



James City Cavalry Picket Lines



October 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, October 24th, 2018, 6:30pm
Colonial Heritage Club
<http://colonialheritageclub.org/home.asp>
6500 Arthur Hills Drive
Williamsburg, VA 23188



Meal Cost: \$17.00 Per Person

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

CONGRATULATIONS

Jon & Amy Holland on a bouncy baby boy - Thomas Samuel !!!!



October Guest Speaker

Mr. Charles Wood
Military Artificer for
Colonial
Williamsburg



“Confederate Cavalry 101”

Mr. Wood will talk about the basics of being a Confederate Cavalryman and display items and equipment to enhance his lecture.

Charles Wood is retired from Colonial Williamsburg and has been around horses most of his life. He has worked as a coachman at Colonial Williamsburg, and as a military artificer at the Colonial Williamsburg Magazine. He helped make the leather Portmanteaus(carriers) to hold the Colonial Williamsburg reproduction of George Washington's Tent that was made for the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia. He has been a Confederate Civil War reenactor.

Camp Journal for Last Muster

Meeting:

Held 26 September at 6:30PM at Colonial Heritage Club,
James City Cty., Va., **31** 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 Past Commander Jeff Toalson

Letter Reading:

Remembering 1862 Williamsburg – Pvt. Wm. Holland, 11th Va. Infantry
(read by Compatriot Scott Summerfield)

Program:

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

Mr. Fred Chiesa.

Mr. Chiesa discussed the origin and history of Oakwood Cemetery in Richmond.



Mr. Fred Chiesa and Past Commander Jeff Toalson

Committee Reports and Announcements:

Old & New Business

- Passing of Compatriot Bill Brown Svc. 10/6 Hickory Neck Chapel
- Don & Betsy Woolridge OK near Myrtle Beach, SC
- Jon & Amy Holland at hospital for child #2 – 5:00 9/26
- Hurricane Relief – Carolina Cavalry – 1st Lt. Cmdr. Jim Leach
- Hurricane Relief – Mercy Chefs - Adj. Ken Parsons
- SCV Hurricane "Relief Fund" at www.scv.org cash donations - Toalson

New Member Induction

Compatriot Rob Symer



Past Cmdr. Toalson, Compatriot Symer, Adj. Parsons & 1st Lt. Leach

Book Raffle

Proceeds of \$61 were donated to the Camp Treasury for the raffle of the three donations.

Benediction

Given by Chaplain Warren Raines.

Adjournment

8:20 PM

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In Sympathy

Mrs. Martha Millner Ware
Dec. 12, 1921 – Sept. 28, 2018



Sug, The Cavalry Will Miss You!

Commander's Comments

Hurricane Florence sputtered around out in the Atlantic for a long time before picking her prey. With modern technology, we had time to prepare for a hit. Mercifully, we were spared a strike here in Virginia, but our neighbors in the Carolinas were not so fortunate. But you cannot really prepare for the devastation left by hurricane force winds and tidal waves. And then after the storm passes, the flooding of the rivers continues.

We have been given information about how to help neighbors and compatriots to the south. And we thank all of you who kindly responded to the cause. But if you have been through hurricanes, you know that the need for assistance continues for a long time after the actual storm has passed. Please find here several sites that will benefit from your continued support:

Carolina Cavalry – Carolina Relief Warehouse, Root Bioscience, 951 Avalon Parkway, Suite 900, Morrisville, NC 27560. They are currently aiding folks in the New Bern area and are seeking monetary contributions. Also, visit their website www.carolinacavalry.org to order supplies to be sent directly to them.

Mercy Chefs – <https://mercychefs.com> this organization has responded to many disasters and is currently helping in the Carolinas. Among other things, they provide hot meals and clean water for evacuees. Visit their website to make donations.

Sons of Confederate Veterans – Relief Fund, P. O. Box 59, Columbia, TN 38402-0059. Checks may be sent to this address for relief assistance handled by the SCV.

September also brought personal losses to our camp families. On September 15th, Compatriot Bill Brown passed away. Bill's life work had concentrated on library administration and later in retirement, he taught history courses. His passions were books, history, archaeology, nature and travel. This true Southern gentleman will be missed by our camp, and we extend our sincere sympathy to his wife, Rene, and daughter Hazel and her family.

Carolee Silcox Bush, wife of Compatriot Charles Eugene Bush, passed away on September 26th. Carolee taught in the local schools for many years, was an accomplished artist and enjoyed singing in local choirs. Carolee and Charles Eugene were two of the five thespians who opened and ran the Wedgewood Dinner Theatre in the old canning factory in Toano in the 1960s and 1970s. This was a welcomed addition to the local "nightlife." Our condolences are with Charles Eugene and his family.

Martha Millner Ware, age 96, departed this life on September 28th. Affectionately known as "Sug" to everyone, she was a mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and aunt to several of our compatriots and friends of the camp. Sug graciously opened her home, "Windsor Castle," for our first Confederate Memorial Day picnic, and joined us occasionally for other gatherings. As recently as last year, she attended the dedication for the bench at Peach Park given in memory of her son, Compatriot David W. Ware, Jr. Even though Sug was a lateral descendant of Abraham Lincoln, she was a strong supporter of our cause, and our sympathy is with all of her family.

Compatriots and friends, stay healthy and happy for we have work to do. Looking forward to seeing all of you at our next camp meeting on October 24th.

We serve in their memory,

Fred Boelt
Commander

Letter Reading

(Contributed by Commander Fred Boelt)

Benjamin Allen Marston was born on October 31, 1835, in James City County, Virginia. He was the eldest child of Dandridge Watkins Marston and his first wife, Ann Eliza Morris. In true tidewater style, he was named for his two grandfathers, Benjamin Morris and Allen Marston. These were fairly affluent families and undoubtedly, young Benjamin had the advantage of schooling at an early age.

Allen Marston died in 1832, and his home farm, Roslyn [present day Colonial Heritage], and additional properties were divided among his children. Dandridge Marston and his young family lived on his inherited portion of Roslyn until 1843. At that time, he purchased Variety Grove on Old Forge Road in Burnt Ordinary [present day Toano] and moved his family there. Benjamin's mother died in 1849. In 1850, he was listed in his father's household at Variety Grove. At some point, he moved to Richmond and worked there. He has not been located in the 1860 census, but it seems probable that he was still in Richmond.

Benjamin A. Marston enlisted as a private in Company I, 3rd Virginia Cavalry, on May 22, 1861, in Williamsburg. He was mustered into service there on June 24th by Colonel Benjamin S. Ewell. The distance to his place of muster was twelve miles meaning that he had probably traveled from Burnt Ordinary to Williamsburg that day. He was then listed as sick through the end of June. He was present on the rosters through February 1862. He was admitted to the Episcopal Church Hospital [Bruton Parish] in Williamsburg on March 13th suffering from Diphtheria and remained there until April 7th. Again, he was in General Hospital #21 in Richmond in June, and on June 21st, he was transferred to private quarters, the home of William J. Bowis, 27th Street above Leigh Street. This was the home of a cousin through his grandmother, Susan Bowis, wife of Allen Marston. His service record goes silent at this point.

At some time later in 1862 or early 1863, Benjamin, along with others in the 3rd Cavalry, transferred to Company H [James City Cavalry], 5th Virginia Cavalry. He was absent, sick with scabies in a Richmond hospital from September 30 through October 25, 1863. He was present on the rosters from November 1863 through February 1864. He was listed on the rosters for March and April but his presence or absence was not noted. He was paid for clothing on July 27, 1864.

The following letter, now in a private collection, finishes the story:

Harrisonburg, Va. Oct 23.1864

Mr. D. W. Marston

Sir your son Benjamin requested me this morning to write and let you know something of his whereabouts. He is in one of the Methodist Churches of this place now used as a hospital and very sick with typhoid fever. He seems very anxious to see you and wishes you to come to see him. He seems very much prostrated but I am not a sufficient judge to say whether he is in grave(?) danger. He is not very comfortable where he is but some ladies have interested themselves in his behalf and will have him better attended to.

Very Respectfully

Mrs. Joyce Jones

Benjamin Allen Marston died on October 26th and was interred in Woodbine Cemetery in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Hurricane Florence Relief

The **James City Cavalry** can join the **Carolina Cavalry** to ride to the rescue of our Tar Heel neighbors and friends!!

The Carolina Cavalry is a (501(c)(3) non-profit) out of Raleigh, North Carolina, and is gearing up to aid Florence victims just as two years ago they provided aid for Mathew victims.

Information: www.carolinacavalry.org

Cash Contribution: www.gofundme.com/carolinacavalry

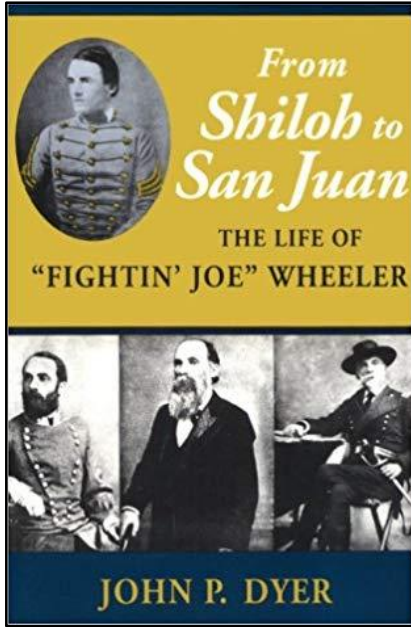
Donate relief supplies using your credit card that are delivered through JET/ AMAZON to them directly on line: <http://a.co/hXWvvx4>

Carolina Cavalry Relief c/o Root BioScience,
951 Aviation Parkway - Suite 900, Morrisville, N.C. 27650
8:00 A.M.-6:00P.M. Mon-Fri

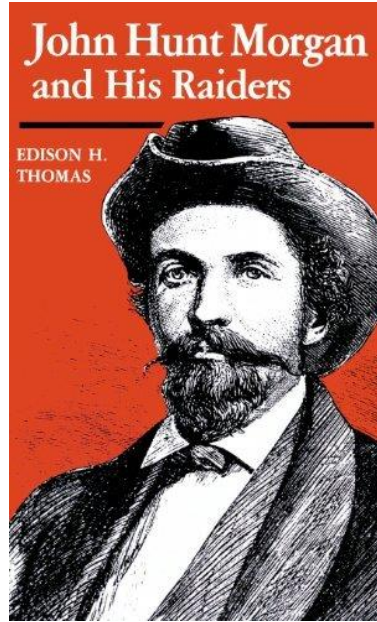
HIGHEST PRIORITY ITEMS

Canned Goods * READY TO EAT NON-PERISHABLES * All Infant Products *
BABY WIPES * Personal Hygiene Items * FEMININE PRODUCTS * Paper Cups
* LAUNDRY DETERGENT * Dish Detergent * TOILET PAPER *
Mops/Squeegees * BUCKETS * Sponges * BRUSHES SCOURING *
Papertowels * BLEACH (gallon jugs) * Cleaning Supplies * CLOROX WIPES *
Nitrile Gloves (large and extra large) * TAPE (Electrical, Duct, Packing)
Trash Bags (H. D. Yard Trash Collection Bags)

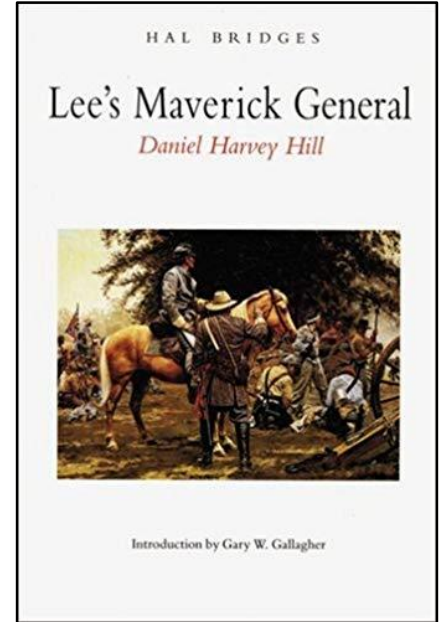
October Book Raffle



"From Shiloh to San Juan, The Life of 'Fightin' Joe' Wheeler"
by John P. Dyer



"John Hunt Morgan and His Raiders"
by Edison H. Thomas



"Lee's Maverick General, Daniel Harvey Hill"
by Hal Bridges

October Trivia Question

What Confederate unit wore "graveyard clothes" into battle and in which battle did they wear them?



Williamsburg Civil War Round Table



<http://www.wcwrt.org>

On October 23, 2018, Lieutenant General Ulysses S. Grant (Dr. Curt Fields) will present:

"The Battle of Shiloh"