



# James City Cavalry PICKET LINES



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Camp #2095 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Virginia Division Army of Northern Virginia

## NEXT MUSTER

Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 6:30pm

Colonial Heritage Club

<http://www.colonialheritageva.com/club.html>

6500 Arthur Hills Drive  
Williamsburg, VA 23188

Member Inductees:

Joe Crawfford

PFC Zack Norman (USA)

Jim Raiford

Lcpl. Eric Raines (USMC)

Kyle Summerfield

Guest Speaker:

CDR Gerald C. Roxbury, USN (Ret.)

“Edged Weapons of the Confederate States Navy”

Honored Confederate Soldier:

Private David Ruffin Chandler

Company E – 15<sup>th</sup> North Carolina Infantry

**Meal Cost: \$15.00 Per Person**

**(genuine Confederate currency gladly accepted –  
will reluctantly accept US \$5 notes)**



**RSVP By:**

**Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Adjutant Ken Parsons at

[kparsons4@cox.net](mailto:kparsons4@cox.net) or 757-564-0878

Compatriots' Ladies & Guests Encouraged To Attend

## CAMP JOURNAL FOR LAST MUSTER

### Meeting:

Held at 6:30 PM at Colonial Heritage Club,

James City Cty., Va., 46 attendees

Welcome given by Cmdr. Don Woolridge

Invocation given by Chaplain Bill Blizzard

Pledge & Salute to the Flags

The SCV Charge read by

Quartermaster Jerry White

Recognition of guests and friends

Ancestral Memorial Candle: *“Private James M. Hudson – Co. B – 1<sup>st</sup> North Carolina Infantry”*

read by Compatriot Charles Bush.

Mr. Marc Ramsey teaches the Camp the “Rebel Yell”.

### Induction of New Officers:

The following officers were sworn in for two-year terms (mid-2011 to mid-2013)

by Brigade Commander Ken Harris:

Commander – Jerry White

Adjutant – Ken Parsons

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander – Jeff Toalson

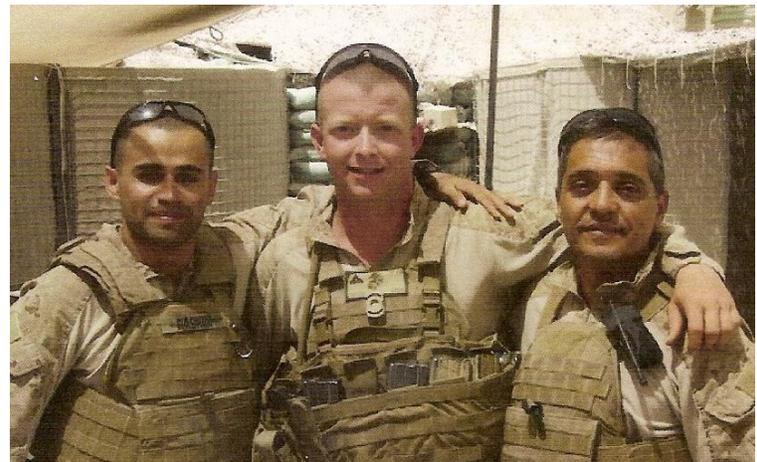
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander – Steve White

Quartermaster – Jim Swords

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SCV Inductee Lepl. Eric D. Raines, USMC (center)

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## Committee Reports & Announcements:

1. **A Thank You Letter from PFC Zack Norman, US Army**, in Afghanistan, was read to the Camp by Cmdr. Woolridge.
2. **Outgoing Commander Don Woolridge** was presented with an Army of Northern Virginia SCV pin as a token of appreciation for his two years of service as our Camp Commander
3. **Adjutant Ken Parsons** was presented with the National SCV **Dixie Award** for excellence in recruiting new members by **Brigade Commander Ken Harris**.
4. **Support the Troops** – Compatriot Goodwin sent 3 packages in August. Joel needs hard candies, bubble gum, Slim Jims, wet wipes, lip balm, moisture lotion, etc. to support Lcpl. Raines (USMC) and PFC Norman (USA) and their messmates in Afghanistan.
5. **Adjutant Parsons** advised the camp that we have bolstered the treasury with several hundred dollars from the sale of **Compatriot Gilley's** books. In addition, a two-year-plus supply is on hand for upcoming Camp book auctions.
6. **Book auction:** The John and Trevor Shirley auction generated \$85 which they donated to the Camp general fund.
7. **Program:** Our guest speaker was Mr. Mark Ramsey, the author of the *7<sup>th</sup> South Carolina Cavalry to the Defense of Richmond*. He gave an excellent talk relating the stories of the soldiers and their service defending the eastern approaches to Richmond in 1864 and 1865.
8. **Benediction:** Chaplain Bill Blizzard
9. **Adjournment:** Camp adjourned at 9:00pm.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

Compatriots,

It has been our privilege to reverently honor a Confederate Soldier at each and every monthly Camp meeting. Our aim is also to honor those Confederate Ancestors of our own Camp members and light a candle in their memory. To that end, any member desiring to have their Confederate Ancestor duly honored is requested to provide biographical data about their Ancestor to Compatriot Jeff Toalson at [troon24@cox.net](mailto:troon24@cox.net) and he will endeavor to incorporate a just and fitting tribute for an upcoming meeting.

## INBOUND DISPATCHES & TELEGRAPHS

To Whom It May Concern,

To begin, let me extend my most sincere gratitude from myself and from the men in my platoon for your continued support. It is always refreshing to know that even strangers care about us over here while we are doing our tour of duty. The constant reminder that we have that support is sometimes the only thing that allows us to pick up our heads and continue to drive on, no matter how hard the situation. We always find that the packages you send end up dispersed and used in a matter of days or even hours.

I don't know how much my dad, Tim Norman, has told you but I will give you a bit of the background here in hopes that maybe it is some return for all you have done.

I/We are the Spartans of 3rd Platoon, Charlie Company 2-35 Infantry Regiment. Ever seen the movie "Platoon" with Charlie Sheen? Supposedly that's us during Vietnam. God knows that sometimes we carry on like the idiots in that movie, but when it comes down to engaging and destroying the enemy we are relentless in our pursuit of the mission. So far we consider ourselves lucky. We did at least until we lost one of our brothers, SPC Levi Nuncio, our platoon medic. He was a very close friend of mine and should be honored because he gave his life for our country. He was a great medic, I think one of the best in the Army. He was from Harrisonburg, VA which is not far from home for me. He will forever be a part of us Spartans and will NEVER be forgotten.

Other than Doc we have had nothing more than a few cuts, bruises and scrapes as far as injuries go. (Knock on Wood) So far in the few months we have been here we have captured 2 Taliban IED emplacers (sadly one of them wanted to resist... needless to say he is currently residing with his God for his sins) and have been in something in the area of 45 + firefights. According to the higher ups we have accomplished more than any other platoon while here. I don't know if I believe them or not, but we'll take it anyway.

We continue to wait for the day that we can come home again. Right now it is ungodly hot here and we are just waiting for fall/winter in the hopes of it

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cooling of some. A few have gone down as heat casualties but I guess the VA climate prepared me somewhat, but **NOTHING** can prepare you for the heights. This land is actually quite beautiful in a rugged and extreme way. Most of the people here understand what we are doing and help us. They want the Taliban out as well. I fear that this is a war we cannot truly win. Not the way we are going about it anyway. The Afghan Army is mostly filled with cowards who will do nothing to save this country unless Americans lead the way. We are supposed to be a partnership but 95% of the time we do all the heavy lifting and they treat it like a joke.

Anyway... I'm rambling. We truly do appreciate your support and all you have done for us and I am sorry that it took so long for me to get this to you but better late than never, right? LOL. You guys take care, keep up the good work, and bust my dad's balls every once in a while for me will ya?! LOL!

Sincerely,  
PFC Zack Norman



## DUES

(Adjutant Ken Parsons)

In August when we started collecting annual dues, we had 52 members. At the present time, 43 members have paid dues, nine have not. If you have not paid your dues for next year, please send them in to Ken Parsons. Make any checks payable to "James City Cavalry" for \$50.

The good new is since the first of August, we have added seven new members. We have high hopes that the remaining nine members will continue to stay in the Camp and participate in our activities.

## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



It is an honor and a privilege to assume the duties of Camp Commander. I hope to continue the legacy of excellence that has been established by David Ware and Don Woolridge. Their leadership and devotion to the principles of the Sons of Confederate Veterans has been a major factor in the growth of the camp.

The programs at the camp meetings that Jeff Toalson has arranged have been interesting and relevant to the mission of the SCV. The yeoman's work of Ken Parsons in the various administrative tasks has been a key element in sustaining and growing the camp's membership. The newsletter format that Jim Swords has introduced is innovative and attractive and our website continues to attract a wide variety of viewers. We have an outstanding venue for our meetings that far exceeds that of the camps in Virginia.

I would like to remind the membership that the camp's leadership encourages members to submit any ideas and recommendations that they believe would enhance the operation of the camp. The monthly planning meetings are open to the entire membership of the camp and this is an excellent opportunity to present new ideas or discuss any issues relevant to the camp or you can contact me directly by phone or email.

Deo Vindice  
Jerry White



# CEMETERY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

(2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander Steve White)

## Peach Park Cemetery

The flag at Peach Park was shredded by hurricane Irene. It has been replaced. Thanks to Chris Hockaday and Scott Summerfield for maintaining the Cemetery this summer.

## Fort Magruder

Hurricane Irene also left the flag at the Fort tattered and worn. It will be replaced soon. No other damage to the Fort.

## Sunnyside Cemetery

No damage from Irene. Normal maintenance this winter will be scheduled.

## Cowles-Spencer Cemetery

Chain-link fencing has been donated to the Camp for repairs by Roy David Crump and Quinton Brown so far. Flip Toepke has donated the ties for the wire. We only need to find poles, caps, and a gate for this site. Work will be this winter.

## The Old Hockaday Cemetery

Compatriot Sparky Harcourt has said that he will be cutting down some of the paradise trees that have regrown later this fall. A Camp work detail will probably also be scheduled this winter.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Steve White – Cemetery Liaison



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# CONFEDERATE GRAVESITES

(Contributed by Historian/Genealogist Compatriot Fred Boelt)

John Corbett Timberlake, son of John and Frances H. Timberlake, was born in 1829 in New Kent County. There is little known about his early life. By 1850, he was living with his widowed mother and several siblings on the family farm near the Courthouse in New Kent. In the 1860 census, his occupation was listed as a merchant, living in the same area.

John Timberlake enlisted in Company E, 53<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Infantry, at West Point on July 8, 1861, and was appointed captain at that time. He was sick at home from November 1861 through February 1862; was sick again in June 1862, but was present at the end of August. He was promoted to major in March 1863. In April, he was admitted to General Hospital No. 4 in Richmond with dysentery, and was transferred to Huguenot Springs in May. He was back on duty with his company at Gettysburg where he was captured on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, and sent to Fort McHenry. From there he was transferred to Fort Delaware on July 7<sup>th</sup>, and sent on to Johnson's Island on July 18<sup>th</sup>. He was quickly recaptured after an attempted escape from Johnson's Island, and eventually sent to Point Lookout on April 22, 1864.

Four days later, Timberlake was admitted to Hammond General Hospital with chronic diarrhea. He was paroled from there and received at Aiken's Landing, City Point, on May 8<sup>th</sup>. He was immediately set to General Hospital No. 4 in Richmond, and from there, furloughed until August 20<sup>th</sup>. In October, he was promoted to Lt. Colonel. He was again taken prisoner at Sailor's Creek on April 6, 1865, and sent to Old Capital Prison, Washington, on April 14<sup>th</sup>. From there, he was moved to Johnson's Island on April 21<sup>st</sup>. He took the oath and was released on July 25, 1865. From his service record, it seems that John Timberlake was either sick or a prisoner for the better part of the four years of the war.

After the war, John Timberlake returned to New Kent, but relocated to Williamsburg. There he met and married Missouri Florida Blassingham on July 21, 1869. In 1870, the couple was living with her father, Robert Blassingham, in Williamsburg. John's

occupation was "lumberman." He was listed as forty-three years old, and Missouri was eighteen years old. By 1880, the Timberlakes were farming in James City County in the Powhatan District. They ultimately had eight children before John's death. Sometime in the 1880s, John Timberlake purchased Porto Bello located in York County on the west side of Queen's Creek (now in Camp Peary). The brick house there still stands today. Porto Bello was the hunting lodge of John Murray, 4<sup>th</sup> Earl of Dunmore, the last royal governor of the Colony of Virginia. It was from Porto Bello that he escaped onto a British ship lying at anchor in the York River in 1775, during the early stages of the American Revolution. Colonel Timberlake was stricken with paralysis and died at Porto Bello on April 19, 1888. His widow's pension application stated that he "went through the war and came out a physical wreck." His obituary said that he had served with distinction throughout the war, and that he was a leading member of the Baptist Church. He was laid to rest in Cedar Grove Cemetery with his in-laws, and later, his wife and several of their children. Two of his children held public offices locally. Their son, John S. Timberlake, was Commissioner of Revenue in the City of Williamsburg, and their daughter, Virginia Timberlake Blanchard, had a long tenure as Clerk of Court for Williamsburg/James City County.

## SEPTEMBER MEETING BOOK AUCTION

"The Battle at Bull Run – A History of the First Major Campaign of the Civil War" By William C. Davis, 1997, New York (Doubleday), 298 pages, hardbound .

An excellent overview of this key first campaign and land battle of the conflict in Virginia.

"Days of Defiance – Sumter, Secession, and the Coming of the Civil War" By Maury Klein, 1997, New York (Vintage Civil War Library), 488 pages, softbound

An in-depth look at events from November, 1860 through April, 1861. Mr. Klein probes deep into the thought processes of Lincoln, Seward, and many other key players as everyone stumbled down the path toward war.

# Limited Seating - Tickets Going Fast!

## *Kiss My Little Girls - 1861*

by Robert Ruffin with Jeff Toalson

### The Year is 1861

Virginia has seceded from the Union, and Richard Watkins joins the 3rd Virginia Cavalry. For four long years he and his wife correspond. He fights in almost every major campaign in the Eastern Theatre. She struggles to maintain a farm, three children and her relatives amidst famine, pestilence, plague and Yankee raids. Witness this historic tale of Epic Romance come alive in a world premiere theatrical event.

Nothing Can Destroy the Enduring Power of Love



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### When

October 13, 14, 15 7:30pm  
 October 16 2pm  
 October 20, 21, 22 7:30pm  
 October 23 2pm

### Where

Arts On Main  
 6580 Main Street  
 Gloucester, VA 23061

### Tickets

Adults \$10  
 Children Under 12, \$5

### How

Visit [www.bootsandkisses.com](http://www.bootsandkisses.com)  
 or Call 804-695-0700  
 Tickets may also be purchased at the door

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Starring Robert Ruffin and Cynthia Janzen

Directed by Mary Wadkins

Set and Light Design by Matthew Allar