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The Cannon Report

The Powhatan Troop, SCV Camp 1382



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Commander's Comments

Compatriots: Our January meeting will be at The Italian Delight, with lunch at 1:00 and the meeting at 2:00 on January 27th. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Sam Wilson, Park Ranger at Sailor's Creek. He will be talking about the three battles at Sailor's Creek. We will also be discussing whether to move our meetings to a weekday night. The more members who attend the meeting to let me know their opinion the better it will be for the camp.

Kenneth Phibbs, Commander

Cannon Report

I hope all had a wonderful Holiday season. In case you are wondering there was no Cannon Report in December since the Camp's only activity was the Christmas Parade and all members who normally participate in the parade were contacted by Commander Phibbs. After the parade, we gathered at Commander Phibbs home for a social.

Commander Phibbs mentioned above that we are considering changing the monthly Camp meeting day to a weekday in an effort to increase Camp membership attendance. Some of our members have expressed to me in the past that they are unable to attend due to obligations to their Church on Sunday afternoons. If you are unable to attend this month's meeting due to any reason, but would like to express your thoughts, please contact me or any Camp officer before the 27th and we will relay your thoughts during the Camp meeting's discussion.

Since our guest speaker will be speaking on Sailor's Creek, I have included some basic info in this month's Cannon Report along with a battle map. Sailor's Creek Battlefield Historical State Park's Visitor Center exhibits feature state-of-the-art holographic storytellers and artifacts native to the battles of Sailor's Creek. Open year-round, except for Thanksgiving and Christmas, the Center is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from noon until 5 p.m. A gift shop and the park office are also located in the building.

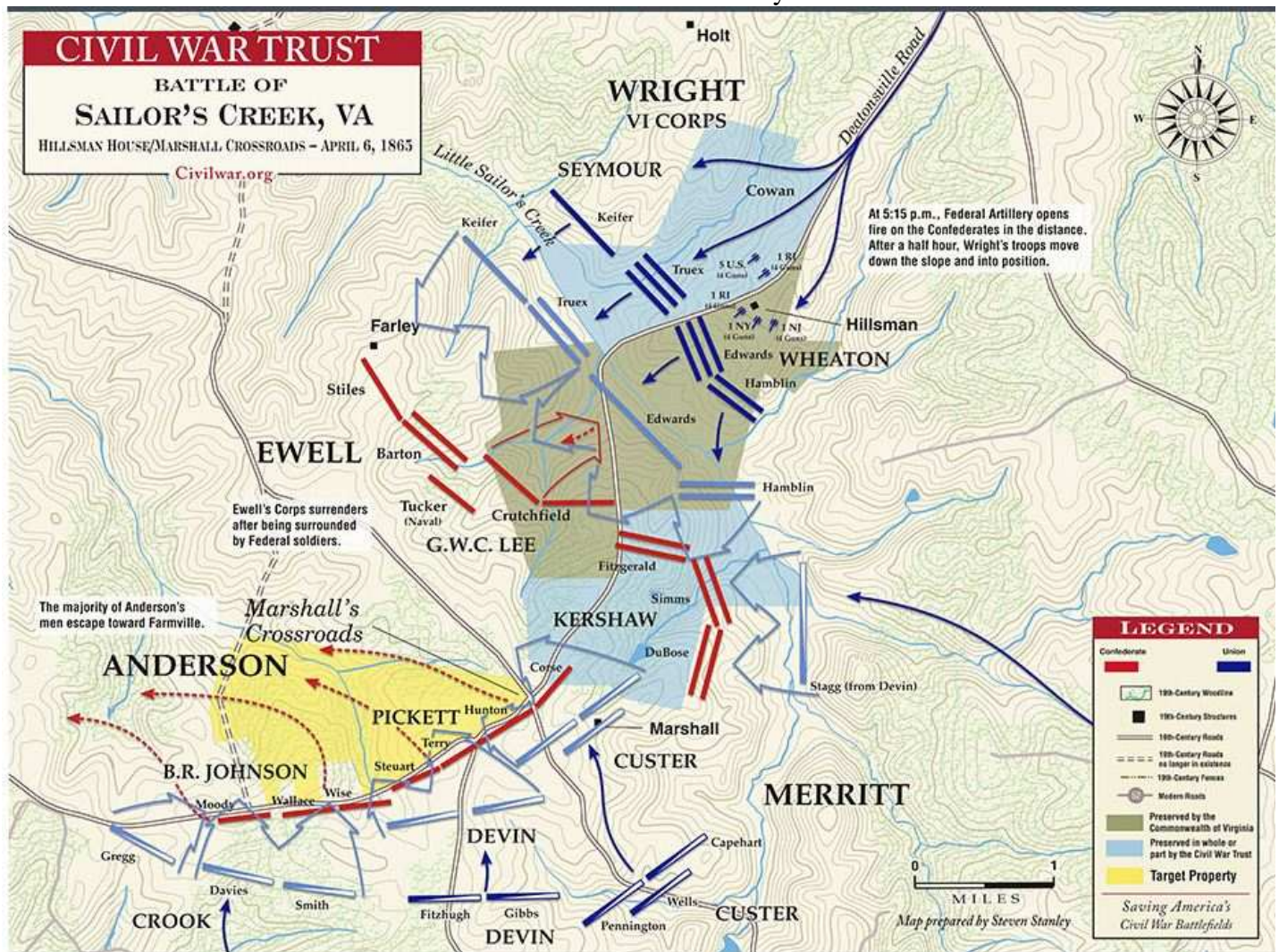
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LOCATION: The park is at 6541 Sayler's Creek Road, Rice, Va. From U.S. 460, take Route 617 (Saylers Creek Rd.) to Sailor's Creek Battlefield State Park. From U.S. 360, take State Route 307 (connecting highway between U.S. 360 and U.S. 460) to Route 617 North (Sayler's Creek Rd.)

Battle of Sailor's Creek

On April 6, 1865, the Black Thursday of the Confederacy, Gen. Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia lost 7,700 men, including several generals. Union cavalry under Phil Sheridan effectively cut off three corps of Lee's army, near Marshall's Crossroads while the Union Second and Sixth Corps approached from the east. In three distinct engagements, the Federals overwhelmed the defending Confederates, depriving Lee of roughly one-fourth of his army. Among the prisoners were several Confederate generals, Ewell, Kershaw, Custis Lee (General Lee's son), Seth M. Barton, James P. Simms, Meriwether Lewis Clark, Sr., Dudley M. Du Bose, Eppa Hunton, and Montgomery D. Corse. To President Jefferson Davis, Lee wrote, "a few more Sailor's Creeks and it will all be over." Lee surrendered three days later.



Hope to see you at this month's meeting and may all of you have a prosperous and Happy New Year.

Paul M. Houser
Cannon Report Editor