

April 2011

Williamsburg, Virginia

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be at "Colonial Heritage Club" located at 6500 Arthur Hills Drive, Williamsburg, VA 23188 www.colonialheritageva.com/club.html on **April 27th at 7 PM**. Our Speaker **Professor Sean Huevel** of Christopher Newport University will present;

“J. E. B. Stuart II – Life in a Tall Shadow”

The life and times of J. E. B. Stuart II (1860-1930). Young Jeb was only 4 years old when his father died at Yellow Tavern. He never had the chance to know his father but he carried the same name and lived his “life in a tall shadow.” A banker by trade, he served as a U. S. Army Captain in the Spanish-American War, was one of the founding members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and served in the political administration of President Teddy Roosevelt. During World War I he was a civilian government accountant for the U. S. Army and spent time in both England and France. Sean will take us on a journey through the life of the second member of the family to carry the name J. E. B. Stuart.

Professor Heuvel holds a B. A. in Government from William & Mary, a M. A. in History from the University of Richmond and a Ph. D. in Educational Leadership at William & Mary is in progress. Sean was our speaker this past November about “W&M – The Civil War Service of her Students, Faculty & Alumni.” He is the author of *Remembering Virginia’s Confederates* and the **upcoming** *Life after J. E. B. Stuart: The Memoirs of his Granddaughter, Marrow Stuart Smith*.



Professor Sean Heuvel

Last Meeting: Our last meeting had 52 in attendance. Our Speaker **Mr. John Pelletier** of the Norfolk County Grays and Tom Smith Camp presented a most informative program on;

“The C. S. A. Hospital System, Medical Practices, Medicines, Diseases and Treatments”



John Pelletier

Commander Don Woolridge:

April being Confederate History Month in Virginia should give us all a sense of pride and determination for preserving our Confederate History. We have all seen the stand-off approach by our elected politicians in their reluctance to give Confederate History the recognition it deserves. As Sons of Confederate Veterans it is very apparent that if we do not stay active keeping our heritage alive, it will die by the wayside! There are too many uneducated people out there that would like to see that happen. Recently I read an article on one of the major news sites referencing why we are still fighting the War Between the States to this day. Many want to blame the entire war on slavery when we know that is not the truth. Slavery was a part of the agrarian society during that time and would have gone away without a war, and rightfully so. I know of no one in our society today that condones or longs for slavery to return. Some are using slavery as the sole cause of to keep alive their personal or cultural agendas. If we do not keep up our vigilance and education effort, our veterans will only exist in writings, and obviously negatively in textbooks! Keep up the good work and keep our Veterans at the forefront.

May 27th will be our Confederate Remembrance Day Service. The service will be held at 5:00 PM at the Richardson Family Cemetery on Riverview Road. The cemetery is 1.1 miles east of Croaker Road (Garrett's Store). The entrance to the property and cemetery will be marked with a Confederate flag. After the service we will go to Compatriot Fred Boelt's Farm on Forge Road for our annual picnic supper. We will have Barbeque, coleslaw, baked beans and dessert. Water and lemonade will be available. The cost of the supper is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. This event has been an enjoyable one in the past. Sitting out under the trees with the peacocks and other wildlife is quite a treat! Fred is very generous to host our picnic supper and it is greatly appreciated. Plan to come out, bring a friend or a prospective new member. Remember it is extremely important to let Adjutant Ken Parsons know your intentions for attendance in order for us to plan appropriately for the amount of food to prepare.

Deo Vindice!

Adjutant Ken Parsons:

ABOUT OUR MEETINGS

There will be a small change in the buffet line-up at our meeting beginning at the April 27th meeting. Remember the food service starts at 6:30 PM. Our supper entrée for the April meeting will be; lasagna, tossed salad, garlic bread and dessert.

The following procedure will be implemented: When you pay for your meal you will be issued a ticket that will be torn in half and one side deposited in a vessel at the beginning of the line. This will be done before you pick up your plate. The ticket will be used in a drawing at the end of the meeting for a door prize and to ensure we have an accurate head count for payment of the meals. There will be one ticket per meal so be sure to stay for the drawing!

A table will be in the hallway for your contributions to the "Support the Troops" project. Please remember to bring items for this most important program.

The Virginia Division 52nd Annual meeting....
Front Royal, Virginia, April 1st thru April 3rd

David Ware and Ken Parsons attended the Convention and some of the committee reports are as follows:

- There are 81 Camps in the VADIV, 78 are classified as active.
- Membership is at 2893 members, 327 of these are Life members, and our Camp has 5 Life members.
- The Jefferson Davis Memorial Service will be held June 4, 2011 at 9:00 AM at Hollywood Cemetery on South Cherry Street, Richmond.
- The Oakwood Cemetery Committee is still pursuing 17,000 headstones for the Confederate Veterans buried there. The Veterans Administration is still holding out but Sen. Webb's office is working on them daily. Other Southern Senators are joining the effort.
- Sam Davis Youth Camp will be held June 19th thru 25th at a Woodman of the World Camp in Thaxton, VA, near Bedford; cost is \$495 per student.
- Best Camps Award was given out to 29 camps; there were 18 awards last year so that program is picking up interest. A "good ideas" and "practices" program will soon start with the best "practices" listed in the Old Dominion Voice, the VADIV newsletter.

Please remember to call or email me with your meal count for the April 27th meeting!

Past Commander David Ware:

A New England Catechism for the Sesquicentennial

Q: What is the Sesquicentennial?

A: The period of time between 2011-2016 when the United States will commemorate the war that was necessary to free slaves held in bondage by the states of the South who refused to end the practice.

Q: Were the states of the South warned about abolishing slavery before the war?

A: There were numerous indications that slavery was not working. Nat Turner led a rampage through Southampton County, the people of Haiti threw out the French and set up their own nation, and John Brown, financed by six valiant people of the North sparked an incident which should have led to slave uprisings and the annihilation of the South.

Q: Was purchased emancipation seriously tried?

A: Not really, it was economically unviable. The value of slaves has been estimated in today's dollars at around 16 trillion dollars. It was cheaper to wage war and destruction. There was an added benefit in that precedents were set to align the United States Constitution into the path of unlimited government power that we have today. Further, the war removed the Southern obstacle to proper land use, which is to take every piece of land out of production and use it for commercial and industrial purposes. This is much more efficient and profitable and creates wealth.

Q: Is there any inconsistency between American concern for the Southern slave and the apparent indifference to the death of 46,000 Iraqi children between January and August 1991 due to U. S. sanctions as reported in the "New England Journal of Medicine?"

A: Not at all, remember "it's all about slavery^R ." Africans were owned by Southerners. In Iraq, the people who regrettably died as a result of necessary U. S. action died for a cause. We had to get rid of weapons of mass destruction, later get rid of Saddam Hussein, later establish Democracy and promote stability. These are all acceptable actions for a nation that has been blessed by Providence to know what is best and never makes mistakes. Remember, no Americans were killed by the sanction; that is what is important.

Q: Didn't New Englanders sell the slaves to the South?

A: Yes. Northern interests did ply the slave trade. Later when Northern states freed their slaves, Northern states sold their slaves down South to keep from losing money.

Q: Well, today the supplier is always blamed for ills. The "greedy developer" causes unwanted population growth by building houses, the drug dealer causes people to take drugs because he supplies the drugs. Why didn't the North cause slavery in this sense?

A. Slavery is different.

Q: Weren't Americans killed in the "Civil" War?

A: Yes, but just on the Union side. The others were traitors fighting against the will of the people and to keep Africans enslaved. Because the war freed the slaves, it was all "worth it." Again, remember: "the ends justify the means."

Q: President Lincoln did not get one electoral vote in the South and in 1861; the South was paying 80% of the Federal Budget. What about this?

A: This is true, but not a reason to leave the Union or go to war. In a democracy, majority rules so that if 50% of the people plus one decides through the magic of democracy, to plunder the rest of the populace, it is the “will of the people” and must be supported through the might of force.

Q: The Soviet Union split up not too long ago. The countries that wished to go were allowed to depart in peace. Why wasn't the South allowed to do that?

A. The Soviet Union spit up for economic reasons. Remember again that “it's all about slavery” The simple explanation is that the South didn't have a good reason to leave.

Q: Virginia seceded from the Union. West Virginia seceded from Virginia. Article IV, Section III states that “no new State shall be formed or erected within the Jurisdiction of any other State: nor any State be formed by the Junction of two or more States, or Parts of States, without the Consent of the Legislature of the States concerned as well as of the Congress.” Why then was Virginia not allowed to secede and West Virginia was?

A. The people of West Virginia stated that they did not want to be part of Virginia anymore. The “will of the people” trumps everything including the Constitution.

Q: Then why wasn't the will of Virginia and other states granted when they wanted to secede?

A. As noted above "It's all about slavery^R"

Q. I think I am beginning to see. If the cause is good enough, then nothing else, like civility, the Constitution, the law, or anything matters. Correct?

A. Correct.

Compatriot John Shirley Book Auctions for April: "Death of a Nation - The Story of Lee & His Men at Gettysburg", by Clifford Dowdey, New York, 1958, soft cover, 382 pages. Mr Dowdey, being a Southern author, brings a Southern perspective to the campaign. This is a very good study of campaign and battle and does not get bogged down in minutia of regimental movements. Very readable and enjoyable.

"Nine Men in Gray", by Charles L. Dufour, Lincoln, 1993, soft cover, 343 pages. A reprint of the 1963 it provides biographical studies of nine varied CSA personalities; General's Dick Taylor, Patrick Cleburn, Turner Ashby, Billy Mahone & E. P. Alexander along with Lt. Savez Read, CSN; Col. Lucius Northrop; Henry Hotze; & Col. Willie Pegram. A good addition to any library.

JAMES CITY COUNTY CONFEDERATE GRAVESITES

By Historian/Genealogist Fred Boelt



exception.

As most of you know, Martin Harcourt, son of Compatriot Sparky Harcourt, chose the restoration of the Hockaday family cemetery as his Eagle Scout project. A vast amount of work on the site has now been completed. Trees and underbrush have been cleared away, corners of the cemetery have been marked, and a new gravestone for the Confederate veteran buried there has been installed. There are perhaps eight or more burials there, all unmarked with the one

Roland Harry Woodward was born in New Kent County on November 10, 1841. His parents were William H. and Mary A. Woodward, and he had an older brother, Robert A., and several younger siblings. When the war broke out, Robert and Roland both enlisted into Company B, (Captain James Richardson's Company, Barhamsville Grays), 53rd Virginia Infantry, on May 11, 1861, at West Point. Robert served as a private until May 1, 1862, when he was discharged for a disability. He was unable to hear commands or the approach of the enemy when on guard duty. Robert Woodward later farmed in James City County. He died on February 25, 1907, and was buried at Liberty Baptist Church in Lanexa.



Roland Woodward entered the service as a private. He was elected 4th Corporal on May 5, 1862, was sick for most of June through August, but was back on the active roll in October, when he was promoted to 3rd Corporal on the 19th of that month. He was again promoted to 5th Sergeant on December 23, 1862. He was taken prisoner at Gettysburg on July 3, 1863, sent to Fort McHenry on the 5th, and then transferred to Fort Delaware between the 7th and 12th of the month. He was later transferred to Point Lookout in October. He was apparently released at some point, but was again taken prisoner at White House on March 21, 1865. He was sent first to Fort Monroe, and then back again to Point Lookout on the 27th. He took the oath there, and was released on June 22, 1865.

After the war was over, Roland Harry Woodward returned to New Kent. On January 25, 1866, he married Sarah (Sallie) Clarke Hockaday, and here is where the cemetery story begins. The Hockaday farm is located on Holly Forks Road in New Kent, just across the county line from James City. Sallie was born on March 22, 1841, to William Thomas Hockaday (1804-1850) and his wife, Eliza Ann Ratcliffe (1817-1890). In the Boswell Family Bible, it was recorded that Eliza A. Hockaday "was buried in the old family burial place by my father's side on the Hockaday Homestead." This was written by her daughter, Judith Hockaday Boswell, who was then living on that farm (LVA: Mss#35855). Thus we have accounted for two of the graves in this cemetery.



It will be remembered that after the death of her husband, William Thomas Boswell, Judith Boswell moved back to the Hockaday family farm. Boswell was buried on the Boswell farm in James City County (*Picket Lines*: November 2008). When Judith Boswell died in 1917, it was also recorded in the family Bible that she was "buried in the Hockaday burying ground in New Kent County, Virginia." In recent years, her tombstone was moved to the cemetery at Tabernacle Methodist Church, located on Holly Forks Road.

Now back to Harry and Sallie Woodard; they had five children between 1868 and 1877: Marianna (1867-1868), George C. (1870-), Bettie L. (1872-1872), William A. (1874-1875), and Mary Eliza (1877-). Without absolute proof, it is thought that the three Woodward children, who died young, are also buried in the Hockaday cemetery. Harry and Sallie Woodward lived and farmed in New Kent for the rest of their lives. Roland Harry Woodward died on April 13, 1916. His broken tombstone was the only stone found in the cemetery, which gave credence to where he was buried. An exact date for Sallie Woodward's death has not been found. Based on census records only, she died between 1910 and 1920. It seems probable that she was buried by her husband's side.

A visit to this cemetery in 1976 was recorded in a Boswell family history. "The cemetery, a large rectangular one completely enclosed by tall cedar trees, is on land owned by Mr. W. W. Richardson. In talking with Mr. Richardson, he stated the he had often seen Judith Boswell's tombstone there." Today, the cedars are all gone. The cemetery, a long, narrow plot, sits in the middle a huge cultivated field. It is probable that the original cemetery has been encroached upon by the crops. However, the important thing is that through the efforts of Martin Harcourt and camp members, Roland Woodward has a new tombstone, and the cemetery is cleared and well-marked against oblivion. Perhaps, after the fall harvest is in, we can have a memorial/rededication service at this cemetery. Compatriot George Bridewell is the great grandson of Roland Harry Woodward.

SUPPORT THE TROOPS PROJECT: Be sure to bring items for the project to the next meeting. Norman especially needs . . . wet wipes, hard candy, slim jims, dental floss picks, bubble gum, disposable razors... Please bring a couple of items with you to the April 27th meeting.

Planning Committee Meeting: The Planning Committee met April 13 at Hog Wild Smoke House. Members present were; Fred Breeden, Fred Boelt, Ken Parsons, Jeff Toalson, Jerry White and Don Woolridge. Items on the agenda were;

- Confederate Remembrance Day Planning – May 27th, Richardson Family Cemetery, Riverview Road
- State Convention April 1-3 results
- Sam Davis Youth Camp Sponsorship

Newsletter: "In an effort to help save on the cost of the newsletter, you can now have it e-mailed to you in an adobe format. Please e-mail Commander Don Woolridge at dsw317@earthlink.net to be added to this list." Newsletters are also posted on the website for your convenience.

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Thought for the Month

“What is life without honor? Degradation is worse than death.”

General Thomas Jonathan “Stonewall” Jackson 



CAMP JOURNAL

Camp Journal

March 23, 2011

- **Meeting:** Held at 6:30 PM at Colonial Heritage Club, James City County, VA.
52 attendees
Welcome given by Commander Don Woolridge
Invocation given by Chaplain Fred Breedon
Pledge and Salute to the Flags
The SCV Charge read by Quartermaster Jerry White
Recognition of guests by various members
Ancestral Memorial Candle: *Capt. Edmond Ware*, Co. H & G, 5th VA
Cavalry - dedication read by Compatriot Charles Bush
Adjutant/Treasurer's Report: \$1,595.62 in checking, \$2,000 savings.

Announcements:

1st Lt. Commander Toalson submitted our Outstanding Camp Application to the Virginia Division.
Compatriots David Ware and Ken Parsons attending the Convention as our delegates.
Name tags were available for all guests and members.
Compatriot Jim Swords is our official "Camp Greeter."

Upcoming Events:

The Annual Virginia SCV Convention is in Front Royal, Virginia from April 1 to April 3, 2011.
Confederate Remembrance Day will be Friday, May 27 at the Richardson Family Cemetery on Riverview Road. Our picnic will follow at Fred Boelt's farm.

Committee Reports:

Cemetery Report: 2nd Lt. Cmdr. Steve White reported that the Eagle Scout Project at the Hockaday Family Cemetery is complete and that our Camp will now take over site maintenance.
Support the Troops: Compatriot Norman Goodwin reported that he sent 3 packages in both January and February to the men of Echo Co., 114th Bttn., 24th Marine Infantry Div. "Somewhere in Irag." This is our first group of infantrymen after sending packages to three successive groups of MPs in Bagram, Afghanistan. Shipping funds were running low and several folks gave Norman cash at

the meeting. Additional shipping funds needed.

Program:

Surgeon John Pelletier (Compatriot from the Tom Smith Camp) gave a very interesting and informative talk on 1860s medicine and the hospital systems of the Confederacy.

New Business:

Mr. Phil Doggett and Mr. Steve Swift were inducted into the Camp. Compatriot Shirley's book auction generated \$76 which he donated to the Camp Speaker & General Fund.

Benediction: Chaplain Fred Breeden

Adjournment: Camp adjourned at 8:50 PM. Next regular meeting scheduled for 27 April 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Toalson