



James City Cavalry Picket Lines



June 2019 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, June 26th, 2019, 6:30 pm

Colonial Heritage Club House

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

6500 Arthur Hills Drive

Williamsburg, VA 23188



Meal Cost: \$17.00 Per Person

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.

Congratulations!

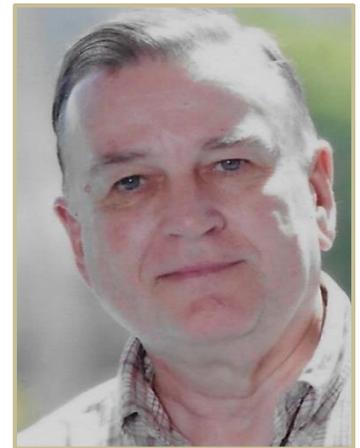
Congratulations to Jonathan Starbuck on his graduation from Jamestown High School. He will be going to Regent University this fall.

Jonathan is our youngest member and we wish him the best in this important step in his life.

June Guest Speaker

Norman George
Cooper, Colonel, U.S.
Army (Retired)

*“John Taylor
Wood:
Confederate
Special
Operator”*



John Taylor Wood is one of the ‘remarkable’ characters of the WBTS. Prewar he was an instructor at the U. S. Naval Academy. He was the grandson of President Zachary Taylor. He served as an aide to President Davis early in the war. He was a participant in many key naval exploits including the duel between the *Monitor* & *Virginia* and the 1862 naval actions at Plymouth and New Bern. In August, 1864, he took command of the CSS Cruiser *Tallahassee*, ran the blockade and turned north toward Halifax. In a month at sea he destroyed 31 enemy merchant ships on the east coast. In April, 1865, he was an aide with President Davis on his evacuation from Richmond and was with him till he was captured. Taylor escaped and fled to Cuba. Norm will regale us with a variety of stories of his exploits and escapades.

Colonel Cooper is a Williamsburg resident and a member of Hickory Neck Church in Toano. He is a 1964 graduate of the Citadel, holds an MS from Southern Cal and a JD from Duke Law School. He served as a career judge advocate with the U. S. Army. He currently volunteers as a docent at Lee Hall Mansion, gives historical talks regarding the Peninsula Campaign and is a Past President of the WCWRT.

Cavalry Memorial Service and Picnic



Joel and Becky Goodwin & Sherron Ware



Kathy and David Hastedt



Newly installed bench honoring Pete Dozier



Chaplain Warren Raines offers a Memorial Day prayer during the service.



Fred Boelt, Jim Harris and George Bridewell at the picnic.

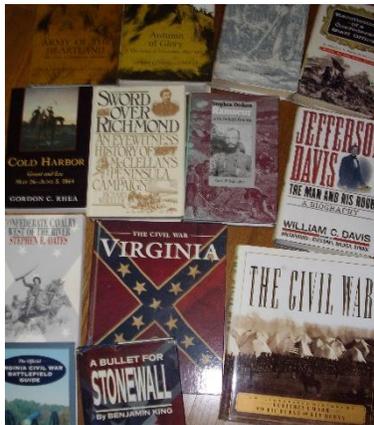
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Books Donation

Compatriot Jim Wells, who just moved from our area to the Leesburg-Ashburn area of Northern Virginia, left us a parting gift. At the April meeting Jim brought in some 30 books for our use in upcoming monthly raffles to assist with our speaker expenses. This is very much appreciated by the Cavalry. Jim may remain a 'long distance' member of our Camp if he is unable to find a group he enjoys in his new neighborhood. Even if he finds a new Camp we encourage him to maintain his membership with us as a 'Friend' and we will certainly keep him on



our email list for copies of the Picket Lines. Best of luck Jim. Thanks for your support of Camp 2095 and our activities.

Commander's Comments

At the 2019 Virginia SCV Division Convention I was joined by Compatriots Parsons, Hastedt and Holland. We donated \$500 to the Heritage Defense Fund and Camp 2095 was awarded another 'Outstanding Camp' streamer for our flag. This is earned by both the collective and individual efforts of our Camp Compatriots. Well done!

I would like to thank 2nd Lt. Commander Steve White and our Compatriots that assisted him in the acquisition and installation of the new 'Pete Dozier' bench at Peach Park. Specifically a tip of the hat to Compatriot Tim Norman, our resident brick mason, for his fine work laying the base for the bench.

Our Memorial Service and Picnic was blessed with beautiful weather, a very nice breeze, and a combined turnout of some 50 Compatriots and friends. We thank the Starbuck family for their donation of the BBQ. It was great to have Jackson and Ann Darst attending along with Ann's daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren. It was a pleasure to have prospective members Curtis Johnson and Dal Bailey attending in addition to Dal's wife Carrol. Again, the Cavalry thanks Fred Boelt for the use of his beautiful farm for our picnic and the peacocks for their entertainment.

Adjutant Parsons and I attended the Memorial Day Service at The Confederate War Memorial Chapel (Lee Chapel) in Richmond on May 26th. The speaker was Dr. James I. Robertson and his subject was 'The Life and Career of Robert E. Lee.' Being in Lee Chapel is always a moving experience.

We serve in their memory,

Jerry Thompson

Civilian Glimpses of the War Years

(Contributed by Compatriot Fred Boelt)

With reference to our April *Picket Lines*, we continue here with the second half of the letter from Littleton Tazewell Waller to Dandridge Watkins Marston written on December 12th, 1862, from Richmond, Virginia.

“Please say to Dick and old Milly that a plenty of food will be left at Lombardy for their support and that they need never fear that they will be removed. They must stay at home and do the best they can for their own support, tell them that I am proud of them, and delighted at their firm faithfulness and honesty and true attachment; and that the time will come when they will be rewarded for it. I saw a letter the other day from Richard Hansfordⁱ in which he said that Amie and Martha were living in Mrs. Bower’s kitchen in Williamsburg, and that he had talked with them, and that they said that they never would have left Lombardy, but for being scared by our cavalry having carried off a number of negroes from the Peninsula, who were all sold to the South, and fearing a similar fate they fled from home; but that if they had assurance of their being permitted to remain undisturbed at home, they would return gladly and immediately and stay there. Now if this be the case, you may say to Dick and old Milly that they may assure Amie and Martha, that I never intended to allow any body to remove them from Lombardy, and that if they choose to return to their homes, they shall remain there unmolested, and that you are authorized to protect them against any person who may interfere with them.

Please give my warmest regards to your family & to Aunt Betsey Warrenⁱⁱ and her family & to Mr. John Martin & his family; I have sympathized and sorrowed with you all in all the grievous trials and troubles which have so heavily affected you. I brought Lizzie and Fannie down from Charlotte C H and sent them up this evening to Gen. Cocke’sⁱⁱⁱ in Fluvanna, where they will remain for some time. If they knew I was writing to you, I know that they would join me in kindest remembrances to you all.

I am very truly & sincerely your friend L T Waller

PS. My friends George Hankins^{iv} and William Warren^v, will, I know assist you in the disposition of the property mentioned above.”

The second part of this letter shows Waller’s concern for the enslaved staff that he left behind at Lombardy. In 1860, he had 185 improved acres and 675 unimproved acres. The agricultural census for that year indicated that he owned two horses, six mules, five milch cows, six oxen, eight other cattle, forty-five swine and had produced 700 bushels of wheat, 1,250 bushels of Indian corn and 80 bushels of regular corn. An operation of this size would have required more labor than the four enslaved mentioned in the letter could have provided. Were others still at Lombardy or had others run off? The important thing here is that they were to be provided for in exchange for their loyalty and production.

ⁱ Richard Hansford was a merchant in Williamsburg.

ⁱⁱ Aunt Betsey Warren was Elizabeth Butler Allen, widow of Michael Sherman Warren. They owned “Warrenton” farm on Old Forge Road, presently owned by the Dozier family.

ⁱⁱⁱ John Hartwell Cocke (1780-1866) was Brigadier General of the Virginia Militia during the War of 1812. He lived at Bremo Plantation on the James River in Fluvanna County.

^{iv} George Hankins owned Marlbrook, site of the present day Stonehouse Elementary School.

^v William Warren was a son of Michael S. and Betsey Warren and at one time, he owned Peach Park.

Monuments to the Past Seen with Hindsight

Editor, Times-Dispatch:

As a lover of history, I am very concerned with the current need for the politically correct to destroy historic monuments and the incomplete information purposefully being published.

There is no law that protects only Confederate monuments. Virginia Code 15.2-1812 protects a long list of monuments. To do away with this code would put every war monument open to destruction. It has been stated that Confederate monuments were erected to intimidate, the only evidence of this being the dates the monuments were erected. Other evidence shows these dates also correspond with when the South recovered from war enough to afford to erect monuments, and with the 1960s' centennial of the Civil War. These monuments were paid for with private funds collected from thousands of people, not with government funds.

Confederate monuments are the target now, but recent actions demonstrate that these are just the first to be targeted. If the Confederate monuments are removed, it will open the door for removal of the rest.

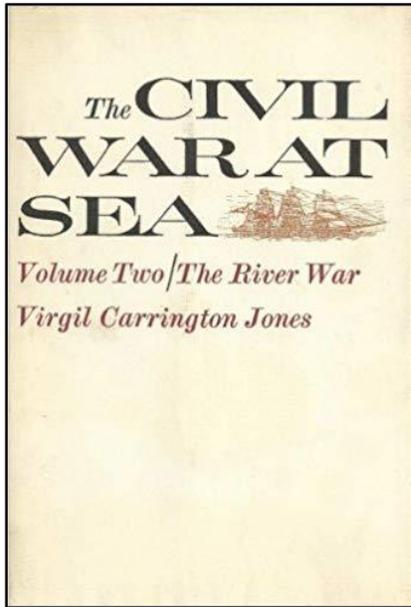
Some of the monuments already vandalized or that have been cited for removal are those to George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and William McKinley (whose statue in California already has been removed). Other targets include monuments to Nathaniel Green, Francis Scott Key and Christopher Columbus, as well as Vietnam memorial walls in several cities.

If we use 21st-century hindsight to judge people of the past and to take down the monuments of every slave owner, accused racist, U.S. general who committed genocide against American Indians and every other person who transgressed because of the knowledge they possessed at the time they lived, we will have no monuments left. Every American for whom a monument was erected was a flawed human of their own time, not ours.

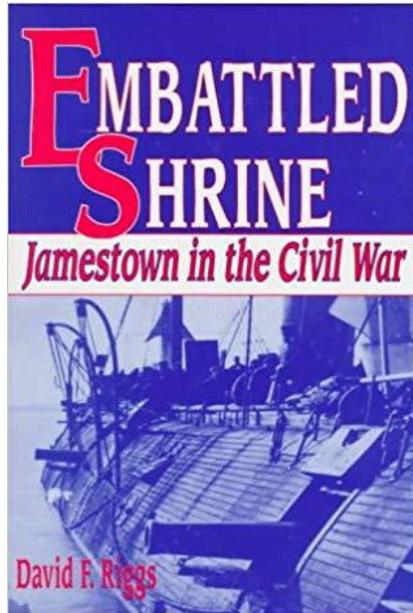
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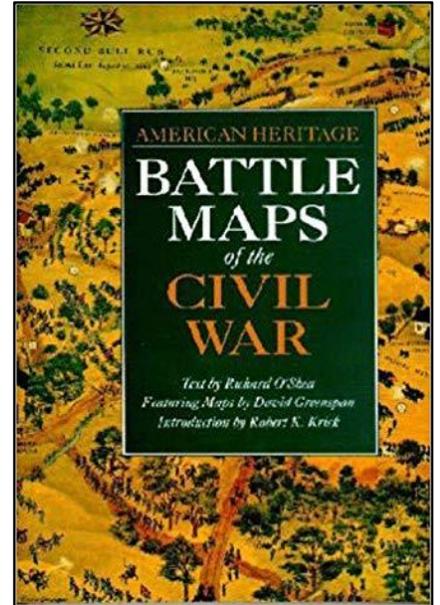
June Book Raffle



"The Civil War at Sea, Volume Two / The River War"
by Virgil Carrington Jones



"Embattled Shrine, Jamestown in the Civil War"
by David F. Riggs



"American Heritage, Battle Maps of the Civil War"
Text by Richard O'Shea

June Trivia Question:

Cmdr. Franklin Buchanan, CSN, held what "first" position in the US Navy before the Civil War?



Williamsburg Civil War Round Table



<http://www.wcwr.org>

The round table is in recess until September.