The Cannon Report

The Powhatan Troop, SCV Camp 1382

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit vindication of the Cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations." Stephen Dill Lee, Lt. Gen., CSA; Presiding Officer, 16th Annual Reunion, United Confederate Veterans, New Orleans, Louisiana, 25-27 Apr 1906

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DEO VINDICE

At the September meeting, the new Camp Officers were sworn in by the past camp commander. From left to right: Rev. Dr. R. Dennis Campbell, *Camp Chaplain*; Malcolm (Skeeter) Campbell, Jr., *Color Sergeant*; Stuart Townes, *Quarter Master*; Andrew Seamons, Jr., Treasurer; Michael Pogue, *Adjutant*; John Moody, *Commander*; Paul Houser, *past Commander*.
Once again, many thanks to Pat Moody for the photograph.

Commander's Comments

Fall is definitely in the air, so it must be time for our annual Muster Day activities. The Muster Day will be held on the Powhatan County Courthouse grounds, at 2:00 P.M., Sunday, October 24. Please encourage family members and friends to attend. We will have the usual re-enactors and music. Our Camp Chaplain, Dr. Dennis Campbell will speak on "The Cause" and light refreshments will be served afterwards.

Our paid membership now stands at about 35 or 2/3rds of our membership. I would like to thank those members who have remitted their dues, in their entirety, without any reminders. As we have not yet received membership cards from National HQ, do not be alarmed if you have not received yours. By the time you read this message, all the checks received by us, so far, should have cleared your bank. If yours has not, please check with Treasurer Seamons to be sure that your check was received.

Adjutant Mike Pogue has already mailed a reminder notice to those that have not paid. To make matters more urgent, I would like to remind you that members not paid by October 31, will be required to pay reinstatement fees of $10.00 in addition to their regular dues. It is also necessary to remind you that we would have to receive your payment by October 26 in order to post your payments to the Virginia Division and National HQ for delivery by October 30 (October 31 is a Sunday).

If you have lost your dues notice, you can download a replacement billing form from the Virginia Division website, but you will have to include an extra $10 for using this form. Your Camp has no control over this penalty as it is imposed by the Virginia Division. Your Camp officers do not like this fee any more than you do so please try to avoid it.

Commander's Comments continued:

   If you know that you will miss the October 26 deadline mentioned above for remitting your dues to the Powhatan Troop, download a reinstatement form from the Virginia Division website. Use this form instead of the replacement dues billing form and include an extra $10 for reinstatement fees ($5 to National HQ and $5 to the Virginia Division) for a total of $55 for the 2010-2011 dues year. Once we get the dues matters settled, I hope we can look forward to some fun activities this year. Once again, please make an effort to attend our Muster Day at Powhatan Courthouse.

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   I have inserted several pictures below to be reminiscent of what this month's event, Muster Day, is in recognition of. We gather to honor the first Muster Day of the Powhatan Troop. The Powhatan Troop was organized two years before the War of Northern Aggression in anticipation of other acts of terrorism similar to that of John Browns raid on Harpers Ferry. This was the first company of Cavalry to volunteer after Virginia seceded from the Union, and was at the first battle of Manassas, as bodyguard to General Beaureguard. On the re-organization of the Confederate Army, the troop was placed in the Fourth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, commanded by General William C. Wickham as Company E. The brigade was composed of the First, Second, Third and Fourth Cavalry regiment commanded by General Fitz Lee. Company E served through the entire war from 1861-1865 and had 177 members. It was formerly known as Capt. John F. Lay's Co. VA Cav. The regiment completed its organization at Sangster's Cross Roads, Prince William County, Virginia, in September, 1861. The unit was assigned to General J. E. B. Stuart's, F. Lee's, Wickham's, and Munford's Brigade, Army of Northern Virginia. This company was detached from the 4th regiment in 1861 and attached to General Beauregard's Headquarters. (1st Corps, Army of the Potomac) until ordered to the regiment in January 1882. It participated in the Battle of Williamsburg, the Seven Days' Battles, and the Second Manassas and Maryland campaigns. Later, the unit was involved in the conflicts at Fredricksburg, Kelly's Ford, Chancellorsville, Brandy Station, Upperville, Gettysburg, Bristoe, Mine Run, The Wilderness, Todd's Tavern, Spotsylvania, Haw's Shop, and Bethesda Church. The 4th went on to fight in the Shenandoah Valley with Early and around Appomattox. It totaled 450 effectives in April, 1862, and lost about three percent of the 544 engaged at Gettysburg.

   Please join us this year in not only honoring the Powhatan Troop but your Confederate ancestors and your Southern Heritage as well. As past Commander, I know first hand how much effort that it requires to put this program together. Your presence helps make this event a success.

Powhatan Troop reunion, July 1896

Powhatan Troop Flag

"Erected to Keep in Tender Rememberance"

Paul M Houser,

Cannon Report Editor