



"CONFEDERATE GRAYS"



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Frank Earnest

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Contact information:

Mark B. Johnson, *Cmdr*

Norfolk County Grays Meeting

January 15, 2011

Gus & George's Spaghetti & Steak Restaurant

4312 Virginia Beach Blvd.

Virginia Beach, Va.

(757-340-6587)

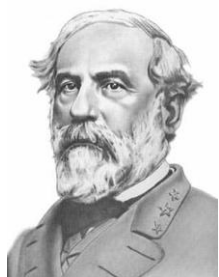
Just east of Independence Blvd

NOTICE:

**The Lee/Jackson
Banquet**

will be our regular

January Meeting.



Jackson

Next Norfolk County Grays Camp Meeting

February 16, 2011

Guest speaker will be Mrs. Kenzy Joyner

**Topic: The 3rd Alabama Hospital and
19th century medicine.**

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New Norfolk County Grays Compatriots

During the December camp meeting, Justin Wayne Matthews and Vance Edwin Tysor III were sworn in as members of the Norfolk County Grays Camp #1549.



Vance Edwin Tysor III



Justin Wayne Matthews



Top Left: Commander Johnson
welcoming Vance Edwin Tysor III

Bottom Left: Commander Johnson
welcoming Justin Wayne Matthews

Past Member Returning To Our Ranks

Compatriot Alan Martin, is welcomed back into the ranks of the Norfolk County Grays.



ANCESTOR Memorial Tree

Approximately 20 members and guest honored their ancestors by placing an ornament on the “Ancestor Tree” and then lighting a candle in memory of them at the annual Christmas Ancestor Memorial tree.





UPCOMING EVENTS



Saturday, January 1, 2011, Happy New Year to all members of the Norfolk County Grays

Saturday, January 15, 2011, Norfolk County Grays, Lee-Jackson Banquet (Additional details in newsletter)

February 16, 2011 Norfolk County Grays Camp #1549 meeting

March 16, 2011 Norfolk County Grays Camp #1549 meeting

April 8, 2011 20th Anniversary of Norfolk County Grays

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

The Norfolk County Grays are able to function smoothly through the efforts of so many individuals who support the camp. Below are several groups who have provided leadership for the camp during 2010.

Lee - Jackson Banquet Committee

Mrs. Kenzy Joyner, Compatriot and Mrs. B. Frank Earnest

Norfolk County Grays 20th Anniversary Committee

Compatriots Bob Shirley and B. Frank Earnest





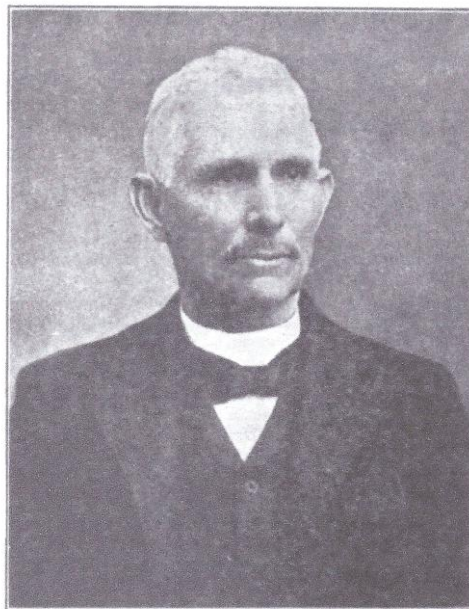
Biography of Private Robert H. Ricks

When the long awaited storm, between the North and the South erupted in April of 1861, Robert Henry Ricks promptly volunteered in the 1st NC Volunteers, “Edgecombe Guards” from Nash County, North Carolina (later to be designated as the Bethel Regiment for its military actions at the Battle of Bethel Church, Virginia).

It was April 10, 1861 when Captain Bridges of the 1st NC Volunteers, was asked by Colonel Hill to have a home near Big Bethel Church, which was affording the enemy protection destroyed. Upon hearing that volunteers were needed, Private Robert H. Ricks along with Henry Wyatt and 4 other men from the 1st NC Volunteers (Edgecombe Guards) announced that he would volunteer. The action of these 6 men drew enemy fire upon them from their left flank, In Lieu Of their front which they were expecting. These men were well-trained skirmishers and immediately dropped to the ground seeking protection. Captain Bridges recalled this squad and upon returning to the safety of the trenches, the squad found that Henry L. Wyatt was killed.

After serving his initial enlistment and the disbandment of the Bethel regiment in November 1861, Robert Ricks joined Lloyd’s Battery. It was just several months later that the batteries of Manly, Reilly, and Lloyd were consolidated into two, Manley and Reilly batteries. Private Ricks found himself in Manley’s Battery where he served and honorably participated in many of the battles in which the Army of Northern Virginia fought.

Robert H. Ricks served the South as a private from Bethel to Appomattox. It should be noted that Manley’s Battery spiked and buried their cannons when hearing of Appomattox and as such did not receive parole passes. The war was over for Robert Henry Ricks who is Kent Haskett’s relative .



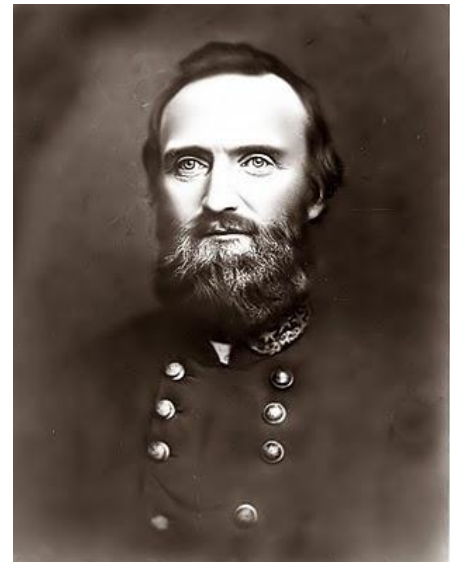
ROBERT H. RICKS.

STONEWALL JACKSON HOUSE OPEN FOR TOURS IN HONOR OF LEE – JACKSON DAY

On Saturday, January 15, 2011 the Stonewall Jackson House, currently closed for the winter season, will be open for tours to celebrate Lee-Jackson Day. Tours will be given on the hour and half hour from 9 am to 5 pm with the last tour beginning at 4:30 pm. Regular admissions rates apply.

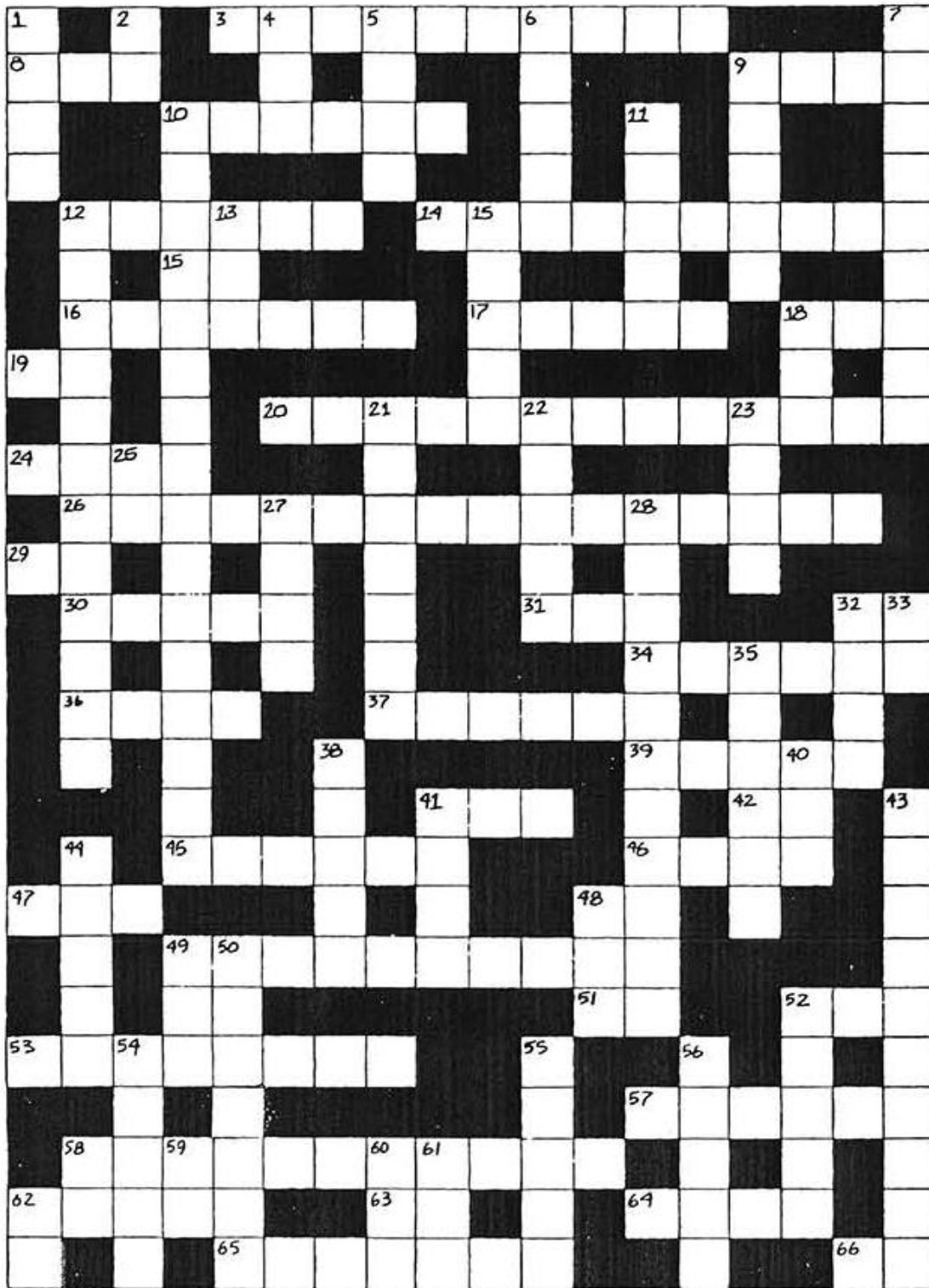
The Stonewall Jackson House, located in downtown at 8 East Washington Street, is the only home Thomas J. “Stonewall “ Jackson ever owned. Interpretation of the site focuses on Jackson’s life as a private citizen, professor, church leader, business leader, business man, husband, and community leader during the decade he lived in Lexington while teaching at the Virginia Military Institute in the years just prior to the War Between the States.

**The house is owned and operated by the Stonewall Jackson Foundation.
For more information, please call 540-463-2552 or visit www.stonewalljackson.org.**



STONEWALL JACKSON CROSSWORD PUZZLE

STONEWALL JACKSON HOUSE, LEXINGTON, VA



Questions for Crossword Puzzle

Across

3. Leader of Confederate forces
8. You ___ a pencil to work crosswords.
9. Did the dog _____?
10. ___ are students at VMI.
12. Jackson's men thought him a good _____.
14. Street where you can find Jackson's home.
15. Negative
16. Jackson taught physics and artillery _____.
17. One of the free states.
18. Abbreviation for a former soldier.
19. Here _____ is!
20. Jackson had a lot of _____. Once he decided to do something, he worked until he completed it.
24. A sea lion is a _____.
26. Jackson's nickname.
29. In 1861, Jackson traveled ___ Richmond.
30. Mrs. Jackson's favorite flower.
31. Jackson never ___ away from duty.
32. Short for mother.
34. Jackson is a _____ Civil War hero.
36. Opposite of good.
37. Before entering church, Jackson would _____ his hat.
39. Famous war song of the South.
41. Thomas' wife was _____ Jackson.
42. Two or more regiments are _____.
45. Where Jackson traveled after Ellie's death.
46. A stone is a _____.
47. A _____ of Virginia shows cities, roads, rivers, and mountains.
48. Opposite of #32 across.
49. Jackson piano arrived by _____.
50. Abbreviation for morning.
51. ___ live in the United States of America.
52. 102 in Roman numerals.
53. Jackson's second wife's name.
57. Jackson began a Sunday School for _____ in Lexington.
58. Jackson was a shrewd _____.
62. The Civil War _____ in 1861.
63. Short for hello.
64. Jackson said grace before each _____.

65. Jackson died as a Confederate _____.
66. Jackson insisted his staff be _____ time.

Down

1. Jackson believed it was his _____ to fight for the South.
2. Masculine pronoun.
4. Jackson was 39 years _____ when he died.
5. A horse _____ oats.
6. A person _____ a salary.
7. Where VMI is located.
9. The Red _____ of Courage
10. Jackson's last battle.
11. Grant led the _____ army against Lee's army.
12. Jackson's favorite warhorse.
13. A period is a _____.
15. Knights wear _____.
18. Jackson taught here (abbreviate)
21. Jackson was a _____ at the Virginia Military Institute.
22. Jackson's rank in Lexington.
32. An exam is a _____.
25. Jackson studied _____ West Point.
27. Richmond is _____ of Lexington.
28. Jackson was an officer in the _____ Army.
32. Jackson used a pack _____ to travel downriver.
33. Jackson fought in Mexico _____ a Second lieutenant.
35. Where Jackson first fought after Graduating from West Point.
38. What time is it? Look at the _____.
40. In your pen there is _____.
41. "I am pleased to _____ you."
43. Jackson was _____ to general.
44. Jackson's sister's name.
48. A dog's foot is a _____.
49. Jackson sent 10% of his _____ To his church during the war.
50. One of Jackson's favorite hymns was _____ Grace.
52. Jackson died during the _____ War.
54. Opposite of smooth.
55. Little Sorrel slept in a _____ in in a barn.
56. Freezing rain is also called _____.
58. You may _____ whatever you resolve to be.
59. "Yes" in Spanish.
60. Mrs. Jackson? _____ was from North Carolina.
61. Jackson's students said "Yes _____" to him.
62. Instead of using a car, Jackson often traveled _____ horse and carriage.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans Norfolk County Grays Camp 1549 request the honor of your presence at their 2nd annual Lee-Jackson, Pickett, Maury Banquet.

Guest speaker will be:

Al Stone
Actor, Historian and Orator

Al has been portraying General Robert E. Lee for over 10 years, with more that 100 presentations to more than 60,000 people. His knowledge of General Lee and Constitutional issues has astounded many a listener.

Location:

Gus and George's Spaghetti & Steak House
4312 Virginia Beach Blvd, Va. Beach
757-340-6584

Date & Time:

January 15, 2011
Social Hour.....6:00 PM
Mixed drinks are available but not included in the price
Dinner Hour.....7:00 PM

Cost

\$30.00 per person or \$50.00 per couple

Your choices are listed below:

Each choice will be served with a salad, baked potato or fries, bread, coffee or tea.
Desert will be the same delicious cakes that we had last year.

Please circle your choice, detach the bottom slip, and forward your check payable to:

Norfolk County Grays Camp 1549
945 Banyan Drive
Va. Beach, Va. 23462

Confederate items will be available.

Come and have a wonderful time!

Dalmonico Steak

Seafood Platter

Chicken Teriyaki

Spaghetti Combo

2011 NORFOLK COUNTY GRAYS
“LEE-JACKSON DINNER”

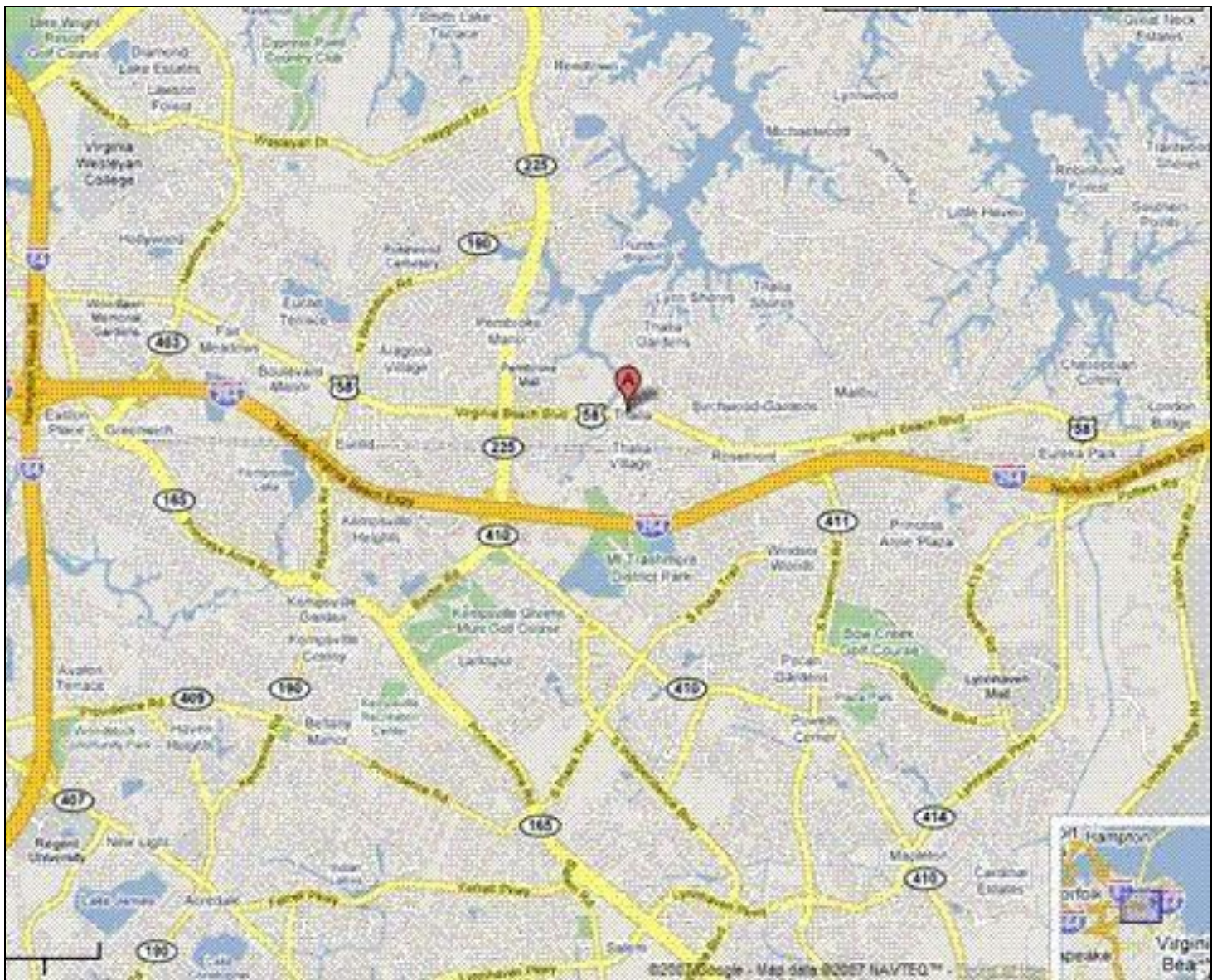
In Attendance:

General Robert E. Lee (Portrayed by Al Stone)



General Robert E. Lee portrayed by Al Stone The son of Henry “Lighthouse Harry” Lee, a favorite general of George Washington, Robert Edward Lee entered the U.S. Military Academy at West Point where he finished 2nd in the class of 1829. In April of 1861, duty and his oath to the United States Constitution forced then Colonel Lee to refuse command of the army that was about to take the field against the seceding states. Shortly afterwards he accepted a general’s position in the newly formed Confederate States Army where he served the first year as a Senior Military Advisor to President Jefferson Davis. In June of 1862, he assumed command of the Army of Northern Virginia, leading it to numerous victories for the next three years, in spite of the Union’s overwhelming numbers and resources. In early April of 1865, it was obvious that continued fighting would result in the needless effusion of blood. On April 9th, he met with General U.S. Grant at Appomattox Courthouse, Virginia where he surrendered the once great army that had defended the Confederate States of America so valiantly. On October 1, 1865, he assumed the presidency of Washington College where he continued to serve until his death on October 12, 1870.

**Location of Gus & George's Spaghetti & Steak Restaurant
Meetings begin at 7:00 PM**



To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit the vindication of the Cause for which we fought; to your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name. the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember that it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations.

*Lt. Gen. Stephen Dill Lee
Commander General
United Confederate Veterans
1906*