



NEWSLETTER OF THE VIRGINIA DIVISION
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From Our Division President, Dawn Diehl:

Summer is finally here!!! We are winding down another year of the Virginia Division. I wish you all a summer of rest and relaxation. Plan on being ready roll in September!

On June 3rd we celebrated President Jefferson Davis' birthday. He was a very distinguished statesman, and I would like to list his accomplishments:

House of Representatives 1845-1846
Mexican War 1846-1847
Senator, Mississippi 1847-1851
Secretary of War 1853-1857
Senator Mississippi 1857-1861
President of the Confederate States of America 1861-1865

Once again, we have had to fight the Virginia Legislature over the tax-exempt bill. A huge thank you to all of you who wrote letters, made phone calls, and sent emails. The Governor thankfully vetoed this bill once again, but our fight is not over, it will be back again next year.

We had a successful conference season, special thanks to all our officers who took their week-ends to attend. The District Chairmen and hostess chapters did a fabulous job.

I attended the CofC Convention, and what an outstanding group of young people! Congratulations to the new president, Lillie Short, and a job well done to past president, Cora Scott.

Loudoun 170 presented an American Patriot Award to Father George Pucciarelli, a retired Combat Decorated Navy Chaplain who served as Chief of Chaplains for the United States Marine Corps. (photo below)

Please make plans to attend the Commemoration of First Manassas on July 26th at 10:00 am at Manassas National Battlefield. Our keynote speaker will be Ms. Teresa Roane, whose subject will be the estimable General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson. This is our first year back at the battlefield since Covid. We need to make a big showing.

The Convention call is included in this edition, Janie Sherman and her committee have been hard at work to ensure that we have a successful convention. The dates for the convention are September 19-21, 2025. This is an election year, ladies! We need you to step up and take office. Currently, we have only one office with a person who has declared her intent to run. Please, ladies, it is crucial to the Virginia



Division that you step up and run for office. This is a great way to get to know the ladies of Virginia and to learn all about the Division.

*“They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow,
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted:
They fell with their faces to the foe.*

*They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.”*

With UDC love,
Dawn
Honor, Respect, and Revere

“Who could not conquer with such troops as these?” Lt Gen Thomas J. Jackson





*The Virginia Division
United Daughters of the Confederacy
and
Mrs. Dawn G. Diehl, President
Request the honor of your presence at the
Commemoration of the
One Hundred Sixty-Fourth Anniversary
of the Battle of First Manassas
Saturday, July 26, 2025
at 10:00 am
at the Visitor's Center
Manassas National Battlefield Park*

*Key Note Speaker
Ms. Teresa Roane*

*Refreshments will be served in the shade of the trees
Courtesy of Loudoun Chapter 170
United Daughters of the Confederacy*

*Wreaths are welcome, but please let us know so that your
organization can be recognized in the program.*

*R.S.V.P. –
Mrs. Dawn Diehl - mcdawn21940@aol.com*

Assistant Registrar's Report, Bonnie W. Garber

It is a pleasure serving as your Assistant Registrar of the Virginia Division. I have been able to talk to many of you over the telephone as you encounter difficulties or have questions. I also see some of you from time to time at Division and district events.

I have received 33 supplementals since the beginning of Sept. 2024. This is a drastic decline from last year when 26 were processed in Sept 2024 alone. Please, send in more supplements from your chapter. As of this moment, Southern Cross 746 in Salem has turned in 15 supplementals and is in the lead for the most supplementals this year.

I have received 16 applications from District 1, none from District 2, 7 from District 3, none from District 4, 8 from District 5, and 2 from District 6. So far, I have only had to reject one supplemental application that I have received. None have been rejected by the Assistant Registrar General. Congratulations go to Mildred Lee, 74, in Martinsville. Their goal was to achieve 100 approved supplementals. That goal has been reached. They have officially received 110 approved supplementals since 2022. From what I understand, they are not done yet! Perhaps some of you other chapter Registrars in the Virginia Division would like to set a goal for your chapter. It wouldn't have to be as high as 100, but pick a number that you think your chapter could obtain.

Please remember that I am a night owl. I can not sleep until I have solved the problem at hand or at least have a handle on what to do with a difficult supplemental. You will often find I am sending out emails at midnight, one or two in the morning. No phone calls before 10:00 a. m., please. I will answer emails as quickly as I can.

Also, I am very allergic to perfume and some hand lotions. Please, be very careful when handling your applications and documents. I am sitting here sneezing as I am trying to process the latest applications I received.

I would also like to thank all you who sent birthday cards to my aunt, Florence Jane Mettauer, on her 101 st birthday on Feb. 26. For a week before her big day, over the phone, she and her daughter would read me about 5 cards a night. The cards were sent from all over the state of Virginia, with one from Iowa and one from New Jersey. Thank you, ladies, for remembering her. She loved it.

Please contact me with any questions on supplementals. I will do my very best to help you.

***The Virginia Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy,® is pleased to announce the
130th Annual Virginia Division Convention in the
Shenandoah Valley, Harrisonburg.***

“The Shenandoah Valley: Breadbasket of the Confederacy”

September 18-21 (Thursday-Sunday), 2025

DoubleTree by Hilton Harrisonburg, off I-81, Harrisonburg, VA

Mrs. Dawn Diehl, President

Ms. Janie Sherman, Convention Chairman

14 Hostess Chapters: Arlington 1573, Black Horse 9, Fairfax 1410, General Robert E. Lee 233, J.E.B. Stuart 156, Lee 1842, Loudoun 170, Luray 436, Manassas 175, Mary Custis Lee-17th VA Regt 7, Stover Camp 863, Thirteenth Virginia Regt 441, Turner Ashby 162, Warren Rifles 934.

ROOM RESERVATIONS for the 130th ANNUAL CONVENTION

(*Updated info since your Annual Packet Information, as per June 13.)

CONVENTION HOTEL: You will be staying at DoubleTree by Hilton-Harrisonburg, a 4-Star Hotel in Harrisonburg, VA— during the beautiful SHENANDOAH VALLEY FALL FOLLAGE season.

Room Rates: \$119 per night for King or two Double-Bed occupancy. Room rates do not include taxes. Deadline for UDC Special Rate: August 18, 2025.

HOTEL RESERVATION: The Group Code is C-90U. Make a reservation by calling the hotel

When Calling the DoubleTree by Hilton-Harrisonburg Hotel for reservations, please reference the: Virginia Daughters of UDC and the Group Code: C-90U.

Front Desk DoubleTree Telephone number: 540-433-2521.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS SOON! ROOMS WITH DOUBLE QUEEN-SIZE BEDS ARE BOOKING FAST!

The Convention call is quite long. I will not be able to place it in its entirety here. I will furnish a link you can investigate all the happening and consequences< I will only send it in the mailings for the few that do not receive the OBD digitally.

4TH DISTRICT CHAIRMAN
Janie Sherman (2023-2025)

It has been, and is, an honor to serve in President Dawn Diehl's administration as 4th District Chairman. We have 14 viable Chapters in this district. We recently held our 4th District Conference in Warrenton, VA, which was hosted by Black Horse Chapter 9, one of the earliest chapters in UDC, while we honored their 130th Anniversary!

A fun and informative meeting with Officer-led Workshops was held and where we elected our rising 4th District Chairman Virginia Norton, President of Fairfax Chapter 1410 and a past District Chairman. Come to the 130th Virginia Division Convention in Harrisonburg, VA, September 19, 20, & 21, 2025, where on the last day, new Virginia Officers will be sworn in along with our 4th District Chairman Virginia Norton who will be installed, as well.

This Spring was very busy for me as 4th District Chairman with \having attended five out of the six Virginia District Conferences all over the state, along with the Spring Board held in Richmond at UDC Headquarters. For the first time, Spring Board included Massing of the Flags as part of this April meeting. Each UDC Division President held a corner of their State Flag which was carried by an SCV member. The Division Presidents walked while the State Song was played until the flag was presented. Vice President Pam Smith strolled beautifully in lieu of Dawn Diehl who was recovering from surgery. It was a spectacular event!

We learned at that Spring Board Meeting from the recently elected President General that the usual income from Daughters was not covering expenses. We were encouraged to buy UDC insignia, purchase our lovely UDC Magazine, and continue to bring in new and supplemental members, as well as Legacy memberships, as this is the means by which our organization covers overhead at UDC Headquarters in Richmond.

Ladies, be aware that there is a newly published UDC HANDBOOK, 8th edition, 2024 (for \$25) available to order. This is a spiral bound, easy-read reference book that I believe EVERY UDC MEMBER should own! It tells you everything you need to know... and would be especially perfect for New UDC Members! I picked up my copy at Spring Board, and since then a member from my chapter went to Richmond to pick up the last few copies! They are reordering and we have four more copies reserved. BTW, do you know if the official UDC Flower is red? Can you wear UDC Insignia at a funeral? Find out the answers in this UDC Handbook!

Many of our Chapters in 4th District held their Memorial Day Services this past month, and our district is planning for its July Meeting of the PRESIDENTS ROUNDTABLE. Last year we concentrated on How to Obtain New Members, and our District was honored, as it was announced that 4th District won the RANDOLPH-WALKE BANNER for the largest net increase in Membership! Congratulations!

Presently 4th District Chapters are serving as Hostess Chapters for our 130th Virginia Division Convention in Harrisonburg. These Hostess Chapters are:

•Arlington 1573, •Black Horse 9, •Fairfax 1410, •General Robert E. Lee 233, •J.E.B. Stuart 156, •Lee 1842, •Loudoun 170, •Luray 436, •Manassas 175, •Mary Custis Lee-17th VA Regt 7, •Stover Camp 863, •Thirteenth Virginia Regt 441, •Turner Ashby 162, •Warren Rifles 934.

Chapter Presidents, you are VITALLY Important; as you are aware I call you the “Heart of Your Chapter”—AND you are! As Convention Chairman, I will be calling on many members to serve as volunteers at the Convention. Meanwhile, find a member from your chapter to encourage to serve as a Page at the Convention! It is fun, active, and important to the flawless operation of the Convention. You can be recent member and serve the Virginia UDC in this capacity! Watch for additional information in the upcoming Convention Call. Members, Chapter Presidents, the President’s Evening, and the VA Daughters Luncheon, both hosted by the ladies of Loudoun Chapter 170 have wonderful meals planned at very reasonable prices! We have interesting candidates receiving awards at the Historical Evening, plus dancers, and a live auction! This is a voting year... so come to the Convention and see your new Virginia Officers being installed! You All Come!!!

6TH DISTRICT Chairman - Therese DeSanto

A timely reminder for chapter presidents to send their reports in by August 1. It is very important to show your work in keeping our Confederate history alive. The deadline is important as District Chairmen have a deadline shortly after to send their reports as well. I look forward to reading all your historical endeavors and submitting each chapter's hard work, I had a great time attending the fourth and fifth District Conferences. Both conferences were outstanding. I am very thankful that I was able to cross off one of my bucket list items, which was to stay overnight on the Stratford Hall grounds where my ancestors once lived.

I encourage each of you to attend the Division Convention to be held in Harrisonburg between September 18-21, 2025, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Harrisonburg. The summer is an excellent time to finalize chapter yearbooks and scrapbooks and prepare to submit them for judging at the Convention. Be sure to double-check your entry against the yearbook and scrapbook checklists available online on the website. It is wonderful to see our chapters receive the award presentations at the Convention.

Great-Great Granddaughter Club - Therese DeSanto.

I encourage everyone to attend our club's annual breakfast at the Virginia Division Convention. The next club newsletter will be available at breakfast. New this year are Membership cards that will be available at the annual breakfast. All paid members have been sent an email acknowledging receipt of their 2025 dues.

We need a nominating committee for officers who will be elected at the Convention. If you are interested in serving on the nominating committee, please contact Teresa Roane by August 1. Anyone interested in serving as an officer for the club, please contact Teresa Roane. We will take nominations at breakfast.

Thank you to everyone who sent their 2025 dues by the June 1 deadline. The \$10 dues funds your Division and General yearly dues. Please do not send any dues funds to General, as the Division Club pays this. Membership forms can be found on the VA Division Website, or I can send you one by email (ourfamilylegacy@aol.com). Last year we had 95 members, 75 paid members, and 20 pro bono members. At this time, dues are assessed at \$15 (\$10 dues + \$5.00 late fee). Please send forms/checks to my new address: Therese DeSanto 633 Makers Way, Martinsburg, WV 25409-4319.

News From the Appomattox Chapter #11

The Appomattox Chapter #11 had their Memorial Service on April 6, 2025, at the Surrendering Ground Cemetery next to the Appomattox National Park. Sam Wrinkler, who portrayed Jefferson Davis, was our guest speaker, and Gene Williams sang "The Twelve Unknown." On June 7, 2025, the Appomattox Chapter #11, along with the Kirkwood Otey Chapter #10, celebrated our 130th Anniversary at Charley's Restaurant in Lynchburg, Virginia. We all enjoyed the food and the program, which was on what took place at the "High Bridge" in Farmville, Virginia, during the "War Between the States."

Southern Cross Chapter 746

Southern Cross Chapter 746 in Salem has been busy this spring. Programs have been enjoyed, such as Teresa Roane's presentation, "You Are a Living Monument", Susan Hudson's presentation on the prison at Point Lookout, MD, and our own, Linda Wilkes' presentation on "Confederate Music." We have collected and delivered needed items each month to the Salem, V.A. Members from Hamilton Wade and Fincastle

Chapters have joined us for two of our meetings. During the year, our Registrar, Kim McDonough, has helped Chapter members qualify for 17 Supplementals and 2 new member applications are pending.

Carol Mills(right) receiving a Supplemental certificate from Registrar Kim McDonough (center)while President Elaine Powers looks on. (left)



On Memorial Day, wreaths were placed at the Confederate statue on Main Street, Salem, and at East Hill Cemetery at the marker honoring the Confederates buried there. Also, the 1st National Flag was flown over the Memorial Day weekend at East Hill Cemetery. Small flags were placed on the graves of those buried together in the Confederate section. We are proud of member Judy Lienhardt, who has served faithfully as 1st District Chairman for four years. We are looking forward to the next year and what lies ahead as we continue to honor our heritage.

Sharon Rose
Historian

This is a very long document. I do not have room to include Convention call. It will be emailed under separate email. To preview this 15-page document, please click on the link to view all pages. This document will be sent in its entirety to ladies who receive mailed copies. All others please click to view.

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