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FROM VIRGINIA DIVISION PRESIDENT

SHARON LOVING



Hello, Ladies! We have a great group of ladies, however I keep hearing that people have concerns. People are talking among themselves. I encourage you to obtain copies of the Virginia Division and General Minutes. I encourage you to attend District Conferences and Spring Boards. It is great way to learn about the organization and to meet ladies from other Chapters and Divisions. When I first became my Chapter President, I would call Hilda Bradberry with a question and she would ask me if I had looked in the Minutes and truthfully, I would say no. She would then say “look in the Minutes and if you really can’t find it call be back”. I would call her back to say I had found the answer to my question. You must be willing to learn about the organization, it is not my responsibility to keep pushing you.

As I reflect on my time as your president, which has been and honor and challenging time for all of us to say the least. This past year and a half has been trying and some members are overlooking the duties of the Officers and members of the Executive Committee and going off on their own. This has been a challenging time for all of us but we must respect each other.

Ladies, you determine how much and what you want from this organization.

As for decorum....I have already addressed this issue in an email. We can disagree or agree without having drama or making people feel uncomfortable. We are ladies and should act accordingly.

It is my job to keep you informed of concerns pertaining to the Virginia Division and from the General Organization. I know that some of you receive information through other organizations and you want to alert members but sometimes that causes more problems. Please understand that I take my cues from the President General as to what she wants to put out to the members. The President General has created a new General Committee

named the, Legislative Watch Committee, to monitor the concerns of the UDC. Debby Mullins is Chairman along with committee members Ginger Stephens and Emily Stafford-Peters. If you have any questions please contact them.

This is the time we need to band together and show our support for our Heritage and Ancestors, as did the daughters before us, dedicated to preserving our History to the betterment of the world. With all of us working together to remember our Ancestors and to rededicate ourselves to the reason we became members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Thank you for you love, devotion and dedication to the UDC; for honoring your ancestors and working to preserve a true history of the Confederacy.

Kindness goes far, but Love goes forever.

Sharon Loving, Virginia Division President 2019 - 2023

128th VIRGINIA DIVISON CONVENTION

Please make the following correction to the information you received in the Chapter Packets. The email address and phone number for Convention Chariman, Lucy Steele is lucysteele1@yahoo.com and (804) 750-1254.

Please send all Pre-Registration and Credentials to:

Robin King
7680 Dowdy Drive
Henrico, VA 23231-6443

VIRGINIA DIVISION OFFICER REPORTS

1st VICE PRESIDENT - DAWN DIEHL

We are off to a great start, I have processed 104 pins, 18 of those being Virginia Division pins. A thank you to Hamilton Wade who ordered 11 of those Virginia pins. Great job, Ladies!

Due to the increase of Priority mail, gold and ribbon going up, we will have a price increase on 01 May 2023. The new order forms will be on the General Website one week prior to 01 May 2023. The Vice President General will accept orders if they are postmarked before that date, after that date you will have to use the new form. She will not accept the old forms after 01 May 2023.

There has been confusion over the shipping of ancestor bars (no.4 or 4a). If you order 10 bars or less, you can pay once for Priority shipping. This only involves the ancestor bars, no other pins.

Please pass the word regarding ordering pins, please either email me at mcdawn21940@aol.com or give me a call at 703-638-2515.

“There is a true glory and a true honor: the glory of duty done---the honor of the integrity of principle.” Robert E. Lee

2nd VICE PRESIDENT – JANET PERKINS

Ladies, time is drawing short to submit Virginia Division Scholarship applications. Those are due to be by April 15, 2023. The deadline for submitting General Scholarships to me has passed – March 15, 2023. I am pleased to say that there is more interest in both the Division and General scholarships this spring. Kudos to those chapters who are sponsoring students for applications this year. I hope to receive applications for our new Towberman-Epperson Veterinary Medicine Scholarship as well as applications for some of our college specific scholarships. I look forward to seeing everyone at District Conferences.

THIRD VICE PRESIDENT – FRAN TOWBERMAN

It is my aim to aid the CofC team as the 3rd VP. My plea to all Daughters is to remember the children in each event and endeavor of your Chapter. The President of the CofC each year has a special project. Please remember to contribute monetarily to their projects. Remember to participate by attending their events, asking them to help with our Chapter events and contribute monetarily to their projects.

At each conference there will be a CofC table where you may buy supplies, buy items for yourself or to use as speaker gifts. Purchasing a senior Catechism could provide a good and perhaps enlightening Chapter program. You may also make a monetary donation to the ongoing work of the CofC via a “battered Confederate pig” – yes, he’s hungry, feed him.

Your annual report has a section for reporting your work/contributions to the CofC. Make sure you can add your work, your data to this section in important.

Your help is so needed and so IMPORTANT!

RECORDING SECRETARY – SUZI ROBINSON

I just wanted to add a couple of reminders to your vast pool of knowledge as far as the position of Recording Secretary, on any level.

1. The Recording Secretary of General has revised the Recording Secretary’s Manual. It is available on the General website. It has some worthwhile information and is definitely worth the read, if nothing more than to remind you of certain things that might have been forgotten or overlooked.
2. Since we are coming up on the close of the year, and all those reports are due by August 1st, I encourage everyone sending a report to add the following: Name and number of Chapter, Current Date, Name and Signature of person sending the report. As the person who receives hundreds, if not thousands, of pieces of paper in preparation for the new *Minutes*, you can imagine how swamped I become in duplicate copies.
3. And most of all, remember I am a phone call or email away. I am listed in the *Minutes* and am happy to help in any way I can.

REGISTRAR – DIXIE ROBINSON

Below you will find the updated fee schedule for new, transfer and reinstated members.

NEW MEMBER (Per capita, fee & certificate)	GENERAL	VA DIVISION
	\$50.00	\$12.00
SUPPLEMENTAL	\$30.00.	\$11.00
TRANSFER - UDC TO UDC	\$15.00	\$5.00
NOTE: Current per capita may be paid through the receiving Chapter (Chapter to which the member wants to transfer). There is no requirement to pay per capita to a former Chapter before a transfer form is issued. Per capita may need to be included with the transfer form.		
TRANSFER - CofC TO UDC	\$25.00	\$5.00
NOTE: General fee includes General per capita tax (\$20.00) and membership certificate (\$5.00)		
REINSTATEMENT INTO FORMER CHAPTER.	\$40.00.	\$7.85

Amount represents: \$30.00 General per capita; \$6.85 Division per capita; \$10.00 General reinstatement fee; \$1.00 Division reinstatement fee.

EFFECTIVE SEPT 1, 2022

Note: Contact Division Treasurer Mary Wasenko (treasurer@vaudc.org) for reinstatements, Division Registrar Donna “Dixie” Robinson (registrar@vaudc.org) for questions regarding Original applications and transfers and Assistant Registrar Connie Schroeder for Supplemental applications.

RECORDER OF MILITARY SERVICE AWARDS – MILBREY BARTHOLOW

We have a new regime at General, and things are being done a little different. Please bear with all as we make the transition. Please allow extra time for medals. Please print the application on two sheets of paper - page 1 on front of a sheet of the acid free paper, page 2 on back of page 1, page 3 on a sheet, and page 4 on back of page 3.

So far, since November 2022, I have sent 6 applications to general. One application was rejected completely, one medal was changed, 2 applications were

sent back for many changes, which meant new printings and new signatures, one application just needed a minor change, and one application did not allow enough time, so bestowal date has to be changed.

When sending the package of information for a recipient to me, please remember to enclose the recipient's DD-214 and the ancestor's record if applicable. I received one without the DD-214 and two without the ancestor record recently.

The medals for which I am responsible are - Cross of Military Service, National Defense, Armed Forces Expeditionary, and Certificate of Appreciation. If you have a potential American Patriot Award recipient, please contact Division Chairman Kelly Fahel. If you have a potential Homeland Defense Award recipient, please contact Division Chairman Mary Vial. If you have a potential Meritorious Service Award recipient, please contact Division Chairman Karen Grigg. Information for all awards can be found by going to the General website, Go to Forms, and then RMSA or one of the others.

**** INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS ODB ****

Please read and heed the following: At least one copy of the application must be printed on the white acid free paper that can be purchased from headquarters.

To order paper: login to the general website, scroll to Misc Forms, scroll down to Supplies, click on Download, click on Print. This gets you a non-engraved form. Order the Acid Free paper, white, 8 ½ by 14, 25 sheets for \$10 and mail form to headquarters.

Please have a copy of all RMSA instructions handy. To obtain: login to the general website, click on Forms, scroll down to Recorder of Military Service Awards. You will need a copy of Recorder of Military Service Awards, Military Service Awards Order Form 36, Application, Memorandum of Fact, Military Order Form, Page by Page. Download and Print and Copy each and put in a notebook.

For each application you process, you will need to Download and Print the following: Military Service Awards Order Form 36, Application, Memorandum of Fact, Military Order Form

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORT

1st DISTRICT – JUDY LIENHARDT

The First District will be holding their District Conference on April 22 in Abington at 10:00 am at Gospel Tabernacle Church, 15292 Enterprise Rd, Abingdon, VA 24210. Hosted by Anna Stonewall Jackson-Anna Carter Lee Chapter. While there you can attend the Barter Theater, visit Martha Washington Inn and Spa, and Penn-Field 1860 House Museum to name a few places to visit. I hope to see you there!

5th DISTRICT – SUSAN HUDSON

I want to thank everyone for their continued support. I have enjoyed being invited to another 5 chapter meetings or luncheons and hope those opportunities continue for the rest of my term. I have been delighted to meet all the wonderful sisters in 5th District and learn first-hand of their accomplishments, ongoing projects and challenges.

I stand by to answer any questions and let me know if you have any other ideas you'd like to share across the District. You can reach me on 804-580 -1083 or karisma@hughes.net

6th DISTRICT – SHERRY GRESHAMER

The Sixth District is looking forward to our upcoming conference hosted by the Jerusalem Chapter on May 6, 2023. The conference will be held at the American Legion Post 73 on 935 Armory Way in Franklin, VA. Registration is \$5.00, lunch is \$25.00 and sales tables are available. We hope to see you there.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

MAGAZINE COMMITTEE – SUE ANNE BOOTHE

Dear Virginia Daughters, thank you so much for your contributions to the 2023 Virginia Special Issue. Thank you for sending in the ads, all the Division News articles and the accompanying photographs. I love to read what other chapters do and get ideas for my own chapter. I do have to admit that in February Georgia outdid Virginia in March in their support for the Magazine. I will look forward to doing better next year. Much appreciation to the ladies that contributed the two historical articles. These ladies are keeping our history alive. We must continue our efforts to ensure that our *UDC Magazine* continues as a vital and informative addition to the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Please consider subscribing to the *Magazine*. You are missing out if you aren't!

DIVISION CHAPTER NEWS

Anne Eliza Johns 164

We have finally been able open our Chapter room, at the Sutherlin Mansion, for tours and groups. Fifty young people from the Galileo Magnet School in Danville visited and learned about our Chapter and what we do for our Southern Veterans. Several of them asked for Confederate flags to take home.

Our ladies are busy preparing for the Third District Conference on April 29. Hope to see all of you there.

Capt. Sally Tompkins 2626

We have a busy spring and summer planned. April we will meet in a member's home, May will be Memorial Service at Captain Sally's grave and June is our end of year potluck at another member's home. Each meeting we are having one member share information and any stories about their UDC ancestor. In May we will have a booth at Mathews May Faire, selling flags, dolls, ornaments, baked goods, and a basket raffle. This summer we will schedule our scholarship luncheon. Each year we offer a \$1000 scholarship to anyone going in the medical field. Captain Sally Tompkins 2626 is looking forward to fall and a new UDC year. We have several prospective members working on their applications.

Centennial Maury 2296

In October, we held our meeting at the Star Lodge, afterwards having our annual auction which brought in a total of \$558.00 for our chapter.

November, members brought in items to stuff Salvation Army Christmas stockings. Sixteen stockings were delivered. We also discussed ideas and plans for what we could do for our veterans for Christmas. Suzi Robinson helped with suggestions other great ideas for items we could collect. She and her husband would deliver everything to the Hunter-Holmes McGuire V.A. Hospital. More plans were discussed for the food pantry in January. It is a time they most need help replenishing the shelves after the holidays. In February our chapter members plan to bring paper & snack items for the Fischer House.

Fort Lowry 2695

Our Chapter has been very busy this fall and winter. Two Supplemental Certificates were presented to Mary Stewart at the March meeting. Our program was a "Digging Up Bones" workshop delving into family trees to locate additional CSA ancestors for supplemental applications. Looking ahead, a field trip is planned to visit Fredericksburg Battlefields in May.

Halifax 1321

During February's meeting, President/Registrar Janet Perkins presented long time member Sara Peebles with her Supplemental certificate for Ezekiel H. Overton. Mr. Overton was Sara's great-grandfather and provided Material Aid to the Cause in Montgomery County, North Carolina.

Hamilton Wade 949

Hamilton Wade 949 and Stuarts Horse Artillery SCV Camp invite you to an Iron Cross Ceremony at Jenelle Cemetery Yellow Sulphur Road (Rt. 643) Christiansburg, VA 24073, Coordinates: 37.18639, -80.40333 at 11:00 on April 15. We will be dedicating 10 Iron Crosses. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Anne Boothe willsridgeudclady@yahoo.com or 540-763-2522.

Isle of Wight 699

Isle of Wight Chapter 699 has enjoyed several informative meetings this year. In March, Jennifer Boykin of Suffolk Chapter 173, spoke to us about all of the work at the Isle of Wight Confederate Monument's new location. A beautification project for the property has been underway with many improvements. Cookie Batten presented a certificate to Tim Houde, Camp Commander of SCV Tom Smith Camp. He and his crew from Southern Landscaping were presented the certificate for their hard work at the monument.

J.E.B. Stuart 156

Our chapter with its motto: *We Are Ladies Who Appreciate Our Southern Heritage*, Our Chapter Historian has created a monthly series, "Ladies Have Manners," which expresses current etiquette of the times in regard to meetings for the ladies in *our* chapter. In March, a member, Chaplain Donna Gum, hosted a St. Patrick's Day Luncheon of Shepard's Pie, Potato Bread, and Salad, followed by dessert and Irish Coffee. We had a lively Trivia Quiz, "Confederates and St. Patrick's Day," the winner receiving a large Shamrock Plant. Our Chapter has founded a chapter's *Young Writer's Essay Contest*. A beautiful flyer has been distributed for three age levels where TWO WINNERS will be awarded from each student level. The deadline will be 1 June 2023.

Jefferson Davis 2477

The Jefferson Davis Chapter 2477 had the privilege to bestow the Vietnam Cross of Military Service to Mr. Dean Osborne. Mr. Osborne served in the as a Specialist 4th Class, Company "C", 1st Bn, 3rd US Army during the Vietnam Conflict.

Dean is the great great grandson of Jonathan Osborne, Co. K 21st Virginia Calvary. Jonathan never returned home and the family never knew what happened to him or where his final resting place is located. In his memory a monument was placed in the Ben Taylor Cemetery in Independence, Virginia and was dedicated by the Jefferson Davis Chapter.

Kirkwood Otey 10

Our Chapter has begun an ongoing project of placing floral birthday tributes at the graves of our deceased members. Several ladies were Ex General officers and Past Division officers. Included are 5 Past Presidents of the Virginia Division - Lottie Preston Clark, Minnie C. Eller, Mrs. James A. Scott, Mrs. Bernard C. Baldwin and Mrs. Samuel West. All of our members hold a special place in our hearts and we are honored to be able to recognize them this way.

Mildred Lee 74

On March 21, 2023 six members of Mildred Lee Chapter 74, met at the Old Courthouse in Martinsville, VA to view the Civil War monuments and cannon. The monuments have been on the courthouse lawn since they were unveiled in June 1903. Real Daughters who were members of the Mildred Lee Chapter worked for six years to raise money for the Confederate memorial and thousands

of people attended the ceremony. The group then headed over to the new Henry County-Martinsville Courthouse, to research their Confederate ancestors through marriage bonds, wills and other records.

Mineral 1868

The Mineral Chapter has had a very busy year. We met at Noble Senior Living, where four of our members reside. Twenty-two members, families and friends attended a reception honoring these ladies. We presented them with certificates of recognition, flowers and candy. We also are helping to raise funds to aid in ongoing repairs and restoration at the Netherland Tavern.

Stonewall 1388

Our Chapter has been extremely busy over the past few months. We are excited to share that we have three new members installment celebration at one. Before our newest member was even approved, she was ready to jump in and start working as part of our chapter. She had children make handmade birthday cards for Mrs. Florence Jane Mattauer for her ninety-ninth birthday. We are also currently working on several Meritorious Service Awards.

For a couple of years, we have been working on getting all the paperwork in order to mark one of our founder's graves. It has been quite a task trying to find living relatives able to sign the papers, but we are so excited to share that the process is almost complete! We are going to begin to prep the gravesite by giving it a thorough cleaning. Hopefully by this summer, we will be sending out invitations to this momentous occasion.