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# The Cannon Report

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### **June 6, 2009 - National Memorial Service for celebrating the birthday of Jefferson Finis Davis at the Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond Virginia**

Powhatan Troop Members present: Picture to the left, Compatriots (Bishop) Dennis Campbell, Past Commander George T. Lee III, **Lt. Commander-in-Chief SCV General Staff** Michael Givens and Lt. Commander Michael Pogue. In the picture to the right, they are joined by Compatriots Owen Walker and Ross Campbell.

### **The Cannon Report/Commanders Comments**

The June meeting will be our Camp's annual Picnic on the 28th at the Fighting Creek Park off of Mann Road - Powhatan, Virginia. We have the park's pavilion from 1 to 4. The meal will be around 2:00. The Camp will furnish the entrées (chicken and pork BBQ) and the beverages. I am furnishing the plates, plastic cutlery, bread and coleslaw. Please bring a side dish, etc. I have included a map of the park's location.

This will be the last Camp meeting until September; however, we have the Labor Day Parade coming up before the September meeting. This will be discussed at the Picnic. We had a great turnout at the last Labor Day Parade and I would like to see an even bigger one this year. We have more Confederate State flags to carry. It is a lot of fun but requires a lot of walking, about 1.2 miles. If you are able to walk and carry a flag, I would greatly appreciate your participation in this event. This is one of the best vessels for letting the citizens of Powhatan County know and understand that we are a community organization. I can really use the camp members help on this. We have several members that have medical problems but still turn out for this because they realize the significance of these events. I will publish a Cannon Report in August with names and contact info for participation. There will not be a Cannon Report in July.



The following letter was submitted and published in the “Powhatan Today” newspaper on June 17<sup>th</sup> 2009 in the Opinion/My point of view section.

Many thanks to Lt. Commander Michael Pogue, Bishop Dennis Campbell and Past Commander George Lee for their assistance in responding to a letter published April 15 in the opinion section of the *Powhatan Today* news paper tilted “*Recent leaflets cast light on painful past*” in which the term “confederates” were referenced as “.....racist, supremacy groups (i.e. KKK, confederate whatever they call themselves) as if they are protecting the ideals of America’s Founding Fathers’ principles. The KKK/Confederates are terrorists (American home-grown terrorists), relics of an ugly past....”

**Mission of Confederate history organization often grossly misunderstood**

Paul Houser  
Commander, Powhatan Troop,  
Sons of Confederate Veterans

Recently, an article was published as “My Point Of View” in Powhatan Today. The author attributed to recent distribution of some literature to ‘KKK/Confederate/Terrorists.’ The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Camp 1382, The Powhatan Troop, condemns racism and hate in the strongest possible terms. We stand with all people of good faith in the struggle to achieve a colorblind America with “liberty and justice for all.”

The SCV was founded in 1896 and exists to fulfill the charge delivered to us by Stephen Dill Lee, which states in Part: “To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit the vindication of the cause for which we fought; to your strengths will be given the defense of the Confederate soldiers’ good name, the guardianship of history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish...”

Every member of our camp has taken an oath to this effect. We attempt to fulfill this charge by perpetuating accurate history, erecting roadside historical markers, marching in parades, maintaining cemeteries and restoring vandalized ones along with granting scholarships. We do not drop racist literature in people’s driveways. The Sons of Confederate Veterans, like the Confederates we honor, are not “terrorists,” “relics of an ugly past” or “serial killers.”

Most Americans link the Confederacy with hate, racism and slavery.

Some groups have even stolen our flags and symbols, distorting their image to symbolize their ideologies. When the North won the war, it also won the power to write its official but deceptive history. Justifying the whole scale war on law-abiding, Southern people required demonizing the South and glorifying the North. This was accomplished by means of a myth portraying Southerners as illiterate racists who caused the deaths of hundreds of thousands of people in a war to protect their “right” to hold people in bondage. Northerners were portrayed as enlightened humanitarians who fought only to free the slaves and rid the nation of racism and hate. The North dedicated itself to the myth in order to justify Lincoln’s illegal act of war against the sovereign states of the Confederacy. Generations of Americans have been indoctrinated into this myth. Abraham Lincoln said, “My paramount objective in this struggle is to save the Union, and it is not either to save or destroy slavery.” Robert E. Lee said, “There are few, I believe, in this enlightened age, who will not acknowledge that slavery is a moral and political evil.”

Lee also rejoiced to see slavery eradicated from our shores, and said he would gladly have suffered the loss of all the war cost him to see the end of slavery. The overwhelming majority of Southerners agreed with him, including thousands of free blacks that volunteered as soldiers in the Confederate Army. Many of their descendants are members of the SCV.

Our members attempt to live exemplary lives in order to fulfill the charge that we have been given to “guard, emulate and perpetuate” our historic values.

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SCV Camp 1382  
The POWHATAN TROOP  
**ANNUAL PICNIC**

**JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup>**  
**1:00 TO 4:00**  
**AT**  
**FIGHTING CREEK PARK**  
**MANN ROAD ~ POWHATAN, VIRGINIA**

This 220 acre park is home to the Powhatan Public Library, the National Guard Armory, the YMCA, numerous athletic fields, a large playground, walking trails, and picnic shelters. An expansion of the park is in the planning stages.

