



# James City Cavalry Picket Lines



August 2019 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, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 6:30 pm  
Colonial Heritage Club House  
<http://colonialheritageclub.org/home.asp>  
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)

## August Guest Speaker

Nancy Napier  
Graham  
Teacher



*“Women's  
Clothing in  
the WBTS”*

An interesting topic for compatriots and surely of interest to female friends and family! A discussion of the popular clothing styles of the era, including demonstration of the use and wear of various garments...from the wearer's perspective. This will cover “everyday wear” as well as the finer women's attire worn at social events and, on occasion, to church services. The demonstration will also show us what was worn under a woman's outer clothing and how she dressed.

Nancy Napier Graham has loved history since childhood and is fascinated by the War Between The States. She's taught Business for more than forty years and now teaches computers to middle school students. Nancy and her husband, Bill Graham III, live in Madison County, Virginia. They share their home with five cats. Their cats, including Kemper, Longstreet & A. P. Hill, seemed to all be named in honor of Confederate generals. Nancy has been fully involved in reenacting since 1988. Enjoy an evening with Nancy exploring a unique facet of our history, 1861-1865.

# Camp Journal for Last Muster

## Meeting:

Held July 24th at 6:30 PM at Colonial Heritage Club House,  
James City County, Va., 39 attendees

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

## Blessing:

Given by Chaplain Warren Raines

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: Mr. Michael Moore

Mr. Moore presented "*Submarines, Infernal Machines, and Torpedoes*",  
a highly informative and humorous discussion on new technologies  
introduced during the war.



1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Cmdr. Hastedt and Mr. Moore

## Committee Reports and Announcements:

### Cemetery Report

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander Steve White reported there was no activity on  
the cemetery front.

### Old & New Business

- Camp Dues — Adjutant Parsons
- Charlottesville Legal Battle — Adjutant Parsons
- Charles Eugene Bush — Compatriot Toalson

### Book Raffle

Proceeds were donated to the Camp Treasury  
for the raffle of the three donations and a bonus book.

### Benediction

Given by Chaplain Warren Raines.

### Adjournment

8:35 PM



Guests Martha and Casey Frame

# Letter Reading

(Contributed by Compatriot Fred Boelt)

“To: Mr. Dandridge W. Marston                      Farmville Va Feb 28<sup>th</sup>/65

My dear Friend,

As I am writing to Eliza Warren and I have not heard from you for a very long time, I thought I would enclose to you a few lines in Eliza's letter to inquire of you how you and your family are, and how you are getting along. I want you to tell me too, all about Lombardy and my negroes there and about my neighbors also; for absence for three years has not diminished my interest in the old place, nor in the persons of my good neighbors. So, do write to me and tell me what is doing at Lombardy, and how the place looks; also who occupies the house; I know that Miss Betsey Pierce and Felix's family reside there, but did not know, until I received lately a letter from Mr. Branch, that William Pierce was also there. I take it for granted that it is by your permission that he is allowed to take part of the house; as you have my authority to make such arrangements in the premises as you thought advisable and of course I sanction all that you have done in the matter; but please tell me upon what terms he is there. Does he cultivate any land or any part of the garden, and does he pay for the same, for I am greatly cramped in my means of living, and every little [bit] would help me some. I know that Wm. Pierce is a good fellow and will do all he can for taking care of things at Lombardy and I have no doubt that his presence there, was in a measure necessary there, by reason of Felix's absence from the place; as he may afford protection to the family by being with them, however you can tell about this; and I leave it entirely to you; Let me know also about Dick, and the other old negroes who are there, what land Dick cultivates and how he gets along; and I wish it understood that Dick is not to be interfered with by any person in his operations; and especially I wish that you would impress upon him the necessity of manuring and cultivating the land where the fruit trees are planted. I received a letter from Felix Pierce some days ago in which he expressed a wish to cultivate more land than he had last year and in my reply I referred him to you to fix the matter with him. What is he to pay for this year? Of course the price paid should have reference to the present depreciation of the economy, and the additional land which he tends. I know that I am troublesome to you in asking to attend to these little matters, but I am sure that you will willingly do it, as you have time and again rendered me such favor. I hope that you and yours have not been disturbed of late by the enemy, and that you are comfortable and enjoy good health. You and your family. Please give my warmest regards to them, one and all. Things look very gloomy with us at present, but I hope for the best. Where are your sons in the army? Remember me to all my neighbors, that inquire for me & believe me to be always

Your affectionate friend

L. T. Waller

You will find that in my letter to Eliza Warren, I have given her a sort of impression as to the fruit at Lombardy, with a carte blanche however to you to use it at will.”

In this third letter from a private collection. Littleton Waller had moved again, living in Farmville, Virginia in 1865. He continued to entrust the oversight of Lombardy to his neighbor, Dandridge Marston with continuing concerns for the enslaved family still on the land. At this time, the main house was occupied by the Pierce family. Felix Pierce served in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Virginia cavalries. His first wife had died before the war and Betsey Pierce, his sister was perhaps caring for his children while he was at war. Their brother William was living in Williamsburg in 1860. It is probable that he and his family had also sought refuge from the Union occupation in town.

Earlier in life, Littleton Waller had traveled the globe. He served as a purser for the United States navy during the Mexican War. After that, he retired to a genteel life at Lombardy only to have that interrupted by the war causing him and his family to become displaced persons for the duration. The Wallers did return to Lombardy after the war but life was never the same. Littleton Waller died sometime before the 1870 census.

## COMPATRIOT CHARLES EUGENE BUSH

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Compatriot Charles Eugene Bush on July 10, 2019. He was an active member of our camp up until the last year and a half when his health began to fail. He will be fondly remembered for his powerful renditions at our memorial services and camp meetings.

Charles Eugene was born on April 11, 1939, in Roanoke, Virginia. He later received degrees from several Virginia colleges, and he taught architecture at Thomas Nelson Community College for a number of years. He excelled in many forms of the arts as an actor, artist, architect and published author. Along with his wife, Carolee Bush, he became a powerful force in theatre arts locally. In 1963, they were among the founders of the Wedgewood Dinner Theatre in Toano, turning the old canning factory into a superb entertainment center. Later, he was an active supporter of the Williamsburg Players, the William and the Mary Main Stage Productions, and the Shakespeare Festival, and he assisted with the 18th Century Play Series presented by Colonial Williamsburg.

Compatriot Bush came to James City Cavalry 2095 in 2007 as a transfer from Essex Dixie Rifles #2011 in Tappahannock. His ancestral home was in Bedford County and his confederate ancestors fought with the 38th Artillery Battalion, Virginia Light Artillery.

Charles Eugene Bush is survived by his son and his daughter, as well as numerous other family members. Inurnment will be private in Vinton, Virginia, near where several generations of his family have lived. On behalf of our camp, we extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Charles Eugene Bush.



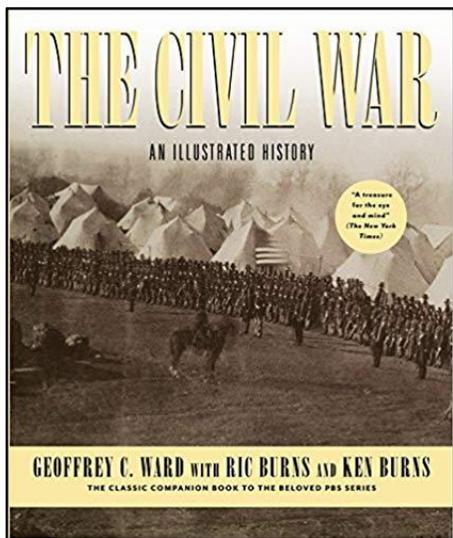
**Charles Eugene Bush**

### Camp Officers

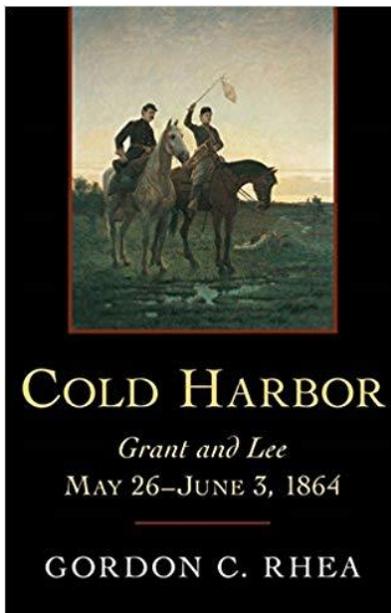


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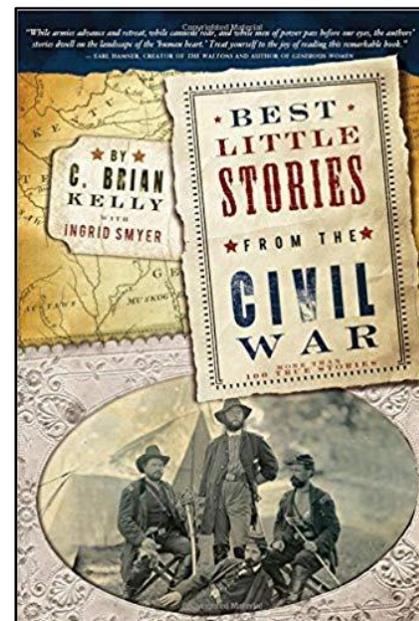
# August Book Raffle



“The Civil War, An Illustrated History”  
by Geoffrey C. Ward, with Ric Burns and Ken Burns



“Cold Harbor, Grant and Lee, May 26 - June 3, 1864”  
by Gordon C. Rhea



“Best Little Stories From the Civil War”  
by C. Brian Kelly  
(Signed by the author on inside cover)

## August Trivia Question:

How many stars did the US flag have during the years of the War Between the States?



## Williamsburg Civil War Round Table

<http://www.wcwr.org>

On Tuesday, September 24, 2019 - Chris Mackowski will present:

“A Season of Slaughter: The Battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse”

