

## **James City Cavalry** Picket Lines



May 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**

#### **Confederate Remembrance Service** Friday, May 24th, 2019, 5:00 pm **Peach Park**

At the Intersection of Forge and Little Creek Dam Roads in Toano



#### **Camp Picnic Supper to Follow** Meal Cost: \$10.00 Per Person

Please RSVP to Adjutant Ken Parsons at kparsons320@gmail.com or 757-876-6967 so sufficient fixin's can be prepared. See flyer for directions.

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

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### **Outstanding Camp Award**

On April 26th, Commander Jerry Thompson accepted an Outstanding Camp award for the James City Cavalry camp at the SCV Division meeting.



Virginia Division Commander Johnny Neville presenting the Outstanding Camp ribbon to Cmdr. Thompson.

# **Camp Journal for Last Muster**

#### **Meeting:**

Held 24<sup>th</sup> of April at 6:30 PM at Colonial Heritage Club House, James City County., Va., **34** attendees

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

#### **Blessing:**

Given by Senior Chaplain Fred Breeden

**Break for Supper** 

The SCV Charge read by Quartermaster Joel Goodwin

Welcome given by Commander Jerry Thompson

#### **Program:**

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander David Hastedt introduced the evening's guest speaker: Dr. Chris Mackowski
Dr. Mackowski presented "Strike Them A Blow: Battle Along the North Anna River", a lively discussion of an often overlooked battle of the Overland Campaign.



1st Lt. Cmdr. Hastedt and Dr. Mackowski

#### **Committee Reports and Announcements:**

#### **Cemetery Report**

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander Steve White reported the commemorative stone has been set at Olive Branch.

#### **Old & New Business**

- Division SCV Convention April 26-28 Cmdr. Thompson
- Confederate Remembrance Service Compatriot Boelt
- Jefferson Davis Memorial Arch Adj. Parsons
- Comments Compatriot Toalson

#### **Book Raffle**

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

#### **Benediction**

Given by Compatriot Jeff Toalson.

Adjournment 8:36 PM



### **Camp Officers**



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### Williamsburg Civil War Round Table

http://www.wcwrt.org

## On May 28th, 2019 – Mr. Bert Dunkerly will present:

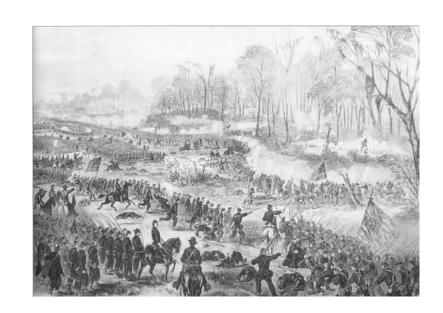
## "To the Bitter End: The Surrenders of the Confederacy"



### The Civil War in May

### Battle of Champion Hill — May 16, 1863

The pivotal battle of the Vicksburg Campaign resulted in the siege and eventual fall of Vicksburg.



## Confederate Remembrance Day Service

(Contributed by Compatriot Fred Boelt)

On May 24<sup>th</sup>, we will gather at Peach Park Cemetery to honor the service of Colonel James Harvey Allen. This ancient cemetery, though known to exist, had long been overgrown and forgotten. Knowing that Colonel Allen was buried here, the James City Cavalry Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans undertook the clearing and preservation of this cemetery as their service project in the winter of 2008.

James Harvey Allen was born in James City County on January 19, 1829. He was the son of Benjamin Allen and his wife, Frances B. M. Coke. His early life is undocumented, but it seems probable that he had formal educational training. In the 1860 census, he was listed as a classical teacher and was living with his sister and brother-in-law Daniel and Lucy Jones on their farm on the Chickahominy River off Forge Road.

A year later, Allen began his service in the James City Cavalry, Company H of the 5<sup>th</sup> Virginia Cavalry. He enlisted in Williamsburg on June 14, 1861, was elected Captain, and was reelected on May 1, 1862. He saw service in Williamsport, Maryland; Fredericksburg, Brandy Station, Orange Courthouse and Ashland, Virginia; and was wounded in action at Cold Harbor on June 1, 1864. Soon thereafter, he was promoted to Major on June 16 and to Lt. Colonel on July 20, 1864. He was present at New Bridge on February 28, 1865, commanding the 5<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, and was paroled and took the oath in Williamsburg on April 29, 1865.

The 1870 and 1880 censuses indicated that Colonel Allen was living in the Burnt Ordinary section of the county. After the war, he became Superintendent of Schools in James City County and held that position until his death. On March 10, 1882, he bought a part of Peach Park, the farm where his gravesite is located. On December 19, 1883, he married Ada Byron Hankins, the Widow Tuttle. This marriage ended in divorce before Colonel Allen died and Ada is buried at Olive Branch Church.

In 1896, Colonel Allen wrote a detailed article on the organization and service of the James City Cavalry and included a roster. This was published in <u>The Richmond Dispatch</u> on June 21, 1896. James Harvey Allen died at Peach Park on April 28, 1898. His obituary stated that he was charter member of the Magruder-Ewell Camp of Confederate Veterans and that his funeral took place from his home on April 30, 1898.

Additionally this year, we will be honoring Charles W. "Pete" Dozier who now owns the land where the cemetery is located A bench has been placed at the cemetery honoring Pete as a loyal friend to the James City Cavalry Camp 2095. This bench compliments the earlier bench placed in memory of David W. Ware, an early commander of our camp. As the trees that we have planted grow and mature, these benches will add to the park-like setting for passers-by to pause, rest and reflect on our past.



## **Cemetery Activities**

### Olive Branch Cemetery

Mike Garrett (L) and 2nd Lt. Commander Steve White (R) were joined by Jeff Toalson to install the Benjamin Piggott headstone on April 20th at Olive Branch Cemetery. Benjamin, who served in Company C of the 32nd Virginia Infantry, has waited some 153 years for his headstone. A memorial service will be scheduled at a date to be announced.





### **Peach Park Cemetery**

Trees at Peach Park continue to multiply. We now have more than 20 trees planted and growing at the cemetery. The plan is to create a row of mixed pine and spruce trees across the back line of the property. In April we planted 6 new pines and 2 spruce trees to begin this line. More will be added in the fall. We have also done some transplanting to replace trees that have died. In time these trees will transform this property into a thing of beauty.







