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The Cannon Report

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VINDICE**

Commander's Comments

The February meeting featured presentations by Mr. & Mrs. Hailinen about re-enactor's clothing, gear, and events. Judging by the number of questions, it was well received by our members. This month, we have a guest speaker coming to our camp from Fredericksburg. Michael Virts is the Commander of the Fitzhugh Lee Camp 1805. His ancestor was James W. Eddins who served in the 4th Virginia Cavalry under Major General Fitzhugh Lee. Although severely wounded, he survived the war.

Commander Virts' talk has been presented to numerous camps. It is "The Enduring Faith of Confederates." Please show your hospitality by joining us at Rosa's Restaurant on Sunday, March 27. Socializing and lunch will begin at 1:00 PM and Mr. Virts lecture will begin shortly after 2:00 PM. Because there is another event in Rosa's activity room after ours, we must leave the room clean by 3:00 PM. Because of this we will take a break around 2:00 PM so that the waitresses can clear the room.

This brings me to a related matter. Rosa's is the last restaurant in the county where we can meet. From the restaurant's point of view, the free use of the room is based upon generating revenue for the restaurant. Please, if you do not arrive in time, order a drink and tip the waitress generously. We are beginning to have a hard time getting the room at our usual time so please help us by joining us for lunch.

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I have included a brief bio of Compatriot Virts. Michael Virts is Commander of the Fitzhugh Lee Camp 1805 in Spotsylvania County, Virginia and is Past Chaplain of Frank Stringfellow Camp # 822 of Fairfax County, Virginia. He has given a diverse variety of presentations throughout Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia to Civil War Round Tables, SCV Camps, UDC Chapters, Boy Scouts, public & private school history classes, city & county historical societies, genealogical societies, etc. Michael resides in Stafford County, Virginia and has a B.A. Degree in History from Mars Hill College in North Carolina. Some of his mid-nineteenth century ancestors served in the 4th Virginia Cavalry and the 30th Virginia Infantry during the war.



Some presentations Michael has given include: Religion in the War from 1861 to 1865: Chaplains, Protestants, Catholics, and Jews, damage to churches, clergy arrested, etc.; Montgomery County, Maryland during the War of 1861 to 1865: The war in the county boarding to the north of Washington, DC.; Point Lookout Prisoner-of-War Camp in Scotland, Maryland: The story of the largest prison camp on either side during the war; Assassination of Abraham Lincoln: Preceding the Assassination, Aftermath, the Accused, Reactions, etc.; Mosby's Rangers in Maryland: Sites and stories of Mosby's Rangers in Frederick & Montgomery Counties in Maryland; Women in the War from 1861 to 1865: Includes Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Surratt, Miss Kate Cumming, Mrs. Rose O'Neal Greenhow, etc.; Confederate Cherokees: General Stand Watie in Indian Territory (Oklahoma), Thomas' Legion of the Cherokees in North Carolina, Federal Government actions against the Cherokee Nation preceding the War, e.g., "Trail of Tears", war's aftermath in Cherokee country, etc.



150 Years ago - Chronological list of events in MARCH 1861

March 1, 1861:

- P. G. T. Beauregard appointed Brigadier General [CS] Louisiana.
- Jefferson Davis orders General P. G. T. Beauregard to Charleston South Carolina
- Texas accepted as a state by the provisional government of the Confederate States of America Texas
- The U. S. Congress rejects the Washington Peace Conference proposals.

March 2, 1861

- The U. S. Congress passes a proposed 13th Amendment stating that the Congress will not abolish or interfere with slavery where it exists. The amendment is never ratified.
- Texas Secessionist Convention reconvenes March 2, 1861 Congress passes the Morrill Tariff Bill.
- Congress adopts a proposed 13th Amendment, making it illegal to interfere with the "domestic institutions" of the states Proposed 13th Amendment

March 3, 1861:

- General P. G. T. Beauregard arrives at Charleston and assumes command of Confederate troops South Carolina.

March 4, 1861

- Confederate Convention in Montgomery adopts the "Stars and Bars" as the nation's flag.
- Abraham Lincoln is inaugurated President of the United States; 7 states had already seceded.

March 5, 1861

- The First Confederate Flag, known as the "Stars and Bars," is introduced Civil War Firsts
- Texas secessionist convention accepts Confederate statehood Texas

March 7, 1861:

- Salmon P. Chase appointed Secretary of the Treasury.

March 9, 1861

- The Coinage Bill is passed by the Confederate Congress, authorizing up to 50 million dollars in Confederate currency to be printed.

March 11, 1861:

- Braxton Bragg assumes command of Florida forces.

March 11, 1861:

- Confederate Congress at Montgomery adopts the Constitution unanimously.

March 13, 1861:

- The Confederate States of America attempts a peaceful adjustment of issues arising from separation (Forsyth and Crawford).
- Secretary of State William Seward, under the direction of the President, refuses.

March 16, 1861:

- Confederate provisional congress creates the Confederate Marine Corps. It never numbers more than 600 members and its records are destroyed on purpose near the end of the war.
- Edwin Vose Sumner promoted to Brigadier General and given command of the Department of the Pacific, replacing Albert Sidney Johnston.

March 18, 1861:

- By a vote of 39-35 the Arkansas convention defeats a secession motion. Instead, they vote to allow a general election in August to determine the question of secession.

March 21, 1861:

- Missouri secessionist convention adjourns having voted 98-1 against secession.

March 29, 1861:

- Abraham Lincoln decides to reinforce Fort Sumter.

March 29, 1861:

- Mississippi ratifies the Confederate Constitution Mississippi.

March 31, 1861:

- General John Bankhead Magruder reassigned from Arkansas to Texas.

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