Civil War Preservation Trust and is a member and past commander of Turner Ashby Camp #1567, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Camp Journal for Last Muster

Meeting:

Held 28 February at 6:30PM at Colonial Heritage Club,
James City Cty., Va., **40** 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 Commander Fred Boelt

Letter Reading

The new Letter Reading section of the camp meeting was introduced by
Compatriot Jeff Toalson

Program:

1st Lt. Commander Jim Leach introduced the evening's guest speaker:
Chris Kolakowski.

Chris presented "*The battle of Stones River*", an informative look at this
important western theater battle from a political and public opinion
perspective.



1st Lt. Cmdr. Leach, Mr. Kolakowski and Cmdr. Boelt

Committee Reports and Announcements:

Cemetery Report

2nd Lt. Commander Steve White reported all of the cemeteries
are up to date on maintenance.

Old & New Business

- Memorial Day Service – Olive Branch On May 25th
- April 20—21 – Virginia SCV Convention in Roanoke
- Bethel UDC Dedication Ceremony for Sgt. Lee
- Meeting Attendance – Call List
- Special April Speaker – Eric Wittenberg – Compatriot Toalson
- Update on Monument Issues – Adjutant Ken Parsons

Swearing in of New Officer

Joel Goodwin – Quartermaster



Quartermaster Goodwin and Cmdr. Boelt

Book Raffle

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

Benediction

Given by Chaplain Warren Raines.

Adjournment

8:38 PM

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Commander's Comments

Compatriots,

Another fine camp meeting occurred on February 28th. Returning speaker, Chris Kolakowski delivered a very informative presentation on the Battle of Stone's River. We are indebted to 1st Lieutenant Commander Jim Leach for procuring outstanding speakers and topics each month. Additionally, our new Quartermaster, Joel Goodwin, was sworn in.

Attendance also improved over the January meeting. For the next couple of meetings, we are going to ask you to let us know if you are coming for planning purposes for the meal count. This is necessary to prevent the camp from having to pay for meals when the estimated number falls short. Meal reservation information will be circulated with the agenda for the March meeting.

This year, our annual Confederate Remembrance Day will be held on May 25th at Olive Branch Church in Toano. The ceremony there will begin at 5:00pm followed by our barbeque picnic supper at my farm. Please "save the date" and other details will follow.

A number of our camp members joined with Bethel Chapter, UDC, on Saturday, March 10th to dedicate the grave marker of Sergeant William Lee, 3rd Virginia Cavalry, at Lebanon Church in Newport News. Our camp had erected the marker at the grave last fall. Several of Lee's great grandchildren were present for the ceremony followed by a reception hosted by the ladies of Bethel Chapter. Buck Dodson, one of the great grandsons (and my fourth cousin), expressed his sincere appreciation for our part in having the grave of his ancestor permanently marked.

I hope to see all of you at our next camp meeting on March 28th. Good speakers deserve good audiences. Come and support our camp!

We serve in their memory,

Fred Boelt
Commander



**Battle of Hampton Roads
March 8-9, 1862**

Historical Letters

(Contributed by Jeff Toalson)

“ . . . they intend to resign . . . and volunteer.”

Letter from Julian Burnett of Brunswick to Governor Joseph E. Brown of Georgia
SC01326, Special Collections Research Center, Swem Library, College of William and Mary

Brunswick Ga Feb 16th

To /
 His Excellency Joseph E Brown

1862

Dr Sir

The County Officers

of this County Glynn, that is the Sheriff, The Clerk of the Sup & Inf Courts, Ordinary, & Surveyor, have requested to ascertain if they will be subject to a draft to make up the numbers of troops Georgia is requested to furnish, if the number is not made up by volunteers by the time specified in your proclamation, in case they are subject to resign their offices and volunteer. You will please enlighten me on the subject as I am unable to inform them correctly on the subject. and they wish to know in time to avoid a draft.

I am Very Respectly

Your Obt Svt

Julian M Burnett J. IC

(ed: Certain job classifications were exempt from the draft. Also, at this early date, men older than 35 were exempt. Mr. Burnett seeks a note from the Governor regarding the draft status of these County Officers. These men did not want to be drafted. They would prefer to volunteer for a specific company or command, and not trust where a draft might place them, if they are no longer exempt. Given a choice they would prefer to volunteer for artillery or cavalry versus being in the infantry.)

(ed: We contacted Jay Gaidmore of Swem Special Collections and advised that this letter was available for purchase. He was able to acquire in January, 2018, and the James City Cavalry assisted with the purchase.)

Sgt. William Lee Dedication Ceremony - Lebanon Christian Church

Hosted by: Bethel Chapter of the U. D. C.
March 10, 2018



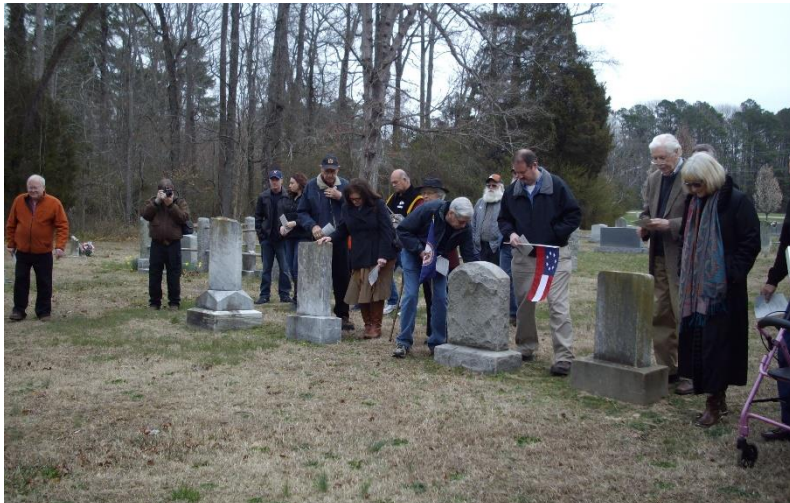
Christine Gergely (President UDC Bethel Chapter)



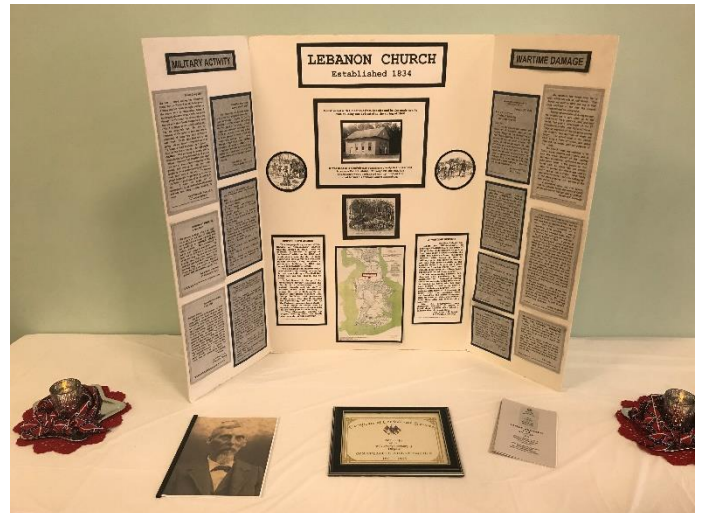
Family member Dean Lee unveils the new headstone for his ancestor, Sgt. William Lee.



Tombstone and wreath

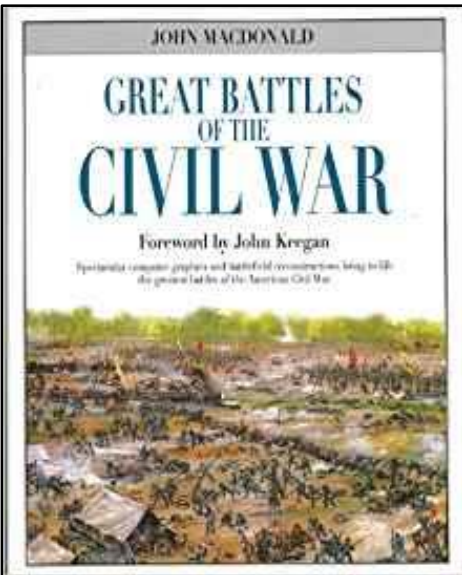


Ceremony Attendees

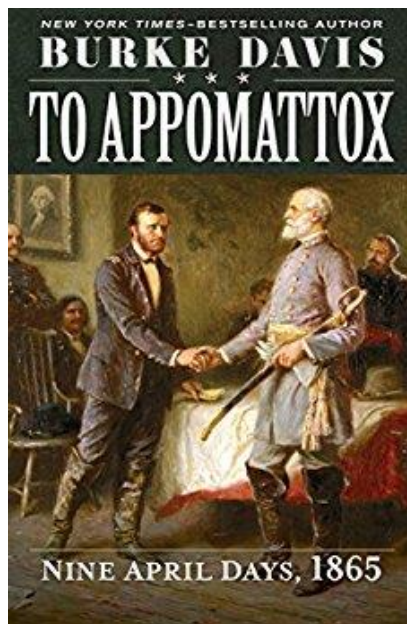


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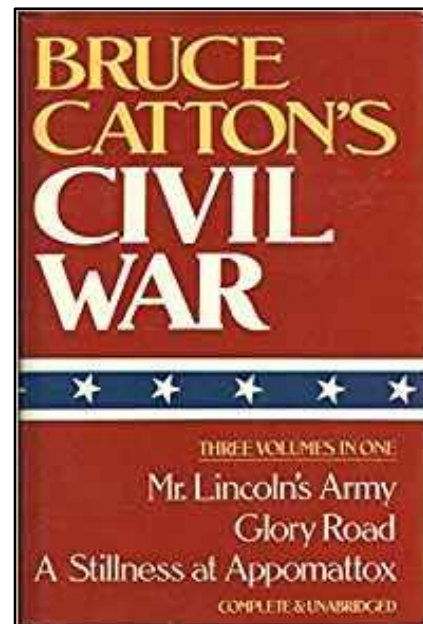
March Book Raffle



“Great Battles of the Civil War”
by John Macdonald with forward by John Keegan



“To Appomattox, Nine April Days, 1865”
by Burke Davis



“Bruce Catton's Civil War - Three Volumes in One”
By Bruce Catton

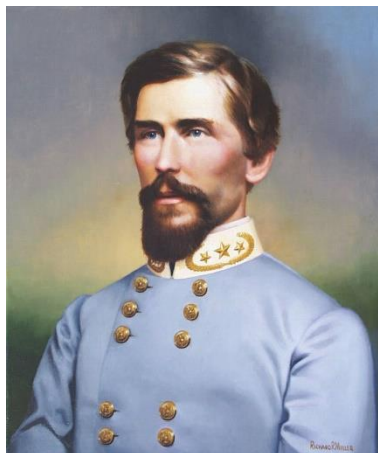
March Trivia Question



Who improvised the first long-range railway gun, mounted on a railway truck?



Williamsburg Civil War Round Table



<http://www.wcwrt.org>

On March 27th, 2018 - Peggy Vogstberger will present:

“Patrick Cleburne”