



# 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, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, 6:30pm  
Colonial Heritage Club  
<http://colonialheritageclub.org/home.asp>  
6500 Arthur Hills Drive  
Williamsburg, VA 23188

**Guest Speaker:**

**Compatriot John Pelletier  
Norfolk, Virginia**



***"Confederate Medical Department  
and the Confederate Field Surgeons"***

**Meal Cost: \$17.00 Per Person –  
(genuine Confederate currency gladly accepted)**

**Honored Confederate Soldier:  
Private George Henry Holleman  
Company H  
16<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry**

**RSVP Required**

**Compatriots' Ladies & Guests Encouraged To Attend**

## SEPTEMBER GUEST SPEAKER

**Compatriot John Pelletier  
Norfolk, Virginia**

***"Confederate Medical Department  
And the Confederate Field Surgeons"***

Compatriot Pelletier will describe the Confederate Medical Department and the Confederate Field Surgeons. He will discuss medicine at the time of the War and the duties and some procedures of the medical staff, along with the evacuation system from field to General Hospitals. He will include descriptions of some of the medicines and medical instruments used.

John Pelletier is a Past Commander of the Norfolk County Grays Camp #1549, SCV, and has been researching 19<sup>th</sup> Century Medicine for 14 years as well as providing programs and living history presentations based on his research. His is a member of *The Society of Civil War Surgeons*, *The National Museum of Civil War Medicine*, *The Civil War Trust*, and *The Civil War Heritage Foundation*. Much of his period medical expertise was acquired while apprenticed to Dr. T. Adrian Wheat, a retired Army Surgeon and one of the top authorities on War for Southern Independence combat Medicine.



Bring a guest to our September 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Supper will be served at 6:30 and we will introduce John at 7:30. Our buffet costs \$17 per person. Non-members please contact Ken Parsons at 757-876-6967 or [kparsons4@cox.net](mailto:kparsons4@cox.net) to confirm reservations.

*-<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander Ed Engle*

# CAMP JOURNAL FOR LAST MUSTER

## Meeting:

Held 26 Aug. at 6:30PM at Colonial Heritage Club,  
James City Cty., Va., 38 attendees

Welcome given by Commander Jeff Toalson

## Invocation:

Given by Commander Jeff Toalson

Pledge & Salute to the Flags

Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Compatriot Ed Truslow

Guest Introduction by Commander Jeff Toalson

## Ancestral Memorial Candle:

Read by Compatriot Charles Eugene Bush *in honor of*  
*Private George H. Holleman*  
*Company A*  
*16<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry*

## Program:

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander Ed Engle introduced our guest speaker, UDC Archivist Ms. Teresa Roane. Teresa's wonderful presentation to the Camp provided our members with the facts of the Davis family and their warm, dedicated, and longstanding relationships with people of color. So Teresa's wealth of knowledge and detail of the reciprocating sentiment of the Davis family towards others left our members better prepared to counter prevalent myths and interact with the general public in the future.



*UDC Archivist Ms. Teresa Roane  
and 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander Ed Engle*

## Committee Reports and Announcements

### Treasurer's Report

Adjutant Ken Parsons provided the Treasurer's Report and reminded the membership to return the dues sheet with their remittance.

### Cemetery Report

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander Steve White reported that the grass had been cut at Peach Park. Steve also reported that a total of \$195 had been collected to-date toward the goal of \$500 for the memorial bench in honor of our late Compatriot David Ware.

### Old & New Business

- Williamsburg Civil War Round Table President and FOC Bill Miller, guest at our meeting, announced the WCWRT agenda, which may be found at: <http://wcwrt.org/news/news.htm>
- "Civil War Days" at the Cumberland Plantation on the Pumunkey will be held on Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. Organizers are looking for living history volunteers (uniformed soldiers, etc).
- Members interested in serving in staff positions (Editor, Webmaster, Adjutant, Commander) were encouraged to contact present staff. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commanders have volunteered to serve another term.
- Letters have been sent on behalf of the Camp to local police departments and the sheriff, as well as the President of W&M, informing them that they are expected to enforce existing law in the protection of Confederate monuments. Appropriate complaints have also been submitted for lack of such enforcement.
- Plans are underway to hold the 2015 Camp Christmas Supper at Hickory Neck Church in Toano on December 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Compatriot Ken Early was welcomed, in absentia, into the Camp as a transferee.

### Book Raffle

\$71 in proceeds were donated to the Camp Treasury for the raffle of the three donations.

### "Dixie"

Led by Compatriot Bill Young.

### Benediction

Given by Chaplain Fred Breeden

### Adjournment

8:40PM.



## BATTLEFLAG RESOLUTION FROM ANDERSON REUNION

Friday, September 3, 2010

Resolution adopted at the Anderson Convention offered by Charles Kelly Barrow, Cmdr, Army of Tennessee, SCV

WHEREAS, the approach of the Sesquicentennial will be a time to educate not only the people of these United States but of the world; and

WHEREAS, the most recognized symbol of the Confederate States is the Battle Flag, a flag each of us hold dear; and

WHEREAS, the use of the Confederate Battle Flag by extremist political groups and individuals who seek to clothe themselves in respectability by misappropriating the banner under which our southern ancestors fought for a Just Cause which is as noble as much latter day is ignoble; and

WHEREAS, the Sons of Confederate Veterans are the true inheritors of legacy and symbols for which the Confederate Veterans fought and died; and

WHEREAS, the Sons of Confederate Veterans does denounce the use of the Confederate Battle Flag and any other Confederate symbol by any hate group and/or the Ku Klux Klan as the desecration of a symbol to which any hate group and/or the Ku Klux Klan has no claim; and

WHEREAS, the misuse of the Confederate Battle Flag by any extremist group or individual espousing political extremism and/or racial superiority degrades the Confederate Battle Flag and maligns the noble purpose of our ancestors who fought against extreme odds for what they knew was just, right, and constitutional; and

WHEREAS, the misuse of other flags and symbols of the Confederate States of America and the Confederate States Army, Navy, and Marines is similarly degrading,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sons of Confederate Veterans in General Convention assembled in Anderson, South Carolina, does hereby condemn in the strongest terms possible the use of the Confederate Battle Flag or any other flag, symbol, seal, title or name bearing any relationship whatsoever to the Confederate States of America or the armed forces of that Government by any such extremist group or individual, of whatever name or designation by which know, and

LET IT BE FUTHER RESOVLED, that the Sons of Confederate Veterans in General Convention assembled, does hereby condemn in the strongest terms possible the inappropriate use of the Confederate Battle Flag or any other flag, seal, title or name bearing any relationship whatsoever to the Confederate States of America or the armed forces of that Government of the Confederate States of America by individuals or groups of individuals, organized or unorganized, who espouse political extremism or racial superiority and that this resolution shall be made known to all media outlets now and throughout the years of the Sesquicentennial and it shall be made patent and entered into the permanent records and archives of the General Headquarters of the Sons of Confederate Veterans at Elm Springs in Columbia, Tennessee.

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## NOMINATIONS FOR CAMP OFFICERS

Vacancies will exist for the following elected positions  
for the 2016-2017 Term:

Commander  
Adjutant/Treasurer  
Archivist/Editor  
Quartermaster

For Adjutant/Treasurer, the Camp needs a regular attendee of our meetings who would be willing to assume the Adjutant duties from Ken Parsons. He has held the position for 8 years and deserves relief.

He will provide training and support.

We could also use anyone with basic PowerPoint skills to assume Archivist/Editor duties from Jim Swords, who would be happy to provide templates, etc. Quartermaster duties consist of the care of Camp property to include our flags and other displays. The Quartermaster also assists in other meeting set-up.

**If interested, please contact Commander Jeff Toalson, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander Ed Engle, or Adutant Ken Parsons for submission of your name to the Nominating Committee.**



## CALLING ALL CONFEDERATE RE-ENACTORS

Civil war times in New Kent County, October 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Contact Martha at [museum@newkenthistoricalsoc.com](mailto:museum@newkenthistoricalsoc.com) for information or to volunteer.



# CONFEDERATE GRAVESITES

(Contributed by Historian/Genealogist Compatriot Fred Boelt)

Continuing this month with the sons of Dr. Robert Major Garrett and his wife Susan Comfort Winder Garrett, their next two sons were too young to enter service at the beginning of the war. Henry Winder Garrett was born on December 23, 1844, in Williamsburg, and undoubtedly was educated in the local academies. In December 1862, Dr. Garrett received a letter from J. W. Blair stating that tuition at Virginia Military Institute was \$400-500 per year and that it would be very difficult to gain admission.

However, Henry Garrett entered V. M. I. in Lexington, Virginia on April 22, 1863. In the following session while repeating the fourth class, serving as a private in Company A of the Corps of Cadets, he fought in the Battle of New Market on May 15, 1864. He wounded and captured a Union officer during this conflict. During the next session, he served with the Corps of Cadets in the trenches in Richmond. Henry Garrett resigned from V. M. I. on January 19, 1865, and joined J. S. Mosby's Rangers of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Cavalry Regiment and served with them until the end of the war.

After the war, Henry Garrett studied at the College of William and Mary in 1865-1866. He then studied law at the University of Virginia. On July 2, 1869, Henry Garrett was made an honorary graduate of the V. M. I. Class of 1867. Henry followed his older brother William to Giles County, Tennessee where he taught school and practiced law for three years. In a letter to his father dated July 5, 1874, Henry stated that he was in Cleburn, Johnson County, Texas, and that he had not get established a law practice but hoped to find a position teaching for one or two hours a day in a private home. Later, he did return to Williamsburg where he had a law practice and also was engaged in farming. He did not marry. Henry Winder Garrett died in Williamsburg on May 6, 1879, and was buried in the Garrett family plot in the Bruton Parish Church graveyard.

The Garretts' next son, Van Franklin Garrett, was born in Williamsburg on July 31, 1846. And like his brother, he attended the local academies and entered V. M. I. on April 22, 1863. Also while repeating the fourth class, he served as a private in Company B of the Corps of Cadets in the Battle of New Market. The following session, he joined the Corps of Cadets in Richmond, and on November 19, 1864, he was admitted to Stuart Hospital where he remained until he received a twelve day furlough on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Van Garrett resigned from the Corps of Cadets on January 25, 1865, and unofficial sources state that he joined Captain J. H. Thompson's Company of the Virginia Light Artillery. No official record of his post V. M. I. service has been found.

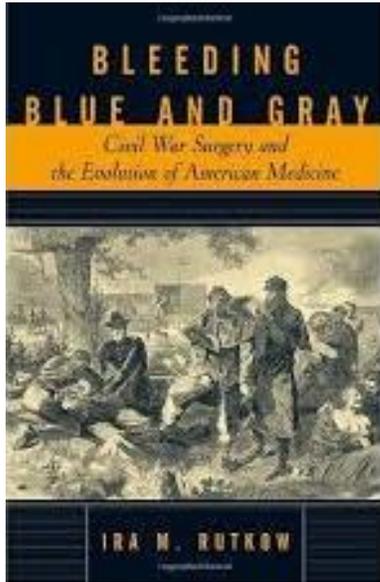
After the war, Van Garrett attended classes at the College of William and Mary in 1865-1866. From there, he took the medical course at the University of Virginia and went on to Bellevue Medical College in New York City, graduating in 1868. On July 2, 1869, he, too, was made an honorary graduate of the V. M. I. Class of 1867. Van Garrett left New York and went to Giles College in Tennessee where his older brother William Robertson Garrett served as president. He taught natural science there for three years, 1871-1874, and while he was there, the College of William and Mary conferred an honorary Master of Arts degree on him on February 22, 1871.

Still unmarried, Van Garrett moved to Baltimore to practice medicine. He returned to Williamsburg after his brother Henry's death in 1879 to look after his aging father. In 1888, he began to teach chemistry at the college and continued teaching there until 1924. On April 29, 1896, Van Garrett married Harriett Guion Nicholls. She was the daughter of Francis Tillou Nicholls, former General, CSA, twice governor of Louisiana, and Chief Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court. Van and Harriett Garrett had one son and three daughters.

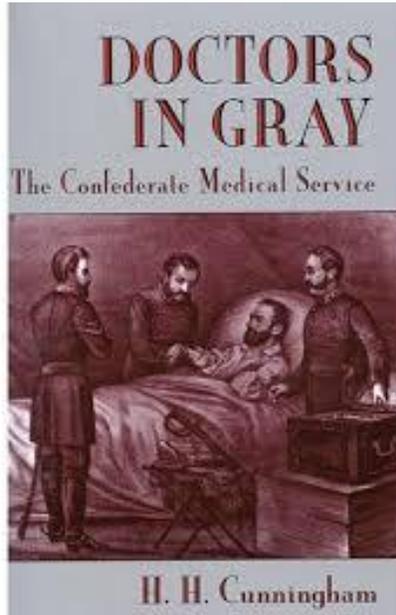
Van Franklin Garrett was a member of Bruton Parish Episcopal Church and served as Senior Warden there. He served on the city council several times and was a member of the Magruder-Ewell Camp, Confederate Veterans. Van Garrett died in Williamsburg on November 19, 1932, and was buried in the Garrett family plot in the Bruton Parish Church graveyard.



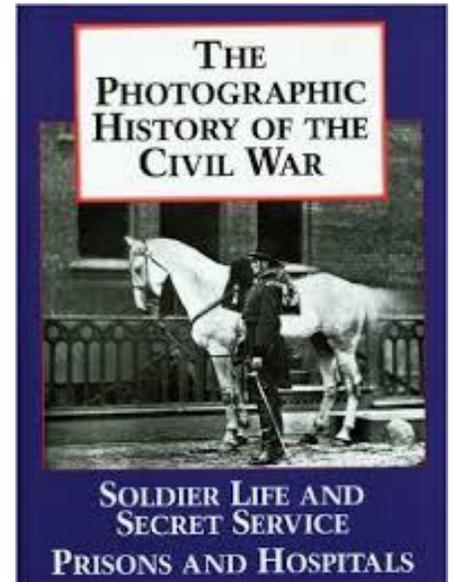
# SEPTEMBER BOOK RAFFLE



**"Bleeding Blue and Gray: Civil War Surgery and the Evolution of American Medicine"**  
by Ira M. Rutkow



**"Doctors in Gray: The Confederate Medical Service"**  
by H. H. Cunningham



**"The Photographic History of the Civil War, Soldier Life and Secret Service, Prisons and Hospitals"**  
Volume IV, Two Volumes in One

## SEPTEMBER TRIVIA QUESTION:

What was the standard manual on infantry tactics, used by both armies, which had been written in 1853 at the request of the Secretary of War, Jefferson Davis?

