



James City Cavalry PICKET LINES



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

A PATRIOTIC HONOR SOCIETY DEDICATED TO SERVICE AND PRESERVING THE TRUE HISTORY OF THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES

NEXT MUSTER

Wednesday, October 23rd, 2013, 6:30pm
Colonial Heritage Club
<http://colonialheritageclub.org/home.asp>
6500 Arthur Hills Drive
Williamsburg, VA 23188

Guest Speaker:

Mr. Arthur Wingo

NPS Docent – Chimborazo Hospital Museum

"The Chimborazo Hospital Complex – A History"



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

Honored Confederate Soldiers:

Private John W. Robison

Maury [Sparkman's] Tennessee Light Artillery

No RSVP Required

Compatriots' Ladies & Guests Encouraged To Attend

OCTOBER GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Arthur Wingo

NPS Docent – Chimborazo Hospital Museum

"The Chimborazo Hospital Complex – A History"

In September, 1861, on the bluff above the James River just east of St. Johns Church, a workforce of slave laborers began construction on winter quarters for Confederate troops. The initial construction consisted of 87 buildings for enlisted men, 12 officers' quarters, 3 hospitals, and one large bakery house with 2 capacious brick ovens. However, as early war casualties grew it became apparent that a major hospital facility would be required. Surgeon General Samuel P. Moore appointed Dr. James B. McCaw as Surgeon in Chief and instructed him to convert the barracks into a hospital. Chimborazo Hospital started receiving patients in October 1861. When construction was complete in 1862 the hospital comprised 150 buildings including 98 patient wards. These wards were divided into 5 divisions and each had a capacity of 600 patients. Dr. McCaw was in charge of a staff of more than 600 doctors, matrons, nurses, cooks, and teamsters supporting this operation.

In addition to the Chimborazo complex there were many other hospitals in the Richmond area supporting the needs of the wounded and sick. Tonight, Art will give us insight into hospitals and medical care in Richmond during the War for Southern Independence.

Mr. Arthur Wingo is a member of the Longstreet Camp #1247, a 24 year re-enactor as a member of Company G [Nottoway Grays] of the 18th Virginia Infantry, and a docent with the National Park Service at the Chimborazo Hospital Museum in Richmond. Art has had a lifelong interest in the War for Southern Independence and provides numerous talks to schools, SCV Camps, and UDC Chapters. It is our pleasure to have Art and his wife Diane joining us on the 23rd.

Bring a guest to our September meeting. Supper will be served at 6:30 and we will introduce Dr. Read at 7:30. Our buffet costs \$17 per person. Non members please contact Ken Parsons at kparsons4@cox.net or 757-564-0878 to confirm reservations.

1st Lt. Commander Ed Engle



CAMP JOURNAL FOR LAST MUSTER



Meeting:

Held 25 Sep. at 6:30PM at Colonial Heritage Club,
James City Cty., Va., 37 attendees

Welcome given by Commander Jerry White

Invocation:

Given by Commander Jerry White

Pledge & Salute to the Flags

Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Quartermaster Jim Swords

Welcome and introduction of guests given by

Commander Jerry White

Trivia Question:

From which state did the most WBTS soldiers die and
where are the most Union soldiers buried?

Answer: **New York and Vicksburg, MS.**

Ancestral Memorial Candle:

Read by Compatriot Charles Eugene Bush *in honor of*
Cpl. John F. Gooldy, Co. A - 11th Virginia Infantry
2nd Lt. William J. Gooldy, Co. D - 28th Va Infantry
1st. Sgt. Robert Gooldy, Co. K - 58th Virginia Infantry

Program:

Introduction of Guest Speaker by 1st Lieutenant
Commander Jeff Toalson: Our guest speaker was Dr.

Mallory Read of Norfolk, Virginia, who provided
startling background information on the prevalence of
syphilis among historical tyrants and compelling proof
that Abraham Lincoln also suffered from this ailment,

which was manifest in his unlawful and aggressive
behavior during the WBTS. Dr. Read's documentation
and medical diagnoses provided a great deal of insight
into the effects of syphilis, a common form of insanity,
in the early and later behavior of the 16th Union

Commander-in-Chief.

Committee Reports & Announcements:

Treasurer' Report

Adjutant Ken Parsons indicated that we have
\$2237.05 in the bank. He also informed the Camp that
the dues deadline is 1 Oct. and that the Camp had, to
date, 15 Life Members.

Support the Troops

Compatriot Scott Summerfield reported that three
boxes were sent to and received by our troop,
Marine Sgt. Tommy Toquothy. The Camp needs
continued support for supplies, packaging, and
shipping.

Cemetery Report

Nothing significant to report at this time.

New Business

The Nominating Committee submitted its slate of
candidates for Camp Office for 2013-2015 were sworn
in by Adjutant Ken Parsons:

Commander - Jeff Toalson

Adjutant - Ken Parsons

1st. Lt. Commander - Ed Engle

2nd Lt. Commander - Steve White

Quartermaster - Warren Raines

Archivist & Editor - Jim Swords

Chaplain - Fred Breeden; Historian - Fred Boelt

Old Business

Outgoing Commander Jerry White informed the
Camp of his pending family move and of his deep
appreciation for the opportunity to serve as
Commander and for all the assistance received.
He and his wife, Susan, are relocating to Texas
this fall.

Book Raffle:

\$64.00 was donated to the Camp Treasury for the
raffle of the volumes: "The Brothers War - The Civil
War Letters to their Loved Ones from the Blue and
Gray" by Annette Tapert; "The Forgotten 500" by
Gregory A. Freeman; and "Fields of Honor - Pivot
Battles of the Civil War" by Edwin C. Bearss.

Benediction:

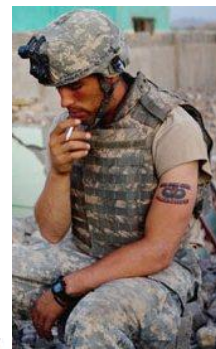
Given by Commander Jerry White at 8:30pm.

SUPPORT THE TROOPS

Our soldier is Marine Sgt. Tommy Toquothy,
Son-in-Law of Compatriot Sparkie Harcourt.
Sgt. Toquothy is presently stationed in Afghanistan.
The Camp sent three packages to him last month.

Immediately Needed Items :

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



SEPTEMBER GUEST SPEAKER



L to R – Incoming Commander Jeff Toalson, Dr. Mallory Read, and Incoming 1st Lt. Commander Ed Engle.

WILLIAMSBURG CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

Tuesday, October 22nd, 7:00pm

Williamsburg Library

"The Bermuda Hundred Campaign of 1864"

Mr. Scott Williams



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HONOR YOUR ANCESTOR

In the past four years we have had Camp members light memorial candles eleven times in honor of their ancestors. That is only about three per year!

Please provide 1st Lt. Commander Jeff Toalson with information on your ancestor and he will conduct additional research, coordinating with you and your family to select a night to honor ancestor.

JINE THE JAMES CITY CAVALRY

AT A CONFEDERATE CHRISTMAS SUPPER!

Please bring your Artifacts for proud display – we may also have a Silent Auction!

The Camp is providing BBQ & Brunswick Stew & Requests one large Potluck dish from each Family Party

JCC Christmas Trivia Question: Saint Nick or Steve White?

Friday, December 20th, 2013
6:00pm – 9:00pm
 at the
Toano Women's Club
7965 Richmond Road
Toano, VA 23168

CONFEDERATE GRAVESITES

(Contributed by Historian/Genealogist Compatriot Fred Boelt)

The Piggott family was well established in James City County before 1800. Four sons of Pearson Piggott and his wife Lucy were born early in the nineteenth century and went on to become large landowners in the county. Several sons of the four brothers were of age to fight for the Confederacy. In the December 2010 edition of *Picket Lines*, we discussed George A. C. Piggott, son of Fielding and Elizabeth Piggott, who served in the 5th Virginia Cavalry and is buried at Olive Branch Christian Church in an unmarked grave. Fielding's brother, Nathaniel P. Piggott had at least two sons who fought for the south. The home farm for the Nathaniel Piggott family was "Farmville" located in present day Norge. Farmville Lane was the entrance to this 662 acre tract.

Lewis H. Piggott, born about 1828, was Nathaniel's son by his first wife. Not much is known of his life before the 1860 census when he was listed in his father's household as "farming for his father." He enlisted in Company C, 32nd Virginia Infantry, in Richmond on December 19, 1862. His service record is sketchy. At some point, he was detailed as company cook by a certificate from the Medical Board. He was present on the company roll in January and February 1865. An article published in the *Virginia Gazette* in 1909 stated that he was captured at Five Forks, and his service record indicated that he was paroled at Appomattox Courthouse on April 9, 1865.

After the war, Lewis Piggott's life is shadowy. He was back in James City County for the 1870 census where he continued to farm and does not seem to have married. His father had died in December 1860, and Lewis, along with other siblings, was mentioned in court documents after the war dealing with settling the estate. He disappeared from all records around 1880 and probably died around that time. There are seven unmarked graves at Olive Branch Church attributed to the Nathaniel Piggott family, and it seems probable that he rests in one of those graves.

Nathaniel P. Piggott's second wife was Mary Ann Bowden, sister of the notorious Union sympathizer, Lemuel Bowden, who lived in Williamsburg. Among their children was a son, Nathaniel D. Piggott, who was born on January 9, 1844, in James City County.

Very little is known of his early life. It seems as though the family may have refuged to Richmond at some point in 1862. On November 6, 1862, the *Richmond Dispatch* reported that Mrs. Mary Ann Piggott and her children, Nathaniel, Mary Ellen, Eugenia and Isabella were being held at Castle Thunder on charges of spying for the enemy. Undoubtedly, being Bowden's sister, Mary Ann was under suspicion. Her step-son, Lewis Piggott, and her step-daughter's husband, Volusko Vaiden, posted \$500.00 bail for each of these detainees. Mary Ann testified that she had provided food and supplies for the Confederate Army whenever they were near her farm. Charges were ultimately dropped, and they were allowed to return to James City County.

Perhaps this incident spurred Nathaniel D. Piggott on serve the cause. Soon after becoming nineteen years old, he enlisted as a private in Company H, 5th Virginia Cavalry, on April 1, 1863, in Culpeper, Virginia. He was absent on horse detail in November and December of that year and was captured January 20, 1864. He was back on the company roll in February and did not appear on the Federal POW rolls. His service records stop here and provide very little information.

Nathaniel D. Piggott was living on the home farm in 1870. He inherited two tracts of land from his father's estate totaling 374 acres. One of these tracts, "Foster's," was located across present day Richmond Road from Farmville Lane. The house still stands today. He was Clerk of the Circuit Court in Williamsburg for a brief period of time. U. S. Post Office ledgers list him as Postmaster in Williamsburg from 1873 to 1880. His health must have broken down after this time for he died on March 12, 1884, in the Eastern Lunatic Asylum and was buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery. His estate paid \$7.50 for part of a lot in the cemetery, and \$51.12 to R. B. Servant for funeral expenses. Additionally, his estate had a wooden fence constructed around the grave. Inflation has certainly gone viral comparing these prices to burial prices today!





CAMP PICTORIAL



Left – Pictured with troops of Regimental Combat Team 7, Afghanistan, is our supported troop Marine Sgt. Tommy Toquothy, Son-in-Law of Compatriot Sparkie Harcort. Tommy is standing in blue civvies on the right.



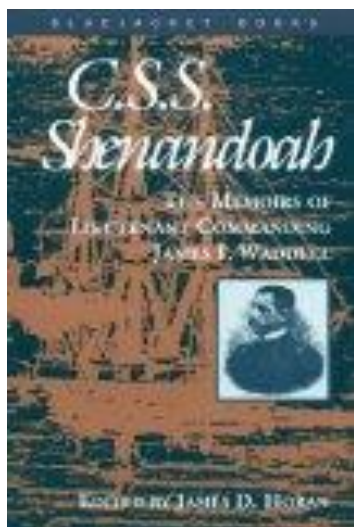
Below (L to R) – Adjutant Ken Parsons swears in 2013-2015 Camp Officers Commander Jeff Toalson, Historian/Genealogist Fred Boelt, 1st Lt. Commander Ed Engle, Archivist Jim Swords, and Chaplain Fred Breeden



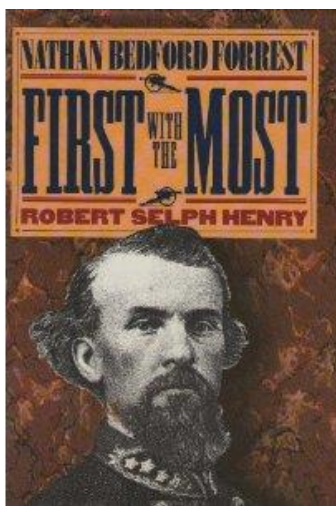
Right (L to R) – 1st Lt. Commander Ed Engle and Adjutant Ken Parsons man the SCV booth on the opening day of the Virginia State Fair. Ed is in character as Lt. Col. Chilton of General Robert E. Lee's Staff.



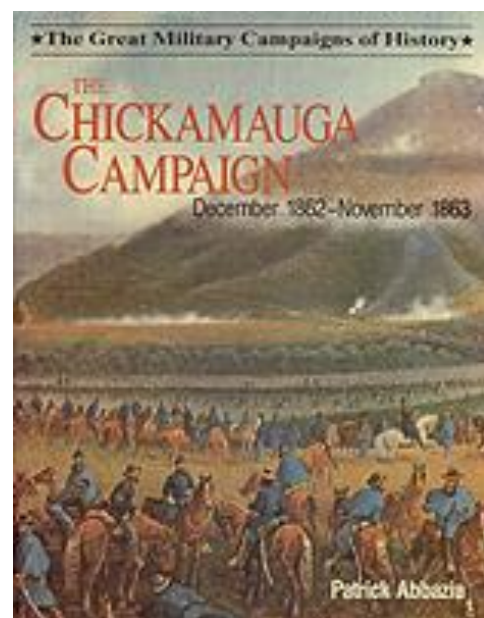
OCTOBER BOOK RAFFLE



"The C. S. S. Shenandoah - The Memoirs of Lt. Commanding James Waddell" edited by James Horan, 1960, New York, hardback, 200 pages
 These are the memoirs of the Captain of the 'Shenandoah.' It follows the ship for her birth thru her destruction of the whaling fleet in the Bearing Straits in June of 1865 and then her sail around South America all the way to England to surrender. Very interesting.



"Nathan Bedford Forrest - First with the Most" by Robert Self Henry, 1991, New York, hardback, 558 pages
 This is a biography of Forrest's entire life. The bulk of the book is spent on his service and significant space is devoted to his detached, independent operations where he showed his tactical genius. The book also provides insights into his prewar and postwar life. Considered one of the better biographies of Forrest.



"The Chickamauga Campaign" by Patrick Abbazia, 1998, Bryn Mawr, hardback, 184 pages large format
 Very good basic coverage, maps, and pictures of the Chickamauga Campaign and also discussions of Tullahoma, Murfreesboro, and Chattanooga to a lesser degree.

OCTOBER TRIVIA QUESTION:

**How many battles were fought during the WBTS?
 Which state had the most battles and which county or region within that state had the most?**



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