2010 WCWRT Newsletters



Williamsburg Civil War Roundtable

Meeting Place:

WILLIAMSBURG

## STRYKER BUILDING

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"No Soap, No Pay, Diarrhea, Dysentery & Desertion""

By JEFF TOALSON 7:00PM TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2010 --STRYKER BUILDING--

Williamsburg, Virginia

\*Note we will be at Stryker Building at 412 N. Boundary St., Williamsburg

Jeff Toalson will be telling stories of the last 16 months of the Confederacy from his first book - "No Soap, No Pay, Diarrhea, Dysentery & Desertion". These will be stories from the common soldiers and civilians as written in their diaries, letters and journals. Jeff Toalson, a 23 year resident of Williamsburg, has a B. S. in Business Management from Missouri State University. He is a regular speaker at roundtables, historical societies, SCV Camps, UDC Chapters and National Park Battlefields. Jeff is the author of two books on the WBTS: "Send Me a Pair of Old Boots & Kiss My Little Girls - The Civil War Letters of Richard and Mary Watkins, 1861-1865", which was published in 2009, and his first book . . . from which he is telling stories tonight . . ." No Soap, No Pay, Diarrhea, Dysentery & Desertion - A Composite Diary of the Last 16 Months of the Confederacy".

DECEMBER MEETING: It was our Holiday meeting/celebration where a fine program and good fellowship were shared. Cheryl Jackson, Executive Director of the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission, spoke about planning the statewide commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Her duties include planning and implementation of Commission programs, activities, and meetings; oversight of a multi-million dollar budget and fundraising initiatives; serving as Commission liaison on the local, state, and national levels; and supervision of public relations and marketing. budget, and fundraising initiatives.

<u>DUES</u>. Membership in the Williamsburg Civil War Roundtable is open to all. The annual dues for membership are \$25 for an individual and \$30 for a family living in the same household. Use the attached Membership form and mail or pay at the meeting.

<u>WEBSITE:</u> Be sure to frequently visit the site for newsletter info, announcements, future and past speakers, and an up to date calendar of events in the Civil War world. It's available anytime you need he info. http://www.wcwrt.org.

## **Upcoming Meetings and Speakers**

The officers and Executive Committee members of WCWRT invite everyone back for 2010 and more great programs as listed. Please offer any future suggestions for programs or speakers to any officer or Executive board member.

February 23rd 2010 – Richard Gillespie is Director MosbyHeritageOrganization (www. Mosbyheritage.Org. An expert on the subject of Col. Mosby, he will discuss Mosby's valiant battle in the burned-out buildings of William & Mary College. Meeting at Williamsburg Library.

March 23rd 2010 – Jere Johnson – Williamsburg Library Theatre

April 27th 2010 – Dr. Bruce M. Venter – Williamsburg Library Theatre

May 24th 2010 - Michael Moore - "Jeb's ride around the Union army in '62" - Williamsburg Library Theatre

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# WILLIAMSBURG LIBRARY THEATRE

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### "UNION AND CONFEDERATE CAVALRY: MYTHS AND FACTS I DIDN'T KNOW" "By GEORGE CALLIS 7:00PM TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2011 Williamsburg Community Library Theatre --

Williamsburg, Virginia

Note we will be at Williamsburg Community Library

A Happy New Year to all. The January 25th speaker is George Callis. George will present "Union and Confederate Cavalry: Myths & Facts I Didn't Know". Some of the items to be discussed include Bugle Calls, Weapons, Flags and Jeb Stuart at Gettysburg.

Mr. Callis retired from the Xerox Corporation. He is a member of the Company of Military Historians. He collects Union & Confederate Cavalry Sabers and regimental histories. George also teaches cavalry courses at Christopher Wren.

The December speaker was Feather Foster a member of our Roundtable. Mrs. Foster presented "The Civil War Divas: A Personal Look at Mary Lincoln, Julia Grant and Varina Davis". Her program was very much enjoyed. Following the meeting there were refreshments served in the theatre lobby area.

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<u>February:</u> Jeff Toalson. author of two books on the WBTS: Send Me a Pair of Old Boots & Kiss My Little Girls - The Civil War Letters of Richard and Mary Watkins, 1861-1865, which was published in 2009, and his first book No Soap, No Pay, Diarrhea, Dysentery & Desertion - A Composite Diary of the Last 16 Months of the Confederacy.

<u>March 28th</u>: guest speaker is Will Mollineux. Will's presentation is from his book "A Young Virginia Boatman Navigates the Civil War", drawn from the journals of George Randolph Wood of Hampton who saw the war from a unique perspective, a supply barge on the James and Appomattox rivers.

The Roundtable's fiscal year is from September through May. Member dues for the 2010-2011 year are payable in September (\$25 for an individual or \$30 for a family). Please plan to bring a check to WCWRT with you to our next meeting or mail to our Treasurer, John Hale at 2315 West Island Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185.

#### 2010-2011 Officers

**President: Norman Cooper** 

Vice-President/Program Coordinator: John Marsh

Secretary: Teri Toepke

**Treasurer: John Hale** 

At Large – Gene Danko and Susan Moorman

The Executive Committee consists of the elected officers, the immediate past president and other members appointed by the incoming president. Those members will include Ken Sage, Dick Cooper, John Marsh, Norman Cooper, and permanent member, Willard Gilley.

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