



James City Cavalry Picket Lines



July 2021 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, July 28th, 2021, 6:30 pm

Colonial Heritage Club House

www.colonialheritageclub.com/find-us

6500 Arthur Hills Drive

Williamsburg, VA 23188



Meal Cost: \$17.00 Per Person

Payment by Check is Preferred

You must call or email Jeff Toalson (757) 220-0131 or troon24@cox.net to make a dinner reservation. Attendees without a reservation are welcome to attend the meeting but may not receive a dinner.

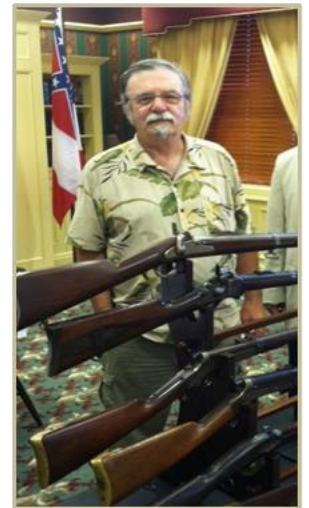
Camp Dues are Due!

Camp dues are due by July 20th. Please submit to Adj. Ken Parsons. Checks are preferred. Please send the entire statement page. Do not tear any part of the statement.

July Guest Speaker

Larry Floyd
WBTS Firearms Collector

*“Popular
Firearms of
Sailors &
Marines of the
WBTS”*



Compatriot Larry Floyd, of the Tom Smith Camp, will be joining us to discuss weapons of the WBTS. In 2012 he discussed popular hand guns and in 2014 he discussed a variety of rifles and carbines. All of the weapons were from his personal vintage firearms collection. This month he will be speaking on popular naval firearms used by sailors and marines. Larry is one of our most popular speakers.

Larry is a native of Chesapeake, Virginia. He served in the Virginia State Police from 1962-1995. He is a 55 year member of the North-South Skirmish Association and began his interest in and collection of weapons of the WBTS in 1960.

This meeting is a great opportunity to bring a friend or neighbor who is interested in weapons of the 1860s. If you have a period firearm that you would like to know more about bring it along and Larry will share his knowledge about the weapon and perhaps even provide you an estimate of its value.

Camp Journal for Last Muster

Meeting:

Held June 23rd at 6:30 PM at Colonial Heritage Club House,
James City County, Va., 36 attendees

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 Quartermaster George Bridewell

Welcome given by 1st Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Toalson

Program:

1st Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Toalson introduced the evening's guest speaker:
Compatriot Lee Pelton.

Compatriot Pelton presented "*The Battle of Galveston, Dec. 31, 1862*",
an informative and amusing discussion about Gen. Magruder's rag-tag
army that retook the port city for the duration of the war.



Compatriot Pelton and 1st Lt. Cmdr. Toalson

Committee Reports and Announcements:

Cemetery Report

2nd Lt. Commander Steve White

- Thanks to all for the Ft. Magruder cleanup and to Joe Sanderson for grass cutting at Peach Park.
- Plan to setup two Crosses of Honor and flags at Sunnyside Cemetery in Sept. for George W. Bacon, Co. H - 5th Virginia Cavalry and Cary Wilkinson, James City Artillery.
- Temporary markers were setup at Olive Branch Christian Church for George A.C. Piggott and Lewis H. Piggott. A permanent marker has been ordered for George.

Old & New Business

- Dues update – Adj. Parsons
- Heritage update – Adj. Parsons

New Memberships

Please welcome our new camp members: Jerry White, Joe Duggan, Zack Hylton, Dave Watson, Victor Sarna and Ron Perry



Jerry White, Joe Duggan, Zack Hylton, 2nd Lt. Cmdr. Steve White, Dave Watson, Victor Sarna, 1st Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Toalson, Ron Perry and Adjutant Ken Parsons

Book Raffle

Proceeds of \$95 were donated to the Camp Treasury
for the raffle of the three donations.

Benediction

Given by Senior Chaplain George Corbett

Adjournment

8:45 PM

Camp Officers



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Trust And Go Forward



Silk battle flag of the 25th Louisiana Infantry. They saw service at Corinth, Farmington, Perryville, Murfreesboro, the Atlanta Campaign, Jonesboro and surrendered at Citronelle, Alabama in May of 1865. Part of the Memorial Hall Museum collection in New Orleans.

Staff Comments

It was great to be back in our old meeting room. It seemed like a new room with the new light gray colors and the white trim. The new chairs even had soft cushions. Having so many of us together again made the whole evening worthwhile.

Compatriot Lee Pelton of the Princess Anne Camp, gave us an inspiring story of fumbling, bumbling and stumbling, by both sides, in the glorious Confederate victory at Galveston, Texas, on December 31, 1862. This victory recaptured the port for the Confederacy, and they held it for the balance of the war. It was the only major port that stayed open till the end.

We were honored to have President Gerry Waring of the Williamsburg UDC and Commander Ed Whitley of the Isle of Wight Avengers SCV Camp speak to us, respectively, about monument preservation in both Williamsburg and Smithfield. You will see additional information from Ed in an enclosed article. Gerry additionally thanked the Cavalry for our ongoing maintenance work at Fort Magruder and for the large turnout of our members at the ceremony.

The Cavalry welcomed new members Joe Duggan, Victor Sarna, Dave Watson, Zack Hylton, Ron Perry and Jerry White. Jerry is a past commander of the Cavalry and has just returned to the area after living in Texas for the past few years.

We look forward to a big crowd for the July meeting when we are joined by Compatriot Larry Floyd of the Tom Smith Camp. He and Compatriot Charles Darden will bring a wide variety of pistols and long guns used by both navies during the WBTS. Larry and his WBTS firearms are always a huge hit with our members and guests. Capacity is around 48 and it would be great if we could pack the room.

Yours,

Camp 2095 Staff

Confederate Gravesites

(Contributed by Compatriot Fred Boelt)

With all the upheaval today over removing anything considered “Confederate” within the public domain, have we considered the sacrifices and heartache that went into obtaining these monuments in the first place? Excerpts from the diary of Rebecca Hunley Diggs of Mathews County, Virginia, give a poignant look back at the sentiment and struggles that went into erecting memorials to absent loved ones.

“1867, Virginia: Scrounge for food, anything edible is now dinner. Females rule the farm as most men are now feared dead, because they never returned home. Been waiting for years and no husband and no word.

1868: start saving money for a grave marker to place on the farm to honor my husband and the father of my kids.

1875: Still trying to save money for a monument to my dearest love, Johnathan who gave his life in defense of Virginia.

1886: Daughters of the Confederacy informed me they would collect small donations for a collective account that would eventually buy a monument in town square, that we can mourn our lost ones at. Thank God we have an advocate in the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Reconstruction has been a total slap in all Southerners faces. It has been appalling at best, diminutively embarrassing at best. There is no extra money to even think of saving. I get older as the children grow and leave the farm. Oh, how I wish Johnathan survived that damned war.

Jetha and her husband Ephraim Diggs stopped by to help me get up the hay for winter feed. Jetha was a slave here before the emancipation. So was Ephraim. Thank you Jesus they stayed as freemen and women in Mathews County.

1889: word has come that a company in Ohio will make monuments, but we have saved no where near enough money to make a purchase.

We deeded land to our former slaves as they stayed back and helped us immensely thru these hardest of times, the Diggs have a nice farmstead and five growing children on the north end of our farm, which they now own and do well on. My son Johnny jr. runs a pound net off of Roys point and employs Ephraim and his young men bringing tons of fish to the docks @ mobjack and ware River for cash money. God has blessed us with money to spare finally. We will have our monument in Mathews Courthouse to mourn my Johnathan and hundreds of other men both white and black who served and protected our beloved Virginia thru that ugly and horrible war.

1912: our monument was erected on the corner of Maple Ave and Court Street and beautiful it is. I have endured many years without my beloved husband yet today is bittersweet, I have a marker to grieve at, a place to cuss my husband for leaving me too soon, He should have never left to fight that wretched war, But it was his duty to protect his homeland.”

A great sense of pride and satisfaction must have been felt when this and other monuments were finally in place. How sad and frustrated those who erected the monuments would be today!

Camp Donations

Camp 2095 has forwarded funds, this past month, to support several key causes preserving our Confederate heritage and history.

General & Mrs. Forrest Burial Fund

We sent \$200 to National Headquarters earmarked for funds to rebury General Nathan Bedford Forrest and Mrs. Mary Ann Forrest, his wife, on the grounds of the new Confederate Museum in Elm Springs, Tennessee.

Pelham Chapel

The Camp sent \$100 to the 'Friends of the Confederate War Memorial Fund' which is used for maintenance and repairs on Pelham Chapel. The chapel is located behind the Virginia Art Museum, in Richmond, on the former grounds of the Confederate Soldiers Home.

Confederate Museum

Another \$200 has been forwarded to the 'general fund' of the new Confederate Museum in Elm Springs, Tennessee, for use in purchasing other items needed to prepare the displays and museum for the grand opening.

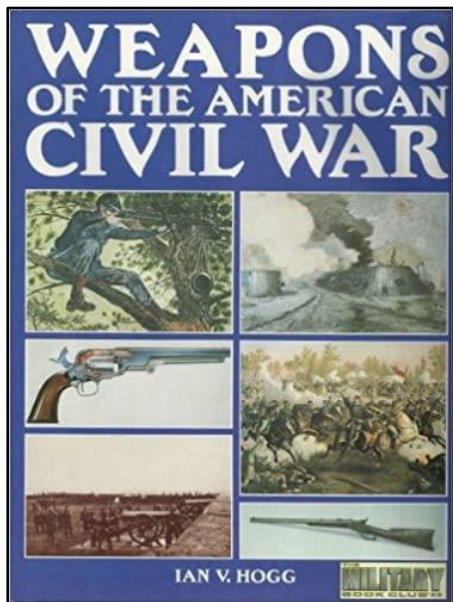
Isle of Wight Confederate Monument

It was our pleasure to have Commander Ed Whitley of the Isle of Wight Avengers Camp #14 at our June meeting. Ed spoke to us about saving their monument and the move to private land. The soldier is being stored in a private location and the sections of the monument are at the new site. Ed texted us after the meeting to advise that on 6/25 crews were on site digging the footing and installing the gravel base for the foundation. 6/27 the cement forms will be installed for the pour on 6/28. Then they will wait 4 weeks before erection can begin. These costs plus, lighting, fencing, security, insurance and other items will be upcoming. Financial help is needed and appreciated.

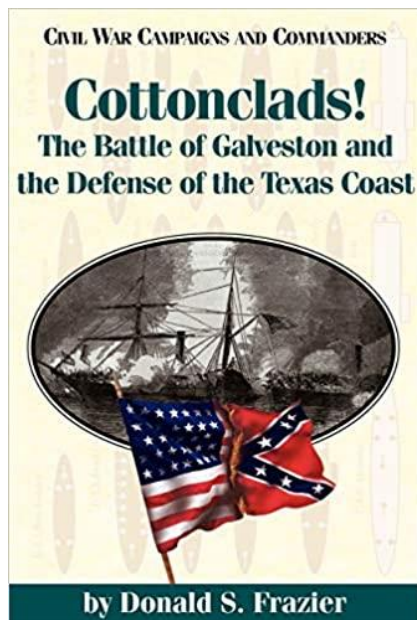
Ed showed us the ornaments depicting the monument which are available for \$25 each. Ornament orders or donations may be sent to Monument Fund, c/o Ed Whitley, 403 Menchville Rd. S., Newport News, VA 23602. Ed's email address is ewhitley2@verizon.net

Ed also updated us on the rescue of the Surry monument by the Mechanized Cavalry, the Franklin monument was moved to the city cemetery on 6/25, and that the remains of General A. P. Hill will hopefully be reburied in either Hollywood Cemetery or Oakwood Cemetery.

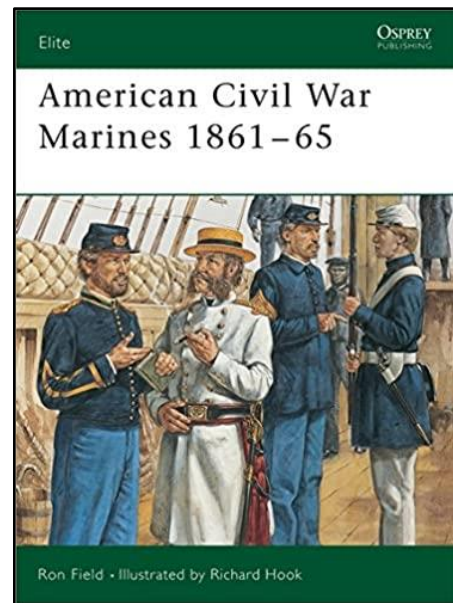
July Book Raffle



"Weapons of the Civil War"
by Ian V. Hogg



"Cottonclads! Battle of Galveston & Defense
of The Texas Coast"
by Donald Frazier



"American Civil War Marines"
by Ron Field

July Trivia Question

At the outbreak of the war, which future Confederate commander was prepared to defend federal installations in the state he was serving "to the last drop of his blood"?

Answer to last month's question: Jubal Early's army marched from Harpers Ferry to near Washington, DC with most soldiers barefoot.

Williamsburg Civil War Round Table



<http://www.wcwrt.org>

The round table is in recess until
September.