



OLD DOMINION BULLETIN

NEWLETTER OF THE VIRGINIA DIVISION

UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY®

128th VIRGINIA DIVISION POST CONVENTION NEWS

Message from Past Virginia Division President Sharon Loving

As I reflect back on my time as your President it's no different than other Past Division Presidents except, I have served two terms. My time just had all the past problems rolled together in my term. Past Presidents of Virginia Division, since 1895, have had to deal with wars, attacks on the Salute to the Flag of Virginia, removal of grave markers and our precious flags and to remove anything Confederate.

I attended the last Lee-Jackson service at the Old House of Delegates and the SCV service at the Confederate Chapel for Lee-Jackson-Maury and then everything came to a stop. March 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic I was forced to cancel all District Conferences and our 2020 Convention. We witnessed violent protests in Richmond. Our beautiful building vandalized and set on fire; statues of great Christian men being defaced and pulled down. The elected officials of the Commonwealth of Virginia have shown disrespect to us and our ancestors. Does taking down the statues erase history? No, it makes us think and remember them fondly. It is said, to remove or erase history means you are doomed to repeat it. I believe we are headed in that direction.

Fear and anxiety can be overwhelming but finding positive ways to cope with that stress will make you, the people you care about and your community stronger. There is a substantial need for some motivation to move forward even if it is in small quantities.

Together as One, united in our compassion for others, we will accomplish greatness on the other side of this crisis.

Ladies, this has been a rough time on all of us, some more than others, but that is no reason to be rude and demanding to each other or disrespectful of this or any other office. We can disagree or agree without having drama or making people feel uncomfortable. We are ladies and should act accordingly. Please give the new Officers the respect they deserve not only to each of the but to their office.

I would like to thank my Officers and Committee Chairmen (both Special and Standing) and their members for stepping up when I called for help.

Thank you daughters, I wish you the best and May God Bless.

Message from Virginia Division

Dawn Diehl

Thank you for entrusting to me the office of Virginia Division President 2023-2025. We have a great executive board who are eager to help you with any question or need you may have. Please feel free to contact your executive board. We are here for you! The motto for my administration will be Honor, Revere and Respect. In these troubled times we live in we need to remember who our ancestors were and the cause for which they were fighting. Our great general Robert E. Lee said it best, "We must expect reverses, even defeats. They are sent to teach us wisdom and prudence, to call forth greater energies, and to prevent our falling into greater disasters".

Let us go forward with new energies, working faithfully to preserve the glorious work for which our ancestors so diligently fought.

Dawn Diehl, President
Virginia Division
United Daughters of the Confederacy

"Do your duty in all things. You cannot do more; you should never wish to do less."
Robert E. Lee, General CSA

Message from Division Convention Chairman

Pam Smith

The 128th Annual Convention for the Virginia Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy was held 28th September to 1 October 2023 at the Virginia Crossing Tapestry Conference Center in Glen Allen, Virginia. I would like to thank the Hostess Chapters for their help in making the Convention a success. The hostess chapters were Caroline Grays 2473, Fredericksburg 163, General Stuart 2195 and Richmond-Stonewall Jackson 1705.

I would like to thank the following ladies for their individual help working during the convention, providing items for the goody bags and for their support: Sharon Loving, Robin King, Mary Wasenko, Angela Smith, Fran Towerman, Janet Perkins, Shawn Martin, Glenda Saunders, Pat Mingee, Milbrey Bartholow, Lucy Steele, Bonnie Garber and Robin Gronemus. We all worked together and I am grateful for their help and support.

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Prizes and Awards

Vice President: Most Division insignia 7 – 40 Hamilton Wade 949
41+

Most General Insignia 7 – 40 Mildred Lee 74
41+ Fredericksburg 163

Treasurer: Earliest per capita 7 – 40 Fincastle 797
41+ Chesterfield – Elliott Grays 851

Earliest financial report 7 – 40 Stonewall 1388

41+ Lancaster County 1406

Registrar: Most new members – Southern Cross 746 with 6 new members

Historian: Best overall historical work 7 – 40 Petersburg 155
41+ Chesterfield – Elliott Grays 851

Largest # of books to schools/libraries 7 – 40 Gen. Robert E. Lee 233
41+ Caroline Grays 2473

Essay “Lost Gold of the Confederacy” Bonnie Garber

Magazine Committee: Largest # of new subscriptions 7 – 40 Fairfax 1410
41+ (tie) Capt. Sally Tompkins 2626
Mary Custis Lee-17th VA Regt 7

Most subscriptions to libraries and institutions 7 – 40 Fincastle 797
41+ Chesterfield – Elliott Grays 851

Publicity Committee: Best newsletter - Chesterfield – Elliott Grays 851

Banners

Minnie C. Eller Banner – 5th District

Randolph Walke Banner – 1st District

Mrs. John S. Goldsmith Banner -Richmond – Stonewall Jackson 1705

Alice Whitley Jones Banner – Caroline Grays 2473

