



James City Cavalry Picket Lines



February 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, February 28th, 2018, 6:30pm

Colonial Heritage Club

<http://colonialheritageclub.org/home.asp>

6500 Arthur Hills Drive

Williamsburg, VA 23188



Meal Cost: \$17.00 Per Person

(genuine Confederate currency gladly accepted)



February Guest Speaker

Chris Kolakowski

*“The Battle of
Stones River”*



It is our pleasure to have Mr. Kolakowski return to present: Stones River - The defense that prevented the annihilation of the Union Army of the Cumberland.

Christopher L. Kolakowski was born and raised in Fredericksburg, Va. He received his BA in History and Mass Communications from Emory & Henry College, and his MA in Public History from the State University of New York at Albany.

Chris has spent his career interpreting and preserving American military history with the National Park Service, New York State government, the Rensselaer County (NY) Historical Society, the Civil War Preservation Trust, Kentucky State Parks, and the U.S. Army. He has published two books with the History Press: *The Civil War at Perryville: Battling For the Bluegrass* and *The Stones River and Tullahoma Campaign: This Army Does Not Retreat*. In September 2016, the U.S. Army published his volume on the 1862 Virginia Campaigns as part of its sesquicentennial series on the Civil War. He is a contributor to the Emerging Civil War Blog, and his study of the 1941-42 Philippine Campaign titled *Last Stand on Bataan* was released by McFarland in late February 2016.

Chris came to Norfolk having served as Director of the General George Patton Museum and Center of Leadership in Fort Knox, KY from 2009 to 2013. He became the MacArthur Memorial Director on September 16, 2013.

Camp Journal for Last Muster

Meeting:

Held 24 January at 6:30PM at Colonial Heritage Club,
James City Cty., Va., **23** attendees

Pledge & Salute to the Flags

Blessing:

Given by Senior Chaplain Fred Breeden

Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Compatriot Jim O'Donnell

Welcome given by Commander Fred Boelt

Honored Ancestor:

Pvt. Irvin Umphrey
Co. E, 49th Georgia Infantry

Program:

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

Dr. White presented "*Civil War Dreams*", a look into the type of dreams
veterans and their wives had during and after the war.



1st Lt. Cmdr. Leach and Dr. White

Committee Reports and Announcements:

Cemetery Report

2nd Lt. Commander Steve White thanked all who helped with the
Fort Magruder cleanup on Jan. 20th. He also reported the
Hubbard stone was set at Olive Branch Christian Church (see page
6). Also, cleanups at the Cowles-Spencer Cemetery, Peach Park,
and Sunnyside were done on Jan 27th.



Front row L to R: Steve Redford, Paul Huelskamp, Steve White, Joli
Huelskamp

Back row L to R: Jim Redford, Jim Gilley, Jon Holland, Ken Parsons, Scott
Summerfield

Not pictured: Fred Boelt, Jeff Toalson

Inductions

Friends of the Camp: Sherron Ware, Wendy Johnston-Blizzard,
Marilyn Johnston (*in absentia*)

New Members: Jim Gilley, Dennis Dasher

New Officer: Jon Holland – Aide de Camp

(See photos on page 5)

Book Raffle

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

Benediction

Given by Chaplain Fred Breeden

Adjournment

8:20 PM

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Commander's Comments

Compatriots,

At our January meeting, in addition to hearing a very interesting, humorous presentation by Professor Jonathan White on soldiers' dreams during the WBTS, we inducted two compatriots; Dennis Dasher and Jim Gilley. One of our missions is to increase membership in our camp. Do you have family members or friends who are eligible? Invite them to a meeting so that they may see how we honor the memory of our Confederate ancestors. Encourage them to join in this effort.

We also installed Jon Holland as our Aide-de-Camp, a new position for the camp. Jon will assist us on an as needed basis with our activities. And then, we inducted the Johnston sisters as Friends of the Camp. Sherron Ware, Wendy Johnston-Blizzard and Marily Johnston have all been an integral part of our camp activities from the chartering of the camp to present day. More specifically they have been the chief engineers for our Confederate Memorial Day suppers and our Christmas parties. It is our pleasure to make them official Friends of the Camp.

The officers and staff met in mid January to make plans for the coming year. The financial statements for 2017 were reviewed and approved. Additionally, a budget has been prepared for 2018. Adjutant Ken Parsons does an admirable job of keeping our finances in order, and we look forward to being solvent for another year without having to sell bluebird houses!

This is the time of year when we spruce up Fort Magruder and several cemeteries in the county where Confederate veterans are interred. We appreciate 2nd Lieutenant Commander Steve White's leadership of this project. Hard work in the past of retracting these areas from the wilderness is now paying off. With the exception of Peach Park, annual maintenance visits are all that is required. Peach Park is open to the public and requires mowing throughout the growing cycle.

Monthly attendance at camp meetings has fallen off recently. If you have suggestions for changes/improvements on our current plan, please let our officers know. We have to guarantee a certain number of meals, and if a lot of compatriots do not attend, this becomes a financial drain on the camp. We look forward to seeing all of you at our February 28th meeting!

We serve in their memory,

Fred Boelt
Commander

The Swem Library & the James City Cavalry

Growing the Archive of Southern History & History of the WBTS in Tidewater

In 2016 our Camp began a long range effort to assist the Archives of the Swem Library at the College of William and Mary to add 'Southern' items to their collection. Our focus are the years from 1850 to 1875. These items could be books, manuscripts, broadsides, newspapers, monies, bonds, and a variety of other items. However, the main item would be letters. Most would be Confederate and Southern letters but quite often an excellent Union letter of happenings on the Peninsula could also be quite descriptive of what the local Virginians were enduring during the WBTS and Reconstruction.

Our initial donations were a copy of Order #11 which was issued by the Union commander at Fort Magruder during the occupation of Williamsburg. It *'prohibited the galloping or fast driving of horses'* within the city. We will print the text of this order in a later issue. We also gave the library a 'first edition' of *All Afire to Fight – The Civil War's Ninth Texas Cavalry* by Martha Crabb for addition to their regimental histories.

Later we provided copies of *Lee's Tigers – The Louisiana Infantry in the Army of Northern Virginia* and a copy of Heath Lee's *Winnie Davis – Daughter of the Lost Cause*.

In 2017 we provided monies to assist with the acquisition of a Yorktown letter from Pvt. Thomas Head of the 6th Georgia Infantry and another from [Pvt] Bumgarner, also from Yorktown. The Thomas Head letter was published in our August, 2016, *Picket Lines*.

When we toured the Swem Archive, in July of 2017, Mr. Jay Gaidmore and his staff had laid out a wonderful selection of Confederate and Southern items from their collection for our viewing. General Order #11, the [Pvt.] Bumgarner letter and the Pvt. Thomas Head letter were all out for our viewing. (see photo and article in our August, 2017 issue)

I have just transcribed three new letters the Archive has just acquired. We are assisting with the purchase of one, we gave Jay the lead on a second from the Yorktown area, and he found a very nice item from Suffolk.

In the next few months I will share these transcriptions with you so that you will be aware of the historical preservation efforts of your Camp. Please go back to the August, 2016, *Picket Lines* and read the words of young Thomas Head. (www.jamescitycavalry.org at Picket Lines tab)

We are preserving the history of our ancestors,

Jeff Toalson



Camp Inductions



Left to Right: Commander Fred Boelt, Jim Gilley, Dennis Dasher, Adjutant Ken Parsons and 1st Lt Commander Jim Leach (kneeling)

Left to Right: Commander Fred Boelt, Wendy Blizzard-Johnston, Sherron Ware, and Adjutant Ken Parsons



Left to Right: Commander Fred Boelt, Aide de Camp Jon Holland

New Headstone at Olive Branch

On January 27th, Camp 2095 installed a stone honoring the service of Pvt. John Hubbard who served in the James City Cavalry during the W.B.T.S. Scott Summerfield offered a short prayer of dedication following completion.

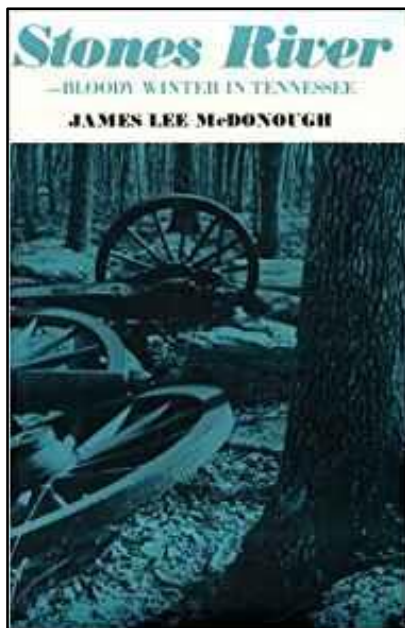


Kneeling Left to Right: Jim Leach and Jon Holland. standing: Fred Boelt, Dennis Dasher, Steve White, Scott Summerfield & Jeff Toalson. Not picture are Billie Hynes and Steve Garrett.

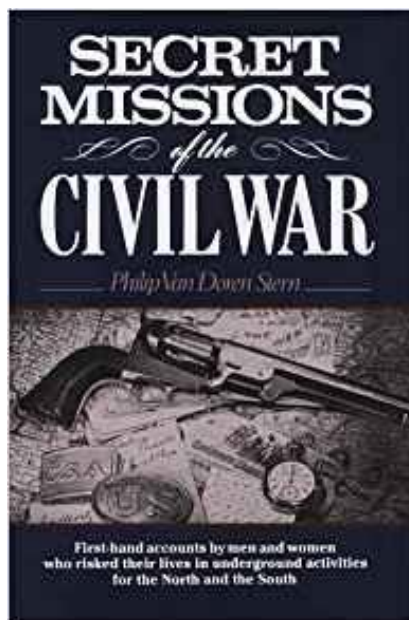
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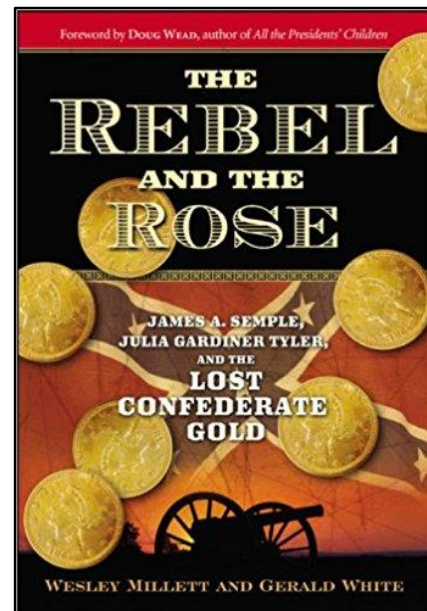
February Book Raffle



"Stones River, Bloody Winter in Tennessee"
by James Lee MDonough



"Secret Missions of the Civil War"
by Philip Van Doren Stern



"The Rebel and the Rose"
by Wesley Millett and Gerald White



February Trivia Question:



Who was the last surviving general officer of the Confederate Army?

Williamsburg Civil War Round Table



<http://www.wcwrt.org>

On February 27th, 2018 - Ralph Peters
will present:

"Civil War Leadership and its Challenges"