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Lt. Commander

Bill Mixon
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Chaplain

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Contact information:

Mark B. Johnson, *Cmdr*

Next Meeting

October 20, 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:

J. Corey Thornton

Mr. Thornton is Curator of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum and Lightship Portsmouth Museum. A lifelong resident of Norfolk, Va, who also has served on various local historical committees most recently the planning committee for Portsmouth's Civil War Sesquicentennial activities. Mr. Thornton will present a power point program on the Gosport Naval Yard during the War Between the States.



November 17, 2010 Meeting

Speaker:

Henry E. Kidd

Mr. Kidd is well known for his drawings of War Between the States subjects. It should be noted that many of his prints have been published in the Confederate Veterans magazine. Mr. Kidd will be speaking about his book and will provide copies, which can be purchased.

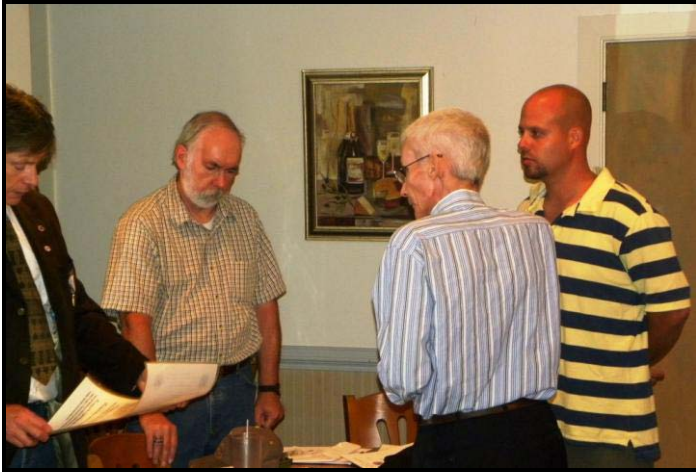


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New Recruit



Above Left – Adjutant, Bill Mixon, New Recruit, Daniel Causey and Chaplin, David Brimer listen intently as Norfolk County Grays Commander, Mark Johnson reads certificate to Compatriot Causey. **Above Right** – New recruit, Daniel Causey is sworn into the Norfolk County Grays Camp #1549 by Chaplin, David Brimer. Below - New Recruit, Daniel Causey is welcomed as a member of the Norfolk County Grays, Camp 1549.



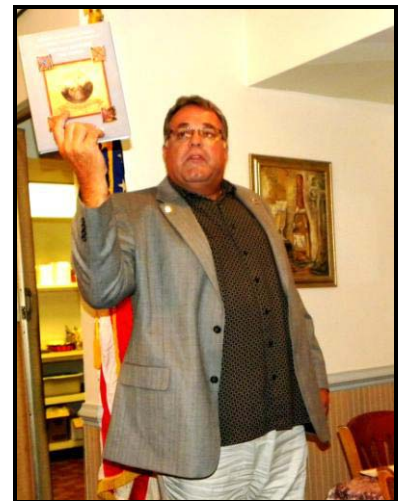
Highlights of September 2010 Camp Meeting Speaker:
Commander Kenny Harris
Princess Anne County, Virginia.
Its Contributions and Sacrifices to the War Between the States

Commander Kenny Harris of the Princess provided those in attendance with a chance to hear of the life and times in Princess Anne County during the war years. An interesting fact noted was that there were about 700 men who volunteered for service in three Virginia regiments from Princess Ann County. Additionally, we were informed that the Princess Ann Partisan Rangers and the Pungo Rangers became a source of disturbance for the Federal Occupation Forces in Norfolk and Norfolk County area.

This book is very informative and provides information that future Princess Ann County residents or others researching Princess Ann County during the war years will find to be noteworthy.

Commander Harris has published, *Princess Anne County, Virginia. Its Contributions and Sacrifices to the War Between the States* which can be purchased for \$50.00 (SCV discount) or \$55.00 for anyone else (plus a \$5.00 shipping and handling charge for mailed books). Commander Harris will accept payment of check, money order, cashiers check, etc. for payment and will ship the book once he has received payment. You can place your order by one of the following ways:

- Call and place an order (Home-757-426-3622 – Cell 757-408-1238)
- E-Mail and place an order (pacountyreb@cox.net)



Above - VA SCV 1st Brigade Commander Kenny Harris, discussing his new book. **Top Right** -Mr. Harris presenting his new book. **Bottom Right** - A.N.V Commander B. Frank Earnest and Commander M. Johnson presenting Commander K. Harris with token of appreciation from the Norfolk County Grays.





UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, October 16, 2010 Oakwood Cemetery in Richmond clean up Day

Wednesday, October 20, 2010 Norfolk County Grays Monthly Meeting

Driver Days - Oct 23 and 24, 2010 Saturday, and Sunday

Saturday, October 30, 2010, 10:00 AM Cedar Grove Cemetery, Norfolk, Virginia, where Dedication Services for Brig. Gen Richard L. Page and Col. John S. Green will be conducted. (See Newsletter for additional details)

Wednesday, November 11, 2010 Veterans Day Parade, Virginia Beach, Va

Wednesday, November 17, 2010 Norfolk County Grays Monthly Meeting

Saturday, January 7, 2011, Princess Ann Camp, Lee-Jackson Banquet (See Newsletter for additional details)

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

April 8, 2012 20th Anniversary of Norfolk County Grays

NORFOLK COUNTY GRAYS – CAMP #1549 **OFFICERS NOMINATION Meeting**

Every two years during the *November camp meeting*, nominations will be accepted from the floor for the camp officers. If you want to place your name on the ballot or nominate someone else, please ensure you attend this meeting. Please note that “Elections” will also be held that night, so plan on attending.

Remember to mark November 17 on your calendar and plan on attending this important meeting of the Norfolk County Grays.



Dedication Service for:
Brigadier General Richard L. Page
and
Colonel John S. Green

Cedar Grove Cemetery
Norfolk, Virginia
October 30th, 2010
10:00 AM

Stephen Lee Ritchie (Commander of the Indiana Division of the SCV) is related to Colonel Green and will attend. The Norfolk Light Artillery Blues will support this occasion and there will also be a color and rifle honor guard as well.

Mark your calendars and plan on attending this dedication service for 2 of the South's finest men.



Brig. Gen. Richard L. Page

Richard Lucian Page, born in Clarke County, Va., on 2 December 1807, entered the U.S. Navy as a midshipman in 1824; was promoted to lieutenant in 1834; and to commander in 1855. Sea duty, included assignments as executive officer and commanding officer of INDEPENDENCE during the Mexican War, commanding officer of the brig PERRY on the African Station 1852-54, and commanding officer of the sloop-of-war GERMANTOWN on the East Indies Station 1857-60. He also served three tours of duty ashore as an ordnance officer and one tour as executive officer at the Norfolk Navy Yard.

With the secession of Virginia, Page, then assigned to the Norfolk Navy Yard, resigned from the U.S. Navy and, after joining the staff of Governor Letcher of Virginia, began organizing a State navy and constructing fortifications along rivers of the Tidewater area.

Commissioned Commander in the Confederate Navy in 1861, he served as ordnance officer at the Norfolk Navy Yard and at Charlotte, N.C. In 1864 he was commissioned Brigadier-General in the Confederate Army and placed in charge of the outer defenses of Mobile Bay. There, he defended Fort Morgan until that fort fell to Union forces under Farragut and Granger on 23 August 1864. Page, a prisoner for the remainder of the War Between the States, returned to Norfolk after his release and, from 1875 to 1883, served as superintendent of public schools. Brigadier General Page died at Blueridge Summit, Pa., on 9 August 1901.



Col. John S. Green

Colonel John Shackelford Green

Colonel John Shackelford Green was born in Rappahannock County, Virginia in 1817 to a family steeped in military tradition and Southern service. His Great Great Grandfather once held a grant to much of the land in the upper Shenandoah Valley and his Great Uncle was Colonel John Green of the Revolution. Three of his first cousins served as Colonels in the War to Prevent Southern Independence and another was General Turner Ashby who Green was often mistaken for.

Colonel Green served with distinction during the War in command of the 6th Virginia Cavalry, seriously wounded in action twice and was captured and paroled at the Battle of Upperville, Virginia in 1863. Although possessed of an independent spirit and occasionally running afoul of established military authority he was highly praised as a “patriot” by cavalry commander J.E.B. Stuart.

He moved to Norfolk a few years before his death, was a member of the Pickett-Buchanan Camp, UCV and died there January 1, 1891.



History of Norfolk County Va. 1861-1865

By John W.H. Porter

Upon the arrival of the company at Petersburg, it was assigned to duty with the 61st Virginia Regiment as Company A. At that time, the regiment was under command of Lieutenant-Colonel Wm. Fred. Niemeyer, and, in a few days, the company, with Company C, the Blanchard Grays, of Norfolk county, was detached from the regiment, and with a two gun battery of six pounders, ordered to the neighborhood of Bermuda Hundreds, in Chesterfield county, to watch the movements of the Federal fleet in James river.

While there, during the seven-day's battles, the fleet made a demonstration up the Appomattox River towards Petersburg, and attempted to secure a large quantity of coal which was stored at Port Walthall. This small force attacked them and so annoyed them as to force them to hug the opposite shore, where several of the vessels stuck in the mud, and after two days the enemy was forced to set fire to and abandon one gunboat. This action took place on the 26th of June, 1862.



Biography of Color Sgt. Alexander R. Mixon

Alexander Mixon served with Co. E (Quitman Guards), 16th Mississippi Regiment. During the heavy fighting at the Battle of Spotsylvania Court House (May 12, 1864), he, like so many other gallant Sons of the South, gave his short life for his great country.

At the Bloody Angle his commander, Gen. Nathan Harris, saw that the line along the works needed to be extended to the right, in order to counter the enormous number of Federals massed in front of them. He knew this was going to result in a great lose of life, but it had to be done.

With total determination, Color Sgt. Mixon, “sprang over the works with the colors.” Waving the flag as he ran his clarion like voice resounded along the line, urging the men to follow.” “Through the storm of bullets.” Mixon leaped to the top of the next traverse but fell back with a painful wound. Still inspired and determined, Mixon grabbed the colors and fought to regain the apex of the works. Just as he planted the flag atop the re-captured works, he was shot through the head. His remains are believed to rest on the battlefield.

Color Sgt. Mixon is a fourth cousin, three times removed of Camp Adjutant, Bill Mixon.

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

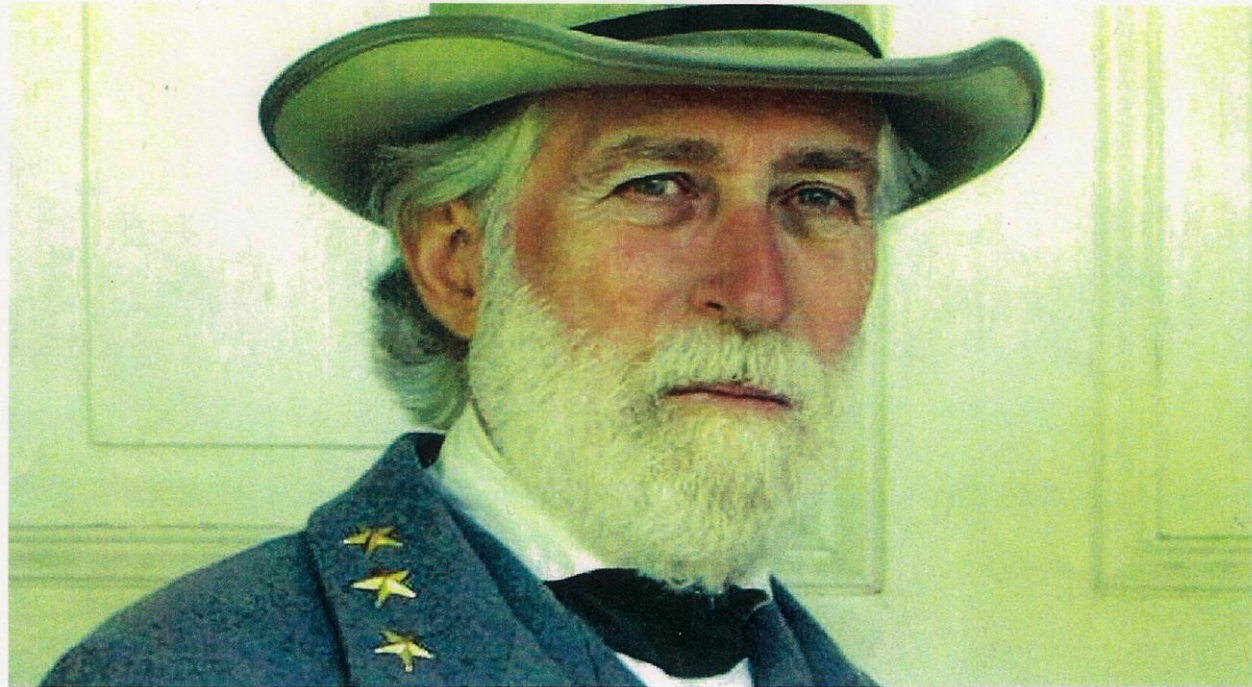
Spaghetti Combo

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 “Lighthorse 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.

DID YOU KNOW???




General Lee said:

“Youth is so fleeting and life so short.”


“Do not worry yourself about things you cannot help...”

“Time...brings a cure to all things...”


“In God alone must be our trust.”



There were many “firsts” that occurred during the war. Some of the lesser known were:

- Organized medical and nurse corps
 - Hospital ships
 - Legal voting for servicement’
 - Income tax
 - Tobacco tax
 - American bread lines
 - Department of Justice (Confederate)
 - First naval camouflage (used by the mist-gray blockade runners)
 - First smoke screen (used by the R.R. Lee while runnig the blockade and escaping the USS Iroquois.)
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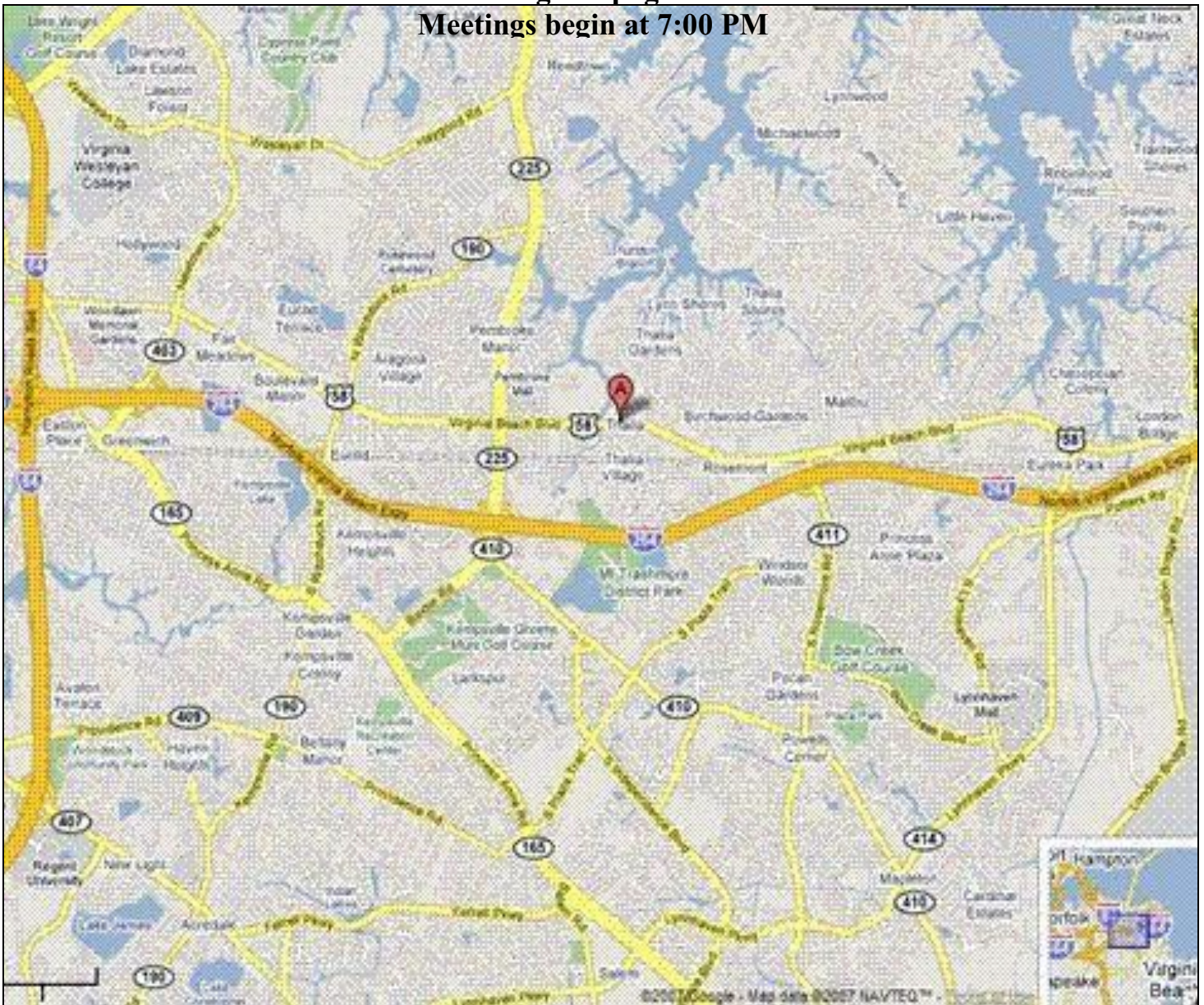
The high point of the war for the Confederate 7th Tennessee Regiment was when they captured the entire U.S. 7th Tennessee Regiment, soldiers, drummers, cooks teamsters, etc.



A Federal expert in calculating the cost of the war said that for each Southern soldier killed required the use of 240 pounds of black powder and 900 pounds of lead.



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