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# 126TH CONVENTION WRAP-UP

Post-Division Convention Communiqué

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## 126TH DIVISION CONVENTION NATURAL BRIDGE, VIRGINIA 7-10 OCTOBER 2021 “NATURAL BEAUTY”

Virginia Daughters,

Thank you all for helping make our 126th Annual Division Convention such a success!!

It was so good to see everyone  
My sincere thanks to all who attended and to the hotel staff who made our stay enjoyable.

Best wishes to Third District for hosting the 127<sup>th</sup> Virginia Division Convention

*Jennifer Thomson*  
Committee Chairman  
126th Division Convention



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## 2021-2023 VIRGINIA DIVISION OFFICERS

- ★ President – Ms. Sharon Loving (General Stuart Chapter 2195)
- ★ Vice President – Mrs. Dawn Diehl (Loudoun Chapter 170)
- ★ 2nd Vice President Mrs. Janet Perkins (Halifax Chapter 1321)
- ★ 3rd Vice President – Mrs. Jennifer Thomson (General William R. Terry Chapter 580)
- ★ Recording Secretary – Mrs. Suzanne Robinson (Centennial-Maury Chapter 2296)
- ★ Treasurer – Mrs. Pamela Curtin (Madison Chapter 1093)
- ★ Registrar – Mrs. Donna “Dixie” Robinson (Rebecca Lloyd Tabb Chapter 107)
- ★ Historian – Mrs. Robin King (Richmond-Stonewall Jackson Chapter 1705)
- ★ Recorder of MSA – Mrs. Milbrey Bartholow (Fredericksburg Chapter 163)

### Appointive Officers

- ★ Corresponding Secretary – Mrs. Rebecca Ferguson (Kirkwood Otey 10)
- ★ Assistant Registrar – Mrs. Connie Schroeder (Fredericksburg Chapter 163)

### District Chairmen

- ★ 1st District: Mrs. Judith Lienhardt (Southern Cross Chapter 746)
- ★ 2nd District: Mrs. Leslie Mehaffey (General William R. Terry Chapter 580)
- ★ 3rd District: Ms. Susan Reynolds (Appomattox Chapter 11)
- ★ 4th District: Mrs. Charlotte Clinger (Fairfax Chapter 1410)
- ★ 5th District: Mrs. Susan Hudson (Lancaster County Chapter 1406)
- ★ 6th District: Mrs. Nancy Leonard (Stonewall Chapter 1388)

### 2022 District Conferences

- ★ March 19<sup>th</sup> - 6th District
- ★ March 26<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> District
- ★ April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> District – Rockbridge Chapter
- ★ April 9 – 4<sup>th</sup> District
- ★ April 15-17 – EASTER
- ★ April 23 – 3<sup>rd</sup> District – Mildred Lee Chapter 74
- ★ April 30 – 1<sup>st</sup> District

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## 126TH CONVENTION NOTES

### **Virginia Division Convention Numbers**

We had 137 registered with 130 in attendance. There were 45 chapters registered by delegates, 12 Division Officers including the 2 Division Appointive Officers. 4 of the 6 District Chairmen were present, along with 3 Past Division Presidents, 4 Honorary Division Presidents and 2 Honorary Presidents of General.

Voting strength was 102, with 52 needed to elect.

Lynn Willis, thank you once again for keeping track of us all and for ensuring that Sunday's election ran smoothly.



### **From the Editor:**

*This issue concludes my term as Division Corresponding Secretary. I have enjoyed reading all the articles and looking at the pictures sent to me for inclusion in the past two years of ODB issues. Your new Division officers and high lights from our 126<sup>th</sup> Division Convention, as well as one article, are included in this issue. May the next two years be good ones!*

*Janet Perkins, Outgoing Corresponding Secretary  
& Incoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President*

## EVENTS

### **Virginia Daughters Luncheon, Friday afternoon**

*Speaker Mr. Sam Winkler presenting -  
"President Jefferson Davis: The Women in My Life"*

*L to R: Mr. Sam Winker (President Davis) and Mrs. Robin Davis King*



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## Historical Evening, Friday night

Historical Evening is always special. Sadly, we had no recipients for the Cross of Military Service or National Defense Medal. The Homeland Defense Service Medal was bestowed on our own Ms. Therese W. DeSanto. This year we were to recognize two Judah P. Benjamin recipients, Mr. Clayton Shepherd and Mr. Josh Phillip. Unfortunately, Mr. Phillip was in a car accident on his way; he had emergency surgery but is doing fine.

### Homeland Defense Service Medal

- ★ Ms. Therese Wilkerson DeSanto, MSN, RN



*Historical Evening: Division Officers L to R, Bottom row: Pam Curtin, Annette Wetzal, Sharon Loving, Kelly Fahel, Mary Wasenko. L to R, Top Row: Donna Robinson, Suzi Robinson, Therese DeSanto, Pamela Smith, Angela Smith, Janet Perkins*

## Memorial Service, Saturday morning

We mourned 41 Daughters who were lost over the past year, including 6 Real Granddaughters, 1 Past General Office, 1 Honorary President of Virginia, 2 Past Virginia Presidents, and 2 Honorary President of General. The Memorial wreath was taken to the Natural Bridge Baptist Church and placed at the grave of a Confederate Soldier.



*L to R: Memorial Committee Chairman Teresa Roane & Division President Sharon Loving with the Memorial Wreath*

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## Presidents Evening, Saturday night

What can you say? The food was wonderful; The Chapter reports were to be focused on the organization of your chapter, but some chapters didn't get the memo.....

## Banners

- ★ Minnie C. Eller Banner: 5th District  
*Awarded to the best District achieving the organization's goals and objectives (based on points – see the Minutes for details)*
- ★ Randolph-Walke Banner: 5th District  
*Awarded to the District that has seen the largest increase in net membership*
- ★ Alice Whitley Jones Banner: Loudoun Chapter 170  
*Awarded to the Chapter that has completed the best historical project*
- ★ Mrs. John S. Goldsmith Banner: Farmville Chapter 45, 3<sup>rd</sup> District,  
*Awarded to Chapter giving the most support to the CofC of Virginia.*



## Vice President's Awards

- **Ordering the most Division Insignia**  
7-40 members: General William R. Terry #580  
41+ members: Fredericksburg #163
- **Ordering the most General Insignia**  
7-40 members: Thirteenth Virginia Regiment #441  
41+ members: Mary Custis Lee-17th Virginia Regiment #7

## Treasurer's Awards

- **Returning the earliest Per Capita Tax Report**  
7-40 members: Lee Chapter #1842  
41+ members: Anne Eliza Johns #164
- **Returning the earliest Financial Report**  
7-40 members: Madison #1093  
41+ members: Lancaster County #1406
- **Each check award was \$15.00.**

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## Registrar's Awards

- **Chapter Enrolling the Most New Members to UDC**  
Winner: General Stuart 2195

## Historian's Awards

- **Best Overall Historical Work**  
7-40 members: Centennial – Maury 2296  
41+ members: Mary Custis Lee-17th Virginia Regiment #7
- **Placing the Largest Number of Books in Schools and Libraries**  
7-40 members: Isle of Wight 699  
41+ members: Fredericksburg 163
- **Best Chapter Scrapbook**  
7-40 members: Isle of Wight 699  
41+ members: Fredericksburg 163
- **Best Chapter Yearbook**  
7-40 members: Rockbridge 2568  
41+ members: Richmond-Stonewall Jackson 1705

## Recorder of Military Service Awards

- **Chapter Bestowing the Most Military Service Awards – TIE**  
Jefferson Davis 2477  
Loudoun 170

## Magazine Awards

- **Chapter with the Largest Number of New Subscriptions**  
7-40 members: Suffolk 173  
41+ members: Mary Custis Lee-17th Virginia Regiment #7
- **Giving the Most Subscriptions to Libraries and Institutions**  
7-40 members: Norfolk County Greys/Niemeyer-Shaw 2535  
41+ members: Turner Ashby 162

## Publicity Awards

- **Best Chapter Newsletter**  
J.E.B. Stuart 156

## Historical Essay Awards

- **“Robert E. Lee and the Campaign in West Virginia”**  
Winner – Susan Reynolds, Appomattox 11
- **“Silent witness: Lulu’s Doll Comes Home”**  
Winner – Donna A. Bremmer, Farmville 45

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## 127TH ANNUAL VIRGINIA DIVISION CONVENTION

Third District extended the invitation to the 127th Virginia Division Convention, to be held **Sept. 29, 30 and October 1–2, 2022** in Lynchburg, Virginia at the Lynchburg Grand Hotel (*Holiday Inn*) *Even though the name has changed, the management staff is pretty much the same. They have always made us feel welcome. Mark your calendar & see you next year!*



*Downtown Lynchburg Grand Hotel*

## CHAPTER NEWS ITEM THAT MISSED SEPTEMBER ISSUE'S DEADLINE

**Fairfax Chapter 1410**

**Submitted by Jennifer Smith**

On June 5, 2021, Fairfax Chapter 1410 members gathered at the Fairfax City Cemetery, Fairfax, Virginia, to hold its annual Confederate Memorial Day Commemoration and wreath laying at the Confederate monument. During the service Chapter President Virginia Norton read the names of those interred in the chapter's plot which include past Chapter Presidents as well as Confederate soldiers. During the ceremony a WWII posthumous Cross of Military Service Award was bestowed on Leland W. Smith, Sr. His granddaughter, Chapter Registrar Jennifer Smith accepted it on behalf of her father who was unable to attend. Earlier this year, chapter member Charlotte Clinger was elected as Fourth district chairman and will take office in October at Division Convention.



**June 5, 2021 - Confederate Memorial Day Commemoration at Fairfax Cemetery are Fairfax 1410 Chapter members Nancy Stringfellow, Charlotte Clinger, Jennifer Smith, and Virginia Norton**

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*From Sylvia K. Sadler, Wythe Grey Chapter 136*

Thank you. I want to thank everyone for the cards. I enjoyed reading every one. I'm still working on getting better. Seeing a different neurosurgeon on Tuesday. I apparently don't have any good discs in my back and neck, so I have to be careful. Thank you all again and God Bless.

**& A COUPLE MORE PICTURES FROM CONVENTION~~~**



*From Saturday's Memorial Service: L to R:  
Pam Curtin, Donna Robinson, Janet Perkins, Angela Smith, Pamela Smith, Suzi Robinson, Sharon Loving, Annette Wetzel, Kelly Fahel, Helen Webster, & Mary Wasenko*

*Division President Sharon Loving Having a Humorous Moment.*

