



James City Cavalry Picket Lines



April 2022 Dispatch – Williamsburg, Virginia

Camp #2095  10th 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, April 27th, 2022, 6:30 pm

Colonial Heritage Club House

www.colonialheritageclub.com/find-us

6500 Arthur Hills Drive

Williamsburg, VA 23188



Meal Cost: \$20.00 Per Person

Payment by Check is Preferred

Non-camp members please contact Jeff Toalson (757) 220-0131

or troon24@cox.net to make a dinner reservation. Camp

members will be contacted by the 'Call Team' for your reservation. Attendees without a reservation are welcome to attend the meeting but may not receive a dinner.

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April Guest Speaker

Michael Block

*“Lee and
Jackson
before Cedar
Mountain”*



Although McClellan had been forced away from Richmond by July 4, 1862, a new threat from Pope's 40,000 man Army of Virginia was preparing to strike south. Lee once again unleashed Stonewall Jackson to protect the rail junction at Gordonsville, gateway to the Valley and the breadbasket for Virginia. The resulting action would be the Battle of Cedar Mountain. For Lee, commander of his army for just over a month, was facing two Federal armies, national level policy decisions and internal army infighting. Today we know the result, but how Lee maneuvered his forces and politics in July 1862 is the focus of Mike's presentation.

A life-long student of the War Between the States, Mike has been leading battlefield tours and lecturing for over two decades, focusing on events in Culpeper and Fauquier Counties. He is a past board member of the Friends of Cedar Mountain Battlefield and served on the Culpeper and Fauquier Counties Civil War Sesquicentennial Committees. He continues to volunteer for the Cedar Mountain and Fredericksburg tours. He authored his first book, "The Carnage was Fearful: The Battle of Cedar Mountain, August 9, 1862" which was published last January. Mike is also a contributor to Blue & Gray, Hallowed Ground and North and South magazines.

Camp Journal for Last Muster

Meeting:

Held on March 23rd at 6:30 PM at Colonial Heritage Club House,
James City County., Va., **38** Attendees

Welcome given by Cmdr. Jeff Toalson

Pledge & Salute to the Flags led by Aide de Camp Jon Holland

Blessing:

Given by Senior Chaplain George Corbett

Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Compatriot Jim O'Donnell

Comments by Cmdr. Jeff Toalson

Program:

1st Lt. Cmdr. White introduced the evening's guest speakers:
Marilyn Iglasias and Gwen Wood.

Marilyn presented *'Muskets & Magnolias'* relating stories of the changing role of the Southern wife as she assumed total duties for running the farm and supporting the war effort while her husband was serving in the Confederate military. Gwen ran the power-point supporting the talk.



Gwen Wood, 1st Lt. Cmdr. Jerry White and Marilyn Iglasias

Committee Reports and Announcements:

Cemetery Report

2nd Lt. Commander Steve White reported that in March he and Jon Holland did a basic clean-up of tree trash and weeding at Cowles-Spencer. Additionally, Dennis Dasher and Steve leveled ground & headstones, re-seeded, and spread straw around the grave markers of R. M. Garrett and P. T. Garrett following the tornado & uprooted tree damage in the Olive Branch Christian Cemetery.



2nd Lt White and Compatriot Dasher

Old & New Business

- Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Parsons
- Heritage Update – Treasurer Parsons
- Adjutant's Report – Adjutant Watson

Book Raffle

Proceeds of \$64 were donated to the Camp Treasury for the raffle of the five donations.

Benediction

Given by Senior Chaplain George Corbett

Adjournment

8:45 PM

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Chaplin Corbett Receives Proclamation



On March 29th, Chaplin Corbett received the Governor's National Vietnam War Veterans Day proclamation on behalf of the Vietnam veterans in the Commonwealth. The proclamation is on display at the Virginia War Memorial in Richmond. George served in the US Army in Vietnam 1967 – 1968.

Commander's Comments

April is a busy month with several very important happenings.

1. General Grant and General Lee will be at the WCWRT on April 13th which is a Wednesday. Talk starts at 6:30.
2. Cavalry meeting on the evening of April 27 at Colonial Heritage.
3. May 1 Monument Rededication Ceremony at Fort Magruder at 4:00. It will also double as our SCV Memorial Day and there will be light food and refreshments.

Additionally, there will be some small work details to get the Fort ready for the events of May 1.

You will see an article on contributions for the Egger Tract – Custis Farm section of the Williamsburg Battlefield and as I noted in the enclosed article we have over 40 contributions from the Cavalry to support grant applications by the W.B.A. Our goal of 50+ will be reached in April.

We had a great turnout for our March meeting and a very interesting and educational talk by Marilyn Iglasias. When Michael Block is our speaker in April we will learn a great deal about the formation of the Lee-Jackson trust and bond that developed in July and August of 1862.

An important next month of activities. Remember: We serve in their memory.

Jeff Toalson

Confederate Gravesites

(Contributed by Compatriot Fred Boelt)

On May 1st, we will join the Williamsburg Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy as they rededicate the local monument first dedicated on May 5, 1908, on the Palace Green. Now, after its fifth and hopefully final move, the monument is appropriately positioned at Fort Magruder. On May 6, 1908, the *Virginia Gazette* carried a front page, glowing report of the original festivities. Excerpts follow:

“MONUMENT UNVEILED – TUESDAY’S EVENT a SUCCESS

Amid the boom of cannon, the crash of martial music and the patriotic songs of little children, the monument to the Confederate dead of Williamsburg and James City county was successfully unveiled Tuesday in the presence of the largest assemblage ever seen in Williamsburg on such an occasion. There was not a hitch in the programme which was carried out almost to the letter.

The threatening weather kept many at home who otherwise would have come from a distance, but there was at least a thousand people arrayed around the shaft when the veil was drawn by the children designated. Practically every business place in town was closed during the exercises proper, and as the procession of ladies, school children and veterans marched upon the scene of the unveiling, bells were rung and cheers rended the air. All was enthusiasm and expectancy and the little city bore a holiday appearance.

The visiting veterans, forty survivors of the Fifteenth regiment of Richmond, Delegations from Charles City, York, Warwick, Hampton and Newport News, were met at the trains by the Daughters of the Confederacy, Magruder-Ewell Camp Confederate Veterans and Sons of Veterans with the Williamsburg band which played Dixie and other inspiring airs.

The line of march was formed at the courthouse and it was about eleven o’clock when Hon. John L. Mercer, master of ceremonies, called the assemblage to order and introduced Rev. H. T. Louthan, chaplain of the Sons of Veterans, who involved the Divine blessing in an impressive prayer. Mr. Mercer then introduced Mayor E. W. Warburton who welcomed the visitors on behalf of the Daughters of the Confederacy in a short but appropriate address. After the singing of Dixie by the school children, Miss Emily Hall recited the ‘Conquered Banner’ with splendid effect.

Then came the first orator of the day, Col. William Lamb, of Norfolk, who made the presentation speech. ... He began his address by reading a letter from a gentleman who was here after the battle of Williamsburg and who cared for the wounded in the impoverished hospitals, buried the dead, and afterwards had the bodies reinterred in Bruton churchyard. The theme of the oration was “Patriotism.” In the course of his remarks, the orator declared that wars were necessary to discipline nations to make them strong and keep them from emasculation. Patriotism born of the blood red battlefield was the patriotism that made a nation strong. It was the patriotism born of the love of home, of wife and children, of country. The speaker declared the war of ’61-’65 was a war for States Rights, and he was glad to see that the principle was growing stronger as evidenced by the recent supreme court decisions. The speaker paid eloquent tribute to the valor of the Confederate soldiers and to the wives and the daughters for their heroic sacrifices. The address was as chaste as it was eloquent and commanded the closet attention.

The veil was then drawn by Miss Trittie Cowles and Master Henry Moncure amid the boom of cannon and the crash of music. School children, the kindergartners in charge of their teacher, Miss Murphy, captured the hearts of the assemblage, and Misses Davis and Stillwell, with the Model school carrying Confederate flags and wearing the colors assembled around the monument distributing flowers during the unveiling. A salute from ‘Old Spotswood’ and ‘Fitzhugh Lee,’ two treasured cannon, gave a martial appearance to the occasion.

Judge D. G. Tyler introduced Capt. John Lamb who was the orator to receive the monument. Capt. Lamb gave a history of and paid tributes to the Peninsula military organizations [James City Heavy Artillery, Williamsburg Junior Guards of the 32nd Virginia Infantry, and the James City Cavalry]. In these he said were enlisted most of the men of Williamsburg and vicinity. They were attached to the 3rd Regiment which was organized by Major John B. Hood, afterward Gen. Hood.

At the close of Capt. Lamb’s address, the old veterans crowded around him and Col. Lamb to shake their hands in hearty congratulations. The old veterans were in a happy frame of mind, swapped jokes and had a good time generally.

Tickets to the luncheon given by the Daughters of the Confederacy were then distributed and soon all were busy gratifying their appetites, already sharpening by the bracing spring breezes.”

Let us rally in the memory of the first dedication and join in the rededication at Fort Magruder!

SAVE 245 ACRES OF THE WILLIAMSBURG BATTLEFIELD

We made over 40 donations to the American Battlefield Trust in March on our way to a goal of more than 50 donations. Each dollar is worth \$174 in paying off the acquisition of the Custis Farm.

The **number of donations is critical** in helping the **Williamsburg Battlefield Assn.** earn grants to build trails and construct walkways over the remains of Redoubt 11 to insure its preservation. Here is a photo of the walkways at Redoubt 1 on our battlefield.

Two \$15 checks have more power than one \$30 check.

Mail to: American Battlefield Trust, PO 1751, Merrifield, VA 22116-1751





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The JAMES CITY CAVALRY
CAMP 2095 – S.C.V. of
Williamsburg, Virginia, to
SAVE the Custis Farm.

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Fort Magruder Anniversary/Rededication

May 1, 2022 at 4:00 pm

Hosted by The Williamsburg Chapter 637 of the U.D.C.

Rededication of the Williamsburg & James City County
Soldiers and Sailors Monument

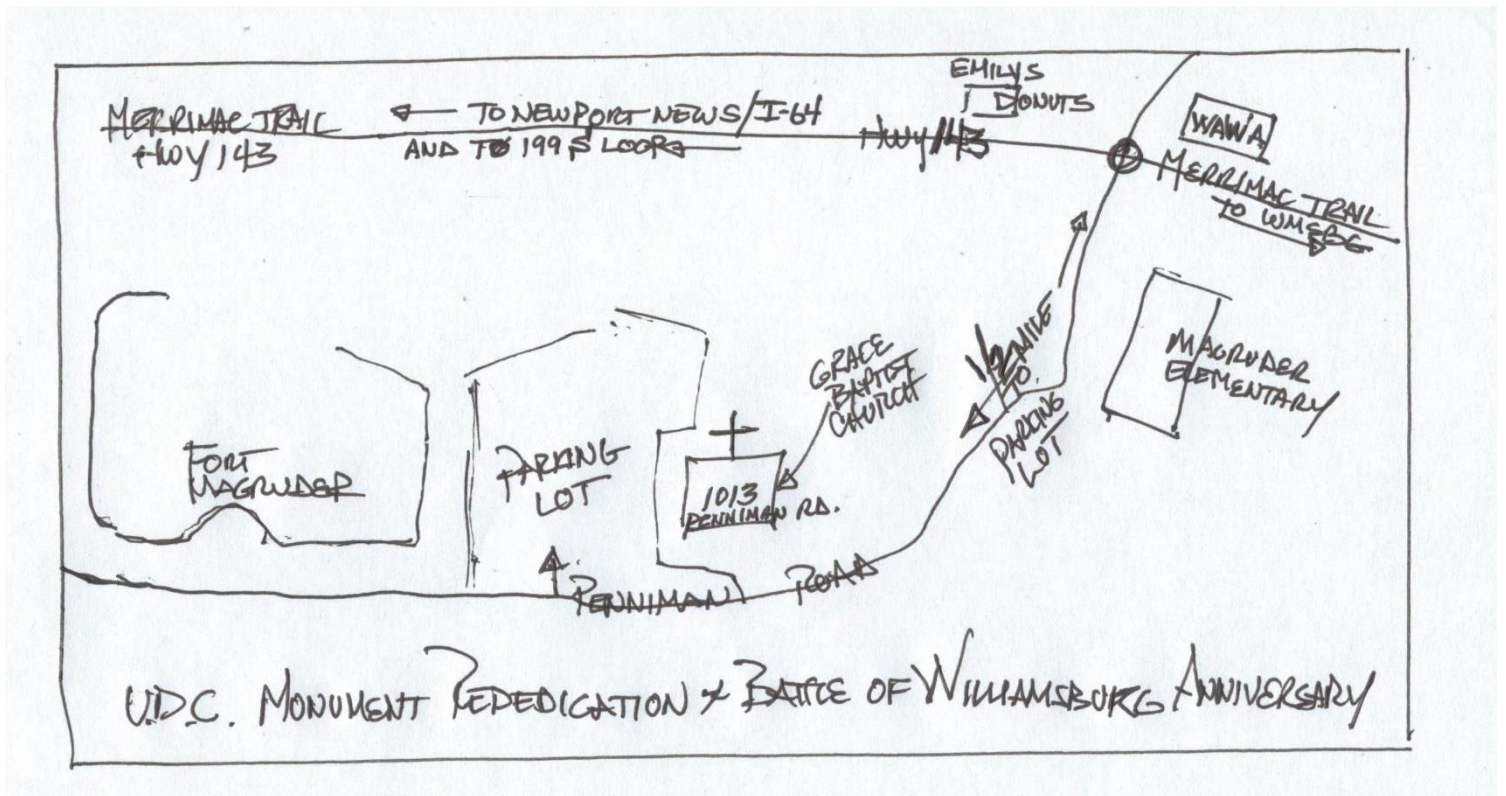
Battle of Williamsburg Anniversary Celebration

Keynote Speaker: President General of the UDC – Mrs. Linda Edwards

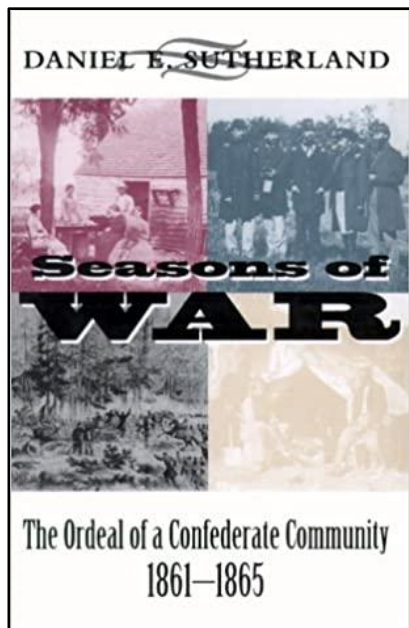
Refreshments served after the ceremony

Fort Magruder is at 1035 Penniman Rd but for parking use the lot at
Grace Baptist Church, 1013 Penniman Road. It adjoins the Fort and is
the ONLY place to park.

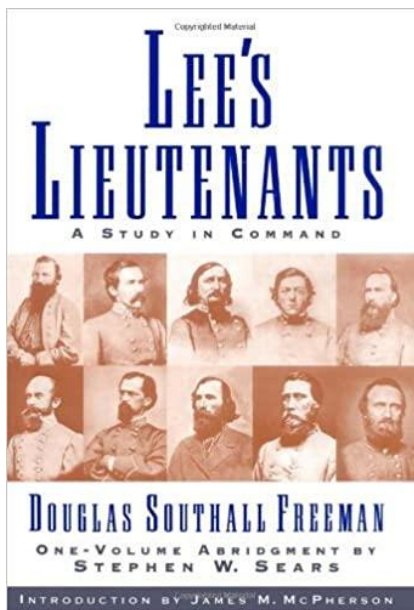
Please bring lawn chairs for seating and wear appropriate shoes for
walking inside a WBTS fortification.



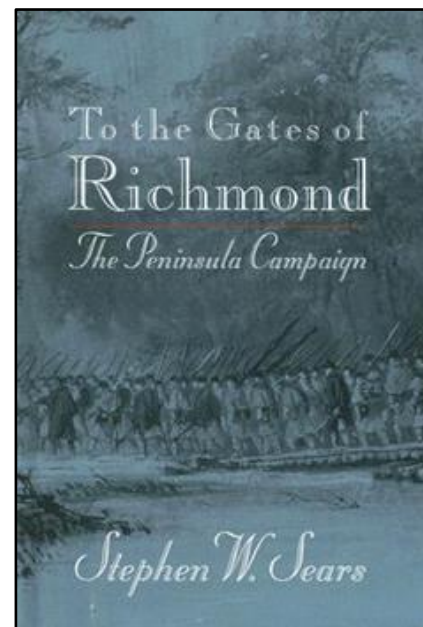
April Book Raffle



“Seasons of War”
by D.E. Sutherland

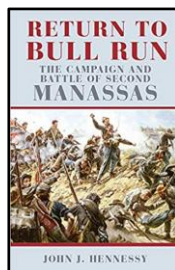


“Lee's Lieutenants (1 vol. - abridged)”
by Douglas Southall Freeman



“To the Gates of Richmond: The Peninsula Campaign”
By Stephen Sears

Bonus book if the raffle exceeds \$50:



“Return to Bull Run”
by John Hennessy

Williamsburg Civil War Round Table



<http://www.wcwrt.org>

On April 13th, 2022 at 6:30 pm - Dr. Curt Fields & Thomas Jessee, portraying General Ulysses S. Grant & General Robert E. Lee, respectively:

“Appomattox – The Last Forty-Eight Hours”

Note April 13th is not the normal date of the month for WCWRT meetings!