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**Confederate Memorial Day at the Capitol April 25 at 10am
Cannon Crew please arrive at 8am to setup the cannon & flag display**

**The Major John C. Hutto Camp's April Camp Meeting
will be in Jasper, Alabama on
Sunday 26 April 2026 at 2:00 pm**

**April's Speaker is Donna Thompson, DAR, UDC,
speaking on the Hartsook Prison**

**John Pelham: The Confederate Boy Artillerist
Who Stunned the Army of the Potomac
Norman Dasinger, Jr.**



Major John Pelham | public domain

Born on September 7, 1838, John Pelham was the third of seven children born to Dr. Atkinson and Martha McGehee Pelham in Alexandria Valley, near present-day Anniston, Alabama.

Pelham grew up enjoying life as the son of a hardworking but fairly prosperous country doctor. In 1856, he secured an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point. At that time, cadets completed a five-year term and, as Pelham's graduation approached in the spring of 1861, so too did the rising hostilities between the United States and the Confederate States.

Pelham resigned from West Point before graduation, returned to Calhoun County, and soon offered his services to the newly formed Confederacy. Appointed an artillery officer, he was sent to Virginia.

Following the First Battle of Manassas, famed Confederate cavalry commander J. E. B. Stuart selected Pelham to command his newly organized horse artillery. Pelham quickly distinguished himself, participating in more than 60 engagements, including the battles of Antietam (Sharpsburg), Maryland, and Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Pelham was mortally wounded at the Battle of Kelly's Ford, Virginia, on March 17, 1863, when a piece of shrapnel struck the back of his skull. Carried more than 6 miles to Culpeper, he died later that night. He held the rank of major at the time of his death, but his promotion to lieutenant colonel had already been initiated.

Stuart ordered that Pelham's body be returned to his family in Alabama. Placed in an iron coffin with a viewing window, he was transported by train from Richmond to Blue Mountain, the nearest depot to Alexandria.

Dr. Pelham wanted the funeral to be held at the Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville, but because of construction, the service was moved to the Baptist Church. Thousands attended either the funeral service or the burial at the (Old) Jacksonville City Cemetery on March 31, 1863.



An illustration of Pelham's death | public domain

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1 st Lt. Cmd	Trent Harris
2nd Lt. Cmd	Jeremy Jackson
Adjutant	John McGraw
Chaplain	Thomas Foster
Judge Advocate	Cherokee Brasher
Communications	Tony Pennington
Facebook	Brandon Prescott - Jeremy Jackson
Quartermaster	Billy Kinchelow
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