



# James City Cavalry Picket Lines



September 2020 Dispatch – Williamsburg, Virginia

Camp #2095  10<sup>th</sup> 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, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, 6:30 pm  
Colonial Heritage Club House  
[www.colonialheritageclub.com/find-us](http://www.colonialheritageclub.com/find-us)  
6500 Arthur Hills Drive  
Williamsburg, VA 23188



**Meal Cost: \$17.00 Per Person**

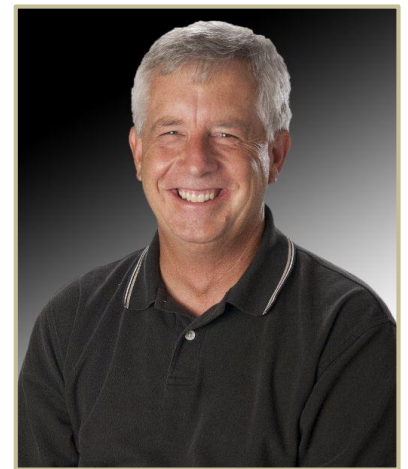
You must call or email Jeff Toalson (757) 220-0131 or [troon24@cox.net](mailto:troon24@cox.net) to make a dinner reservation. Attendees without a reservation are welcome to attend the meeting but may not receive a dinner.

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

To add or remove an email address for the Picket Lines distribution list, or for questions or comments regarding the newsletter, email to: [jccpicketlinesdistribution@gmail.com](mailto:jccpicketlinesdistribution@gmail.com)

## September Guest Speaker

**Doug Crenshaw**  
President of the  
Richmond Civil War  
Roundtable



***“The Battle of  
Glendale –  
Lee’s Lost  
Opportunity”***

It is our pleasure to be joined by Doug Crenshaw who will recount stories from his book about the battle of Glendale / Frayser’s Farm. On June 30, 1862, Confederate forces under Robert E. Lee had an opportunity to deal a crushing blow to George McClellan’s Union forces as they retreated toward the James River. Doug will give us a blow by blow account of the battle and the lost opportunity to cripple the rear portion of the Union army.

Doug studied history at Randolph-Macon and the University of Richmond. He is President of the Richmond Civil War Roundtable, a board member of the Richmond Battlefield Association, a volunteer for the Richmond National Battlefield Park, a tour leader, speaker and author.

Copies of his books will be available for cash or check at our meeting: *The Battle of Glendale – Lee’s Lost Opportunity* [\$20], *Richmond Shall Not Be Given Up – A Survey & Driving Tour of the 7 Days Campaign* [\$15], and *Fort Harrison & the Battle of Chaffin’s Farm* [\$20]

# Camp Journal for Last Muster

## Meeting:

Held August 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at Colonial Heritage Club House, James City County, Va., 30 attendees

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

## Blessing:

Given by Compatriot George Corbett

Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Cmdr. White

Welcome given by Commander Jerry Thompson. Guests included: Speaker Dr. Mallory Read & Ms. Mary Ann Love, Compatriot Rick Wise of The Old Brunswick Camp, Mrs. Noreen Wood, Mike & Kim Szydowski, from the UDC President J. Davis Chapter Cynthia Baker and from UDC HQ Teresa Roane, Eric Richardson (past JCC speaker), Lynn Willis, and Terri & Don O'Donohue.

## Program:

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander Toalson introduced the evening's guest speaker: Dr. Mallory Read.

Dr. Read presented "A History of Medical Education in the South", an engaging look at medical university training prior to and after the WBTS.



1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Cmdr. Toalson and Dr. Read

## Committee Reports and Announcements:

### Cemetery Report

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander Steve White reported that several dead trees have been identified at Ft. Magruder for removal.

### Old & New Business

Fort Magruder -- Adjutant Parsons

### New Member Induction

Compatriots Mac Harris, Charles Wood & Wayne Glass were inducted into the camp.



Compatriots Wood, Glass and Harris with Adj. Parsons, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Cmdr. Toalson and Cmdr. Thompson

### Book Raffle

Two books were awarded in a free raffle for all attendees.

### Benediction

Given by Compatriot George Corbett.

### Adjournment

8:50 PM

# Confederate Gravesites

(Contributed by Compatriot Fred Boelt)

Continuing our saga of the Davis brothers, Joshua A. Davis was born on April 18, 1834, in Williamsburg. About 1858, he married Laretta Edwina Tilledge, daughter of Coleman R. and Mary A. S. Tilledge of James City County. When the 1860 census was taken, Joshua, a mechanic, his wife, and their first son, Leonard Henley Davis, were living in Williamsburg. A daughter, Mary Jane joined the family in 1861.

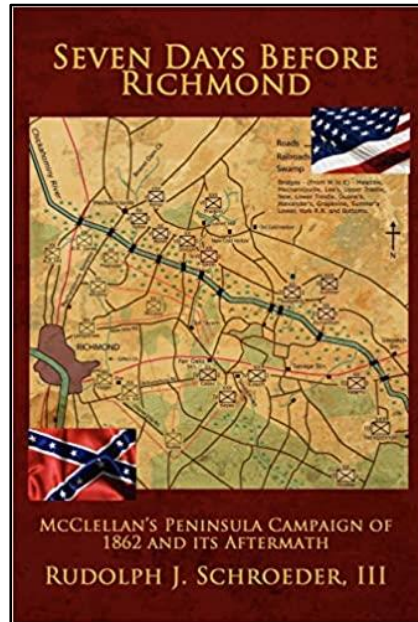
Joshua Davis enlisted in Company C, 32<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Infantry, in Williamsburg, on April 28, 1861. The muster roll indicated that he was wounded in action at Malvern Hill, but the hospital records show that he was admitted on June 29, 1862. That would perhaps indicate a wound at Savage Station. He was present on all rolls except he was absent due to wounds July 1 through November 28, 1862, detailed to Fort Clifton May 1, to July 1, 1863, and absent due to sickness July 24 to August 20, 1863, but he had been granted a furlough on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Joshua Davis transferred to Company B (James City Artillery) on February 20, 1864. He was detailed as a wheelwright and carpenter on March 4<sup>th</sup> and detailed to the Engineer Corps on October 5<sup>th</sup> by Lt. Col. Howard. His service record ended there, but at some point he did return to Williamsburg, and he and Laretta had another son, William Lee Davis, born in 1865. Laretta Davis died on July 12, 1867, and was buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery.

In 1870, Joshua Davis, his three children, and his mother-in-law were living in Williamsburg and he was listed in the census as a wheelwright. At some time during this decade, he married as his second wife, Laura L. (last name not yet determined). Toward the latter part of the 1870s, the family moved to Portsmouth, Virginia. By 1880, Joshua, his wife, Laura L., and his son William were living on Lincoln Street, and he continued to practice his trade as a wheelwright. Joshua A. Davis died on July 3, 1899, and was buried in Oak Grove Cemetery in Portsmouth, Virginia.



# September Book Raffle



"Seven Days Before Richmond, McClellan's Peninsula Campaign of 1862 and Its Aftermath" By Rudolph. J Schroeder, III

To reduce paper money transactions we will again have a free raffle open to all meeting attendees.

## September Trivia Question

What famous explorer and adventurer may possibly be the only person to serve in the Confederate Army, Union Army and Union Navy?

Answer to previous question: William Tecumseh Sherman was reported to have "foamed at the mouth" upon seeing newspaper reporters.

Source: *Civil War Trivia and Fact Book*

## Williamsburg Civil War Round Table

<http://www.wcwrt.org>

The next meeting is September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020  
Chris Mackowski will present:

**"The Battle Of Spotsylvania's Bloody Angle"**

**Note this will be a virtual meeting as the Williamsburg Library theater is not available.**

