



NEWSLETTER OF THE VIRGINIA DIVISION
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A Message From Virginia Division President Dawn Diehl



As we kick off March, it is the start of District Conferences. I hope that each of you will make a special effort to attend your District Conference. You are also welcome to attend other District Conferences, as well. This is a great time to meet your Virginia Division Officers and hear what they have been doing to enrich the Virginia Division. This year we will be having workshops, so please take advantage and if you have a question for an officer, attend that workshop, or attend several workshops. We look forward to seeing you and getting to know you.

It is an honor for me to represent the Virginia Division. The theme for my presidency is *Honor, Respect, and Revere*. Today we are facing a great fight for our very existence. More than ever, we should Honor, Respect, and Revere our ancestors and make sure that we fight as they did to keep them forever with us and protect the legacy they left for us. In a letter written by Jefferson Smith to his wife a few weeks before Gettysburg, he stated, "Our collective fear is nearly universal. This war, if it is lost, will see ripples carry forward for five, six, seven or more generations." This is exactly what we are seeing today. We must fight, carrying on the fight of our ancestors for our heritage and the future of Virginia Division and our Organization.

Your General Officers, Teresa Roane, Janet Perkins and myself have been meeting with Delegates, Senators, Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs, Attorney General and the Lt. Governor. I have also written a detailed report on what the Virginia Division does and have sent it to the Governor's staff. We have made our presence known at the vote in the House. We have had productive meetings to inform our Legislature about who Virginia Division and who General are, and what we stand for. Now it is up to the Governor. I sincerely thank all who have written letters, emailed, and made phone calls. We have shown up strong. It does make a difference and I appreciate each of you. Despite the busyness, I was able to attend the Mildred Lee Luncheon. They had a lovely lunch and it was great to meet with such a lovely group of ladies.

We will keep you posted as to what the Governor does; we are praying for a veto. We will continue with the good work we do, continuing to make a difference in our communities, supporting our military and holding up the high standard of our beloved Confederate ancestors. General Patrick Cleburne said, "Surrender means that the history of this heroic struggle will be written by the enemy; that our youth will be trained by Northern school teachers; will learn from Northern books their version of the War; will be impressed by all the influences of history and education to regard our gallant dead as traitors, and our maimed veterans as fit subjects for derision." Let us resolve that this will NOT happen!

***"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*



***The Appomattox Chapter 11
United Daughters of the Confederacy
cordially invites you to attend the
Appomattox UDC Annual Memorial Service
at the Appomattox UDC Cemetery***

(Route 24 next to the National Park in Appomattox, Virginia)

Sunday, April 7, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

***Please help us remember the fallen soldiers from the War
Between the States buried in the Appomattox UDC Cemetery.***

If you or your group would like to present a wreath in this service, please respond by Friday, March 29, 2024, so the program can be updated to include all presenters and group names.

Mrs. Marjorie (Karen) Sale
President, Appomattox UDC Chapter 11
(434)993-6113
nngrits@yahoo.com

Mary Estlin Lee - 17th Virginia Regiment Chapter #7
United Daughters of the Confederacy



GRAVE MARKING CEREMONY

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

1:00 PM

BETHEL CEMETERY
1300 Wilkes Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

We will dedicate Iron Crosses on the graves of six Confederate Veterans.

If you would like to present a wreath on behalf of your chapter or organization, please contact Debby Mullins dmullins@erols.com, no later than April 21, 2024.

Parking: Please park on either Wilkes Street or South Payne Street. This will keep the narrow lanes in the cemetery open for family members visiting graves

Reception immediately following at 806 Prince Street, Alexandria, VA

Please RSVP by April 21, 2024 to
Debby Mullins dmullins@erols.com

Second Vice President's Report

Thank you to the chapters that submitted UDC General scholarship applications. Those chapters are: Centennial-Maury 2296, Chesterfield-Elliott Grays 851, Fredericksburg 163, Gen. Stuart 2195, Hamilton Wade 949, Lancaster 1406, Princess Anne 435, and Turner Ashby 162. Thank you to the chapter second vice presidents and presidents. Virginia Division scholarship applications are due to me by April 15. Thank you all.

Debby Mullins

Third Vice President's Report

The 2023-24 CofC Project, repairing or replacing, and painting, the front steps of the Confederate War Memorial Chapel, Richmond, comes within the range of \$20,000. Considering the amount of funds raised, we hope to repair the bathroom. Ladies, this is such an awesome opportunity as it is all encompassing, Restoration-Preservation - Historical - Memorial.

The UDC is responsible for children of the CofC. Whether your chapter supports an actual CofC Chapter or not, please do not forget this. Hazel's project gives us, the UDC, means to meet our very own goals and carry out our caregiver role also. Let's do it to the best of our ability! See you at your Spring Conference!

Fran Towerman



Feed me!

The Anaconda Plan: Scott's Great Snake



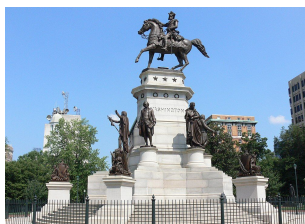
The brain child of General Winfield Scott, the Anaconda Plan was the Union's strategic plan to defeat the Confederacy at the start of the American Civil War. The goal was to defeat the rebellion by blockading southern ports and controlling the Mississippi river. This would cut off and isolate the south from the outside world. It was critical to control the railways, the harbors, and in effect strangle the South.

In a case of fact being stranger than fiction, Robert E. Lee was General Winfield Scott's protege during the Mexican American War. This was another strange coincidence as Gen P.G.T. Beauregard was educated in artillery at West Point by none other than Col. Robert Jackson, the commander he faced at Fort Sumter.



The motto of the Confederacy
Deo vindice

"(With) God (as our)
defender/protector"



The Virginia Washington Monument at the Capitol was the site of the 2nd inauguration of President Davis and Vice President Stephens.

First Vice President Pam Smith

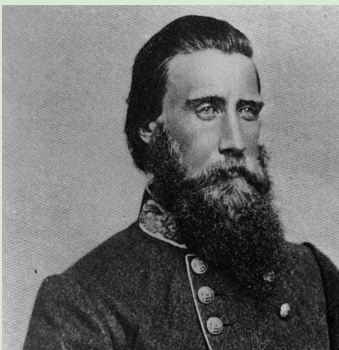
The Vice President General has informed me that starting in June all shipping will be \$10.80 through priority mail. The business office has been having trouble with the mail service and regular shipping is not trackable on orders that are not received by the members.

The Hamilton Company is now longer carrying the ribbons that are sewn together and the Vice President General is looking for a new vendor. I hope to hear good news at Spring Board.

I would like to ask the Chapter Vice Presidents to please review the order forms before you sign and send them to me. Make sure you have the current forms, that proof is attached, and the total dollar figure is correct.

The Vice President's office handles approval of the Winnie Davis Medal and the Stonewall Jackson Medal. Please consider awarding this medal to a member or nonmember that has shown outstanding service to our organization. Applications for these awards can be found on the General website.

Ladies, please support our organization by buying pins and ancestor bars. What a way to give money and get something shiny in return! Proudly wear your ribbon to all UDC functions. Tell your family's story by wearing your ribbon. Your ribbon tells us a lot. It shows us the names of your ancestors that fought or gave Military aid, if they were a POW, how many years you have been in the organization, and what jobs you have done on the Chapter, Division and General Level. We have the five Virginia Division pins available if you are missing any. Be proud and support UDC.



Kentuckian John Bell Hood spent his amputation recovery time in Richmond, where he became a close friend of President Davis.

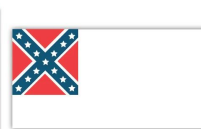
FLAGS OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

Official flags of the Confederate States



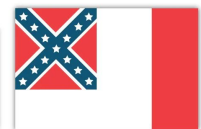
'The Stars and Bars'

The first flag featured eight stars for each state the Confederacy had at the time. The flag's similarity to the U.S. flag created problems on the battlefield.



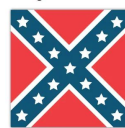
'The Stainless Banner'

The second official flag was adopted in 1863. Its first official use was on Stonewall Jackson's casket.



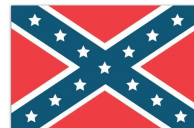
The third national flag was adopted in 1865, shortly before the surrender of the South.

Battle flags



Army of Northern Virginia

This flag was issued to troops in November 1861 to distinguish them from Union soldiers. It is featured on Confederate national flags and Mississippi's flag, and is flown at the South Carolina Statehouse.



Army of Tennessee

Based on the Northern Virginia flag, this rectangular flag was issued to troops in 1864. The 13 stars represent the Confederate states plus one, hinting at the possibility of states like Maryland, Missouri or Kentucky seceding.

Current state flags



The current Mississippi state flag, adopted in 1894, features the Confederate battle flag in the upper left corner, and Georgia's flag, adopted in 2004, is similar to the original "Stars and Bars" Confederate flag.

Sources: Smithsonian Institution, Museum of the Confederacy, South Carolina Statehouse, Georgia state government, Fotolia Graphic: Tribune News Service

Virginia Division Officers Reports continued

Historian Angela Smith

I am looking forward to receiving many Division Historical Essays from Daughters of Virginia. What better way to preserve Virginia's history during 1861 and beyond, than a researched and written account of one of the varied topics.

Which include:

- "Hanover Junction during the War"
- "24th Virginia Cavalry"
- "26th Regiment, Virginia Infantry"
- "Confederate Veterans and Their Post-War Pursuit of Higher Education"
- "The Ties That Bind: Woman to Woman"
- "Child's Life"
- "Staying Fashionable During the War"
- "The Year 1865: Life in Old Town Alexandria after the Surrender"
- "The McPhails of Mulberry Hill Plantation"
- "Horses in Gray; Confederate War Horses"



Limiting oneself to 1,000 words will prove to be difficult, but I know you can do this. Prize money will be awarded to each winner during our 2024 Virginia Convention.

Recorder of Military Service Awards Submitted by Susan Hudson

My activities include attending the General Convention in Lexington, KY, last November and I had the privilege to attend the Lee, Jackson, Maury Luncheon hosted by Fairfax and General Robert E. Lee Chapters on January 20, where Lynne Scanlon was presented a Letter of Appreciation and pin for her service in the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps from 14 July 1979 to 13 July 1982. I was invited to present a program at Ft. Lowry on March 21, have attended 6th District Conference, and plan to attend all the District Conferences.

I have responded to requests for information and assisted 10 chapters on matters pertaining to MSA. To ensure we have award recipients for the Division and General Conventions this fall, I have reached out to Chapter Recorders, through the District Chairmen, with an email which gave a description of the different medals along with forms and instructions.

As of today, I expect a NDM application for a chapter bestowal from Stonewall Chapter and have four chapters working on their packages for awarding at the Division Convention in October. They are Fincastle and Southern Cross – 1st District; Mildred Lee – 3rd District; and General Stuart – 5th. Now my focus will be on trying to see if we can't have some recipients for the General Convention in November which will be held in Richmond. At our Division Convention in Roanoke, I plan to host a "Meet and Greet" with the award recipients and their guests prior to the start of the evening program and have offered to help Angela Smith, Division Historian, with any details in preparation of our Historical Evening Program.

I look forward to working with all of you and offer to visit chapters to promote widespread participation in recognizing our active-duty service members and veterans with Military Service Awards at the chapter, Division or General level.

In UDC service,
Susan Hudson, Virginia Division Recorder of Military Service Awards

Virginia Division Officers Reports *continued*

Custodian's Report "Sale Prices" submitted by Karen Grigg



We have a lot of Division items for sale and all items have been reduced. If you would like to purchase any items, or have ideas for new items, please contact me at karenbird77@aol.com or 757-285-6021. I will be at all upcoming District conferences, so please stop by and support your Virginia Division. Pictured above are just a few items for sale.

From left to right

Black/red toiletry bag (\$10), Virginia Division History book (\$20), white 8x10 folder w/notepad (\$8), 8x10 notepad (\$2), 5x7 notepad (\$1.50), Chimborazo nurse monument marble paperweight (\$15), Chimborazo ornament (\$15), round red UDC foldable fan w/case (\$3) or 2 for (\$5), red lunch bag (\$2), Red chair with UDC on the back in white letters (\$20), Red chair without arms (not shown) \$18.

Virginia Division Corresponding Secretary Report

As Corresponding Secretary, I have stayed busy getting articles and photos print-ready. Our next Old Dominion Bulletin will be emailed about March 31st. The next two deadlines are June 15th, and Sept 15th. Today's district event will be the last article submitted for this issue. We've had a few sick and lost one daughter's spouse since the last meeting at Sixth District. We continue to remain busy sending emails, letters, and making phone calls to Governor Youngkin's office in support of this veto of these devastating bills. The plan is to keep it up until the veto date has passed. This officer is hoping for invitations to visit other chapters in my quest to meet more daughters. I'd love an invitation! We are in a busy season of April Board, District Conferences, and continued pressure on defeating negative bills. It is my goal to attend every district conference. I will be traveling to each from Richmond with a planned return the same day if anyone would like to ride along. I am truly enjoying my service to the Division, and am grateful for all your continued support and kindness. Thank you, President Diehl, for allowing me to serve in your administration. Respectfully submitted, Julia Warren

Sixth District Conference at PCC Hosted Beautifully by Petersburg and City Point

The 6th District Conference was held on Saturday, March 9, at the Petersburg Country Club with 71 attendees including all Division Officers with the exception of one who was ill. We welcomed *Mrs. Suzanne Townsend, Past Virginia Division President and Treasurer of General*. *Ms. Cora Scott, CofC General Editor & Virginia CofC Vice President* and *Ms. Hazel Bittenbender, Virginia President CofC*.

Special thank you to our host chapters Petersburg and City Point. They offered great hospitality, a great menu and the 25+ door prizes!

Virginia Division President Dawn Diehl addressed the future of the Virginia Division and the Organization due to the attack by Virginia legislature. She thanked everyone for the letters sent to their elected representatives and to the Governor. She emphasized the importance of chapters completing forms in the President's packet as the information helped her to send a letter showing the great work chapters are doing along with data used from the chapter reports.

When asking members what stood out the most, the common theme was realizing the importance of the Presidents Packet due August 1, submitting chapter news items to the ODB, and realizing that insignia is a way to share our ancestor's stories.

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Submitted by Therese DeSanto,
Sixth District Chairman.

Photo 1: Dawn addressing the 6th District audience.

Photo 2: Ellen Edmonds, President Jerusalem at their chapter sales table.

Photo 3: Members of Princess Anne 435: Judy Payton, Ann Henley and Donna Grantham.

Photo 4: Susan Hudson conducting a workshop on Military Service Awards.

Photo 5: Salesroom.

Photo 6: Delicious buffet.

Registrar's Report

Spring is finally here! I hope everyone can take some time to enjoy the warmer weather. This Division officer would like to remind chapter registrars that when completing applications, it is important to make sure that the military service records are complete. If another record is also listed in the first record, a copy of both records must be presented with the application. The reasons for this are simple:

- 1) it could be a different soldier's record with the same name, and
- 2) the second record may show additional details of military service that the first one didn't, such as desertion. Please make sure to review the service records carefully before submission.

Respectfully submitted by Connie S. Schroeder

“They sacrificed for us; let’s work together to recognize them.”

I’m looking forward to seeing you all at the upcoming District Conferences and wanted to make sure you are thinking about finding worthy recipients for one of the Military Service Awards we can bestow. These awards can be presented by your Chapter or at the Division or General Conventions.

In order for us to be able to present awards at the upcoming Division Convention, we need to ensure the recipient will attend the October 4th Historical Evening Program in Roanoke or, if awarded at the General Convention, be able to attend the November 1st General Historical Evening Program in Richmond. I am ready to help with the applications which would have to be approved by the Division or General Executive Board and the General RMSA, so I encourage you to get those applications submitted to me, as soon as possible. If accepted at the Division or General level, the chapter does not have to pay the presentation medal and certificate costs.

For chapter RMSAs, I am happy to answer your questions and help in completing the application. These awards include:

- **Crosses of Military Service** - The Cross of Military Service, an outgrowth of the Southern Cross of Honor, is presented to veterans of World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam Conflict or the Global War on Terror who are lineal blood descendants of Confederate military personnel.
- **National Defense Medals** - The National Defense Medal is presented to veterans who are lineal blood descendants of Confederate military personnel and who served a minimum of 90 days in the Korean War or the Vietnam Conflict, but not in country/on land/in airspace/in waters contiguous thereto. The National Defense Medal is also awarded for service in the Persian Gulf War (Desert Shield/Desert Storm) and the continued Global War on Terror.
- **Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medals** - The Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal is presented to veterans who are lineal blood descendants of Confederate military personnel and who served a minimum of 90 days in the U.S. Armed Forces with service of at least 30 days in U.S. Military Operations, U.S. Military Operations in Direct Support of United Nations, or U.S. Operations of Assistance for Friendly Foreign Nations after July 1, 1958.
- **Certificates of Appreciation with Pin** – The Certificate of Appreciation to Servicemen/Women is awarded for a minimum of 90 days active-duty service to those men and women who at the time of presentation are not eligible for the other Military Service Awards.

The necessary forms and instructions are located on the General website, under FORMS: scroll down to Recorder of Military Service Awards and download the Memorandum of Facts, the Checklist, Order Form 36 and the Instructions. Please don’t hesitate to contact me with questions and let’s work hard to locate deserving military service men/women and veterans to honor!

In UDC service,

Susan Hudson

The Magazine Committee

As I write this, I am looking forward to the March issue of the UDC Magazine, which is the Virginia Special Issue. I am anticipating interesting historical articles, inspiring Division News articles with photos of old friends from various chapters across Virginia, and great advertising! I wish to express my appreciation to everyone who contributed to our Special Issue. Thank you all for keeping our magazine vibrant and informative. But don’t rest on your laurels. Keep track of your upcoming activities to send for the March 2025 issue. If you ever have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sue Anne Boothe



Third District Chairman hosts Luncheon for Chapter Presidents

Left to right: Deserae Whitus-President Farmville 45, Cindy Jordan-President Kirkwood Otey 10, Rebecca Ferguson-3rd District Chairman, Charla Compton-President Mildred Lee 74, Diane Barbour-Acting President Anna Eliza Johns 164, Pam Curtin-Division Treasurer, Janet Perkins-President Halifax 1321, Not shown-Susan Reynolds-Registrar Appomattox 11.

Third District Chairman's Report

by Rebecca Ferguson

On Saturday March 16, 2024, I hosted a luncheon for the Presidents of the Third District Chapters. Also in attendance was Division Treasurer, Pam Curtin. Of the eight chapters within the District, six were represented. These presidents just so happen to include our Division Recording Secretary and four committee chairmen. We discussed what was in the packets along with tips on how to fill out report forms. Janet Perkins updated us on our situation in Richmond and also reported on the CofC project for this year. Pam Curtin answered questions in regards to the Website and Chapter financial concerns. Several of the Committee Chairman passed along information in reference to their individual Committees. We were able to have "roundtable discussions" that were very productive. During these discussions, we were able to learn and share with each other. Several of the Chapter members have shown an interest in District field trips. Many of these ladies are either new to the UDC or able to go on their own. We plan for our first trip to include visiting the Confederate Chapel and UDC Memorial Building. We have other places of interest to visit so hopefully this will be successful.

First District Chairman

On February 24, 2024, I attended the Virginia UDC Board Meeting. The President's Packets were passed out. Unfortunately, the Minutes have not been printed. Sharon Loving is in the process of putting the original together before printing.

First District will be holding their Spring Conference on April 20, 2024. President Harriett Frances of Fincastle Chapter #797, along with Chapter members, are busy making plans for the Conference. This will be a working Conference, so ladies bring your questions.

Southern Cross #746, First District will be hosting the 128th Annual Virginia Division Convention in Roanoke, Virginia, on October 3-6, 2024. Chapter President Elaine Powers has planned for room reservations, meals, etc. Several other chapters are helping Southern Cross by volunteering to whatever is needed to help. The Convention Committee meets regularly.

Southern Cross #746 Vice President

I have been signing forms for insignia for the chapter. I'm also on the Executive Committee for the 128th Annual Division Convention.

Judith Simpson Lienhardt

Fifth District Chairman

I want to thank the Chesterfield-Elliott Grays Chapter for hosting the Fifth District Conference. They did a magnificent job! Everyone that attended the event was very complimentary. I hope that everyone enjoyed the informative day.

I look forward to seeing everyone next year in March. Fort Lowry is the hostess chapter for next year's conference.

Teresa Roane
5th District Chairman

District 4 Chairman Report

It is a pleasure to serve for the next two year as your District 4 Chairman serving 15 viable Chapters. When attending the Division Board Meeting in Henrico in February, I reported that our district had ordered 74 Minutes, which is being prepared to be printed, and I gave a status report regarding the change of venue for the District 4 Conference, May 18, 2024, from the DoubleTree Hotel to the new venue, Front Royal Church of the Brethren. Warren Rifles Chapter 934, Front Royal, is the Hostess Chapter; Pat McMillen, President. The Call has been sent out. All chapter members are encouraged to attend the District 4 Conference, and certainly officers of each chapter will benefit from the experience of meeting the Division Officers and Chairmen. I look forward to visiting all the District Conferences this Spring. In regard to Division President Dawn Diehl's goal of each Virginia chapter obtaining at least one new member during the first year of her term, District 4 reports: we have 5 New Members, 2 Reinstated Members, and 8 Prospective Members to date.

Submitted by Elizabeth Jane "Janie" Sherman, J.E.B. Stuart Chapter 156

In Loving Memory

We are sorry to report that our long time member Pat Stewart passed away.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family. Cards may be sent to Pat Stewart's family by sending to her home address:

Mrs. Pat Stewart
310 Hummingbird Road
Richmond, VA 23227-3610

Please keep her family in prayer.



Ladies, we are interested in having some original articles, poems, or news articles in our Old Dominion Bulletin.


Please submit by email to juliacairejw@gmail.com.

We'd love to make this a true division wide vehicle for Virginia.

Huge shoutout to Elizabeth Jane "Janie" Sherman who performed the thankless task of proofreader and extra eyes for this edition. I can't thank her enough! Her time and talents have as a copy editor has been amazing. What a wonderful gift of her abilities she shared. Hugs and gratitude!

Thank you, Julia Warren

American Patriot Award Committee



Greetings from the American Patriot Awards Committee. First of all, get well wishes to one of our committee members – Glynn. Someone asked, at a recent District Conference, that all of us who are responsible for an award write something about what it is and who it is for. This award is for those who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States, but who do not have or have been unable to find Confederate ancestry. All the information one needs to know about the award can be found by logging into the General website, selecting FORMS, scrolling down to General Committee reports. Under AMERICAN PATRIOT AWARDS COMMITTEE, one will find: (1) American Patriot Awards Committee Manual, (2) Ceremony of the American Patriot Award Medal and Certificate of Appreciation, (3) American Patriot Awards Application, and (4) Order form and Checklist for American Patriot Awards. Please have a copy of each available. They contain all the information needed and what forms to send in. We currently have two applications at General waiting for approval.

Milbrey A Bartholow, Chair
Milannbar236@comcast.net



The Bylaws Committee

The Committee wishes to remind you that this is a bylaw review year for Virginia Division. The Committee is composed of Eleanor Hunter, Chairman, eleanor.hunter@me.com, Susan Hudson, karisma@hughes.net, and Charlotte Clinger, fairfaxbelle@earthlink.net. We are looking forward to receiving your proposed amendments. Before beginning to write, please review your Virginia Division Bylaws and Standing Rules (printed in the Minutes)

Proposed amendments shall be received by the Committee Chairman by May 1 (see Standing Rules, Virginia Division Calendar). Amendments shall be presented in 3-column format, the first column of which presents the bylaw section as written, the second the proposed change and rationale, and the third column contains the bylaw amendment as it would be written should the proposed change be adopted.

Please do not wait until the last minute to start the process. The Committee is also on a timetable and must complete its business as the proposed amendments must accompany the Convention Call at least 40 days prior to the Virginia Division Convention. Please feel free to contact a member of the Committee should you have questions regarding writing proposed amendments. Put your “pen and paper” to work rather than gripe about things you feel should be changed. Remember that this is your opportunity to improve our wonderful Division.

Captain Sally Tompkins 2626

The Captain Sally Tompkins Chapter 2626 are busy selling raffle tickets for our Easter Basket. This will benefit our yearly scholarship for a graduating high school senior who is pursuing an education in the medical field. This was drawn at the Fifth District meeting in March.

We still have plans to clean two gravesites and are just waiting to get approval from the homeowners. Congratulations go to our youngest member Shelby Kellar on the birth of her first child, Patrick Douglas.

We have a few more meetings before our summer break. We will be selecting our next scholarship recipient and will have a June luncheon in their honor.

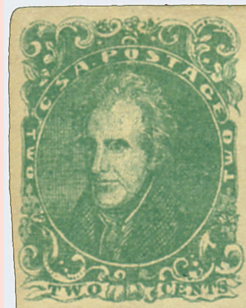
Respectfully submitted by Mary Hunley



Picture 1: President Marilyn Iglesias receiving gift from Becky Morgan in recognition of her being our Southern Woman.
Picture 2: UDC member Shelby Kellar, her mother Melanie Miles and son Patrick Douglas.
Picture 3: Easter Basket to benefit scholarship fund.

Fun Fact of the Confederacy

The Confederacy began a system that was unique in American history until that time: it used the picture of a living person on its stamps—in this case, Davis. The letter rate soon came to be 10 cents per ounce, which was more than three times the rate in the North.



Top left: Davis, 1861
Top right: Jefferson, 1862
Bottom left: Jackson 1861

Southern Cross Chapter 746 Celebrates 120th Anniversary!



Cake for our Chapter's 120th Birthday Celebration

Southern Cross Chapter 746, along with other 1st District Chapters, has been busily planning for the VA Division Convention, to be held in October 2024 in Roanoke. We are hoping to see many of you there!

Registrar, Kim McDonough keeps busy recruiting new members and researching Supplementals for Chapter members.

At our February meeting, we enjoyed a special cake to celebrate the 120th Birthday of Southern Cross Chapter. Our speaker for the meeting was UDC member Janet Perkins, who presented a program on Blandford Church in Petersburg. She had slides of each of the beautiful Tiffany glass windows in the church, which commemorate each of the Confederate states.

Donations each month from our members are delivered to the V.A. Medical Center in Salem. In February, our Chapter gave Valentines to all hospitalized veterans at the V.A.

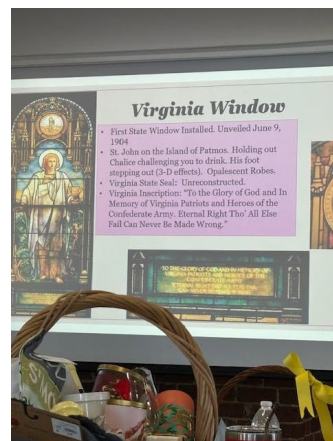
Submitted by Sharon Rose
Historian



From right to left, new member Sallie Holsinger with President Elaine Powers and Registrar Kim McDonough



From right to left, new member Rhonda Casey with President Elaine Powers and Registrar Kim McDonough



Our speaker, Janet Perkins with one of her PowerPoint slides of the Virginia window at Blandford Church

“Celebrating Our Successes” Virginia Division Chapter Reports

Princess Anne 435

We had a wonderful presentation by Mike Hendrick who spoke on Confederate Uniforms, informing us of the history of the type of fabric, color variation, where the fabric came from, where the factories were located, and how our soldiers got their uniforms. He has handmade the majority of the uniforms on display and all from historic fact. At our February meeting, we focused on ordering insignia and the different military recognitions. Our February meeting program was about the life of Winnie Davis, the first Daughter of the Confederacy, and was following a presentation on what pins to order, along with how to complete the form.

Albemarle Chapter 154

Albemarle Chapter 154 Charlottesville ended the calendar year with a lovely gathering at historic Michie Tavern. We enjoyed each other's company and had fun with a “cut throat” Pollyanna gift exchange.

The new calendar year began with a February meeting where, among our usual business, we shared the history of “church babies” made from handkerchiefs. Attendees spent time making their own church baby to take home.

Our chapter will be hosting the District 2 Conference on Saturday, April 27, 2024. Registration begins at 9:00 am and the morning session will begin at 10:00 am. Please consider attending.

Mildred Lee 74



The Mildred Lee Chapter met at Chatmoss Country Club in Martinsville, Virginia, for a luncheon on February 6. Special guests were Dawn Diehl, Virginia Division President, and members from local chapters. Third District Chapters represented were: Anne Eliza Johns 164, Farmville 45, and from Kirkwood Otey 10, District Chair, Rebecca Ferguson. First District chapter members from Hamilton Wade 949, Jefferson Davis 2477 and Jubal Early 553 were also in attendance. Chapter President Charla Compton called the luncheon meeting to order with opening rituals and Mildred Lee members lead the pledges. Those in attendance sang The National Anthem, Carry Me Back to Old Viriginny and Dixie. Charla Compton then led the Lord's Prayer and Jean Rood had a great message for our devotion time with a visual aid in the form of candy hearts. Jean also offered a prayer.

Dawn Diehl addressed the gathering and expressed her appreciation for the invitation to the luncheon. She said she was proud of the hard work the Mildred Lee Chapter has done on supplementals and ancestor bar orders. She stated that this was a wonderful way of honoring our Confederate ancestors.

Connie Fox presented the program on J.E.B Stuart which included a fun trivia game with chocolate prizes. We all learned fascinating facts about General Stuart and everyone celebrated his birthday in style with a delicious cake.

Isle of Wight Host President and First Lady Davis



Cookie Batten and Sam Winkler, First Lady Varina Davis and President Jefferson Davis

Isle of Wight Chapter 699 has been using these winter months preparing for events. We look forward to this spring. Members are eager to attend the District 6 Conference in Petersburg on March 9, and Spring Board at UDC Headquarters in April. May will bring our lunch meeting to honor our own Mable Cox Baird Scholarship winner. This spring brings the election of our officers for 2024-2026. Our chapter would like to recognize member and Recorder of MSA for the chapter Cookie Batten for her new role as Varina Davis. Cookie appears with President Jefferson Davis who is portrayed by Sam Winkler. Cookie and Sam have done their portrayals at several UDC and SCV meetings. Maybe some of you saw them in Lexington in January! If you hear they are coming to your area, plan on going to see their sharing of Confederate history.

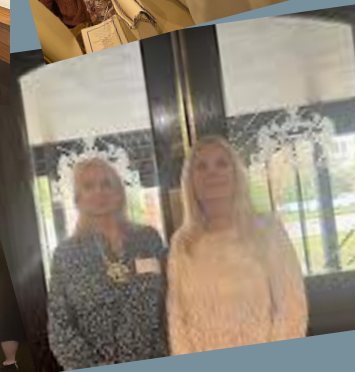
13th Virginia Regiment Chapter 441

The 13th Virginia Regiment Chapter 441 in Orange celebrated their 123rd birthday at their recent February meeting. Carol Couch, our hostess, treated us with a delicious birthday cake, balloons and other birthday treats. Lynn Compton, historian, read from our earliest Chapter minutes dated January 19 to April 19, 1901. Lynette Higginbotham, President, brought in a notebook of old Chapter pictures for our members to enjoy and an article, including a picture from the Orange Review, dated December 21, 1978 entitled, "UDC Marks Confederate Graves". Our Chapter had obtained 15 headstones through the Veterans Administration for the unmarked graves of the Confederate soldiers buried at Graham Cemetery in Orange. After our meeting and lunch we had lots of fun playing a question and answer game about the Confederacy. The winners were gifted with handmade scarves and coasters made by our member Pam Curtin. It was a lovely day of celebration for our Chapter.



Lynn Compton, Lynette Higginbotham, Carol Couch, Karen Pratt, Pat Grigsby, and Carlene Wilson

Fifth District Convention Held at Meadowbrook Country Club



J.E.B. Stuart Chapter 156

We are pleased to welcome new member, Marlene Horne, whose ancestor is Luke White of the 53rd AL Mounted Infantry. Our chapter also has a Reinstated Member, and a Prospective Member. Registrar Betsy Spencer has had 4 Supplemental Applications approved; and Memorial Day Chapter Chairman, Carol King, has confirmed a well-known speaker in making plans for our 50th UDC Memorial Day program at the Confederate Soldier Monument in beautiful Thornrose Cemetery, Staunton.

Our chapter has launched this year's YOUNG WRITERS ESSAY CONTEST, deadline 1 April 2024. The Historian, who designed the flyer, has contacted three school systems, and sent out 250 flyers to Augusta County School teachers. Last year's winner was Everleigh Collins Jordan, 3rd grader at Wilson Elementary, Fishersville. This year, we will be giving 6 Awards (two in each school level) and the Essay Topics from which students may choose are: •Gen. Robert E. Lee: Character Makes a Leader; •The Charisma of Calvary Gen. J.E.B. Stuart; •Gen. Stonewall Jackson: From Orphan to General; •Lady Spies in the War Between the States; •and, Horses of the Confederacy.

Our next luncheon meeting will be Sunday, April 21, at 2:00 pm. In lieu of our May 18th Chapter Meeting (*usually, 3rd Saturday of each month*), our Chapter President, Janie Sherman, who is also 4th District Chairman, has substituted this regular meeting for the 4th District Conference in Front Royal, at the Front Royal Church of the Brethren, in order that all chapter members and officers might attend and meet the new VA Division Officers and Chairmen.

Betsy Spencer, Recorder of MSAs, has ordered the tombstone emblem for the grave marking of Real Daughter, Lucye Anderson, grandmother of UDC member, Virginia Brooks Davis.

President Sherman attended the February Division Executive Committee Meeting, and is in-process of coordinating with Warren Rifles 934, Hostess Chapter of the 4th District Conference in Front Royal, May 18. District 4 Chairman Janie Sherman designed the 4th District Call which has been distributed to chapters. Also, as 2025 Convention Site Chairman, our President is still interviewing venues.

Submitted by Elizabeth Jane "Janie" Sherman, President

Great-Great Granddaughter Club

It is that time of year again. Your annual \$10 dues are payable by June 1. All chapter Presidents should have received the dues form for members. The form may also be found on the Division website. The \$10 includes the Division dues and the General Club dues. Please do not send any money to General as the Division Club Treasurer pays the General dues.

Lancaster County 1406

The Lancaster County chapter has had several excellent guest speakers at our monthly meetings. At our December meeting Capt. Sally Tompkins, Ft. Lowry, Williamsburg, Mary Custis Lee-17th Virginia Regiment, and Rebecca Lloyd Tabbs chapters joined us at the Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club for a delightful luncheon, shared sisterhood and an entertaining presentation by Jeff Toalson, "Ma, We Got Nuthin Here But Mud and Muskeeters."

We have had the privilege to hear The Rev. Dr. Dennis Martin who gave a thought-provoking talk, "In Defense of Robert E. Lee and the American Dream," where he tracked the changes in the oath Robert E. Lee took as a military officer against what's in today's verbiage. That along with some other facts makes calling him a traitor a false accusation.

Then we learned a lot when Charles Lawson invited the chapter to his photography studio, The Highlander Studio, in Kilmarnock, to learn about restoring vintage photographs and documents.

We supported the March edition of the UDC Magazine by submitting a personal ad, a chapter news article, and a full page ad that listed the 111 CSA ancestors of our members from seven states. We responded to the Division's call to action on writing our state Delegates and Seniors on proposed bills that would remove our tax exemption status and will continue to support when asked.

We look forward to attending 5th District Conference, learning more at upcoming meetings and honoring our Southern heritage and ancestors.

Submitted by Susan Hudson



(L to R) Vice President Iris Treakle presented a gift to the Rev. Dr. Dennis Martin for an excellent presentation.

Several years ago I donated a set of Agatha Christie books for the Silent Auction at Convention in preparation for a move. I would like to contact the person who won those books. Please contact me at ssrcma48@gmail.com.

Thanks, Suzi Robinson, Centennial-Maury 2296



Photo 2: Five chapters joined the Lancaster County Chapter at their Christmas Luncheon held at the Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club.

With My Deepest Appreciation

I want to thank all of my Virginia Division and General Stuart Chapter members for the cards and phone calls that I received on the loss of my son : Shawn E. Dailey 8/23/1978-11/12/2023. I greatly appreciated them and it was very thoughtful of you all.

This has been extremely difficult on me, but I am blessed to have a great group of ladies like yourselves.

Once again "Thank You"

Karen Saunders Pollard



Dates to Remember

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
Front Royal Church of the Brethren
106 W. 13th Street
Front Royal, VA 22630
May 18, 2024

129th Virginia Division Convention
Tanglewood Holiday Inn
Roanoke, Va
October 3rd-6th, 2024

UDC Conference
October 31-November 4
Richmond area

*New:
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of Venue*

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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.

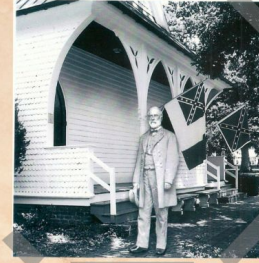


The Confederate War Memorial Chapel

VA President Hazel Bittenbender
2023-2024

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

2023 ~ 2024

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