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## FROM VIRGINIA DIVISION PRESIDENT:

*SHARON LOVING*

Ladies,

My first year as your President has, to say the least, been very unusual. I would like to give you a recap of the 2019-2020 year.

I attended the Lee Chapel Service commemoration of General Lee's death on October 14th and was honored to be in attendance when Past President Ginger Stephens presented the check for the proceeds from the Lee Tree fundraiser. I attended the Loudoun Chapter dedication of twelve Iron Crosses for members of Mosby Rangers on October 19th. The next day I traveled to Fort Lowry Chapter for the Memorial Marker Dedication for Gay Packett, the founder and first President of the chapter. On behalf of Virginia Division, I attended the General Convention in Atlanta, where once again I had travel problems - first my phone died and then the rental car had a flat tire.

I presided at the Lee-Jackson Commemorative Service in the old House of Delegates at the State Capitol in January. If you who attended recall, I started out that evening by setting off the detector on the security screen because of my hip replacement! Twenty beautiful wreaths were presented by the UDC, CofC, SCV and other historical groups. We were very excited to have the CofC and the SCV participate in this special evening. Everyone enjoyed the program, "What must he have thought?" presented by Mr. Richard Perkins. He kept us all entertained from Good Evening to Thank you.

Our District Chairman and Hostess Chapters were busy with the final touches for our Spring Conferences when the pandemic hit and everything came to a screeching halt. All of our District



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Conferences had to be cancelled. Then the Commonwealth of Virginia raised its ugly head and voted for the removal of the War Memorials and Statutes.

Protests, rioting ensued. Our beautiful Memorial Building along with many other local establishments were looted or torched.

The Virginia Division CofC held their convention by ZOOM thanks to their Director Mary Wasenko. They are hoping that next June they will be able to hold their convention at Pamplin Park.

In September I met with the Division Convention Chairman, Suzanne Townsend to discuss our upcoming Division Convention. After our President General used the Emergency Bylaws Power and canceled the General Convention which was to be held here in Richmond in November we realized to keep our members safe we would have to cancel our Division Convention and handle all needed business by email.

And so - our 31 August 2020 year came to an end with all of us working together to remember our Ancestors and to rededicate ourselves to the reason we are members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Moving forward we are planning the Finance Committee and Executive Committee to hold their meetings in February, starting our District Conferences in March and Division Convention in October at the Natural Bridge

Please accept my thanks and gratitude for your efforts, your compassion, kindness and patience as we weather this storm.

*“Planning for the Future while Honoring and Respecting the Past”*



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**From Division 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:**

**Kelly Fahel**

Just a reminder that scholarship packets are no longer mailed to Chapters. Applications and instructions can be found on the Division and General websites or you may always reach out to me for the information. Please be mindful of deadlines: **General applications are due to me by March 15, 2021**, and **Division applications are due by April 15, 2021**. If your applicant plans to attend a Virginia school, I highly recommend that BOTH Division and General applications be submitted. As of now, there could be 9 Division scholarships available. Please let me know if you need help along the way!

**From Division Registrar:**

**Helen Webster**

I encourage all Chapter Registrars to not only print out a hard copy of the Registrar's Manual, but to sit down and read it. Focus on the areas of acceptable proof of service, generational linkage, abbreviations, names and dates. Remember, if you can't read that proof, I can't either. If you use a Marriage Record for proof of linkage or full names you must enter the date and place of marriage. All Applicants must submit a Birth Certificate and proof of present last name. Easiest thing is a Driver's License. Take the time to read each muster page. There is often valuable information in the fine print. Please, do not date checks for Applications. Make sure the Ancestor's name is on the remarks space. If a Chapter Check, add the Member's name. If doing a UDC to UDC, CofC to UDC Transfer or Reinstatement please read that section of the Manual.

I recently received an Original New Member Application. It was delivered in pouring rain. I watched the mail person make no effort to protect it while she actually held it straight out in her left hand, opened the box with her right hand, threw it in and shut the box. I retrieved it right away. It was dripping wet, soaked through. I went to our Main Post Office and showed the Supervisor. "It is not insured. How do I know your mailbox doesn't leak? Etc.." I had to return the whole Application to the Chapter. So much hard work went into that Application. PLEASE send all your Applications with insurance and a tracking number.

So, we are having this COVID event. It is indeed a BIG Lemon. We need to make lemonade by setting goals. Your Chapter may not be in-person meeting however that doesn't mean you can't reach out to sisters, aunts, mothers, grandmothers, cousins, neighbors, and friends encouraging them to accept information about UDC and encouraging them to join our Organization. It doesn't mean we can't strive to increase membership. COVID doesn't mean UDC comes to a halt. It means we have to become creative.

*Wishing all of my UDC sisters and their families a joyful and safe Holiday Season.*

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**From Division Historian:**

**Therese DeSanto**

Being knowledgeable and preserving our history is key during the current climate in our country. Remember our Confederate soldiers gave us a proud story of independence, toughness, bravery and patriotism. The Chaplain of General Stonewall Jackson, Robert Lewis Dabney, said it best: *"You should have no reason to be ashamed of your Confederate dead; see to it they have no reason to be ashamed of you."*

I challenge each of you to know your ancestors. During chapter meetings, it is a beautiful moment when a member lights a candle in memory of her ancestor. It can be the time to share their story, what they endured before, during and after the war.

The November and December Historian General Programs are titled "Meet Stonewall Jackson" and "Meet J.E.B. Stuart". Please share these monthly topics at your meetings. I cannot say enough about the wealth of education found on our Division Facebook page. Most of all, keep reading and re-reading Southern History.

Do you know of any individuals in your chapter or your area that are deserving of the Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal? The award is for excellence in furthering the study and preservation of Confederate history. The application may be downloaded from the UDC General website (<http://hqudc.org/>) under Historian or ordered from the Business Office. The cost of the medal is about \$30.

With the holiday season upon us, my wish for all UDC Daughters and their families is to have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**From Assistant Division Registrar:**

**Donna Robinson**

Blessing and Greeting to the Virginia Division,

When I was asked to step up and help my sisters, it was not an easy "yes". With all that has happened this year, one I did not expect to be chosen, and two my business shut down after 21 years, and everything is longer hours, harder work, and less pay.

Reflecting on why I became a UDC member, there was no hesitation, as I know in my heart, we must press forward on our journeys to honor our ancestors. Right now, in these days of uncertainty, racial divide, political changes, we must fight for those who fought for our families, our land, and our Southern pride.

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### Revised 2021 District Conference Schedule

March 20th – Fourth District – Hostess Chapter – Mary Custis Lee-17<sup>th</sup> VA Regt. 7

March 27th - Sixth District - Hostess Chapter – City Point 2066

Off the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April for Easter

April 10<sup>th</sup> – Fifth District - Hostess Chapter - Richmond-Stonewall Jackson 1705

April 17<sup>th</sup> – First District – Hostess Chapter – Jubal Early 553

April 24<sup>th</sup> – Third District – Hostess Chapter – Kirkwood Otey 10

May 1<sup>st</sup> – Second District – Hostess Chapter – Albemarle 154

From 2<sup>nd</sup> District Chairman & 2021 Convention Chairman:

Jennifer Thomson



Second District is looking forward to having the Division Convention in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains October 7-10, 2021. More details to come soon.

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**From 6<sup>th</sup> District Chairman:**

**Suzanne Townsend**

Some of our chapters are trying to hold meetings and some are remaining inactive until this nasty virus is contained. We are working within the framework laid out by our governor but hope that we can resume normal activities soon. Please stay safe and stay well! *Deo Vindice*.

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**From Historical Work with Students Committee Chairman**

**Fran Towberman**

The title for all 2020-21 essays for students, Grades 4-12, will be the same. Since so many students will be working/'schooling' from home and with outside activities limited perhaps we can gather more participants.

This will be more of an opinion essay but there are many events, sayings, quotes, articles, books, etc. that can/should be referenced supporting the written statements.

***Title:***

What would {name of CSA participant} say to me today concerning the destruction, removal, reversal, and rejection of our Confederate States history?

**From Memorial Committee Chairman:**

**Teresa Roane**

Ladies, it is hard to lose a member in your chapter. It is up to us to remember her. I am the Chairman of the Memorial Committee. In other words, I am the Virginia Division Chaplain. When a member passes away, please fill out the Deceased Member form and email it to me. I am responsible for informing the Chaplain of General and the Magazine Chairman. The committee is also responsible for making sure that the deceased Daughters are honored at the memorial service at convention. Please do not wait until the end of the year to report a death. There is a PDF copy of the correct form attached to the Newsletter.

If you have any questions, please contact me. My email address is [roane1894@gmail.com](mailto:roane1894@gmail.com). My mailing address is in the Virginia Division Minutes.

**From Patriotic Activities Committee Chairman:**

**Charlotte Clinger**

During this difficult time, some of our regular activities for veterans are suspended. For example, volunteers are not allowed into the VA Medical Centers (VAMCs) because of Covid-19 restrictions. But we can still make an *impact*. For smaller Chapters, you can have an impact which does not cost you a

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lot of money. You can cut out coupons to send overseas for service personnel. Many of us receive numerous coupons in the mail regularly. You can also send cards to military personnel. Very reasonable cards are available at discount stores like the *Dollar Tree* or other like venues. We all get cards in the mail from various charitable organizations. Save them and use them. You can find a local service man or woman who is serving overseas and send care packages to his or her unit or to the service person directly. Many local Guard and Reserve units have personnel deployed. Who do you know with a husband, son or daughter deployed? For hospitalized veterans, check with your UDC representative to the VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) Committee at the VAMC closest to you. They know what pressing needs the local VAMC has. For example, the Northern Virginia Chapters (Fairfax 1410, MCL-17<sup>th</sup> VA Reg 7, RE Lee 233, Loudoun 170) recently collected toiletries and donations and provided 200 much-needed comfort packs/kits to the VAVS office to be distributed to hospitalized vets. We could not deliver them personally, but when they received them, they still knew we were thinking of them. Let's walk the walk, not just talk the talk about patriotism. Your UDC Representative or Deputy Representative to a VAVS Committee is a wonderful asset to your Chapter during this period. Contact her. Currently serving UDC Reps/Depts follow.

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### Albemarle Chapter 154:

Submitted by President Helen Webster



Albemarle Chapter 154 continues to meet safely every month with good attendance. We are enjoying our programs focused on Women. Richard Perkins' presentation on the Matron of Chimborazo Hospital in Richmond was excellent. You might want to seek out Richard to repeat this for your Chapter. December will be our "Home Coming" Meeting focused on members who don't usually attend on a regular basis, fellow Daughters we have not seen for a while. Spouses are invited. We look forward to more upcoming programs on Southern Women.

*Speaker Richard Perkins & President Helen Webster*

Due to concerns relating to COVID, we have pivoted the focus of our Benevolent Works to service to veterans at the Extended Care facility at

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McGuire Veterans Hospital in Richmond. We hope to make this a more personal effort focused on individuals there with little or no family.

While we have no Prospective Members at this time, we have been busy doing and presenting Supplementals for Approval.

We really look forward to each issue of the Old Dominion Bulletin as it keeps us somewhat informed about our Division.

By the time this issue reaches everyone, our Chapter Godson may have been born and we will all be "Honorary Godmothers".

**Wishing everyone of our UDC sisters and their families a Merry Christmas and a New Year full of hope.**



## **Black Horse 9: Submitted by President Nancy Russell**

On October 24, 2020 the Black Horse Chapter President Nancy Russell bestowed the WWII Military Service award. Due to COVID -19 restrictions the planned ceremony at the General Convention 2020 was cancelled. However, Mr. Pearson, 96 years young, and the Black Horse Chapter agreed to bestow the award among his family and friends at his home in Warrenton Virginia. The bestowal was held on a beautiful day outside in a large carport area of his home.

### ***WWII MSA Recipient Harvey Lee Pearson & President Nancy Russell***

Mr. Harvey Lee Pearson of Warrenton, Virginia, faithfully and honorably served in World War II as a Staff Sgt 775<sup>th</sup> sq, 463<sup>rd</sup> Group 5<sup>th</sup> Bombardment

Wing 15<sup>th</sup> Army Air Force U. S. Army. He is a lineal descendant of Joseph Ballard, a Private in Company H, 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment Virginia Cavalry.

### **Mrs. Geraldine Schneider 102<sup>nd</sup> Birthday**

August 21, 2020 - the Black Horse Chapter celebrated Mrs. Geraldine Schneider, their eldest members 102 Birthday Via a Zoom party. Orchestrated by Betty B., Lory P., Wanda E. and Nancy R. met at Bettys home. We were wearing masks and gathering on an outside deck, while Geraldine was at her home with daughters, and family members. The highlight of the evening was



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when we sang 'Dixie' and Geraldine joined right in. It was a great celebration, and we were glad to bring joy in this difficult time.

## Captain Sally Tompkins 2626:

Submitted by Registrar Mary Hunley



Members gathered outside along the East River within a mile of Captain Sally's birthplace, church, and grave to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Captain Sally Tompkins 2626 first meeting. Members enjoyed a picnic and special anniversary cake.

*Left to right: Martha Frame, Diana Swenson, Melanie Miles, Theresa Denby, Becky Morgan, President Marilyn Iglesias holding original charter, Gwen Wood.*

In September we met following COVID-19 regulations. Special guests were Teresa Roane, Eric Richardson, Children of the Confederacy Virginia Division President Katherine Starbuck and

her mother Suzanne. Katherine addressed the group concerning her project to place an Iron Cross on the graves of 12 Confederate Black soldiers and also to replace tombstones if needed.

*Front Row: Left to Right: Marilyn Iglesias, Teresa Roane, Mimi Kleintop, Theresa Denby, Diana Swenson, Becky Morgan.*

*Back row: Left to Right: Eric Richardson, Katherine Starbuck, Suzanne Starbuck, Martha Frame, Gwen Wood*



Martha Frame, Marilyn Iglesias and Gwen Wood enjoyed attending the October meeting of the James City Calvary SCV Camp 2095. Members gathered at Captain Sally's grave to place a wreath in memory of her birthday November 9. Our 2020 scholarship winner is Kamryn Elizabeth Blake. We plan to recognize her at a future luncheon.

Thank you to members Marilyn Iglesias, Patricia Miles, and Gwen Wood for their diligent research and efforts to save the Mathews County Confederate Memorial Monument. A public vote November 2021 will decide its fate. Plans are underway for designing an ornament of our monument, contact Mary Hunley [meemee955@yahoo.com](mailto:meemee955@yahoo.com) for more information.

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*Left to right: Diana Swenson, Mimi Kleintop, Martha Frame, Theresa Denby, Susan Fauver, Becky Morgan, Marilyn Iglesias*



## **Chesterfield 851:**

**Submitted by Marian Crow**

The Chesterfield Chapter #851 decided we would try to meet virtually for our October 2020 meeting during COVID-19. It was successful, but a few members had technical issues that we can iron out before the next meeting in November. We want to move forward as a chapter and hope that we can meet in person soon.

The Chapter received 3 applications from new members, 3 member transfers and processed 11 supplemental applications for members this year.

Our future plans this year include placing ceremonial wreaths at the Veterans Day event in the Chesterfield County celebration. In 2021 our chapter will once again host the VA District C of C Convention in June 2021 at Pamplin Historical Park. The chapter plans to participate in a fundraiser in the spring to help raise funds for the ongoing restoration of the Historic Point of Rocks project.

## **City Point 2066:**

**Submitted by President Suzanne Townsend**

We are trying to remain active for the foreseeable future. We held a meeting in September and in October, toured Berkeley Plantation after a delightful lunch at Cul's Courthouse Grill in New Kent. In November we have invited Mary Vial to be our guest to present a Homeland Defense Award to Brendan Peter, which was supposed to have been done at Division Convention in October. Our December meeting will be held at Scents of Cedar B&B in Prince George to celebrate the Christmas season. We are planning for the Sixth District Conference at Petersburg County Club on March 27. Save the Date! We hope our sisters are staying safe and staying well.

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## Elliott Grays 1877:

Submitted by Registrar Ruth Snead

The graves of two soldiers from Co I, "Elliott Grays," 6th Regiment Virginia Infantry buried at Maury Cemetery were marked

*"John T. Cottrell, CO I, 6<sup>th</sup> VA INF, CSA, 1822, AUG 26 1889"  
Enlisted 05/09/1861 as a Pvt. in Manchester, Va. Discharged 08/15/1862*



*"Corp Thomas Jefferson Waymack, CO. I, 6<sup>th</sup> VA INF, CSA, Oct 21 1844, May 18 1893"*

*Enlisted 04/15/1861 at Manchester, Va. for 1 year. Reenlisted 04/15/1862. Detailed Provost Guard Orange Court House. Wounded at the Crater 07/30/1864. Paroled Appomattox 04/09/1865.*

The Company was mustered into service on May 9, 1861 at Manchester, Virginia with 96 men. They were the first volunteer military unit to enlist from Old Manchester and were initially known as the Rocky Ridge Rifles. Manchester was originally named Rocky Ridge.

Reorganizing in March 1861 the Company renamed itself Elliott Grays on April 6, 1861 in honor of Wyatt Mosely Elliott who had mustered the Elliott Grays into service.

The Elliott Grays gallantly fought throughout the War and furled their Colors with General Lee at Appomattox. Rather than surrendering their colors the men tore the flag into squares and distributed them to each Soldier in the company. A torn square of this flag is on display at the Chesterfield County Museum, Chesterfield, Va.

The Elliott Grays #1877 UDC Chapter was named after this brave unit.

## Fairfax 1410:

Submitted by 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Jennifer Smith

In August 2020 Fairfax Chapter was notified by Fairfax County that the Peyton Anderson marker, which the Chapter owns, would have to be removed due to construction at its site. In the meantime, the Chapter was asked to respond to a notice that the Board of Supervisors was going to hold a hearing about removing the John Quincy Marr monument from in front of the old Fairfax Courthouse. The Chapter was considered a "stakeholder" in that monument since they had donated money to its

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*Peyton Anderson Marker*

sculpting and placement. Chapter President Virginia Norton spoke at the hearing in favor of leaving the monument and adding signage to put it into “context”. At the hearing she spoke with Don Hakenson, a local historian, who is a descendent of Peyton Anderson regarding moving the marker and finding a permanent place to put it on display.

In September, the Anderson marker was removed by the Hakensons and is in a safe place. In October the Chapter was notified that the Stuart-Mosby Civil War Cavalry Museum wanted to offer a place for the marker. It was discovered that Peyton Anderson reenlisted in the CSA in Mosby’s Rangers, so the museum is a perfect place for it.

In November 2020, the Fairfax Chapter met with representatives of the Stuart-Mosby Historical Society at their museum in Centreville, VA to discuss arrangements for the Peyton Anderson Marker to be on display. Also attending the meeting were the property owner and two Anderson descendants.

The Peyton Anderson Marker was initially dedicated on May 27, 1927, by the Fairfax Chapter at the corner of Blake Lane and Lee Highway. When Lee Highway was widened the marker was moved to the location on Fairfax Boulevard (Lee Highway) (U.S. 50/29) west of Spring Street in Fairfax, VA because the owner of the property was a relative of Anderson and offered the location.

## **Fort Lowry 2695:**

**Submitted by Corresponding Secretary Pat Given**

Fort Lowry Chapter 2695 has not met in person since February. Nevertheless, the chapter has managed to elect a nominating committee, develop a slate of officers, and elect those officers. The chapter’s annual reports were sent in by August 1, and since the new fiscal year began in September, the chapter has met each month via Zoom. Members have gone through the ritual and sung Dixie, and educational programs have been included in the meetings via online media.

New officers are: President Suzi Maggard; Vice President Edwina Dawson; Recording Secretary Cindy Packett; Treasurer Valorie Vencelov; Registrar/Recorder MSA Joan Croson; Corresponding Secretary Pat Given; Historian Pat Given and Lisa Workman; and Chaplain Ginevra Wolfinger.

Chapter members are looking forward to the time when we can once again meet in person. In the meantime, we march on within the limitations everyone is currently experiencing. We wish for each of you a blessed Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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## General William R. Terry 580:

Submitted by President Jennifer Thomason

The General William R. Terry Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy in Bedford was honored to have such a large attendance, recently, at a double Southern Cross of Honor dedication for two brothers who served honorably during the War Between the States. Members of the Anthony family, as well as representatives of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Order of Confederate Rose, and Children of the Confederacy gathered to honor Pinkney Anthony at Pecks Baptist Church and Charles Lewis Anthony at Staunton Baptist Church. The Southern Crosses of Honor were draped by Battle Flags until the family unveiled them. Eagle Scout Richard Jacobs led the folding of the flags to present to the families. Members of the Botetourt Artillery were gladly willing to give a twenty-one-gun salute to Pinkney at Pecks Baptist. Memorial wreaths were laid at the graves by several of the groups who were in attendance, as well as the Virginia Division President of the Children of the Confederacy and the Virginia State Society President of the Order of Confederate Rose.



## Hanover 1399:

Submitted by Recording Secretary Lee Lythgoe

We celebrated the life of *Betty Jean Giragosian* who passed away September 17<sup>th</sup>. Her membership dates back to 1959 on the record of her great-grandfather. Not only was she Hanover President four times, but also Virginia Division Vice-President in 1991-93 and President in 1993. In 2000 she was made an Honorary President General. Betty Jean accepted the Presidency of Hanover but was unable to complete her term of office. She leaves a mighty footprint. We are thankful for the unselfish service of this UDC Daughter.

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Mary Vial spoke to us on the history of the Jefferson Davis Memorial Chapel, opened in 1960 and located on the 17th floor of VCU Medical Center's West Hospital. The UDC chose this location for its proximity to the White House of the Confederacy and St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The chapel portrait of Jefferson Davis now hangs in our Memorial Building. Though the chapel is permanently closed, plans are being made to preserve the existing artifacts.

COVID won't dampen our giving spirit! Our Memorial Building Restoration donation of \$1,450 will be presented at our November meeting to Lucy Steele, Past Chairman Board of Trustees.



*October 20 Meeting - Mary Vial speaks on the Jefferson Davis Chapel at MCV Hospital*

**Lancaster County 1406:**

**Submitted by Publicity Coordinator Susan Hudson**



*Registrar Susan Hudson (L). Kathy O'Neill & daughter Amanda Ridge accept their membership certificates from President Jo Ann Fickling (R). They joined on the service of Pvt. Ichabod Mason, Co. G, 1st Regiment, 10th State Troops, Carteret County, NC.*

We proudly introduce 3 new members to the Division!  
This year, we were able to attend the POW Memorial Service at Confederate Memorial Park, Pt. Lookout MD where it was great to see a few other Virginia Division UDC Members. At our October meeting,



*New member Elizabeth Headley receives her membership certificate. Elizabeth joined on the service of Northumberland County's Pvt. Mortimer Leroy Dodson, Co. F, 40th Virginia Infantry.*

we had an outstanding program by Charles Belfield. Belfield's lineage in Richmond County dates to the early 1700s with ancestors that fought in the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812 and eleven CSA ancestors! Dressed in period attire complete with pistol and rifle, Belfield told a story of Captain Samuel Cralle's love of home and his service as a soldier. Cralle died at

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Chancellorsville on 2 May 1863. His story reminds us just how important it is to always remember these brave men and tell their story.

Stay blessed, stay strong and remember - we are not descendants of fearful men or women!

Keeping the faith in the Northern Neck!

*Left to Right: Division UDC members Susan Hudson, Fran Towberman, and Pam Curtin attended the Memorial POW Service at Pt. Lookout MD.*

## Princess Anne 435:

Submitted by President Therese DeSanto

In September we surprised long term member Ruby Harris with a plaque for her many years of service as the chapter registrar and secretary. Ruby's son, Kenny Harris, Commander of Princess Anne SCV, was our guest and presented a program about the hardship of soldiers and their families who lived in the Princess Anne geographical area. Kenny shared an update on the status of the Virginia Beach Courthouse Confederate Monument, which has been moved to a safe undisclosed location. There has been lots of work behind the scenes by members, the SCV and local government officials to locate a safe permanent home for our soldier.



*Jane Brumley & Ruby Harris*

At our October meeting, our Historian, Donna Grantham, presented a wonderful program on the Surrender at Appomattox and the parole of Lee's army. We are looking forward to our next guest speaker who will present Uniforms worn during the Confederacy.

The chapter has been working on an Ancestor Book and expect completion in time for their Christmas Luncheon.



*Anne Hunley presenting plaque to Ruby Harris*

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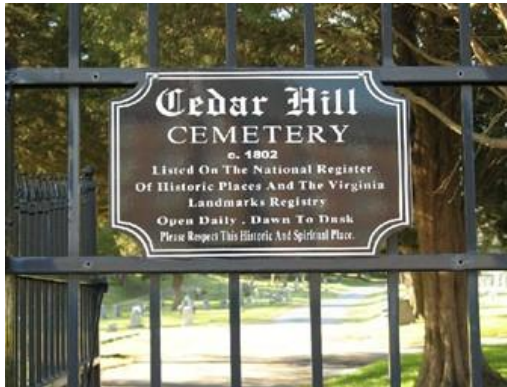
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Our chapter anxiously awaits a viewing of the Robert E. Lee Portrait which is at the conservator with an anticipated completion date in December. We cannot express the appreciation we have for the numerous donations received to support this project. The chapter is planning a day trip to Stratford Hall for a viewing of the portrait at completion.

**Suffolk 173:**

**Submitted by Registrar Dee Smith**



Cedar Hill Cemetery in Suffolk VA, established ca 1802, is the resting place for many VA & NC Confederate Veterans. The Suffolk UDC chapter recently completed a project of preparing interment forms on the 233 known soldiers and sailors buried here. These forms will be entered into the interments database on the UDC General website and available for members to access the information.

The project was made possible because of the work done by UDC member Billie Earnest & SCV member Lee Hart of documenting the location of the soldiers' graves and available information on the veterans. Chapter members (& sisters) Sandy Bolen, Debbie Coffman, and Dee Smith met weekly in September and October and prepared the forms.

They used *FindAGrave* to determine the name of the Veteran as it appears on the gravestone and accessed *Fold3* and the National Park Service Soldiers and Sailors database to confirm the name of the veteran as it appears in the Military service record that the form required. The forms were sent weekly to the VA Division Graves Chairman who forwarded them to UDC General. Copies were also made for chapter records. A worthy project!



*Confederate Monument at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Suffolk, VA*

*Entrance gates to Cedar Hill Cemetery*



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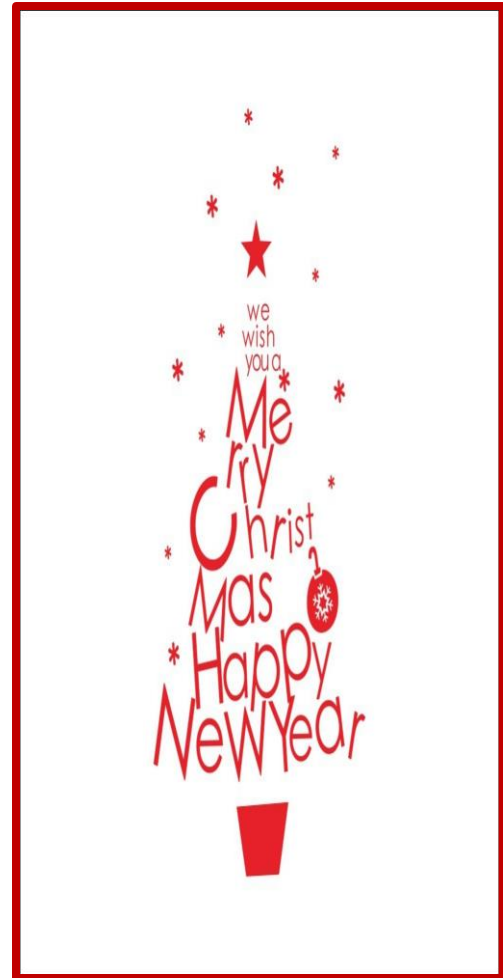
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*From Sharon & Janet*

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