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Next Meeting
July 21, 2010
7:00 pm

Gus & George's Spaghetti & Steak Restaurant
4312 Virginia Beach Blvd.
Virginia Beach, Va.
(757-340-6587)
Just east of Independence Blvd

Guest Speaker:
Catherine Wright

**Collection Manager for the Museum of the Confederacy,
Freelance Historian, and Author of the book:**
**Lee's Last Casualty, the Life and Letters of Sergeant
Robert W. Parker, 2nd Virginia Cavalry.**

She will be signing books and will have books available to be purchased.

August 18, 2010 Meeting

Speaker:
Jeff Toalson

Editor of "*Send Me a Pair of Old Boots & Kiss My Little Girls, The Civil War letters of Richard and Mary Watkins*". Mr. Toalson and will have books available to be purchased.



NEWSLETTER NOTICE

THIS WILL BE THE LAST MULTIPLE DELIVERY OF THE CAMPS NEWSLETTER. UNLESS THE CAMP IS NOTIFIED OF A PROBLEM YOU ARE ENCOUNTERING, YOU WILL EITHER RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER BY INTERNET/ E-MAIL OR U.S. MAIL, BUT NOT BOTH. PLEASE LET THE CAMP KNOW YOUR DESIRES.

Compatriot Crosses the River to Rest

Norfolk County Grays Camp 1549 member, Compatriot Wilbur Simmons has crossed over the river to rest in the shade of the trees. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers at this sad time.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Wednesday July 21, 2010 Norfolk County Grays Monthly Meeting

July 21-24, 2010

Sons of Confederate Veterans National Convention, (Anderson, South Carolina)

Wednesday August 18, 2010 Norfolk County Grays Monthly Meeting

Highlights of June 2010 Camp Meeting Speaker:

Mr. Waite Rawls,

Mr. Rawls, who is the CEO of the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond, gave the members in attendance an opportunity to learn that after the 2nd War of Independence, that the women of the South began the movement throughout the South to dig up and rebury 72,000 soldiers, 30 % of all the Confederate dead. The brave women of the South also established the "First Memorial Day, UDC, MOC and many statues.

Mr. Rawls shared many interesting facts such with the camp such as:

- Thomas Jefferson's grandson was the Confederacy's Secretary of War
- Men of the South could not speak out or participate in activities as they would be considered "treasonous; therefore, the women of the South became the spokesperson of the South. One historian called this "political ventriloquism."

Throughout the evening, Mr. Rawls gave those in attendance a chance to see the South through the eyes of those who were preserving Southern heritage after the war.

The last portion of Mr. Rawls presentation dealt with the many different items in the collection of the Museum of the Confederacy. Some of these items are:

- Small Lone Star flag that always flew above Confederate flag of 1st Texas Inf. The color bearer saved it at Appomattox and personally donated it Power Smith's uniform stained flag, with Stonewall Jackson's blood
- Over 510 Confederate flags, such as General Lee's HQ, hand sewn by his wife, 2nd National Flag that was draped over Jackson's coffin, 3rd National Flag which draped Jefferson Davis's casket, 13 of the 15 regimental flags carried by Pickett's division at Gettysburg.



John and Martha Core Mausoleum *Re-internment Service*

Saturday May 22, 2010, the Norfolk County Grays served as a honor guard at the re-internment service for John and Martha Core, who's mausoleum was vandalized in March of 2007. The Norfolk County Grays honored John Core, (who served in Mosby's Rangers and the 6th VA Infantry) as well as his wife, by the posting of the colors, assisting with laying of a wreath and a rifle squad.

The Rev. Myron Simmons, pastor of Epworth United Methodist Church, which the Cores attended, presided over the services and called the break-in a "tragedy that so interrupted their eternal rest." However, with the efforts of many, this couple can now rest until the last bugle call is made.

The Camp is appreciative for the all of the efforts made by those who were able to attend in both period dress as well as camp members that were not; your attendance supports the camp in many ways.



From left Fred Harrell, Bob Shirley and Bill Mixon of the Sons of Confederate Veterans pass by the Core Mausoleum on Saturday, May 22, 2010, during its rededication. In 2007, the 100-year-old Core Mausoleum was vandalized. (Amanda Lucier | The Virginian-Pilot)



From left Kenzy Joyner, Tom Simmons and Kent Haskett pray during the Core Mausoleum rededication service Saturday, May 22, 2010,



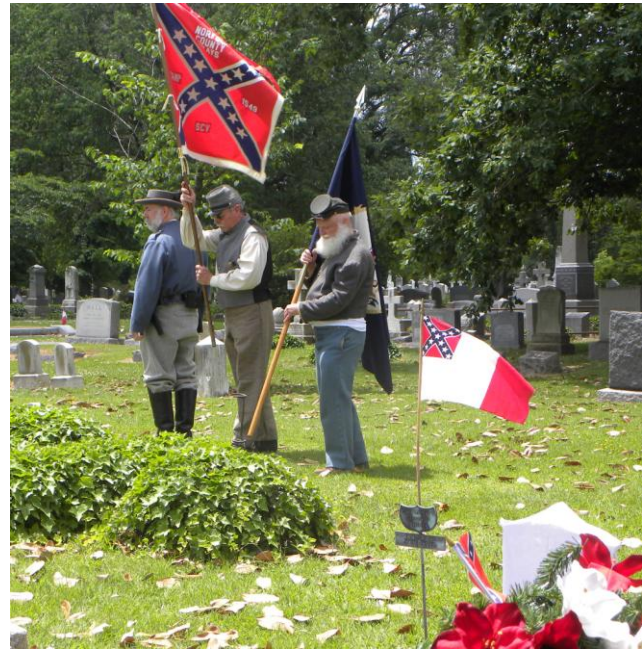
Private John F. Morris
16th Va. Co. "D"
Headstone Dedication Service

Saturday May 22, 2010, the Norfolk County Grays unveiled a headstone for Private John F. Morris, Company "D," 16th VA. As usual, the Norfolk County Grays dedicated this headstone with "Honor" and "Dignity" and in my heart, I know that John Morris witnessed these proceedings from above and was appreciative of our efforts to remember him and his service to the South.

The Camp is appreciative for all the efforts put forth by those who participated in the Posting of the Colors, Prayers, Singing, and the Rifle squad at this dedication service.



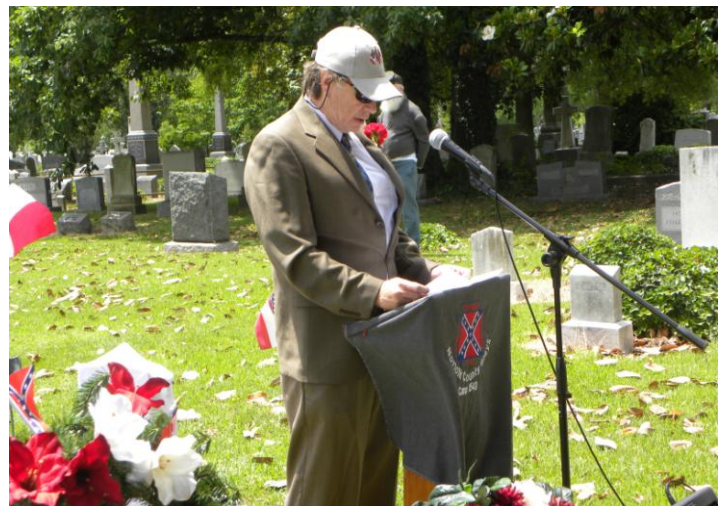
Private John F. Morris, 16th Va. Co. "D"



Posting of Colors



Mrs. B. Frank Earnest Paying Respects



Comments from Commander Johnson

Jackson Greys Observance *Memorial day, 2010*

Memorial Day 2010, the Norfolk County Grays, Camp 1549, remembered the service of the men of the 61st VA Co. "A", Jackson Greys by posting of colors, prayer, the laying of wreaths, toiling of the bell, playing of taps and having both rifle and canon salutes.

As was true during the "late War of Independence," it was true this Memorial Observance day as well, an artillery unit supported the infantry during this salute for our past comrades. Rick Cox and the "Norfolk Light Artillery Blues" provided cannon salute and several uniformed infantry members provided a rifle salute as well. Past Commander of the Norfolk County Grays, Rodney Quick, played taps. Debbie Mixon, President of the Hampton Chapter of the UDC, Kenny Harris, 1st Brigade Commander, Tom Davis, Heritage Defense Coordinator, Frank Earnest, Chief of Heritage Defense, each laid wreaths at the Norfolk County Grays monument in observance of this day. Frank Earnest delivered an informative as well as stirring speech fitting the day and tribute being presented to these men of the south. Adjutant, Bill Mixon read the names of all the men in Co. "A" 61st VA And after each name, Color Sgt. Kenzy Joyner toiled the Camp Bell. Peggy Lancaster, UDC President of the Niemeyer Shaw / Norfolk County Grays was present. Chaplain Brimer provided both the Invocation and Benediction and as usual did honor and glory to these men to the Lord for all they have given for us today.



JACKSON GREYS Monument



Commander Johnson., Chaplin Brimer, Chief of Heritage Defense Earnest



Norfolk Light Artillery Blues



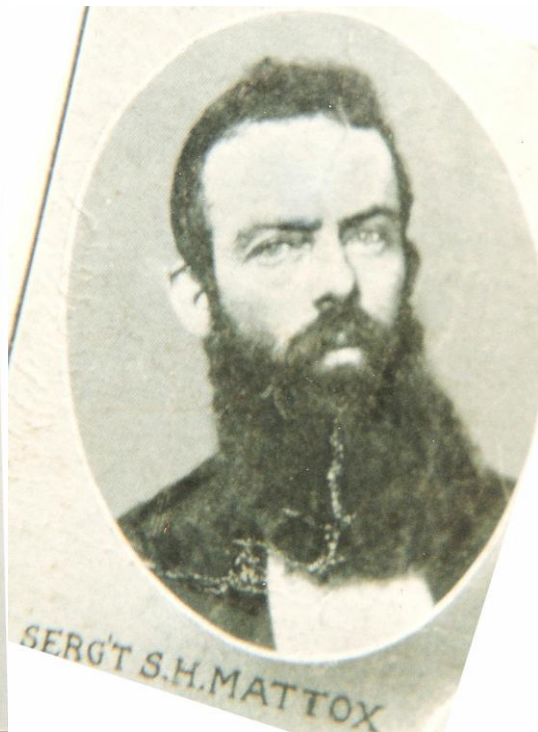
Rifle Honor Detail

The "Battle of Cloyd's Farm, May 9th, 1864,

This battle was more than just a skirmish. The 13th Battalion, Virginia Artillery Company B, also known as the "Ringgold Battery" were on the way to reinforce Lee's army and was halted at Dublin Depot on the evening of May 6th 1864. On May 7th 1864 they were ordered to Cloyd's Farm to prepare to meet the enemy. They were the first troops to arrive on the field. They positioned 12 pound Napoleon guns on the right and left side of the road leading from Dublin to Pearisburg. 2500 brave Confederate soldiers defending "Dublin Depot", the Confederate Army's Department of Western Virginia, from 6100 Union invaders. It was a bloody fight. In this battle the losses of killed and wounded were greater than any battle of the Revolutionary War. The official report of Union casualties killed, wounded or captured was 688. The official records total the Confederate losses at 538 killed, wounded or captured. Also on the battlefield defending "Dublin Depot" were the 45th VA Inf. Reg., 60th VA Inf. Reg., 36th VA., 10th Kentucky Cav., 45th VA Inf. Battalion, Home Guards, Botetourt VA Artillery, Bryan's VA Battery, 5th Kentucky Cav.

There were also two would be US Presidents under the Union command of 2nd Division Brig. Gen. George Crook: Rutherford B. Hayes and William McKinley.

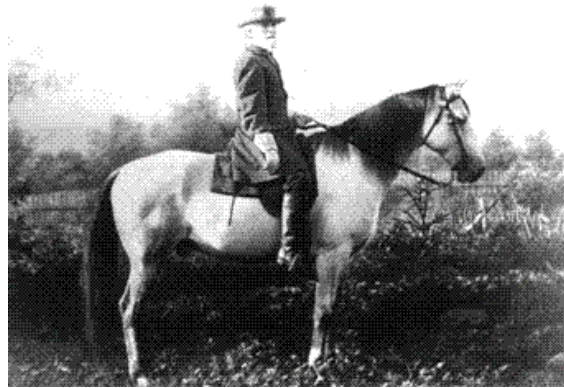
This article was written by Norfolk County Grays Commander Mark B. Johnson proud descendant of the brothers Corporal William Henry Mattox and Sergeant Samuel Henry Mattox, Co. B, 13th Battalion, Virginia Artillery "Ringgold Battery"



DID YOU KNOW????

“Some Famous relatives of General Robert E. Lee”

(Provided by B. Mixon)



Grover Cleveland (22nd & 24th U.S. President)
Jefferson Davis (C.S. President)
John Brown Gordon (C.S.A. Maj. General)
Wade Hampton (C.S.A. Lt. General)
William Henry Harrison (9th U.S. President)
Patrick Henry (Patriot)
Thomas Jonathan Jackson (C.S.A. Lt. General)
Thomas Jefferson (3rd U.S. President)
John Marshall (U.S. Jurist)
Richard Lucian Page (Captain CSN and a Brig. General CSA)
William Nelson Pendleton (C.S.A. Brig. General)
Franklin Delano Roosevelt (26th U.S. President)
Edmund Kirby Smith (C.S.A. General)
J.E.B. Stuart (C.S.A. Maj. General)
Zachary Taylor (12h U.S. President)
Martin van Buren (8th U.S. President)
George Washington (1st U.S. President)
And in case you were not aware...
Lee Marvin, (Actor)_

Name Your Camp Newsletter

,At this time, your camp “Newsletter” is identified only as “Newsletter of the Norfolk County Grays”, which is not fitting for the camp. Between now and the August camp meeting names for the camp newsletter can be submitted for consideration. The winning submittal will be appear on the September Newsletter for all to enjoy. The winning name submitted will be recognized at the September meeting.