



# James City Cavalry Picket Lines



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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

Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 5:00 pm  
Peach Park Cemetery  
Toano, VA



Followed by

### James City Cavalry Camp Picnic Supper

Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 6:00 pm  
Compatriot Fred Boelt's Farm  
2896 Forge Road  
Toano, VA 23168

**Meal Cost: \$10.00 Per Person**

(genuine Confederate currency gladly accepted)

## Commander's Comments

It is May again and time for our Memorial Service at Peach Park on Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. The service will start at 5:00. In addition to honoring our Confederate ancestors we will also be 'Dedicating the David Ware Memorial Bench.'

The 'Uniform of the Day' is festive beach shirts. The picnic will follow at 6:00 at the Fred Boelt Peacock Farm just a couple of miles back down Forge Road toward Toano. The Starbuck family has generously donated the Two Drummer's BBQ for our picnic. Remember to BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIRS.

Thanks to 2nd Lt. Commander Steve White, Chaplain Warren Raines and Compatriot Mike Willoughby for building the brick patio and installing the David Ware Bench at Peach Park.

For those of you who missed the April meeting you should know that the Cavalry was awarded our 8th consecutive 'Outstanding Camp Award' at the Virginia SCV Convention. We also donated \$500 to the Virginia Heritage Defense Fund and we donated \$250 to the Williamsburg Battlefield Assn. to support their \$2500 drive for monies to begin trail and signage work at the new land addition to the Williamsburg battlefield.

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# Camp Journal for Last Muster

## Meeting:

Held 26<sup>th</sup> April at 6:30PM at Colonial Heritage Club,  
James City Cty., Va., 29 attendees

Welcome given by Commander Jeff Toalson

## Invocation:

Given by Senior Chaplain Fred Breeden

Pledge & Salute to the Flags

Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Quartermaster Jerry Thompson

## Ancestral Memorial Candle:

Read by Compatriot Charles Eugene Bush in honor of  
**Lt. Col. James Allen**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Virginia Cavalry**

## Program:

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

Mr. Taylor presented "*Point Lookout POW Camp*", a tragic look at  
the worst run Federal POW camp during the war.

## Committee Reports and Announcements:

### Cemetery Report

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander Steve White reported the berm at Ft.  
Magruder was cut for the May 7<sup>th</sup> ceremony. Sunnyside  
Cemetery was also mowed (watch for hornets in the tree to  
the left of the entrance). Also thanks to Joe Sanderson for  
cutting Peach Park.

### Outstanding Camp Ribbon Presentation



Quartermaster Thompson, Cmdr. Toalson & 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Cmdr.  
Leach

### Old & New Business

- SCV Division Meeting - \$500 Heritage Defense Donation
- Update on Charlottesville – Commander Toalson
- May 26<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day at Peach Park – 5 pm
- May 26<sup>th</sup> Picnic at Fred Boelt Farm – 6 pm
- Update on Wren Building plaque honoring WBTS soldiers
- Swem – G. Gradmore offer to view rare Swem WBTS documents
- Congratulatory note to staff of John M. Jordan SCV Camp

### Book Raffle

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

### Benediction

Given by Chaplain Warren Raines.

### Adjournment

8:40 PM



1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Cmdr. Leach and Compatriot Taylor

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## Commander's Comments

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At our June meeting our 2017 Lt. Col. James H. Allen Scholarship will be awarded to Mr. Kyle Mastracci of York High School. Kyle will be attending Virginia Tech to major in engineering. Kyle and his mother will be joining us for the presentation. Our June talk will be about Stuart's Ride Around McClellan during the 1862 Seven Days Campaign. I hope to see a large crowd for our June meeting.

Jeff Toalson - Commander



## 2017 Heritage Defense Donation

In South Boston, at the 2017 Virginia SCV Convention, (L to R) Commander Jeff Toalson and Adjutant Ken Parsons presented a \$500 check to Treasurer Bill Graham and Heritage Defense Coordinator Frank Earnest.

# Confederate Gravesites

(Contributed by Historian/Genealogist Compatriot Fred Boelt)

On Friday, May 26th, we will gather at the Peach Park cemetery to honor the life and service of Colonel James Harvey Allen in the James City Cavalry (Company H), C.S.A. This old family cemetery is located on Little Creek Dam Road near the intersection with Forge Road. The ancient, late 18th century house at Peach Park stands across the road from the cemetery. We have discussed Colonel Allen's life on several occasions and most recently, he was our honored ancestor at the April meeting of our camp. Perhaps a little background of the origin of this hallowed ground is appropriate now.

This was the home of several generations of the Walker family who owned about 400 acres of surrounding land. The one and a half story frame house has a gable roof with dormer windows and exterior end chimneys. The eastern chimney (now demolished) was laid in Flemish bond with some glazed headers. The western stack was laid in English bond. Flemish bond was an earlier style of masonry giving rise to the possibility that the eastern half of the house was built earlier and that the western have was added in 1790. One brick in the western chimney is inscribed W. W. and in another brick the date 1790 has been incised into the surface. The W. W. very probably stood for William Walker who owned the property at that time.

William Walker received 300 acres from his father, John Walker's estate in 1785. He added 8 acres to his holdings in 1789, and another 107 acres in 1796. It is possible that the eastern half of the house was already on the property at John Walker's death, and that William Walker doubled the size of the house in 1790. The southern one story addition was added some time after that.

By his will, William Walker, Sr., bequeathed the land to his son, William, Jr., in 1820, and the title stayed in the Walker family until 1842 when George Walker, son of William, Jr., sold the farm to Christopher J. D. Pryor. From this time on, there were several short term ownerships and the farm was eventually divided into

smaller parcels. On March 10, 1882, William A. Warren sold the house and 204 acres to Colonel James Harvey Allen. Colonel Allen had returned to the county after the war and taught school for a number of years, later becoming the Superintendent of Schools for James City County.

Perhaps the colonel was thinking of settling down and needed his own quarters. He married Ada Byron Hankins, the Widow Tuttle, on December 19, 1883. Interesting to note, she had married Jerome Tuttle, a Union veteran, in 1878, and after his early death, she married Allen, a prominent Confederate officer. Her marriage to Allen ended in divorce sometime before his death in 1898.

After the colonel's death, the farm passed to his sister Frances R. Allen who died in 1911 and based on her obituary, is also buried in this cemetery. Frances left the property to her niece, Mary Brown Jones, who had married Robert P. Taylor. In turn, their son Mercer Taylor inherited the farm and sold off portions of the land over the years. The Dozier family bought the land on the western side of Little Creek Dam Road, and we are indebted to Pete Dozier for allowing us access to the cemetery.

While cleaning up the cemetery, the tombstone for Lucy Allen Jones, the colonel's older sister, was found underground. The stone was repaired and repositioned. The last burial in this cemetery was in 1978 when Mercer Taylor, a great nephew who had inherited the farm, was interred across the road from the home where he died.

A military marker has been placed at Colonel Allen's grave and the First National flag, C. S. A., flies at the site today honoring the colonel's service to the Confederacy. There may be twenty to thirty graves in the cemetery including Walkers and other Allen family members. The Camp maintains the cemetery honoring all who are buried there.

## Camp Member Activities

Fred and Sandy Breeden visited the Brewer Library at the U.D.C. headquarters in Richmond to donate a variety of his WBTS book this past month. Fred is pictured with Teresa Roane, U.D.C. archivist, donating his bound copies of the Confederate Veteran. This donation was made by "Fred Breeden of the James City Cavalry."



## Williamsburg Civil War Round Table

<http://www.wcwrt.org>

On May 23rd, 2017 – Chris Kolakowski  
will present:

**"The Battle of Missionary Ridge"**





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

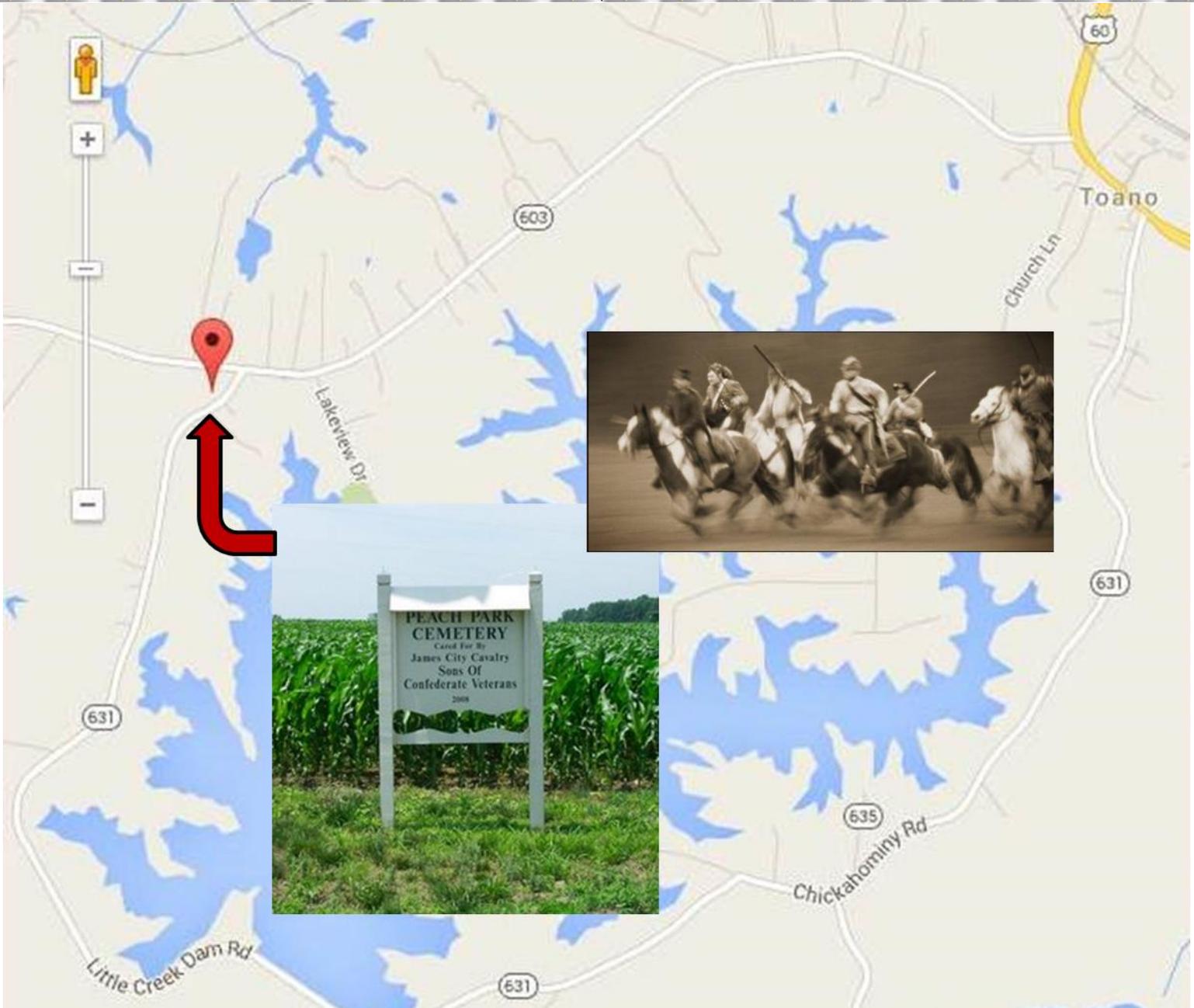


# Confederate Remembrance Service

## Peach Park Cemetery

on Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Little Creek Dam Road and Forge Road, Toano, Virginia 23168



Please join us at 6:00 p.m. 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!



# James City Cavalry's Picnic Supper



on Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:00pm

## At Compatriot Fred Boelt's Farm

2896 Forge Road, Toano, Virginia 23168 (Use this address in GPS or online)

James City Cavalry will be serving BBQ with cole slaw, potato salad, and baked beans plus beverages and dessert. The Starbuck family is providing our BBQ from Two Drummers. **The cost is \$10 per person (children free), payable at Fred's.**

Please RSVP to Adjutant Ken Parsons at [kparsons320@gmail.com](mailto:kparsons320@gmail.com) or 757-564-0878 so sufficient fixin's can be prepared.

Bring folding chairs as we will dine with the peacocks, weather permitting.

The composite image includes a map of the Toano area with Forge Rd highlighted in yellow. A red pin labeled 'A' is placed on the map with an arrow pointing to a photo of a dirt driveway. Other photos include a peacock and a CSA flag.

Fred's driveway is one mile from US 60; a CSA flag will be flying near his mailbox.