



James City Cavalry Picket Lines



January 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, January 26th, 2022, 6:30 pm
Colonial Heritage Club House
www.colonialheritageclub.com/find-us
6500 Arthur Hills Drive
Williamsburg, VA 23188



New 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.

JCC Web Site: <http://www.jamescitycavalry.org>

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January Guest Speaker

Marilyn Iglasias
President of the
Captain Sally
Tompkins Chapter of
the UDC



“The Sweetest of Things”

As Sally Tompkins, Marilyn will explore the beginnings of one of the most romantic days of the year...its history, origins, customs and celebrations. She will take a special look at what it was like for our 19th century Confederate ancestors and their families. It wasn't always hearts and flowers, but it managed to survive and develop into the practices we enjoy today. Pay close attention as she promises to conduct a quiz after her presentation.

Although originally from California, Marilyn has always had a fascination with early American history. Retirement and moving to Virginia has given her the opportunity to develop that interest. She has just finished her 16th year as a member of the Captain Sally Tompkins Chapter of the UDC and is in the 8th year as president. This has given her the springboard for her study of Sally who she portrays at events throughout the southeast. She is a founding member of Ladies Victorian which enables her to research and present programs on everything from early American history to the medical side of the War Between the States.

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Kentucky Battle Flag



This is the flag of the Alexander Guards - Co E - 1st Kentucky Infantry . . . they were the only Kentucky regiment that was sent to Virginia upon formation. Their service ended in May, 1862, when their 1 year enlistment expired. They were disbanded with the soldiers mostly transferring to other Kentucky military units in the Army of Tennessee. Their major battle was on April 16 in action around Dam #1 and Wynne's Mill. Interesting 15 star design modification of the First National. Collection of the MOC.

Commander's Comments

Have you noticed how the prices of food and consumables have continued to spiral upward throughout the pandemic? I went to Wendy's for lunch last week. I ordered a double cheeseburger, large fries and a chocolate frosty. The cost was \$11.47. At a burger joint, my lunch was almost \$12. Prices just keep going up. Jan and I were just on vacation in Daytona Beach, and lunch was at least \$18-\$22 per person and could have easily been more.

The market has forced Colonial Heritage Country Club to raise our prices for 2022. I am surprised that they did not come to us seeking a special upcharge late in 2021. **Our supper cost will be \$20 starting with our January meeting. This is an increase of \$3 per person.**

My Monday night summer golf group goes to various restaurants for supper after our evening nine holes, and food and beer easily run over \$20. The meal costs us more than our nine holes of golf. How times have changed in the past year.

Hopefully you agree with me that the \$20 supper fee is understandable and reasonable. We look forward to seeing you at the January meeting.

On December the 20th Compatriot Bill Harrison had his 100th birthday celebration. Betty Harrison sent us a note thanking us for all of the cards and notes that Cavalry members sent to Bill. Yes, there was also a video made of Mike Willoughby and me singing *Happy Birthday* to Bill on Wednesday the 22nd. There is now audio proof of the difficult work Mike had to perform to cover up for the flat and off-key performance of his singing partner.

Happy New Year to everyone. We will see you on January 26.

Jeff



Confederate Gravesites

(Contributed by Compatriot Fred Boelt)

It will be remembered that the Battle of Williamsburg was fought on May 5, 1862, as the Federal Army advanced up the Peninsula toward Richmond. The Confederate third line of defense was located approximately two miles east of the city and ran from the headwaters of College Creek in James City County to the headwaters of Queens Creek in York County. Redoubts #1 through #5 plus Fort Magruder (#6) were located in James City County during the war years. Redoubts #1 and #2 are now in the City of Williamsburg and have been developed into Redoubt Park. A fragment of #3 remains behind the Fort Magruder Hotel on Route 60 east, a fragment of #4 is just beyond the railroad tracks in the Magruder Heights area, #5 is in James Terrace and, of course, a part of the southwest bastion of Fort Magruder survives on Penniman Road.

There were casualties not only from battle, but also from disease on both sides of the fray. Beginning in the spring of 1861, the Richard M. Bucktrout Day Book and Ledger contains numerous entries for coffins supplied and the shipment of remains back to the fallen soldiers' families. "July 24, 1861: Mr. Thomas P. McCandlish. Quartermaster Department, 32nd Regiment Virginia Volunteers, coffin and conveyance to carry same to James City, Capt. Chapple" (Bucktrout Ledger: 195). Mr. McCandlish survived the war so perhaps the coffin was for Capt. Chapple *or* it may have been for someone under his command. "July 24, 1861, Confederate States of America coffin for Private Houston, Capt. Handkins Company, 32nd, Virginia Volunteers, conveyance to the ground up in James City" (Bucktrout Ledger: 195). Thomas A. Houston is listed in the roster for the James City Artillery and Alexander Hankins was Captain of that company. While this does not tell the location of the grave, it does indicate a burial in James City County. "September 7, 1861, Mr. Daniell P. Handkins, coffin for your son Thadiaz Handkins, order written by Dr. Hubbard for you" (Bucktrout Ledger: 201). Private Thaddeus W. Hankins, age 33, constable, enlisted in the 3rd Virginia Cavalry in Williamsburg on 6/24/61, and died on 9/6/61. Thaddeus was the son of Daniel and Mary Lightfoot Hankins who are buried at Hill Pleasant farm in Lightfoot. Thaddeus was buried there as well, and our James City Cavalry Camp erected a veterans' marker at his grave several years ago.

Additionally, over the course of almost a year, there were a number of burials in Bruton Parish Churchyard, and also in what is now referred to as the Confederate area of Cedar Grove Cemetery in the City of Williamsburg. "April 3, 1862 – Thomas C. Jordan Comp. C 11th Alabama died April 3, 1862 At Baker Wynn's Farm [Locust Grove] Where Mr. Scareboro lives and was brought to town and is put in the Wmsburg Cimatery and is in the 14th grave in the Alabama Row" (Bucktrout Ledger: 244). There are nearly two hundred graves in the Confederate area, but the majority of these men died from disease prior to the Battle of Williamsburg. The first recorded interment was on July 24, 1861. There were only ten interments between May 5 and May 20, 1862, that may have been actual casualties from the battle.

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Cleanup Day at Ft. Magruder

(Photos and text by Cmdr. Toalson)

A huge pine uprooted and fell across the front fence doing considerable damage. In addition to this unplanned work, we were able to put fill dirt along the sides of the brick walkway and will complete this work in February, we collected a great deal of tree fall and have many piles ready to be hauled away, and approximately one half of the moat has been totally cleaned and is looking great. One more workday will be scheduled here in February. Thanks to Dennis Dasher, Joe Duggan, Ken Parsons, Ron Perry, Jeff Toalson, Bob Tuck, Walker Ware, Fai Bao, Dave Watson, Jerry White and Steve White for joining us for 3 hours on Saturday for the winter cleanup.



The moat was dry allowing Bob Tuck, Steve White and Walker Ware easy access. Bob, Walker and Fai Bao (Walker's wife) spent the entire time clearing brush with weed-eaters and got half of the moat cleared.



Ken Parsons and Ron Perry putting fill dirt along the edges of the sidewalk.



Steve White cutting the downed tree and Dennis Dasher working on the fence.

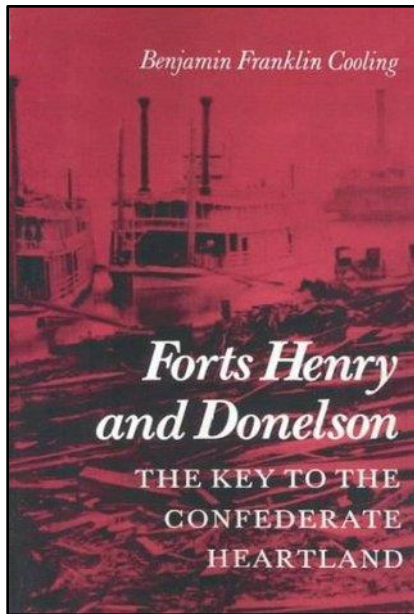


Dennis Dasher repairs the fence.

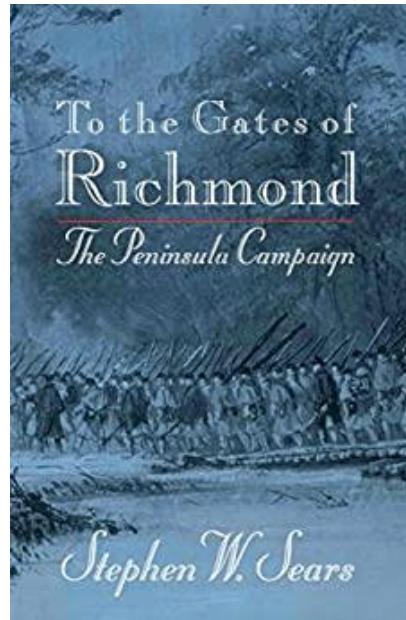


A large pile of tree trash was placed curbside for city removal.

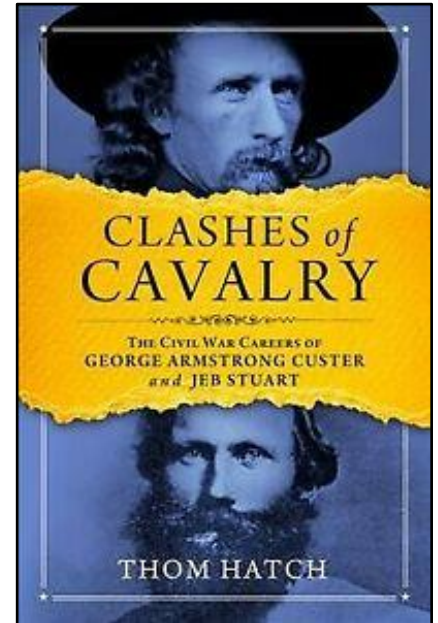
January Book Raffle



"Forts Henry and Donelson - The Key to the Confederate Heartland"
by Benjamin F. Cooling



"To The Gates of Richmond - The Peninsula Campaign"
by Stephen W. Sears



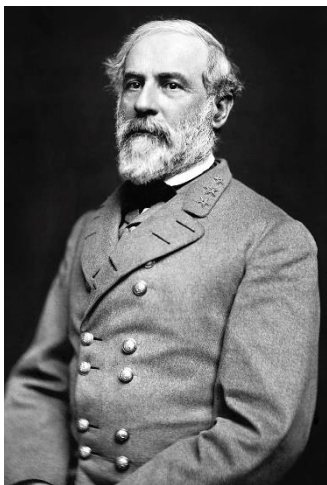
"Clashes of Cavalry - The Civil War Careers of George Armstrong Custer and J. E. B. Stuart"
by Thom Hatch

January Trivia Question

Why did some Confederate soldiers glow in the dark?

Answer to last month's question: Confederate currency was printed in New York City under a contract made before the firing on Ft. Sumter.
Source: *Civil War Trivia and Fact Book*, pg. 117.

Williamsburg Civil War Round Table



<http://www.wcwr.org>

On January 25th, 2022 - Kevin Pawlajak
will present:

"In The Wake of Antietam - The Loudoun Valley Campaign of 1862"