



"CONFEDERATE GRAYS"



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Contact information:

Mark B. Johnson, *Cmdr*

Next Meeting

December 15, 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

Annual Ancestors Christmas Remembrance Tree



SPECIAL NOTICE:

The Lee/Jackson Banquet being held on Jan. 15th 2011 will be our regular January Meeting.



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FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN. UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN.

... and He shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
(Isaiah 9:6)

The Simplicity of Christmas

Love came to us from Heaven on that first Christmas night,
embodied in the Christ Child, the Son of God.
He was, and continues to be, the **Hope** for which the world has long awaited!

Christ was born in a simple setting and lived a simple life.
His riches were found in the love that He showed to others.
Although we, too, live simple lives that may include, at times,
Heartaches, uncertainties, and/or broken pieces,
Let us claim the promises of God.....
He loves us and is with us to give guidance and strength during every situation.
His creations belong to Him and He remains in control.
May we remember the **Gift** of the Christ Child who came to us,
Through the **grace** of God, for our salvation. Only He can bring us
Peace and contentment amidst the storms of life.

For those who have accepted Christ as their Savior, may this season of the year
be a time of joy and recommitment to Christ and to each other.

Let us carry the light of Jesus to a hurting world.

For those still in doubt, may it be a time to accept this very special gift.

Our prayer is that you will allow Jesus
to come into your heart and to change your life forever.

It's that simple!

Commander's Comments

I am honored and humbled to have been re-elected Commander of the Norfolk County Grays and hope to make you and my Confederate Ancestors proud. I would like to encourage all of you to take an active role in your camp. Attend meetings, Dedications, and Camp functions.

Volunteer to serve on committees and be a Camp Officer. With your help, we can continue to "Forward the Colors" and teach the true history of the "South" to future generations.

Respectfully,

Mark B. Johnson, *Cmdr*



Ancestors Remembrance Tree



In continuing with a camp tradition, the Christmas Remembrance Tree will be decorated during the December camp meeting. The tree will be adorned by small, personally made ornaments, which are meant to recognize your ancestor/s who served the South during the "2nd War of Independence."

Each compatriot will be given an opportunity to place their ornament on the Ancestors Christmas Remembrance Tree, light a memorial candle and share a few words about the person you are remembering.

If by chance you leave home without an ornament, material will be available at the camp meeting for you to make one.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Wednesday, December 15, 2010 Norfolk County Grays Monthly Meeting (See Newsletter for additional details concerning "Ancestor Christmas Tree")

Saturday, December 25, 2010 A very Merry Christmas to all the members of the Norfolk County Grays

Saturday, January 7, 2011, Princess Anne Camp, Lee-Jackson Banquet

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

April 8, 2011 20th Anniversary of Norfolk County Grays

Congratulations to the Camp's Awards Recipients

During the November Camp meeting, the following were recognized by the camp were presented with certificates:

Appreciation Certificates:

Flo Joyner, George Dermady, Nancy Haskett, Gus n Georges Restaurant, Mallory Reed, Edward Stack, Armistead Dudley, Compatriot and Mrs. John Lancaster Jr., Lee Hart

Meritorious Service Awards:

Bill Mixon, Kenzy Joyner, Tommy Simmons, Kent Haskett, Bob Shirley

Gen. Robert E. Lee Award:

ANV Commander B. Frank Earnest

Most Dedicated Compatriot:

Chaplin David Brimer

Highlights of November 2010 Camp Meeting Speaker

Henry E. Kidd

Member of the Dearing-Beauregard Camp# 1813, Colonial Heights, Virginia

Past Commander, Virginia Division

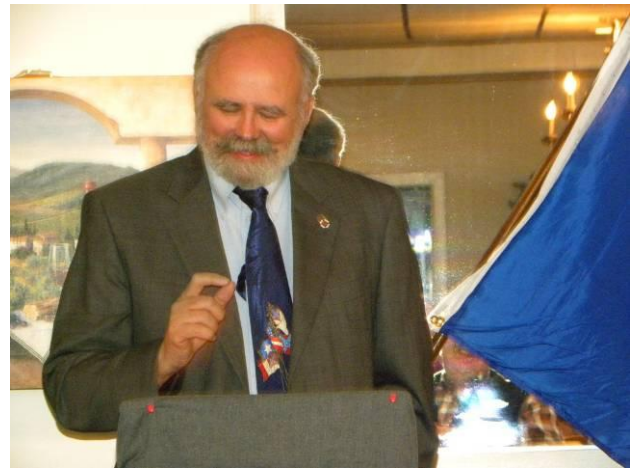
Past Commander, Army of Northern Virginia S.C.V.

Mr. Kidd is well known for his drawings of War Between the States subjects and has written a historical novel, "*Petersburg, War on the Doorsteps.*"

Mr. Kidd carried those in attendance back in time when he read portions of his book to us. The manner in which he wrote the book, you almost felt as though you were in the trenches waiting for events to unfold. One of the most interesting sections of the book shared with us was concerning the digging of the tunnel which after erupting became the *Crater*, which Petersburg is most know for.

However, Mr. Kidd has preserved for future generations other historical actions in and around Petersburg.

It might sound redundant when I say "*Petersburg, War on the Doorsteps*" should be purchased and placed in your War Between the States library.



Above Left – Art work and Historical novel "*Petersburg, War on the Doorsteps,*" by Mr. Henry E. Kidd

Top Right –Mr. Kidd reading excerpts from his novel..

Left –Mr. Kidd answering questions from the membership..



Top Left- A.N.V. Commander B. Frank Earnest with Mr. Henry Kidd who has just been given a token of appreciation from the Norfolk County Gray

Top Right- Mr. Kidd autographing a copy of his novel for a member of the camp.

History of Norfolk County Va. 1861-1865

By John W.H. Porter

From Bermuda Hundreds, the company was ordered to guard the fords of the Rappahannock River, while General Lee, with his army, was engaged in the Maryland campaign. While there, upon one occasion, while scouting near Bristoe Station, it met a Federal brigade belonging to Seigles' corps, accompanied by a battery of artillery and a company of cavalry. Under cover of a forest, which concealed the smallness of the Confederate force, an attack was made upon the Federals who were repelled. The company captured several prisoners and withdrew without having suffered any loss. After the return of General Lee's army from Maryland October, 1862, the Jackson Grays, with the 61st Virginia Regiment, was assigned to Mahone's Brigade, and became a part of the Army of Northern Virginia. From that time it followed closely the fortunes of that army, took part in all of its battles and victories and marches, and when the final defeat attended its banners, surrendered fifteen muskets at Appomattox Court House on the 9th of April, 1865.



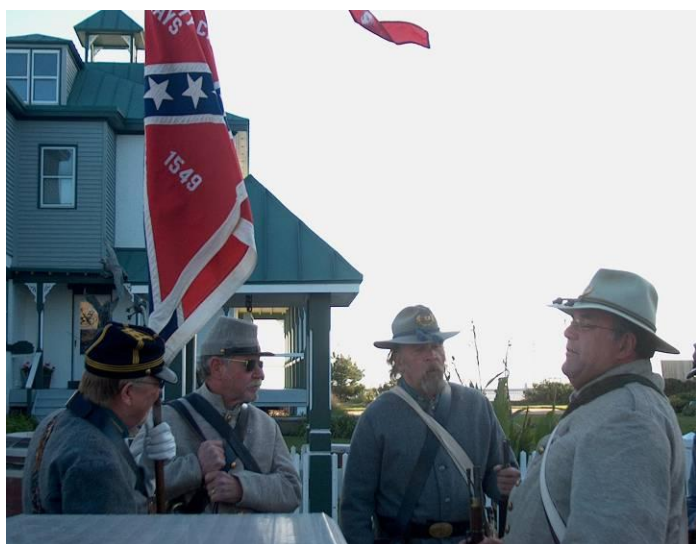
2010 Veterans Day Parade



Norfolk County Grays Trailer



Mechanized Cavalry Unit



Infantry waiting for their marching orders



Mechanized Cavalry during parade



Infantry in line of parade

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???



As members of the SCV, we hear Gen. Stephen Dill Lee's charge, but have you ever read the entire statement?

“To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit 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 and perpetuation of those principles he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Are you ready to die for your country? Is your life worthy to be remembered along with theirs? Do you choose for yourself the greatness of soul?

**Not in the clamor of the crowded street,
Not in the shouts and plaudits of the throng,
But in ourselves are triumph and defeat.**

To you, Daughters of the Confederacy will be given the loving service of remembering the Confederate dead and ministering to the living who were dear to him and are in need of your help and tenderness. Worthy daughters, you shall be of the immortal women, your mothers, who gave to womanhood a new perfection of heroism and a more divine expression of sacrifice and devotion.

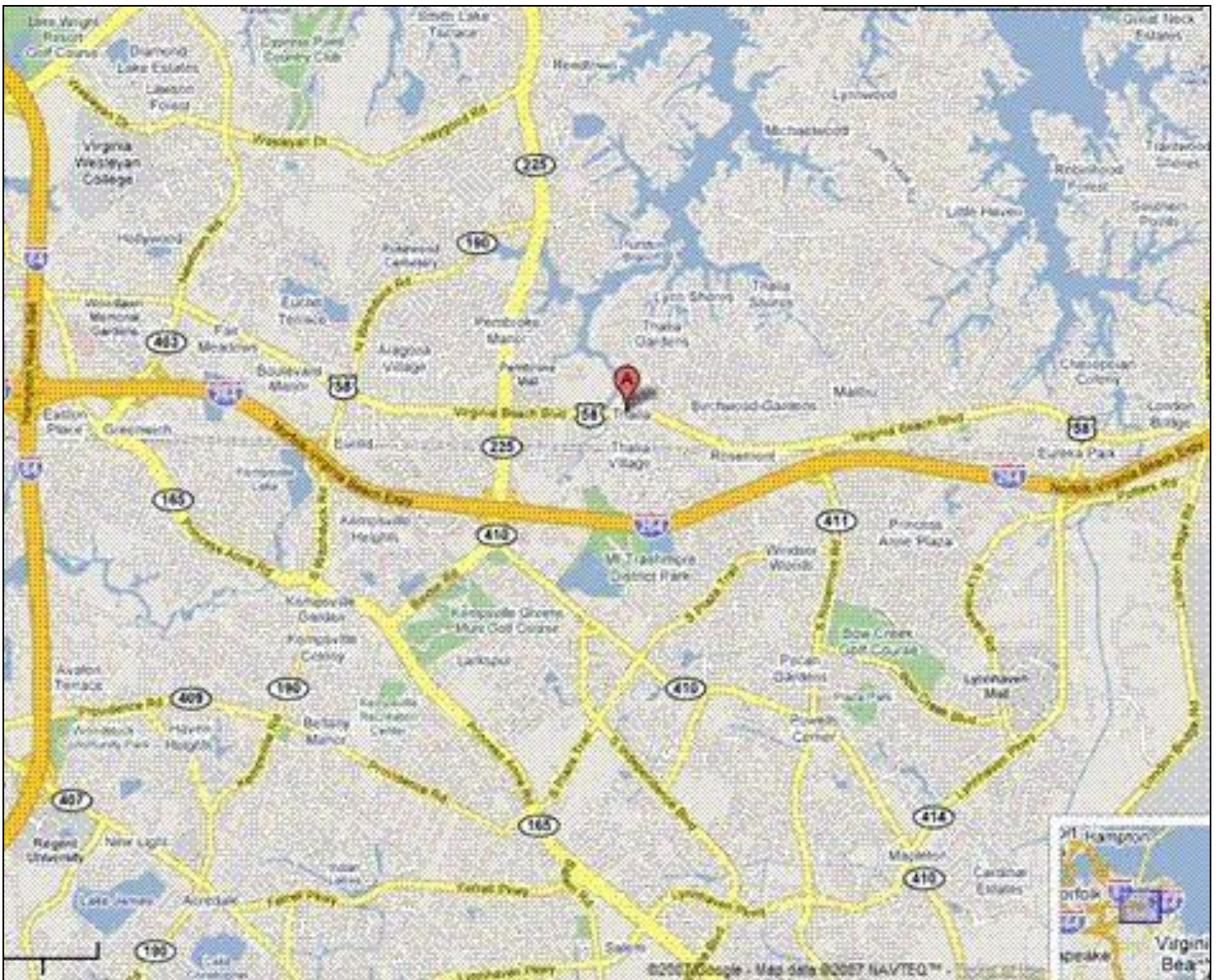
To you, brave people of the south, to you, true hearted Americans everywhere; to you, world-conquering race from which we sprung; to all men everywhere who prize in man the manliest deeds, who honor self-sacrifice and noble devotion, will be given an incomparable inheritance, the memory of our price of men...the confederate soldier.

Remember my brothers and sisters and friends of the Cause, it is *our* duty to see that the true history of the South is preserved and presented to future generations.”

Gen. Stephen Dill Lee

UCV / SCV Reunion
New Orleans, 1906

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



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