

The
Lt. Colonel James Harvey Allen
Memorial Scholarship

\$1000 Historical Essay Contest

2017

Sponsored by: The James City Cavalry
Camp 2095
Sons of Confederate Veterans

Additional Sponsorship & Funding provided by:
The Williamsburg Civil War Roundtable
United Daughters of the Confederacy - Williamsburg

Entry Form

2017 Lt. Colonel James Harvey Allen Memorial Scholarship

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ **Email** _____

High School _____

G.P.A. _____

Prospective College: _____

Civic & School Activities:

(Use extra page if needed or desired)

Recommendation Letter from 1 teacher, counselor or administrator at your High School.

Essay Rules:

Contest is open to seniors at Lafayette, Jamestown, Bruton, Warhill, Walsingham, Williamsburg Christian, West Point, New Kent, Tabb, York, and Gloucester High Schools.

Essay must be a minimum of 1000 words and a maximum of 2000 words.

Essay will be typed and double spaced in size 12 type.

Your text must be footnoted with your sources and the ‘footnote’ listing must be at the end of your essay. (see example on final page) Footnotes do not count in your word count.

Do not type your name on your essay. It will be given a number so that the reviewers will be blind.

Your essay will be judged on historical content, logical presentation, correct usage of English, grammar, sentence structure, and the overall impact of your argument.

Submission:

Mail or Email a copy of the application, reference and essay to:

**Mr. Fred Boelt - Historian
James City Cavalry
PO Box 453
Toano, Virginia 23168
Email: fwb@widomaker.com**

Submission Deadline: March 1, 2017 (postmarked no later than)

Winning Essay: The winner will be personally notified by the Commander of the James City Cavalry and presented with the scholarship at a James City Cavalry meeting. You, along with your parents, will be our guests for supper that evening at the Colonial Heritage Country Club.

2017 Subject:

“Balloon Operations on the Peninsula in 1862”

For the first time in military history balloons were used for observation of enemy fortifications, troop displacements and to direct artillery fire. Both Federal and Confederate forces used balloons.

You may provide a subtitle and focus your essay. However, the essay must focus on the use of balloons, the key people, the accomplishments and key side stories.

Points to Consider – You do not need to address all of these points but without understanding these points it will be difficult to address the subject.

Who is Thaddeus Lowe ?

Who is John Bryan ?

The Union used hydrogen gas, what did the Confederates use?

What are the *Intrepid & Constitution* ?

What was the name of the first aircraft carrier ?

How was President Lincoln involved ?

What were the short and long term impacts of the balloons ?

Some Suggested Source Material:

Yorktown's Civil War Siege, Quarstein & Moore, 2012, Charleston, p. 95, 119-122.

Southern Historical Society Papers, Vol. 33, April 1914, "Balloon used for Scout Duties in CSA" by John Bryan

Casemate Chronicles 2, 1968, "The *Fanny*: First Aircraft Carrier" by Chester Bradley

The Civil War Papers of George B. McClellan, Sears, NY, 1989.

To the Gates of Richmond, Sears, NY, 1992.

Articles in the *Daily Press* by Mark Erickson on July 23, 2016 – "Union eye in the sky over Hampton Roads."

www.thaddeuslowe.name/CWsummary.htm

Civil War Times Illustrated (1959-2016) has past articles on the subject

James City Cavalry point of contact with questions:

Jeff Toalson, Commander

(757) 220-0131

troon24@cox.net (include a subject line or your email will be deleted)

[Footnote example at end of essay]

5

One by one the Confederate units marched in, stacked their arms and furled their flags. They then departed the surrender field and were given their individual paroles. Private Tom Gilham, of the 8th Georgia Infantry, summed it up when he noted, “It was all over but the empty sleeves and wooden legs.”⁸ The Army of Northern Virginia had passed into history.

- - - - -

Footnotes:

1. Foote Shelby, *The Civil War a Narrative*, New York, 1992, Vol. 3, p. 943.
2. Davis Wood letter to Pvt. James A. Wood of the 11th Virginia from the personal collection of _____.
3.
4.
5.
6.
7.
8. Wilkinson, Warren; *Scythe of Fire*, Macon, 2003, p.305