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PICKET LINES



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Camp #2095 1st Brigade Virginia Division Army of Northern Virginia

A PATRIOTIC HONOR SOCIETY DEDICATED TO SERVICE AND PRESERVING THE TRUE HISTORY OF THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES

NEXT MUSTER

Wednesday, July 25th, 2012, 6:30pm
Colonial Heritage Club

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

6500 Arthur Hills Drive
Williamsburg, VA 23188

Guest Speaker:

Mr. Robert E. L. Krick
Richmond, Virginia

*'Stonewall Jackson –
A Study of his Travails in the Seven Days
Campaign'*

This is a **DON'T MISS** evening.

Bob was last with us in July of 2010 relating stories about the defense of Drewry's Bluff. His talk on Stonewall Jackson is a great opportunity to bring a guest or a new prospective member.

We expect a sold out house!!

Ken Parsons is holding 20 seats for guests . . .
first come, first served..

Honored Confederate Soldier:

Captain John H. Thompson
Grimes-Thompson Battery – Virginia Light Artillery

Meal Cost: \$15.00 Per Person
(genuine Confederate currency gladly accepted –
will reluctantly accept US \$5 notes)



RSVP By:

Monday, July 23rd, 2012

Adjutant Ken Parsons at

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Compatriots' Ladies & Guests Encouraged To Attend

CAMP JOURNAL FOR LAST MUSTER

Meeting:

Held 27 June at 6:30PM at Colonial Heritage Club,
James City Cty., Va., 32 attendees

Welcome given by Commander Jerry White

Invocation:

Given by Chaplain Fred Breeden

Pledge & Salute to the Flags
Break for Supper

The SCV Charge (an earlier version that preceeded the current version) was read by Adjutant Ken Parsons

Guest Introduction to include prospective members and Kinsey Joiner, 1st Brigade Commander from Chesapeake, VA

Ancestral Memorial Candle:

Read by Compatriot Charles Eugene Bush *in honor of Private Joseph Strickler Coffman, Co. D "Bridgewater Grays" – 10th Virginia Infantry.* Compatriot David Ware's Mother (Grand-Daughter of Private Coffman) was present to light the Ancestral Candle.

Trivia Question:

1. A Virginian who died early in battle leading a rear guard action near Harrisonburg, VA. was a Colonel in the 7th Virginia.
A. Colonel Turner Ashby

Program:

Before introducing tonight's speaker, 1st Lieutenant Commander Jeff Toalson indicated we have an excellent line up of speakers for the next several months.

Commander Jerry White gave an excellent presentation, with graphics and maps, on Union Colonel Ulrich Dahlgren's unsuccessful raid on Richmond in February 1864.

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Committee Reports & Announcements:

Treasurer' Report

Adjutant Ken Parsons indicated that we have \$2,317 in the checking account and \$2,000 in savings. He also stated that we have 55 members.

Support the Troops

Compatriot Joel Goodwin indicated we still need to bring in donations for the troops to each meeting. It was noted that a nice thank-you letter was received from Navy Reserve Chief, Rex Carmichael whose unit the Camp is now supporting.

Cemetery Report

2nd Lieutenant Commander Steve White thanked Scott Summerfield and Chris Hockaday for work done at Peach Park. Steve indicated he was contacted by Judy Anderson of Richmond who saw information in our newsletter about the Richardson Family Cemetery.

She thanked the Camp for our work done at the cemetery, as she has relatives buried there. Steve also had an old plat of Fort Magruder for review after the meeting.

Old Business

It was noted that last month's Confederate Memorial Day Service and Picnic Supper afterward was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended.

New Business

Compatriot David Ware announced that our oldest Camp Compatriot, Willard Gilley, would turn 90 years old on June 30th. Willard was serenaded with "Happy Birthday" by the Camp Members.

Book Raffle:

\$82.00 was donated to the Camp Treasury for the raffle of the two books "The Confederate Nation" by Emory M. Thomas and "The Confederacy's Greatest Cavalryman - Nathan Bedford Forrest" by Brian S. Wills.

Benediction:

Given by Commander Jerry White.

Adjournment:

The Camp adjourned at 8:45PM.

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Compatriots,

As we try to survive the mid-summer heat, our camp meeting this month will feature Bob Krick, the historian of the Richmond National Battlefield Park. This promises to be an excellent presentation and it appears that we will have a full house.

Your camp officers are working on two initiatives for the camp. We are examining the feasibility of offering a \$500 college scholarship to a local high school senior. The award would be based on an essay using guidelines that the camp would provide to local guidance counselors. Several other camps have similar awards which enhance the visibility of the SCV and create a positive image in the local community. Jeff Toalson has a draft of the guidelines and we will be sharing this with the camp membership in the near future.

We are also looking at several fund raising initiatives in addition to the monthly book auction which has been quite successful. Any ideas would be appreciated.

Also, at the monthly planning meeting we discussed plans for our annual Christmas supper. More to come as we secure a time and place.

Deo Vindice
Jerry White



JULY GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Robert E. L. Krick
Richmond, Virginia

"Stonewall Jackson -

A Study of his Travails in the Seven Days Campaign"

When the decisive campaign began outside Richmond on June 26, 1862, 'Stonewall' Jackson was the most famous general in the world. After vanquishing three Union armies in the Shenandoah Valley he led his own force to Richmond's relief. The ensuing week proved to be the worst of Jackson's wartime career. Bob will look at Jackson's travails during the Seven Days battles and evaluate his performance. Was Jackson an impediment to greater Confederate success or have historians indulged in unfair criticism?



Mr. Robert E. L. Krick

Bob is the 'Historian' for the Richmond National Battlefield Park. He grew up on the Chancellorsville battlefield and earned his degree in history at Mary Washington College. He began his career with the NPS out west on the Little Big Horn then came to Manassas and since 1991 has been at the Richmond NBP. Bob is widely published and has authored *The Fortieth Virginia Infantry* and *Staff Officers in Gray*. He is currently working on a study of the Battle of Gaines's Mill.

HONORED CONFEDERATE SOLDIER

Captain John H. Thompson
Grimes-Thompson Battery - Virginia Light Artillery

John H. Thompson was born July 5, 1823.

He enlisted on April 20, 1861 in Portsmouth, Virginia as a 2nd Lt. in Grimes Battery. Elected 1st Lt. of Grimes Battery in the April, 1862 army re-organization.

Among other engagements, the battery saw action at Richardson's Mill, French's Field, Malvern Hill, Warrenton Springs, 2nd Manassas, Crampton's Gap and Sharpsburg. Lt. Thompson commanded the battery at Sharpsburg. He was promoted to Captain, and permanent command of the battery, on September 17, 1862.

The battery was disbanded October 4, 1862 and 68 men were transferred to the Norfolk Light Artillery and 18 to Moorman's Battery. Captain Thompson and his fellow battery officers were transferred to duty with the Conscription Department in Richmond.

From November, 1862 to March, 1863 John was an 'Exchange Officer' at a Union prison camp in Petersburg processing Union POW's for exchange at City Point, Virginia.

Captain Thompson served the balance of war as an Assistant Provost Marshal in the department of General Winder headquartered in Richmond, Virginia. He served at various points in Virginia, Mississippi and for a time in Augusta, Georgia, (date unknown) to supervise transportation of Union POW's to a new prison camp in Andersonville, Georgia. Reportedly offered command of the prison camp & he flatly refused stating he, "did not enter the Army to be a jailer or a prison keeper." His replacement was Captain Henry Wirz.

John was in Danville, Virginia, when Lee surrendered at Appomattox. He continued south into North Carolina and was captured crossing the Catawba River and signed his parole papers.

Postwar John lived in Portsmouth, Virginia, with his wife Elizabeth and their children Parthenia, John H., Robert C., Virginius, and Lena. John was a ferry pilot and then a rigger with the navy yard. He was an active member of the Masonic Lodge, served on the City Council and also as a city health inspector. Elizabeth passed away sometime after the 1880 census. John is shown married to Emma in both the 1900 and 1910 census. John died on August 22, 1917 (94 years) and is buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery in Portsmouth, Virginia.

(ed: Grimes Battery, R. Thomas Crew, Jr. and B. Trask, 1995, Lynchburg, p. 119; Compiled Service Records of CSA soldiers-Microfilm files of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Richmond, Virginia; A Record of events of Norfolk City, Virginia 1861-1865, John W. H. Porter, Portsmouth, 1892, p. 38-46 (Portsmouth/Grimes Light Artillery); Biography of Confederate Military History - Virginia (1899); 1885 Application to the Portsmouth & Norfolk Cty. Association of Confederate Veterans; Additional family history provided by his great-great grandson Mr. Mac Parker of Williamsburg, Virginia.)

COMMUNITY SERVICE & HISTORICAL EDUCATION

Fort Magruder – We do annual clean-up and maintenance to the trees, shrubbery, moat, fortifications and general grounds.

Local Family Cemeteries – We have restored and we maintain local family cemeteries in James City County including Sunnyside, Peach Park and Cowles-Spencer-Durand plus Hockaday cemetery in New Kent County.

Support of U. S. Troops Overseas - We send three monthly care packages to servicemen who are stationed overseas. For the last 3 years our soldiers have all been in either Iraq or Afghanistan.

Genealogical Research Site – We maintain genealogical cemetery research information on family cemeteries in New Kent, James City & Charles City Counties and the City of Williamsburg on our website: www.jamescitycavalry.org.

Historical Education – We schedule well known historians and authors for historical talks ten months per year at our meetings. Guests are welcome. Our meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month (except May & December) at the Colonial Heritage Country Club. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. and our speaker is introduced at 7:30 p.m. Reservations are required. Cost is \$15 per person, paid in advance. Contact Ken Parsons at 757-564-0878 to reserve your seats (217 Sherwood Forest, Williamsburg, Va. 23188).

UPCOMING MUSTERS & GUEST SPEAKERS

Aug. 22

Mr. Norman G. Cooper
Colonel, U. S. Army (Ret.)

"Straw Hats, Gloves, Generals, Balloons, a Handkerchief and other Humorous Anecdotes of the 1862 Peninsula Campaign"

Sept. 26

Mr. Preston Nuttall
Author and Historian

"The Amish Rebel – The Story of a Midshipman at the Confederate Naval Academy"

Oct. 24

Mr. Jeff Toalson
Author and Historian

"Mama, I Am Yet Still Alive – A Composite Diary of 1863 in the Confederacy"

Nov. 28

Mr. Robert Glazer
Williamsburg area Civil War Re-Enactor

"The Battle of Williamsburg from a perspective of geography and the location of current recognizable landmarks."

December

CAMP CHRISTMAS SUPPER

SUPPORT THE TROOPS

In the book 'Until Tuesday' by former Army Captain L. C. Montalvan, his stories of tours in Iraq and Afghanistan he had the following note on wet wipes...

"...the best thing to send soldiers."
"Almost every soldier I knew carried baby wipes, even on long patrols. The sand infiltrated everything, and baby wipes were the best way to remove it from elbow folds, hair lines, lips, nostrils, ears, and every other awful place you can think of. They were also great to wipe down weapons. I spent many evenings, and many water breaks on patrol, wiping down my M4 carbine and Beretta 9mm pistol with baby wipes. If it wasn't for Pampers brand butt cleaners, there would have been a lot more jammed weapons and a few more dead soldiers. Of course the Army does not supply them, so baby wipe purchases are out of pocket expenses. If you really want to send something useful to the troops, send baby wipes."



Other Items desired :

Slim Jim's
Beef Jerky
Mints
Gum
Nuts (all kinds) & Dried Fruit
Single powdered drink mixes
(such as Crystal Lite)
Soap Bars
Disposable Razors
Shaving Cream
Shampoo (regular and dandruff)
Deodorant
Lotion
Floss
Advil
Stamps
Paperback Books & DVDs

CONFEDERATE GRAVESITES

(Contributed by Historian/Genealogist Compatriot Fred Boelt)

Continuing from the June edition of *Picket Lines*, we now look at the other Barlow brother and his two sons. Robert Jesse Barlow (1814-1892) was a younger brother of John Holdsworth Barlow, Sr. He was considered an expert mechanic in the building trade. Robert Jesse Barlow and his first wife, Sarah Graves, had two sons, both born in New Kent County. William Henry Barlow was born about 1840, and Robert Graves Barlow was born September 2, 1842. By the time of 1850 census, this family had moved to York County.

In 1860, William Barlow was an apprentice to Friend Tuttle, a master carpenter living near the halfway house in York County. William married Harriet Ann Durfey around 1861, and they had one daughter, Sarah, born June 4, 1862. William enlisted as a corporal in Company C, 32nd Virginia Infantry, on April 28, 1861, in Williamsburg. He was listed as a private in May 1862 and was present on all rolls, but was detached from June 30, 1862 through February 11, 1865 while serving in General McLaw's Ordinance Train. He suffered from an incised wound for a month beginning in mid December 1864. William Henry Barlow was killed in action at Dinwiddie Court House on April 1, 1865.

William's brother, Robert Graves Barlow, later wrote, "...I was immediately behind him. As he fell, I seized his musket (mine having failed to fire, I broke the stock off) & continued in the fight. He must have been in the act of firing when he was shot...I found him...shot through the left hand & the stomach...seven of our company fell about the same time Henry did; but he was the only one of them killed at the time..." Robert Barlow went back that evening and covered his brother with a blanket. The burial parties would inter him early the next morning (Jensen, Les. 32nd Virginia Infantry. 135-136).

The 1853 pamphlet for the Williamsburg Military School listed Robert G. Barlow as a student. His cousin Thomas Barlow was a student at the same time. There is no indication that Robert attended The College of William and Mary like his cousins. He seems to have followed his father and brother into the carpenter trade. He did follow is older brother and

both cousins into Company C, 32nd Virginia Infantry, enlisting on April 28, 1861 as a private. He was appointed 4th Corporal on October 25, 1862 and was promoted to Sergeant on August 15, 1864. He was present on all rolls except he was absent August 17, 1861 - June 10, 1862 while he was detailed to the Ordinance department. He was detailed to Fort Clifton in May 1863, and was on sick leave several times in 1862 and 1863. He was captured at Saylor's Creek and imprisoned briefly at Libby Prison in Richmond.

After the war, Robert returned to the Williamsburg area. He married Mary West, the Widow Crandall, around 1869-1870. They had five children. Robert worked as a carpenter throughout most of his adult life. He also served as supervisor for the Eastern Lunatic Asylum at one time. Robert's family, his father and wife, and Robert's half brother, Willis R. Barlow, all lived adjacent to each other on York Street for a number of years. Robert's wife died in 1913, and after having spent most of his life in Williamsburg, Robert died in December 1918 in Richmond. He was buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery in Williamsburg among many of his family.

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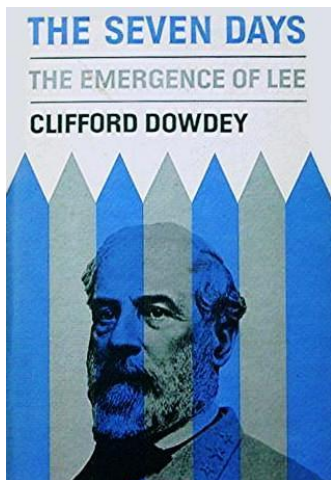
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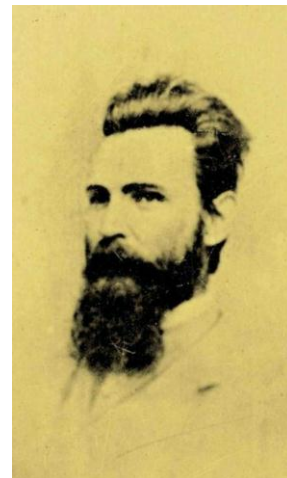
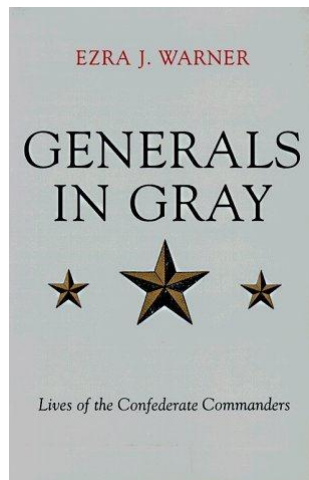
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JULY BOOK RAFFLE



“The Seven Days - The Emergence of Robert E. Lee” Clifford Dowdey, Hardcover, 1978, New York, 380 pages

Perhaps the best study of the Seven Days Campaign ever written. Mr. Dowdey is a marvelous writer and he will take you on a journey from the wounding of General Joe Johnston at Seven Pines which led to the appointment of General Robert E. Lee to command the Confederate army trying to keep Union forces from capturing Richmond right into the assumption of the offensive initiative by Lee and the series of battles that formed the 'Army of Northern Virginia'. Jackson and Longstreet emerge as his two trusted top generals. Men like A. P. Hill, John Hood, D. H. Hill, J. E. B. Stuart, Richard Ewell and others begin to write their names and the troops under their command into the 'legend' of this army. This is the beginning of a legendary army and it is a story very well told.



“Generals In Gray – Lives of the Confederate Commanders” Ezra J. Warner, Hardcover, 1st Edition, Baton Rouge, 1959, 414 pages.

The standard basic reference for every general who served the Confederate States of America with a brief biography of each. Lots of interesting tidbits and statistics. 129 were lawyers, 127 were professional soldiers, 42 were farmers and 2 were Indian Agents among just some of the occupations. Seventeen became Lt. Generals: Leonidas Polk at age 54 (oldest) and S. D. Lee at age 27 (youngest) in a group that averaged 41 years of age. A great addition to any library.

JULY TRIVIA QUESTION:

At the Battle of Chancellorsville, what two aspects of the campaign led to the defeat of General Hooker's Army of the Potomac?



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