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## **Patrick Falci portrays A.P. Hill for The Powhatan Civil War Roundtable *PCWRT Raises Funds for Flag Preservation!***

On June 15th, members and guests of The Powhatan Civil War Roundtable enjoyed a lively and informative presentation from actor and historian, Patrick Falci.



***Actor Patrick Falci as A.P. Hill***

Falci, best known for his portrayal of General A.P. Hill in the film *Gettysburg*, once again donned the red shirt, famously worn in battle by the Confederate General, and enacted the life and legend of A.P. Hill before an appreciative audience.

Passionate about Civil War history in general, and General Ambrose Powell Hill specifically, Patrick Falci has turned his passion into a way of life. Speaking for school children and roundtables alike, his enthusiasm is catching, and has led him to become one of the most popular and recognizable figures on the Civil War lecture circuit.

A talented performer, Patrick Falci is also a noted historian, acting as historical advisor on *Gettysburg* and its prequel, *Gods and Generals*.

Additionally, Falci has assisted author Jeff Shaara (*Gods & Generals* and *The Last Full Measure*) on Shaara's latest venture, *Jeff Shaara's Civil War Battlefields*,

providing his Civil War knowledge as historian, and supplying many of the photographs in the book. As Falci informed the group, *Jeff Shaara's Civil War Battlefields* is more than just a guide book, it also endeavors to save our history, with a percentage of each book sold, donated to battlefield preservation.

Another project near to the heart of Mr. Falci is the Museum of the Confederacy's conservation effort for the 13th Virginia Battle Flag. The MOC notes, "Col. Thomas Crittenden donated the flag to Museum in January 1892 stating, "I have the honor herewith to present to the Ladies of the Confederate Museum ...the flag of the 13th Virginia Infantry. This flag was made of the Bridal Robes of Mrs. Genl. A.P. Hill and was presented to the regiment ...in the winter of 1864..." This flag is completely intact, but the silk is very fragile and it must be conserved and framed in order to be displayed."

So, with the hope that the members of The Powhatan Civil War Roundtable might take up a collection for the preservation of the A.P. Hill Flag, Patrick declined a speaking fee.

Not surprisingly, the members of the PCWRT came through! The organization itself donated \$100.00 and after the membership "passed the hat" we raised another \$140.00!! The following day, Patrick presented the proceeds to Museum of the Confederacy flag curator, Rebecca Rose. Thank you for your generosity!



***Patrick Falci and Rebecca Rose***