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The Cannon Report

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The 2009 Muster Day Program (from left to right) Our guest speaker, Mr. Bobby Wilcox, speaking on the history of the Powhatan Troop, Past Commander William P. Jervey reading the names of those who died in the service of the Powhatan Troop and the placing of the Wreath, by Past Commander's, Billy Kornagay and George T. Lee III.

The Cannon Report/Commander's Comments

The 2009 Muster Day Program was a great success thanks to a lot of hard work by several Compatriots. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all that contributed and attended. I personally received several compliments on the program. Our guest speaker, Mr. Bobby Wilcox, did an outstanding job on the history of the Powhatan Troop and the significance that our SCV Camp plays in the preservation of the true history for now and for the generations to come. Past Commander, William Jervey gave a solemn presentation of those from the Powhatan Troop who died while serving their Country. On an interesting note, the Muster Day Program was started by Commander Jervey, circa 1998. Our Lt Commander, Michael Pogue, once again presented our live southern music selections with the assistance of fellow musicians, Miss Kayla Nielsen and Mike Jarvis. Last but not least, a special thanks to Captain Mike Hallinen and the 59th Virginia Infantry Regiment, Co I, for the touch of realism.

The November meeting will be on the 22nd at the Village Garden Café; lunch at 1 and the meeting at 2. Since the Fall season is always busy with Camp events I have reserved this meeting for Camp business. The Christmas party is coming up soon and I will be mailing announcements early in December once planning is completed at this upcoming meeting. We also have the Christmas Parade coming up on December 19th. We need your participation in this community event and will be discussing this at the upcoming meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting but plan on participating in the Parade, you can contact me by email at scvcamp1382@yahoo.com or call me at 804-389-2333 after the 22nd or contact past Commander, George Lee at 804-598-7922.

I have included more pictures from the Muster Day Program. I plan to post pictures on our Camp's Internet site. If you have pictures you would like to have posted, please send them to me by email or CD.



Pictures above are Lt Commander Michael Pogue in Uniform, Mike Jarvis, and Miss Kayla Nielsen. Captain Mike Hallinen and the 59th Virginia Infantry Regiment, Co I. For those of you that have not attended your Camp meetings at the Village Garden Café, I have included a picture of the types of food and it taste even better than it looks.

Mr. Bobby Wilcox is currently President of the Friends of Sailor's Creek State Park and has played a major role in the preservation and renovations of this significant historical battlefield. Thanks to the 2002 Virginia State Parks General Obligation Bond, Sailor's Creek Battlefield is on its way to becoming a major attraction just in time for the Civil War Sesquicentennial. The Historic Hillsman House has reopened to the public after renovations that stabilized the structure. If you have not been by there lately, there is a new visitor center.

Due to the recent events at Sailor's Creek State Park, I have included a little information on the battle. *General Lee's Army fled Petersburg and Richmond, planning to converge and meet a supply train at Amelia. The expected supplies did not arrive. Then disaster struck. Lee's column bogged down along Sailor's Creek near Rice, and Federals overtook them on April 6, 1865. On April 6th, at Sailor's Creek, nearly one fourth of the retreating Confederate army was cut off by Sheridan's Cavalry and elements of the II and VI Corps. Most surrendered, including Confederate generals Richard S. Ewell, Barton, Simms, Kershaw, Custis Lee, Dubose, Hunton, and Corse. Total Confederated losses have been estimated at approximately 8,000. Upon seeing the survivors streaming along the road, Lee exclaimed "My God, has the army dissolved?"*

