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The Cannon Report

The Powhatan Troop, SCV Camp 1382

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Last Roll Call for George W. Settle

July 26, 1923 to April 12, 2012

Friend and Compatriot George W. Settle III, age 88, and a long time member of the Powhatan Troop, left us on April 12, 2012, for his new life with his Lord. George was a real Grandson of Williams Mansford Billhimer, Sgt, 10th VA Vol Infantry Regt, Co G. George will be greatly missed. I cannot remember George missing a meeting or a Camp event up until a year or so ago when he had to move into an assisted living facility located in Richmond. I can still hear George's voice leading us in the singing of Dixie, which he was always so enthusiastic to do. George allowed our Camp to put up a flag pole on his property along Old Buckingham Rd in Powhatan just south of the Powhatan Court House which he took great pride in displaying of the Fourth National Flag.

Commander's Comments

Our April meeting will be at the Museum of the Confederacy in downtown Richmond. Last month, we did get to see the flag of the Powhatan Troop in Appomattox. Although I had seen pictures of the flag before, its real life appearance was quite different from what I had expected. The attached photo that I took does not do it justice. If you get a chance to visit Appomattox in the future, do stop in the museum and take a look.

This month, we will meet in front of the museum entrance at 2:00 PM Sunday, April 22. The Museum is at 1201 E. Clay Street and on Sunday you should have little trouble with parking in the MCV parking deck at the end of Clay Street just a short distance from the Museum. The Museum will validate parking although I believe that parking is free on Sunday. Because of the distance, I will not try to lead a procession of cars from Powhatan. It is advisable to share rides however and I can take two people in my car.

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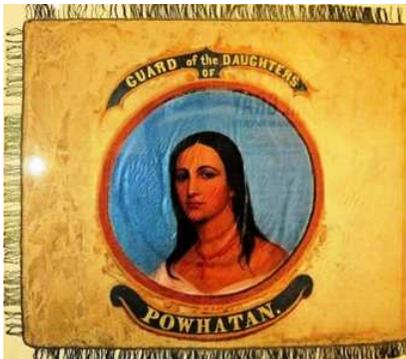


I have a number of passes, which I can give to your spouses. Even if you do not have your membership card, I will ask Dennis Campbell to bring the camp roster along and there should be no trouble getting everyone admitted. Because of staffing issues, I'm not sure who will receive us at the Museum, but they will try to let us see anything related to the Powhatan Troop.

Next month will be the last regular meeting of this year and it will be primarily business and elections for next year. We will have a picnic in June and regular meetings will resume in September.

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Commander Moody sent me this photo of the Powhatan Troop Flag which has been restored (left). The photo was taken at the Museum of the Confederacy, Appomattox, Virginia at the grand opening on March 31. The one in the middle is before the museum had it restored. The restoration was paid for by donations. I have also included a photo of the back of the Flag, which I have not seen before until recently. This side is sealed in glass with a backing preventing it from being displayed. The flag was made of silk and hand painted. It was returned to Powhatan early in the war to protect the flag, which was common practice as local militia were combined with other militia to form battalions, divisions and regiments, etc.



As the Cannon Report Editor, web master and the holder of most of the email addresses of the camp members. I appreciate being kept informed of events pertaining to our camp members, i.e., the death of Compatriot Settle. My schedule keeps me very busy between my job and family, and although emails are good, following up with a phone call (804-790-1239) is very helpful because I do not check my email accounts daily. I would also like to mention that coming up with topics for the Cannon Report is difficult at times. I would like to have some input from camp members and/or furnish me an article that you feel the camp members would be interested in. They can be mailed to me at 12403 Natural Bark Dr., Chesterfield, VA 23832 or emailed to scvcamp1382@yahoo.com.

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