



# NEWSLETTER OF THE VIRGINIA DIVISION UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY®

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## *A Message From Virginia Division President Dawn Diehl*



I hope that you all had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. As we start this new year, may we strive to increase membership in the Virginia Division. If each of our chapters get one new would have more than sixty new members. In this ever-increasing attack on our Confederate Ancestors we need to be mindful that we are the heritage they left behind, it is up to us to keep it going and what better way than to increase our membership.

December was a busy time, I enjoyed attending the Mary Custis Lee-17th Virginia Regiment Christmas Party at Mount Vernon Country Club and also their Christmas party at their house in Alexandria. I was honored to give a National Defense Medal and a Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal for Loudoun 170 at the Clinton Hatcher SCV Christmas Party. I attended the chapter meeting of Southern Cross in Salem and they are hard at work planning our Virginia Division Convention. We have started planning the General Convention which will be held in Richmond this October 31 through November 4, 2024, the theme is All Roads Lead to Richmond. The Convention committee is hard at work and a lot of fun things are being planned. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

I want to recognize the Mildred Lee Chapter, last year they committed to doing supplementals. They have far exceeded with Sheree Russo turning in 14 supplementals, others in the chapter are following and they have knocked it out of the park! This shows what a small chapter can do when they are committed. We all need to find out what our chapter can do to make a difference and run with it.

We did get some good news, a letter was sent to the Secretary of Defense signed by 44 Congressmen to stop the removal of the Arlington Monument. Let's hope that this will do some good and save the beautiful Arlington Monument by Moses Ezekiel.

I look forward to the new year and I would love to be invited to attend one of your chapter meetings.

**"A nation which does not remember what it was yesterday,  
does not know where it is today."      General Robert E. Lee**

With UDC blessings and love,

*Dawn*

# Ms. Ruby Pugh Honored for Her Years of Service



Ms. Ruby Pugh receiving her Honorary President Sash by President General Jinny Widowski



Ms. Ruby Pugh surrounded by her family and President General Widowski



Ms. Ruby Pugh surrounded by her family who were there to surprise her! SHE WAS!!!

Seldom has the example of a leader, historian, trailblazer, and committed leader come in the role of friend, but with Ruby Pugh, that is the essence of who she is for every Daughter of the Confederacy. From the moment she became a member of Hanover Chapter #1399 in 1991, Ms. Ruby was dedicated to the cause of preserving the heritage of our Southern history. A lifetime Lutheran, she retired in 1993 after forty years in the insurance business. Along with the UDC, she has been a 25 year member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

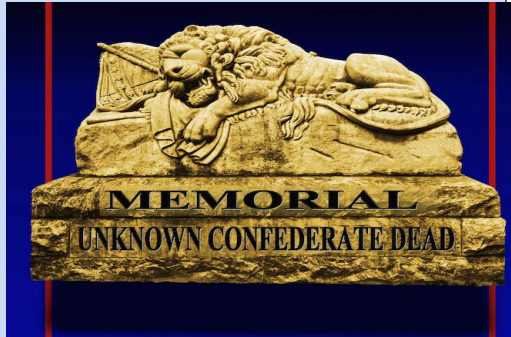
Ms. Ruby has served in almost every capacity in Chapter and Division, with a great smattering of General offices as well. In her thirty- two year membership she has consistently promoted the goals of the UDC, and maintained the honor of it as well.

It would be hard to pinpoint the importance of the work Ms. Ruby does, but in October 1991 she was awarded the Jefferson Davis Gold Medal for her work in the Virginia Division Files. Additionally , in October, 2011 she was awarded the Winnie Davis Medal for her presentation of "Honor a Southern Woman ", This presentation was given multiple times along with a presentation to the General Executive Board which preceding her project named the same. The proceeds were given to the Memorial Building Endowment Fund.

Recently Ms. Ruby was brought under consideration for inclusion in UDC's elite group of Honorary Presidents. The Bylaws limit our organization to fifteen Honorary Presidents at a time. Which only highlights the honor it is! Unfortunately she was unable to be presented this during the 130th UDC Convention in Lexington, Kentucky. Instead she was honored by General President Jinny Widowski at the 11/8/ 2023 regularly monthly meeting of the General Stuart #2195 held at Nick's in Henrico, VA. Her family was happy to join her for the presentation and honored to be a part of this most sacred of occasions. Ms. Ruby continues to bless us all with her integrity, tenacity, and love of the South. Congratulations on a job well done, and an honor well deserved.

Submitted by Julia Warren, General Stuart #2195 Historian

# Virginia Division Officers Reports



## The General Commemorative Pin Badge #51

### First Vice President Pamela Smith

It's time to take out your insignia and give it a fresh look. Does your ribbon look worn or dirty? Is it time to get that second, third or fourth ribbon? Review your pin placement order with the list in your minutes. Are you missing any pins that are still available? Place your order with me so that you can proudly wear your insignia during your chapter meetings and at the District Conferences that will be coming soon.

Our General Commemorative Pin recognizing our memorial objective will be available in late January. If you place your order before Spring Board (April 6) you will get a five-dollar discount. The new non-engraved form is located on the General website that contains the new pin. It is under #51 Memorial (Lion). To order the pin at the discount just cross out \$70 and write in \$65 and get the form to me before Spring Board.

### Second Vice President Deborah Mullins

This officer is very grateful to the chapters who have reached out already and indicated they would be happy to sponsor scholarship applicants. UDC General and Virginia Division scholarship applications are available on the Virginia Division website under Forms. You may also see Scholarships on the website for information. If you do not have access to the Division website, please contact Pam Curtin. You may also contact me and I will mail one to you. Please be advised that UDC General scholarship applications must be in my hands by March 15, 2024. Virginia Division scholarship applications are due by April 15, 2024.

Unless otherwise noted, all scholarships require a 3.0 GPA on a 4 point scale. The applicant must have lineal Confederate ancestry, unless the applicant is a current UDC or CofC member. The following scholarships will be available for academic 2024-2025:

Matthew Fontaine Maury Scholarship ? Undergraduate.

Marrow Memorial Scholarship at the Univ. of Richmond?Undergraduate, Univ. of Richmond or Westhampton College.

Fitzhugh Lee Memorial Scholarship?Undergraduate at Virginia Military Institute.

Stonewall Jackson Memorial Scholarship?Undergraduate at Virginia Military Institute.

Sally Tompkins Nursing & Applied Health Sciences?Undergraduate. Nursing or health related field.

Preston Goss Glazebrook Scholarship?Undergraduate through graduate school. History major or minor at the University of Virginia.

Mary Anne Williams Memorial Scholarship?Undergraduate through graduate school. Engineering or pre-med only.

Janet Weaver Randolph Scholarship?Undergraduate. College of William and Mary. Female only.

owberman-Epperson Veterinary Medicine Scholarship?Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine or Surgery. College or university must be fully accredited in veterinary medicine/surgery. Requires a 3.5 GPA. Confederate heritage is not required.

Applicant must provide proof of U.S. citizenship.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need assistance.

Debby Mullins, VA Division 2nd Vice President  
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# Virginia Division Officers Reports *continued*

## Third Vice President Fran Tobermann

Once more, my sisters, I thank you for the 2022-2023 monetary support extended to past C of C President Sara Cox in donating to the Blandford Church Door Project. We cannot sit on our laurels, because 2023-2024 presents to us another opportunity to assist in ANOTHER PRESERVATION PROJECT. Current VA Children of the Confederacy President, Hazel Bittenbender, has chosen The Confederate War Memorial Chapel, located to the rear of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and close to our UDC Memorial Building, as her project. She hopes to raise funds to repair and paint the outside steps going into the chapel, as well as repair the bathrooms. Her goal is \$20,000. My sisters, we will help with this worthy endeavor, won't we? Yes, I hear YES!



*Virginia Division C of C President Hazel Bittenbender's project for her Administration.*

President Hazel and I hope to see you at the District meetings. We hope other Children of the Confederacy Officers and members will join us at a few of these. COME by our CoC Table to perhaps purchase a gift for yourself or guest speaker, to purchase CofC Materials or seek information, and/or FEED the Hungry Piggy with paper money or coins (he doesn't care which, he simply wants FOOD/FUNDS). Plus we just wish to greet you! Give us a minute please. All monies collected go directly/immediately to Hazel's Confederate War Memorial Project. Let your acquaintances know about this project; lots of folk out there have attended a function at this sacred Memorial Chapel and might wish to lend a hand.

Ladies, we do have an obligation to help our youth as they follow in our footsteps to maintain our Historical, Educational, and Memorial Goals. As chapter members they participate in Benevolent and Patriotic activities. They are a mini us---United Daughters-- they are just simply younger and more energetic. They count on us; let us be good examples/let us set good examples for them to follow {to want to follow}.

Early December I joined Richmond 819 CofC members in a Victorian Christmas Open House at Magnolia Grange, Chesterfield--all ages represented enjoyed the tour, crafting, refreshments, music, Santa! I URGE you to invite the youth to join you in activities planned by your chapter or as an individual--be ready to share your knowledge, love, enthusiasm of history, ESPECIALLY our CSA/Southern History era.

Fran Towberman

Photos take on 1/15/2024 by Julia Claire Warren

*Current photos of the Confederate Memorial Chapel & Steps*

*Virginia C of C Project*

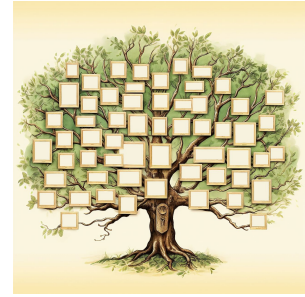


# Virginia Division Officers Reports continued

## Registrar Connie Schroeder

Happy New Year!

I am delighted to serve the Virginia Division as Registrar. I am looking forward to getting to know each of you. As of today's date, January 13, 2024, all papers that have been sent to me have been processed and sent to the Registrar General. All completed transfer papers have been returned to the receiving chapters. I would like to address some issues and questions that have come up since my term began. There still seems to be some confusion regarding prices regarding the various paperwork associated with applications, supplementals and transfers. The prices are listed below:



### General Virginia Division

New Member Applications: \$50.00 \$12.00

Supplementals: \$30.00 \$11.00

Transfer (UDC to UDC): \$15.00 \$5.00

Transfer (CofC to UDC): \$35.00 \$5.00

Reinstatement to Former Chapter: \$40.00 \$7.85

Please remember that checks should NOT be dated. This has been a problem recently. Also, please make sure when typing applications that the completion of the lineage follows the bloodline. I know that many new members want to honor the stepparents who raised them, but for the purpose of completing applications and supplementals, the biological bloodline must be followed. Finally, please remember that three copies of the application should be sent with only one set of proofs. I look forward to meeting many of you at the upcoming district conferences. Until then enjoy the upcoming snow!

Connie S. Schroeder

Virginia Division Registrar

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## Historian Angela Smith

Daughters, have you attended a musical, play or performance featuring confederate history? Was this performance original material that was written and performed by the artist? The Sidney Lanier Medal could be awarded to that artist if he or she meets the following criteria:

- Multiple examples should be submitted, at least 6 performances of original material listed. Appropriate proofs of each performance should accompany application.
- Only material from the War between the States will be considered.
- Confederate ancestry is not required for this award.
- The artist must be an adult.
- UDC members are eligible, if their performance is unrelated to their member duties.



After careful consideration, applications are available from the UDC Business Office or they can be printed from our UDC General website members only section. All three applications must be signed at each level prior to sending the application forms to the next level. Current pricing can be found at UDC General Standing Rules, your check should be made payable to Treasurer General. Allow eight weeks from the date of submission to process. I look forward to aiding you in this submission process, Angela

# "Celebrating Our Successes" Virginia Division Chapter Reports

## Mildred Lee Chapter #74



Ladies of Mildred Lee Chapter 74 we well represented in Kentucky!  
Left to right; Linda Motley, Pam Dyke, Charla Compton and Sheree Russo.

Since the beginning of our 2023-2024 year, we have been a very busy chapter! In September, new officers were installed at a luncheon and four members were presented with Supplemental Certificates. Later the same month, several members attended the Virginia Division Convention in Glen Allen, Virginia. At the convention a certificate of appreciation for most supplemental applications in 2022-2023 and another certificate for most ancestor bars ordered in the same time period, were presented to the Mildred Lee Chapter.

In October, ladies from our chapter attended the J. E. B. Stuart Birthplace Fall Encampment and Reenactment at Laurel Hill. They talked to potential UDC members and shared information about the Lee-Jackson Memorial Park. There were several groups from UDC chapters in North Carolina and Virginia, everyone enjoyed talking and visiting. In the afternoon, there was a tea and fashion show. At the monthly meeting two members were presented with five more Supplemental Certificates!

Those members who were able to attend the UDC General Convention in Lexington, KY, reported to the chapter at the November meeting all about the events and workshops they had participated in. For Veterans Day, our chapter addressed and delivered cards to Veterans living in nearby nursing homes and provided food donations for a local charity. Four members were presented with Supplemental Certificates.

At the December meeting our VP, Franz-Hahr Phillips, announced that she is processing orders for twenty-three ancestor bars for ladies in the chapter. A new member, Connie Fox, was presented with her Membership Certificate by Chapter President Charla Compton. Our registrar, Sheree Russo, reported that there are twenty-six more supplemental applications that have either been approved or are in the process of being approved. We are excitedly awaiting those certificates! After the meeting adjourned, we assembled and delivered boxes of cookies and other treats to local businesses, fire and police departments, libraries and the Stuart-Hairston Camp 515, SCV evening meeting. Chapter recording secretary, Linda Motley was the coordinator.

## Stonewall #1388

Our Chapter is off to a great start this year. We are currently in the process of transferring in a member and we are still working on our perspectives. Also, we are currently working towards being able to award several Meritorious Service Awards. We also have plans to install at least two iron crosses in the historic Cedar Grove Cemetery in Portsmouth. For our December meeting, members and their guests met for a Christmas dinner and fellowship at Olive Garden. We hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and we wish you a Happy New Year...Elizabeth Scott



Left to right: Alexis Schmich, Elizabeth Scott, Lisa Short, Cora Scott, Bill Shumate, Muriel Shumate, Dorothy Alegria, Mark Miller, Denise Harrell, Ruth Lee Wimbrough, Dawn Hughes, Tim Hughes, Bobby Scott Jr. and Bobby Scott III

# Chesterfield-Elliott Grays 851

Chapter members celebrated the holiday at our monthly meeting on Saturday, December 10 at the Midlothian Masonic Lodge in Midlothian, VA with lots of good food and dessert, a short meeting and our famous (or infamous) White Elephant Gift Exchange. Laughs were shared as well as gifts. Due to the upcoming bad weather on Sunday afternoon, the meeting ended early so that everyone could get home safely.

## Wreaths Across America, 2023

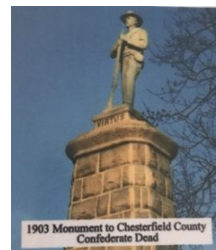
We donated \$85.00 to cover placement of five wreaths at Sunset Memorial Cemetery on Saturday, December 16th, 2023 at 12:00 noon

## Chesterfield-Elliott Grays 851 Hostess Chapter for the 2024 5th District Conference

Saturday, March 23, 2024 Meadowbrook Country Club 3700 Cogbill Rd North Chesterfield, Va 23234

## Chesterfield Historical Quilt Project

The quilters continue working on the quilt project to depict the Historic 1917 Chesterfield County Courthouse Green. Ruth Snead displayed all of the quilt squares at our December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. During our meeting, we had a discussion to change the image we use for the Chesterfield-Elliott Grays square to show the entire Confederate statue instead of just the top to preserve its image for the future for historic and preservation purposes. The vote was unanimous to accept the entire monument image.



## Maury Cemetery Confederate Grave Markers Project



To the left are pictures of the two most recent installations of grave markers for Pvt. Joseph J. Blanton and Pvt. William R. Puryear. We were fortunate to receive generous grants from the Order of the Society of the Southern Cross and the Military Order of the Stars and Bars totaling \$1925.00 towards eight additional grave markers. Our members have been very generous with recent donations adding \$400.00 to the Grave Marker Fund. With our current fund balance, we will be able to install at least ten markers this upcoming year. One for Hiram P. LaPrade has recently been ordered.

## Iron Cross Replacement Update

The Iron Cross we ordered to honor George F. Paul, Sergeant Co. K, 15th Virginia Infantry and 2nd Lt. Co. M, 2nd Virginia Reserves, was hand delivered to A. P. Grappone and Sons Monument Company and they are in process of installation. Mr. Lane, who requested our help replacing this cross, will be officially notified once it is installed. He is affiliated with the Military Order of the Stars and Bars.



## Maury Cemetery Confederate Soldiers Book Project Needs Volunteers

One of our chapter's historical projects is to publish a book that provides more than just names, units, and headstone dates for each of the Confederate soldiers in Maury Cemetery. Our Chapter Historian, Debora Kerr, is looking for members who would enjoy searching the Internet and/or libraries for information such as family histories, newspaper articles, obituaries, letters, etc. that would be helpful in compiling these soldier's biographies. Each volunteer would be given two names at a time to research at their convenience. This is a great way to be involved in a chapter activity even if you cannot attend meetings or if you do not live locally.

## Chapter Scholarship Applications Available for 2024

A \$500.00 Scholarship is awarded annually to a deserving applicant pursuing higher education through enrollment at an accredited college, university, community college or trade school in undergraduate or graduate studies for the upcoming school year. We are currently accepting applications for our scholarship as well as those offered by the UDC.

## NexTrex plastic film recycling project for a Historic Point of Rocks bench

Our members continue to bring their collected, approved plastics to the chapter meetings but it will be quite a feat acquiring the required 500 pounds necessary to qualify for the bench donation. We hope to achieve this goal by June, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted Carla Waldron



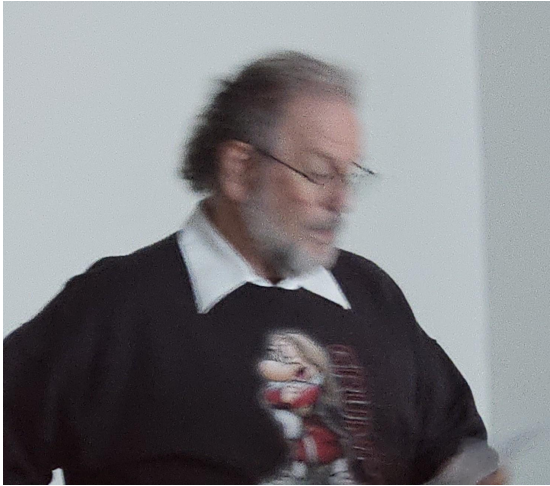
# Halifax 1321

Halifax Chapter 1321 members and honorary members celebrated Christmas at their December 9, 2023, meeting at Roma's Restaurant in South Boston. We decorated our meeting room for Christmas and brought a raffle gift and a gift exchange present. We also brought gifts of clothing for our benevolent project with the residents of Berry Hill Rehabilitation Center.

After having lunch and a small business session, Richard Perkins, honorary member and guest speaker, gave a presentation on "Christmas During the War Between the States: 1861-1864."

For our gift exchange, honorary member Newell Butts read the Left-Right story game "Suing Santa Claus," which had us going in several directions, some at the same time. After the exchange game was complete, we continued our celebration with cake. The ladies posed for a group picture, and we adjourned with "Dixie's Land" and "Blessed Be the Tie." Halifax 1321 hopes everyone had a marvelous Christmas and sends best wishes for a Happy 2024!

Submitted by Janet Perkins



Richard Perkins giving a presentation on "Christmas During the WBTS,"

The ladies of Halifax 1321

## 13th Virginia Regiment Chapter UDC

The 13th Virginia Regiment Chapter UDC in Orange, Virginia decorated the graves of the unknown Confederate soldiers at Graham Cemetery for Memorial Day. We prepared and delivered ditty bags to the veterans at Dogwood Village Nursing Home. Our President, Lynette Higginbotham, brought greetings at the Gordonsville Grays SCV Memorial Day Service at Maplewood Cemetery in Gordonsville, where some 780 Confederate soldiers are buried. They died at Gordonsville Hospital. June 11, 2023 several of our members attended the 36th Annual Birthday Observance of General James Lawson Kemper, CSA. This was conducted by the Kemper-Fry-Strother Camp SCV at the home and burial site of Gen. Kemper. The Mineral UDC Chapter invited us to their Spring Salad Luncheon and 2 of our members attended. Later in June our Chapter made a trip to the museum at Tredagar Iron Works to meet with Curator, Robert Hancock. He showed us the war items donated to the Museum of the Confederacy years ago from Orange County- Gen. Lee's camp chair from his headquarters in Orange, the drum of the 13th Virginia Infantry Regiment, and their 1st National camp flag. The Albemarle Chapter invited us to join them for their November meeting to hear their speaker, Richard Perkins, discussing Johnny Reb and what things were like after the war. Pam Curtin, our Virginia Division Treasurer, Webmaster and member of our Chapter, also talked to the ladies about how to use the UDC website. December 20th our Chapter met at our President's home for a Christmas tea luncheon and gift exchange. We were pleased to have a prominent local historian, Harold Woodward Jr. to speak to us about his book, "The Confederacy's Forgotten Son"-Major General James Lawson Kemper CSA and Governor of Virginia.

# CENTENNIAL-MAURY CHAPTER #2296 HANOVER, VIRGINIA

Chapter meetings have been going very well. Our annual chapter auction in October brought in a sales amount of over \$300.00 which was deposited into our scholarship account. There was no meeting in November as we planned a chapter tour of Blandford Church and Cemetery. 6 members attended. Mrs. Emily Stafford-Peters gave us a wonderful tour and narrative about the Church and cemetery. The December meeting was held at the home of Cynthia Ledbetter. Members brought delicious dishes and desserts for the luncheon. Our guest speaker was Mrs. Susan Hudson, Va. Division R.M.S.A. Susan presented a program on Point Lookout P.O.W. camp, a place very dear to her heart as she had confederate ancestors who were imprisoned there. She brought visual poster board illustrations for all to see and handed out written information for each member. Everyone enjoyed her program, thank you Susan Hudson! We were also honored to have with us one of our Honorary members, Mrs. Barbara Joyner, who wears many hats within our organization. She is currently President of President Davis Chapter #2197. Chapter members congratulated her on receiving the "Winnie Davis" Award at General Convention. Barbara Joyner, Susan Hudson and guest Pat Minge updated us on some of the highlights from General Convention.

Several things were discussed for the new year. Tunnels 2 Towers was voted on as a new benevolent activity. The chapter will continue donations for the veterans at Hunter Holmes McGuire V.A. Hospital. Multiple items were brought to the December meeting for the veterans. President Cynthia Ledbetter would like to see our chapter become more involved in the C. Of C. and their meetings and projects. May the New Year 2024 bring you health and happiness!

Sincerely, Cynthia Ledbetter



From left to right are Margie Peele, Ellen Edmonds, Terry Rose, Patsy Bradley. Seated Betty Darden

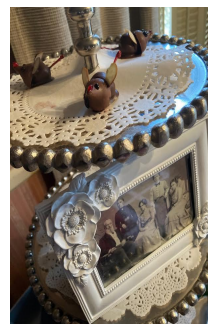
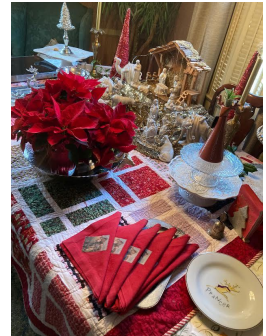
## Jerusalem Chapter 2489 UDC Courtland, Virginia

**Jerusalem Chapter 2489 was chartered on August 21, 1984 with 16 members. There are currently 11 members with length of membership ranging from 36 years to 5 years. In the past 2 years those remaining have persevered even with the loss of several members due to illness or death.**

**One goal that we are very proud of was hosting the 6th District Conference in May of 2023. With a new Slate of Officers the Chapter has plans to continue with our charitable contributions, occasionally meeting with our local SCV Chapter and participating in events with other Chapters as they arise. Submitted by Pres. Emonds**

# J.E.B. Stuart Chapter 156

Our chapter celebrated its December meeting at the home of President Janie Sherman following chairman Betsy Spencer's Laying a Wreath at the Confederate Soldier monument at Staunton's Thornrose Cemetery. The President was hostess to several monthly meetings: an Easter Tea, a Preakness Race Brunch, and a Christmas Social; while other members: Donna Gum hosted a Confederate St. Pat Luncheon, Michelle Duprey-a Pool Party, and Sharon Sturdivant hosted Barbie's Halloween and Thanksgiving Cornucopia Luncheons. Our chapter welcomed three new members, celebrated Memorial Day with speaker Teresa Roane, and our chapter's Young Writers Essay Contest winner, Everleigh Jordan, 3rd Grade. Three members attended VA Division Convention where J.E.B. Stuart won Best Yearbook (under 40). The chapter newly sponsored a Ladies Have Good Manners newsletter and a Bylaws Minute at meetings. Creating a congenial Southern social atmosphere in which to conduct UDC business, along with getting chapter records in order, has been this year's focus. Chapter Motto: We Are Ladies Who Appreciate Our Southern Heritage! Janie Sherman, President and District 4 Chairman



1 & 2 Easter Tea Party & guests 3- Betsy Spencer, Preakness Brunch 4- Preakness Stakes Brunch, Kathy Cave & Carol King dressed in Yellow & Black (racing colors) 5 & 6- Teresa Roane at Memorial Day, Thornrose Cemetery, Staunton 7-Janie Sherman, President at VA State Convention

## Fort Lowry 2695

Fort Lowry 2695 members enjoyed a welcome-back brown bag lunch at a member's home in September. President Cindy Packett shared her goals of increasing membership, improving attendance at meetings, submitting more Supplemental applications, and completing Records of Interment of Confederate Veterans for ancestors. The program for the meeting was a workshop explaining how to complete and submit the form for Records of Interment. The chapter lost a member, Christine Jones, who was honored at the September 30 th Memorial Service held at the Virginia Annual Convention in Richmond.

In October, the chapter met at the historical home, Westlawn, in Heathsville, VA, where they were welcomed by homeowner and historian, James Russell. He shared his extensive collection of artifacts, books, and paintings relating to the War Between the States. Registrar Joan Croson presented two members with five approved supplemental applications. The Russells hosted a delightful luncheon following the meeting.

The November meeting was held at a local restaurant with Treasurer Suzi Maggard presenting a program about Harriet Tubman's life. The registrar presented another Supplemental application which had been approved. The chapter adopted newly-graduated Army soldier stationed at Fort Liberty who completed jump school. They will be collecting items to send him through the year. December was a highlight month for the chapter as they celebrated, along with Capt. Sally Tompkins Chapter 2626, with a Christmas luncheon at Indian Creek Yacht Club hosted by Lancaster County Chapter 1406.

The chapter continues to work to achieve its goals. Attendance at meetings has improved. Applications have been submitted for a new member and a transfer member. Several forms have been completed for Interment of Confederate Veterans. Looking ahead, the chapter is planning a March meeting with guest speaker Susan Hudson, VA Division Recorder of Military Service Awards. She will present a program on Point Lookout. Fort Lowry members enjoy the sisterhood of their chapter and continue to honor their ancestors and uphold the objectives of the UDC.

Submitted by Cindy Packett, President

### Isle of Wight Chapter 699 congratulates our chapter registrar, Karen Grigg!

Karen was elected to be the Virginia Division UDC Custodian for 2023-2025 at the Virginia State Convention in Glen Allen. Our chapter has taken a tour of Blandford Church and Cemetery with Benjamin Barrett as our very informative tour guide. Sam Winkler portrayed Samuel Witchal, Snake Oil Salesman. He educated us about plants and herbs that were used during the War Between the States era for their curing effects. We are securing funds for a medallion to be placed on one of the benches at the Isle of Wight Confederate Monument. It will represent our chapter's continued support of the monument. Goody bags were delivered to the Hampton Veterans Hospital. Member Pat Hall hosted our Christmas get together at her beautifully decorated home.

*Happy 2024 everyone!*

Submitted by Debbie Hughson, Chapter  
Historian and Chaplain



Virginia Division President Dawn Diehl with  
Virginia Division Custodian Karen Grigg

# Rockbridge UDC Chapter #2568

Since returning from Division Convention, the Rockbridge Chapter held a meeting where we heard about Civil-War era architecture in Lexington and Rockbridge County. We gathered for a Christmas potluck and made Christmas cards for our veterans to send along with our collection of supplies for the Salem VA Hospital.

The Stonewall Brigade of the Sons of the Confederacy planned and executed a perfect weekend celebration to honor R. E. Lee and T. J. 'Stonewall' Jackson the weekend of January 12-13. The Rockbridge Chapter was please to be a part of welcoming visitors to the Jackson House Museum Friday morning before the symposium.

Saturday morning started with a wreath laying ceremony at the foot of the Jackson statue where our Rockbridge UDC Chapter was invited to give a welcome. That afternoon, our chapter and one of our members laid a brick at the Lee-Jackson Memorial Park. The weekend was topped off with a salute to the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of Stonewall Jackson.

We encourage other UDC chapters throughout the Division to check out the Lee-Jackson Memorial Park by visiting [leejacksonpark.com](http://leejacksonpark.com)

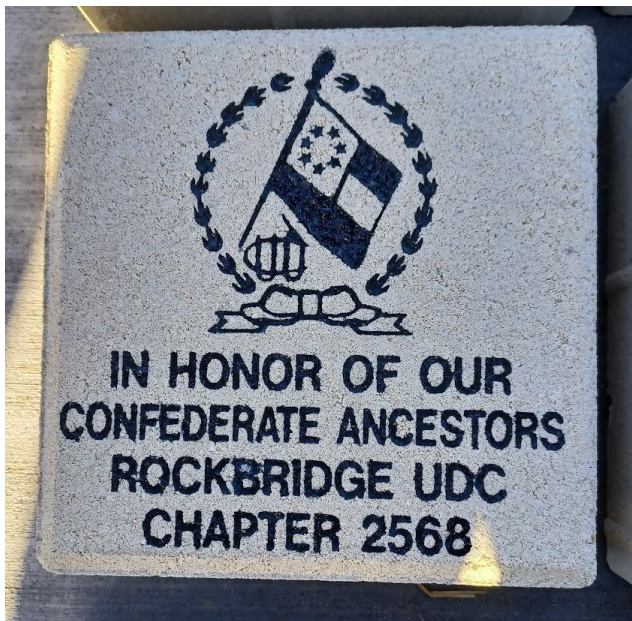
Jan Lowry, President



- Raising a new flag at the Lee-Jackson Memorial Park outside Fairfield, VA



- Jan Lowry and Mary Scott, members of the Rockbridge Chapter #2568 ready to lay their bricks at the Lee-Jackson Memorial Park



- The Rockbridge UDC Chapter's brick

## General Stuart #2195

### Princess Anne 435

The last months have been busy with various speakers at each of our meetings. At our December Holiday Luncheon, Teresa Roane and Eric Richardson were our guest speakers. What a dynamic answer and question presentation centered around Confederate Pensions. At the luncheon we gathered gift collections for the Homeless VetHouse, Our Lady of Perpetual Health and Rehabilitation Center, and for an adopted struggling family of 7. Our Historian Donna Grantham presented her own written poem, "When The Boys In Gray Are Gone".

Our chapter welcomed many guests in November to see Sam Winkler as President Jefferson Davis. He says he had the honor of portraying the President of the Confederacy and as a Southern Gentleman in a room of Southern Ladies with a good meal and a fine bourbon for his coffee.

Several chapter members in November attended a presentation by John Hill, the closest relative and guardian of A.P Hill during the Princess Anne SCV meeting.

We are extremely excited to announce that our Princess Anne Monument has been re-erected in the city and plans are underway for a rededication.



Historian Donna Grantham presents a personalized pillow to Teresa Roane following her presentation with Eric Richardson on Confederate Pensions.

Greetings from General Stuart 2195 in Richmond, VA. We hold our meetings every 2nd Thursday night at 6:30 P.M. at Nick's Roman Terrace Restaurant in Richmond, VA. What better way to get two things done at once - food and meeting. We have been honored several times to have Mrs Jinny Widowski, General President, attend our meetings when she is in town. At our September meetings, we lit a candle in honor of the founding in the UDC on 10 September 1894. At most meetings, one member lights a candle in memory of one of her Confederate ancestors. We usually have a guest speaker, and have learned about Blandford Church and her beautiful windows, and details of the removal A P Hill's body from Richmond and the reburial in Culpeper, VA. Several of us toured the Headquarters building. At the 2022 General Convention, we were honored to have our sponsored veteran awarded a Cross of Military Service, and at the 2023 Division Convention, we were honored to have sponsored veteran awarded a National Defense Medal. We will be presenting several more awards soon. We presented Stonewall Jackson awards to two very deserving men. We have begun Southern Arts and Literature moments at our meetings, and have learned how Mort Kunstler drew his famous paintings, how Paula Deen celebrates Christmas and even were given some of her Friendship tea, and what life was like for a young Southern girl in Union occupied Culpeper in 1863. We also have an Historic moment at our meetings, and have learned how the wounded were care for, about the Battle of Tebbs Bend-Green River Bridge, and who Alice Rhett was. Sadly, we lost two members, but we have gained several new members, including some younger ones who are already becoming our future. We have also designed our own chapter name tag so we can learn each other's names, and so that guests and prospective members can learn our names.

Submitted by Pres. Milbrey Bartholow



Chapter with Sam Winkler after his presentation as Jefferson Davis.

# Stained Glass Windows

There are 8 stained glass windows at the Confederate War Memorial Chapel. They were designed and made by the Belcher Mosaic Company.

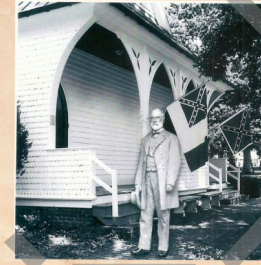


## The Confederate War Memorial Chapel



Built May 8th, 1887, the Confederate Memorial Chapel in Richmond VA served as a place of worship and solitude for the R.E. Lee Confederate Soldiers. Another building, the R.E. Lee Confederate Soldiers Home stands blocks away, held an occupancy of 300. This home is also called, The Robinson House. The citizens whom built the chapel raised \$4,000, and from that time it served as a holy place of worship for 54 years. The Confederate Memorial Chapel held services, along with funerals, weddings, lectures, and meetings. During its time, the chapel held over 1,700 funeral services to those in the R.E. Lee Confederate Soldiers Home. In 1941, the last veteran who attended the R.E. Lee Soldiers Home passed away ending its service in 1942.

The Confederate Memorial Chapel was designed by architect Marion J. Dimmock in the Carpenter-Gothic Style. The chapel has hand-hewn pews, eight stained glass windows, and a bell that still hangs at the very top.



### Daughters, the C of C Project

### *“Following Our Fathers in Worship”*



I would like to present my project for my term; this is something I hold and cherish in my heart. Behind the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond is the Confederate War Memorial Chapel. It still stands where it was built on May 8, 1887. Area citizens and Confederate veterans raised the \$4,000.00 needed to build it only 22 years after the War Between the States ended. The Chapel served as a place of worship for Confederate Soldiers Home residents for 54 years, until the last veteran passed away in 1941. The chapel held religious services as well as lectures, meetings, and social gatherings.

The Confederate War Memorial Chapel has 8 beautiful, stained-glass windows manufactured by the Belcher Mosaic Company. These windows are truly a beautiful and inspiring sight to see on a sunny day. Inside, the proscenium arch is inscribed with words of inspiration: “In this Place Will I Give Peace” / “Saith the Lord of Hosts.”

As a memorial this Chapel means a lot to me, and I hope that if you visit it, you will come to adore it as much as I do. For my project we hope to raise funds to repair and paint the outside stairs going up to the chapel, as well as repair the bathrooms which are conveniently located on the outside of the chapel. My goal is to raise \$20,000.00.

Thank you, and may God bless.

With love, Hazel

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Spring Board April 6, 2024  
UDC Memorial Building

First District Conference  
April 20, 2024  
Mill Creek Baptist Church  
11475 Lee Highway  
Fincastle, VA 24090

Second District Conference  
April, 27, 2024  
Blue Ridge Cafe  
8315 Seminole Trail  
Ruckersville, VA

Third District Conference  
Appomattox Community Center  
220 Community Lane  
Appomattox, VA 24522  
April 13, 2024

Fourth District Conference  
Doubletree Hotel  
111 Hospitality Drive  
Front Royal, VA 22630  
May 18, 2024

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March 23, 2024  
Meadowbrook Country Club  
3700 Cogbill Rd  
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March 9, 2024  
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