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The Cannon Report

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VINDICE

South Carolina Secession Ordinance 150 Years ago on the twentieth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty South Carolina General Assembly adopted an Secession Ordinance by convention to dissolve the union between the State of South Carolina and other States united with her under the compact entitled "The Constitution of the United States of America. "We, the people of the State of South Carolina, in convention assembled, do declare and ordain, and it is hereby declared and ordained, That the ordinance adopted by us in convention on the twenty-third day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, whereby the Constitution of the United States of America was ratified, and also all acts and parts of acts of the General Assembly of this State ratifying amendments of the said Constitution, are hereby repealed; and that the union now subsisting between South Carolina and other States, under the name of the "United States



of America," is hereby dissolved. *Pictured above in the Harper's Weekly published in December 1860 is The South Carolina Congressional Delegation (More about 150 years ago following the Commanders comments)*

Commander's Comments

Your Commander extends a very heartfelt New Year to all of our compatriots for 2011. I am so emphatic, because I spent the holidays in the hospital and almost did not make it to the New Year. To our members who also serve on the Powhatan Rescue Squad, I owe you all a big debt. By the time you read this I should be nearly fully recovered and definitely happy to meet you at our January meeting. This month our meeting will again be at Rosa's Restaurant with lunch starting at 1:00 P.M. and the meeting at 2:00 P.M. The prices at Rosa's are the most reasonable in the county and the portions are generous. I encourage members to join us there for lunch, lest we lose the last venue in the county with a no-cost meeting room. Because snowy weather may be an issue for the next two months, please call me at (804) 598-8589 on the Sunday morning of our meeting to see if the meeting has been cancelled. If I am at church or outside, I will leave an appropriate message on my answering machine. We have rarely had to cancel a meeting but if you have any doubts, just call me and we can avoid any member taking an unnecessary risk to attend our meetings.

Commander's Comments continued

This month Compatriot William P. Jervy, Jr. will speak to us about his Confederate ancestor. Afterwards, my wife, Pat Moody will present a brief talk about genealogy and specifically how she was able to trace new member Tim Leftwich's Confederate history. For years, Tim had expressed an interest in membership, but had no information about his family history in Virginia. We were finally able to induct Tim into the Camp at our Christmas party on December 18, 2010. Pat and I enjoyed hosting the party this year and we hope that all that were there had a good time. In terms of business, I can report that our IRS tax filing for the fiscal year ending July 31, 2010 has been done. Thus, all of our legal down. On that note, I again wish you a happy new year and hope to see you at our January meeting.

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December was a busy month for our Camp, with the Powhatan Christmas Parade and the Camp's Christmas party. The turnout for the Parade was good; although, we have had better turnouts. The weather was excellent (warming up to rain); however, it did not rain on our parade until it was over. Once again, thanks to all that could turn out to participate and a special thanks to past Commander George T. Lee III for organizing the event. Commander Moody and his wife Pat did an excellent job hosting the Christmas party. There was enough food to feed an army, Confederate army of course.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Powhatan Troop's compatriots, to wish Commander Moody Godspeed on his journey to a full recovery.



January 11, 1861 HEADLINE: Gov. Pickens demands Union forces to leave Fort Sumter! **The first Shots Fired were on January 9, 1861 and were not fired at Ft Sumter!**

Americans were anxious as 1861 began. South Carolina had recently seceded from the Union, and President James Buchanan declared that the federal government had no legal right to stop it. While the South Carolina state militia began massing in Charleston Harbor, many still believed that a state could not defy the federal government for long, and there would be no violence. In Charleston Harbor, a Federal garrison was isolated at Fort Sumter and soon in need of supplies. South Carolina had prohibited any assistance to the garrison. After weeks of contemplation, President Buchanan dispatched *Star of the West*, a merchant vessel, to reinforce Fort Sumter. On January 9, South Carolina artillery fired on the ship as it arrived in the harbor. These were considered the first shots of the war, and the ship turned back, leaving the garrison isolated. There were nearly 300 troops on the island that morning. Most of them were from local rifle regiments, although 40 were cadets from The Citadel. Just after 7 a.m., Maj. P.F. Stephens ordered the cadets to fire a shot across the ship's bow, a warning that it should turn around. The cadet who pulled the lanyard was G.E. Haynsworth, and he would go down in local history as the man who fired the first shot of the War of Northern Aggression.

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