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The Cannon Report

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Commander's Comments and Cannon Report

Our last meeting was with the JEB Stuart Camp and I thank them for their hospitality. We had eight members present for a very interesting and entertaining lecture. Our next meeting will be an abbreviated business only meeting at Rosa's Restaurant starting at 1:00 P.M. on May 22, 2011. The single topic for the meeting will be what we can do for Muster Day this coming October. This year is the sesquicentennial or 150th anniversary of the first Powhatan Troop Muster Day in 1861. The way things are going, by the time of the 200th anniversary we may not even be permitted to speak about the Confederacy (OK, so we will be gone by then, but it is your children that may lose their heritage). We have only this one time to commemorate the 150th anniversary, so I would like to see our Camp make an extra special effort this year.

The meeting will start at 1:00 P.M. and we will listen to member ideas and suggestions as we eat. No other business is anticipated other than to announce the schedule of events for the end of May and early June. We should be able to conclude business by 2:00 P.M. although I have the room booked until 3:00 P.M.

We have continued to clean up the Monument in the Courthouse Square and recently we planted some new ivy to help cover some of the bald spots. The monument will require some attention over the summer. Compatriot Mayfield has agreed to inspect the monument base for structural issues and report to us.

On May 30, 2011 at 2:00 P.M. the Confederate Memorial Day program at Huguenot Springs Cemetery will take place. Our camp will participate in the wreath laying ceremonies. SCV Commander in Chief Michael Givens will be the featured speaker. Mr. Givens is a relatively young and very well spoken individual and although I do not know the topic of his talk, I am sure that it will be entertaining. For those with transport needs, I will lead a car pool from the parking lot of the old Flat Rock Grocery Store at 1:30 P.M. For those traveling alone, there are usually direction signs on Rt 60 in Chesterfield County.

On June 2, the JEB Stuart Camp will have Commander in Chief Givens as the featured speaker at their regular meeting. Their meeting starts at 6 P.M. at the Grapevine II Restaurant where we met earlier this month. Members are welcome to attend especially if they will miss Michael Givens at the other events on May 30 and June 4.



Commander's Comments continued

On June 4 the 17th Annual National Jefferson Davis Memorial Service, a Sesquicentennial event, will take place at Hollywood Cemetery at 9 A.M. Commander in Chief Michael Givens will be the featured speaker for this event and our camp will participate in the wreath laying ceremonies. Again, for those that need a ride, I will lead a car pool from the old Flat Rock Grocery Store to Hollywood Cemetery. I anticipate that we must leave Flat Rock by 7:45 A.M. in order to navigate through rush hour and wind our way through Hollywood and find a parking place. I will have more information on the speaker that I will forward by e-mail several days before the Memorial Service.

Also, on the afternoon of June 4 at 5 P.M., we will share a cookout with the JEB Stuart Camp at Lt. Cmdr. James Cochrane's private 30-acre lake in Hanover County. It is anticipated that the cost for the picnic will be \$10.00 with all food and drink provided. Again, I will lead a car pool starting from the Courthouse at 4:00 PM. Directions to the Cochrane farm will also be available on our last e-mailing before the summer break.

A reminder to members about dues: you will receive your next dues bill in early August. Whatever is on the return address, please return your dues payment directly to Treasurer A.J. Seamons. His address is 2105 Old Homestead Place, Powhatan, VA. 23139.

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