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FROM VIRGINIA DIVISION PRESIDENT

SHARON LOVING



Hello, Ladies. Spring is definitely coming. One day the sun is hot and the next day we are back to wearing a winter coat. Personally I am ready for the warm days/evenings of Spring.

District Chairmen and Hostess Chapters are working hard to present great Conferences for us to enjoy while sharing knowledge, information and ideas. The District Conference workshops will be in the Question/Answer format. Each Division Officer will give her report and after lunch the floor will open for 20 minutes to ask Division Officers and Committee Chairman questions.

6th District started us off on March 12. Again I would like to 6th District for changing their date to accommodate General Spring Board. Speaking of the General Organization - I'm including the emails between myself and the Memorial Building Board of Trustees for your information.

On **December 14, 2021** I sent the following email to the Memorial Building Board of Trustees:

Memorial Building Board of Trustees

Mrs. Corinne Hoch, Chairman

RE: Great Hall for Lee-Jackson Commemorative Program

Good afternoon Corinne,

Virginia Division would like to request the use of the Great Hall in January for the Lee-Jackson Commemorative Program.

We would pay the guards hourly fee for the time we are there and an additional guard if the Committee feels it is necessary. Also we would pay for rental for the use of the Great Hall (including heat, lights, etc...). There will be no food involved so other than the

Great Hall and bathrooms we would need nothing else.

I hope the Memorial Building Board of Trustees will consider our request.

Sincerely,

Ms. Sharon M.Loving

Virginia Division President

December 16, 2021 response from Memorial Building Board of Trustees:

“The Memorial Building Board of Trustees is in receipt of your request for the Virginia Division’s use of the Great Hall in January for your Lee-Jackson event, and in respect for all that the Virginia Division does to support the UDC we are re-visiting the previous decision not to allow Chapters or Divisions to use it during this unusual time.”

December 17, 2021 the decision from the Memorial Building Board of Trustees:

“I am sorry to have to let you know that the Memorial Building Board of Trustees does not think it is advisable to allow the rental of the Great Hall at this time. We hope that you will find an appropriate venue for the Lee-Jackson program and that you understand this difficult decision.”

At General Spring Board’s the Memorial Building Board of Trustees Chairman said, *“At this time there would be no outside rentals, and they are working on a revised rental agreement.”* Excuse me, but when did Virginia Division become outsiders?

Now back to our regular scheduled message – We will continue District Conferences through to the last Saturday in April, skipping only Easter weekend, April 16.

I encourage you to attend your own District’s Conference which is a learning experience for all. The Division Officers, District Chairmen and Committee Chairmen give short reports and Chapter Presidents share briefly what their chapters are doing and learn what others are doing. We should come away with new ideas, information and ways to work together. I hope as many of you as possible will attend your own Conference and try to also visit other ones.

Members are still concerned about the ODB, but this time it is because their Chapter news may not have been included. I’m not sure when the Old Dominion Bulletin began but originally the ODB was the Division President’s Newsletter. It was her message to Division Officers, Committee Chairmen and Chapter Presidents. This was her way to let membership know what she was doing with the Division. Sometime in the last 10 years Chapter’s started including their chapter news, which really should go in the UDC magazine, the articles are free and the only cost is if you include photos. If you would like we can always go back to the way it was.

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Chapter Presidents, **PLEASE** remember to share news and information in the ODB newsletter with your chapter members.

If you have newspaper articles, pictures or programs of your activities please share them with our Division Pressbook and Scrapbook Chairmen. If I can help you in any way, please give me a call or send me an e-mail. I thank you for your support.

Looking to the future, Rembering the past...

VIRGINIA DIVISION OFFICER REPORTS

VICE PRESIDENT – DAWN DIEHL

So sorry that I have had to miss the first two conferences, but have been in Florida dealing with medical issues with my Mom. I have sent a report to the conferences.

The good news is that we have a new pin, this new Historical pin is modeled after the Lee Monument in Richmond. It will be available after March 15, and the new order form will be available through the general website.

I would like to recognize the hard work of Patricia Given, Fort Lowry, Carlene Wilson, 13th VA Regiment, for four supplementals, Sheryl Saunders, General Stuart, and Kim McDonough, Fort Lowry for three supplementals. Thank you ladies for your hard work.

Congratulations to Jane Burner, Turner Ashby 162 for 50 years of continuous membership.

Please feel free to contact me anytime with any questions you may have, I am available either by email or phone.

General Robert E. Lee says it best, “A land without memories is a people without liberty”, we proudly wear our pins as memories to our ancestors.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT – JANET PERKINS

Ladies, time is drawing short to submit Virginia Division Scholarship applications. Those are due to me by April 15, 2022. The deadline for submitting General Scholarships to me has passed – March 15, 2022. There have been five General Scholarship applications submitted: one from 1st District, two from 3rd District, one from 4th District, and one from 5th District. Division scholarship forms are available on the Division’s website, but if you have problems accessing them, please let me know. Applicants need to ensure that they follow the checklist instructions and understand that their written essays are extremely important. Again, if you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at dragonlace@outlook.com.

3rd VICE PRESIDENT – JEN THOMSON



I was glad to be able to meet the 3rd VP General at the Spring Boards and hand her several new member applications. Several applications needed to be re-done because of the lack of the applicant's signature. The parents are signing in the applicant space, the child's name needs to be on the applicant line and the parent or guardian's name as the parent.

Plans are in the works for the CofC Convention on June 11, 2022 at the Bedford WBTS Museum located inside the Bedford Museum. Our host chapter is, Mary Oney Fizer 463. The General Convention will be held in Fayetteville, NC July 13-17, where our own Laurel Williams will be presiding.

We are working on a Virginia Glory newsletter and are looking for any CofC activity to include. We would also like to have an alumni section to inspire the current membership. Please send me anything so that I can send it to our editor.

TREASURER – PAM CURTIN

Just a few reminders. If you haven't sent your Annual Financial Report that was due October 31, 2021, please do so as soon as possible before the rest of them are sent to the Treasurer General. The Chapter's Remittance report (aka: Per Capita Chapter dues and donations) are being collected now and the deadline for your chapter to be awarded delegates is June 30th. So, if you wish to be able to vote as a delegate at the Division Convention, your chapter must send their Remittance report to me by June 15th, so I can get your dues to the Business office by June 30st. Lastly, if you should need any assistance with either of these two reports, please do not hesitate to contact me at pamela.ab.curtin@gmail.com.

Let's get these reports done so we all can enjoy the summer!

CUSTODIAN – DESERAE BOWLIN

District conferences are in full swing. I would like to thank the Isle of Wight Chapter 699 for their gracious hospitality at the sixth district conference on March 12th. The decorations and food were lovely. More importantly, being in company with my UDC sisters was a much-needed boost to my winter weary spirits. I am looking forward to travelling this spring and meeting new sisters across the Commonwealth.

I realize it can be difficult for many to attend district conferences. If any Chapter would like me to attend a meeting and bring a sampling of inventory for members to purchase, I would welcome the invitation. As well, I can ship items with shipping costs incurred by the requester. The items make great gifts and meeting giveaways (notepads, thumb drives, lanyards, etc.). My telephone number is 804.263.4553 (call or text). My email address is DeseraeBowlin@tds.net.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – REBECCA FERGUSON

Ladies, I appreciate all of the notices, articles, etc. that you have been sending. I have a few guidelines I would like you to please follow.

1. All correspondence, other than the passing of members and save the dates **must** be approved by the Division President. You may send it to the President or it can be sent to me and I will obtain the ok from her.
2. With the exception of the Division President, the word limit is 200 and photo maximum is 3.
3. Articles must be activities or information that is current or what the Chapter plans to do in the future.
4. Please be aware that at times what has been sent will require editing from the Division President or myself.
5. In addition to death notices please send me information on membership milestones, marriages, new babies or grandbabies, graduations, etc.

DISTRICT CHAIRMAN REPORTS

FIFTH DISTRICT CHAIRMAN- SUSAN HUDSON

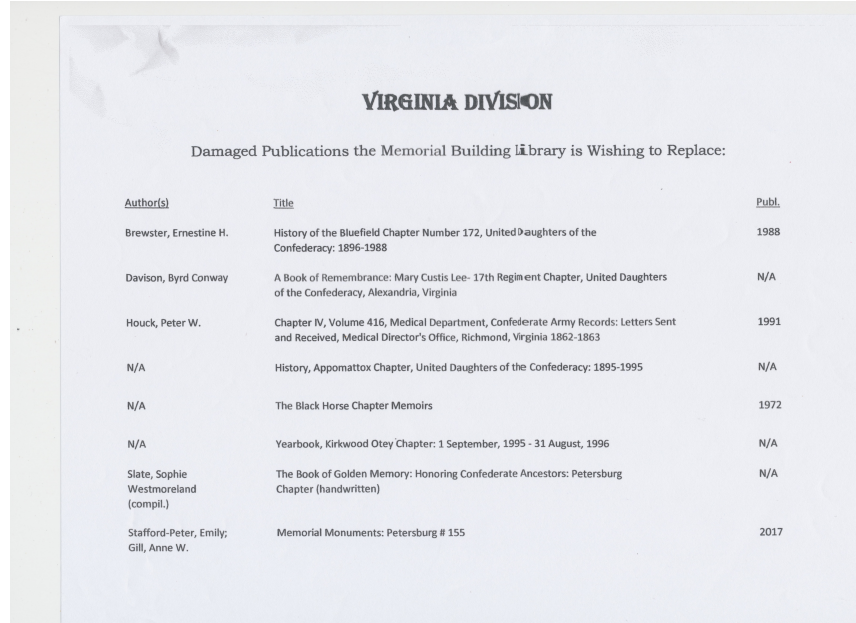
I want to thank everyone for their support the past 4 months. During this time I have focused on corresponding with the chapter presidents. I have been able to attend chapter meetings and have other meetings scheduled. I have been delighted to meet all these wonderful sisters and learn of their accomplishments and ongoing projects.

I have several ideas on how we can better build off of each other's successes. For example, we will be generating a list of speakers along with their contact information, the topic of their programs, and fees, if applicable. The completed spreadsheet will be shared with every chapter across the District.

I am also encouraging chapters to consider inviting surrounding chapters to attend their meeting when special programs are being presented. This ensures a good audience for the speaker, shares a good program with more UDC members, and strengthens our relationships with each other. Another idea is to explore doing District field trips and the first occurred in February at the CW Seminar at Longwood College. The seminar was free and was a day filled with great presentations. We are already gathering ideas of another event or location to next visit.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

DIVISION FILES – LUCY STEELE



VIRGINIA DIVISION

Damaged Publications the Memorial Building Library is Wishing to Replace:

<u>Author(s)</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Publ.</u>
Brewster, Ernestine H.	History of the Bluefield Chapter Number 172, United Daughters of the Confederacy: 1896-1988	1988
Davison, Byrd Conway	A Book of Remembrance: Mary Custis Lee- 17th Regiment Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Alexandria, Virginia	N/A
Houck, Peter W.	Chapter IV, Volume 416, Medical Department, Confederate Army Records: Letters Sent and Received, Medical Director's Office, Richmond, Virginia 1862-1863	1991
N/A	History, Appomattox Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy: 1895-1995	N/A
N/A	The Black Horse Chapter Memoirs	1972
N/A	Yearbook, Kirkwood Otey Chapter: 1 September, 1995 - 31 August, 1996	N/A
Slate, Sophie Westmoreland (compil.)	The Book of Golden Memory: Honoring Confederate Ancestors: Petersburg Chapter (handwritten)	N/A
Stafford-Peter, Emily; Gill, Anne W.	Memorial Monuments: Petersburg # 155	2017

If you are able to locate or replace any of the books or documents listed please contact Lucy Steele, Chairman Division Files
lucysteele1@yahoo.com

DIVISION WEBSITE – PAM CURTIN

Our Virginia Division website is better than ever! There are new notices, invitations and events posted almost every day! The District Conferences and Division & General Conventions have the details that you need to know and are posted as soon as they are released! If you're looking for a Division form, even some General forms, chances are that it's on our site under Division Forms. If you need to contact a Division Officer or Division Committee Chairman, that information is on the site and can be reached from the Chapter President's tab, Division Directory. What? You don't know how to get into the Division Website? You can contact your friendly webmaster, and she'll be happy to help you.

MAGAZINE COMMITTEE – SUE ANNE BOOTHE

Dear Virginia Daughters, thank you so much for your contributions to the 2022 Virginia Special Issue! Virginia ladies doubled their ads from last year. That is wonderful. The number of chapters that sent in articles and photos for the Division News also more than doubled from last year. Thank you to the Virginia Daughters that wrote four historical articles for this issue. These ladies are helping to keep our history alive. We need to continue these trends to insure that our *UDC Magazine* continues as a vital and informative addition to the United

Daughters of the Confederacy. I do urge more members to consider subscribing to the *Magazine*. You are missing out if you aren't!

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE – TERESA ROANE

Ladies, it's hard to lose a member in your chapter. I am the Chairman of the Memorial Committee. In other words, I am the Virginia Division Chaplain. Please fill out the Deceased Member Form and email it back to me. Please fill out as much as you can. My email address is roanel894@gmail.com. You can also mail it to me. My mailing address is in the Virginia Division Minutes. If you have any questions, please let me know.

The deceased member form is located on the Virginia Division Website.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

DIVISION HISTORY – THERESE DESANTO

Over the years Virginia Division has accumulated quite a bit of chapter history from each chapter in paper format.

We are asking each chapter to send their chapter history by email in the form of a word document or in the body of an email so we can look at publicizing a book to include each Virginia Chapter's history. Pictures are welcome.

Deadline for submissions is August 1st. Email to ourfamilylegacy@aol.com.

Questions, please email or contact Therese DeSanto @757-395-7741.

DIVISION CHAPTER NEWS

Captain Milton Hall Harmon 2676

The Capt Milton Hall Harmon Chapter 2676 has been really busy these last few months. We are setting up some really exciting speakers for the coming months. At our March Meeting, Guy Smith will be presenting a program on the newly renovated Community Center. The chapter is going to be supporting the new T.J. Howard Community Center, a wonderful center where young people can come and utilize computers and to allow members of the community to get help in finding jobs, etc. In April we will have a program on the women spies of the Confederacy. There will be a wreath laying ceremony for our fallen veterans in May. Also, our chapter will be awarding the Cross of Military Service Award to two of our veterans and one National Defense Award. We are also lining up Christmas bags for the veterans at the VA Hospital.

We are still a small chapter, but we are growing. Our goal is to honor our veterans and our heritage, help to educate our community about what the United Daughters of the Confederacy represents.

Captain Sally Tompkins 2626

Captain Sally Tompkins 2626 will have three more meetings before the June scholarship luncheon. In May we will place wreaths at the grave of Captain Sally Tompkins and at the Confederate monument with lunch following. President Marilyn Iglesias has scouted out our next field trip. We will tour, with John Kanaster of Fredericksburg Tours, the Mine Run Battlefield. At one of our next meetings we will present to Donna Machen her approved application and certificate. Donna joined on her great-great-great grandfather Private Joseph Warren Marshall of Amelia County. He served with Co. G 1st VA Calvary.

Farmville 45

Farmville Chapter 45 would like to invite you to our annual Memorial Day Service at the Farmville Confederate Cemetery on Monday, May 30th at 11:00 a.m. Please bring a lawn chair as seating is limited. If your chapter would like to present a wreath, please bring it with you to the service. The guest speaker will be Sam Winkler, portraying President Jefferson Davis.

This will be an especially emotional service this year as it will be the first service held in which our town's Confederate Monument will have been relocated to the Cemetery. Farmville Town Council had previously voted unanimously and in secret to remove our Confederate Memorial from High Street even though the Monument protection bill was still in place. A company from Washington DC is currently in the process of moving the Monument's base from High Street to the Cemetery and will then reset the soldier atop the base. The soldier had been removed from atop his base almost two years ago and has been hidden from the public since.

Fincastle 797

It is wonderful to be back together with our members for normal meetings in our local library. At our February meeting we collected items for our Veteran Care Center and Salem Veterans Hospital. March is our anniversary month and we celebrated with cake donated by one of our members. In April we will be giving to the veterans Easter bags with goodies. At our May meeting we look forward to bestowing a Military Service Award, for the Korean War, to Hubert Smith. For our June meeting we will have a program given by Sam Winkler, an actor who portrays Jefferson Davis.

We hope to see all of our members and friends on April 30 at the First District Conference in Roanoke.

Hanover 1399

A "Gift of the Month" raffle was started to raise additional funds for our many chapter projects, including support for our Memorial Building. We continue to assist our veterans at McGuire Veterans Hospital, collecting puzzles and toiletries to deliver to our Veterans.

We officially welcomed two new members to our Chapter. Millie Proffitt accepted the position of Chaplain and Janice White is our new Registrar.

The highlight of one of our meetings at the Richmond Country Club was our guest speaker, Mr. John Reid host of the WRVA Morning Radio Show. Mr. Reid spoke on the changing attitudes in the city of Richmond which allowed the destruction of our Monuments and Memorial Building, but he remains hopeful that the tide will turn and the future will be brighter for Virginia.

Kirkwood Otey 10

With restrictions due to the pandemic relaxing last fall, the Presbyterian Cemetery in Lynchburg was able to host a Wreaths Across America for the first time in December. This new location is supported by local veterans and the cemetery. Despite the cold overcast weather, several Chapter members attended the ceremony and distributed wreaths throughout the cemetery. We normally would be doing this at the Old City Cemetery. However, since the Cemetery Director decided to co-opt our annual Memorial Service for a "more inclusive" ceremony, the Chapter decided to withdraw our support for any of their activities. For over 120 years our Chapter had continuously held a Memorial Day service in the Confederate Section of the cemetery which has always been open to the public. Needless to say, this has been very disheartening for the members of the Kirkwood Otey Chapter

Lancaster County 1406

Our chapter has several upcoming events to share. In May we will be awarding the Josie Dorcis Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a local high school senior planning to pursue a degree in health care. In June, we are planning a chapter yard sale to raise funds to continue the restoration project to restore the Sally Blundon family graveyard. Sally Blundon, president of the Northumberland County Ladies Memorial Association, was the driving force behind acquiring the Northumberland Confederate Monument and actually paid the bill to have the monument made and erected in 1873. Sadly, her family's graveyard has been neglected for over a century. Phase One of the project, the removal of the large trees and debris was completed, and the chapter members and their husbands will continue the clean up before assessing the remainder of the restoration of the headstones and associated fundraising. We are also busy preparing to celebrate our chapter's 110th Anniversary on June 18th at "Saratoga" the historic home of new member Lee Casazza where we will also be installing our officers for 2022-2024.

Southern Cross 746

Southern Cross 746 has had a busy year. We continue to collect items for the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Salem from their "Needs List." Money was collected by the Chapter to purchase a lunch from Chic-fil-A for each patient in their PTSD Unit. Cards are sent throughout the year to two active servicemen who are sons of two Southern Cross members.

A highlight of the year was a visit from author Heath Lee. Ms. Lee spoke about the biography she has written on Jefferson Davis' daughter, Winnie Davis. Members were able to purchase autographed copies of the book *Winnie*

Davis, Daughter of the Lost Cause. Another interesting program was given by Alex Burke, the assistant director of the Salem Museum, on the "Battle of the Wilderness" we have plans for him to return with a program on the "Battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse." Each month we have a "Confederate Minute" relating to an interesting fact from the WBTS.

Sadly, Barry Webster, one of our longtime members, passed away in February. We hope many of you are planning to come to the 1st District Conference, April 30th, in Roanoke!

Stonewall 1388

Our Chapter has continued to meet on a monthly basis and we have been able to attend many different gatherings. So far this new year we have attended the Sixth District Conference in Smithfield and a few members were able to travel to Richmond for the General Spring Boards.

Our Chapter is also working to raise money for our upcoming projects by selling Robert E. Lee shirts that were designed by two of our members, a vehicle decal featuring a silhouette of Stonewall Jackson's monument and handmade insignia pouches. We hope to be able to finally mark our Chapter founders grave with a UDC marker this year. We are also working on several Military Service Award applications, as well as applications for new members. We look forward to continuing to honor our ancestors in the upcoming months.

Suffolk 173

The Suffolk UDC Chapter met in December for a Christmas celebration at President Nancy Parker's home and enjoyed the season! Due to the pandemic, we did not hold chapter meetings in January and February.

In January, member Becky Sharrett lost her beloved husband of 31 years, John Sharrett, to COVID. John was past Commander of the Stonewall SCV, and a 60 year member of the North South Skirmish Association. He supported the UDC in its annual Memorial Day services over many years. His funeral service was well attended by SCV, NSSA, and UDC members.

The chapter met in March with 15 members and guest, Chapter President of the Peninsula Chapter, Myra McCain. In the March issue of the UDC magazine, the chapter had an article published on Tom Smith, Confederate Veteran who donated and built the Confederate Monument that stands in Cedar Hill Cemetery in Suffolk. Also included in the magazine was a report on chapter member Jennifer Boykin and her husband Volpe, who saved the Isle of Wight Confederate monument that was placed on their farm in Isle of Wight County.

Williamsburg 637

Coming soon! Williamsburg Chapter will re-dedicate the Confederate Monument which was moved from the City of Williamsburg and re-erected on private property (which we own) on April 7, 2021.

This ceremony will take place on Sunday afternoon, May 1, 2022, at 4 PM. To add to the excitement of saving this monument, we will have as our guest speaker our President General, Linda Edwards! We are honored that she can be with us as we

celebrate, not only the re-dedication, but also the 120th anniversary of the founding of our Chapter in 1902.

This monument was erected in 1908 by the Williamsburg UDC, James City County, and the City of Williamsburg on the Palace Green, but was moved several times, mainly for political reasons. In 2000, it was moved to Bicentennial Park in Williamsburg where it sat until it was vandalized in May 2020 by Black Lives Matter. We are so grateful that this memorial to the soldiers and sailors who served in the Confederacy has now come home to this hallowed ground at Fort Magruder where part of the battle of Williamsburg was fought.

We hope to see you on May 1st at this re-dedication and the southern garden party reception which follows!

DIVISION MEMBER – BECKY SHARRETT

Ladies of Virginia Division,

I would like to express my appreciation for all of the nice sympathy cards I received after my husband passed away. It is heartwarming to know that so many care.

With deep gratitude,
Becky Sharrett
Suffolk Chapter 173

THOUGHTS FROM THE PAST

Many of you remember Mrs. Alton R. Keith from reading the UDC Magazine. Mrs. Keith wrote the magazine editorials for many, many years. Her words from 1997 remain true today.

By Mrs. Alton R. Keith, 1908-1998

(Reprinted from the UDC Magazine August 1997) “The members of long ago who organized our UDC had a vision for its future. Throughout the past 100 years, we have kept our vision bright with service. The changing times and the changing social structures of today require a renewal of our vision. We need to stretch out—to broaden, deepen, and rededicate our commitment to this vision. This requires clear thinking, directed energy, and a devotion to other members. We cannot afford discord in our ranks; this only wastes time that could be used for productive service. We should always work to be a vital part of the solution and not a part of the problem. Our loyalty and dedication are not part-time jobs—they are full-time responsibilities. It is vital that we reach out to others and let them know of the many phases of our work and the goals set for the future. Let others know about our commitments, and let’s be sure they see the brightness of our vision for the oncoming years. Reach out today, tomorrow, and every day this year. Keep our vision bright.”

CONGRATULATIONS
to Sharon Loving on the birth of her Great God Son
Cowles Jonathan Schaefer
8.8 lbs and 21.5 inches



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CHAPTER PHOTOS

Captain Sally Tompkins 2626



Member luncheon left-right Mimi Kleintop, Lydia Connelly, Martha Frame, Gwen Wood, Marilyn Iglesias, Becky Morgan, Diane Swenson



Patricia Miles receives a supplemental from President Iglesias on her g-g-g-grandfather Master Seth Foster, Confederate Provisional Navy, Mathews Co.



Marilyn Iglesias scouting out a field field trip to Fredericksburg.

Fincastle 797



Ladies of Fincastle 797 collected items for the Veterans Care Center and Salem Veterans Hospital.

Hanover 1399



Chapter members with items they collected for veterans at McGuire Veterans Hospital



New members Janice White and Millie Proffitt



Mr. John Reid of WRVA Morning Show with Virginia Division UDC members

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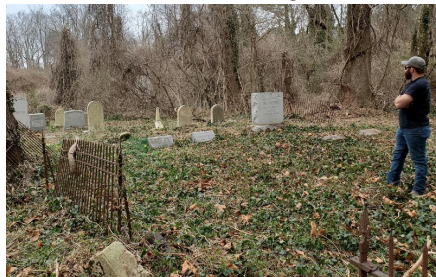


Chapter President, Sharon Crockett participated with Wreaths Across America at the Presbyterian Cemetery, Lynchburg, Virginia.

Lancaster County 1406



Chapter President Jo Ann Fickling thanks Rob Garnett for presenting his program "Victims for the Grave: Elmira Prison Camp and the Confederate dead of Woodlawn National Cemetery".



The beginning of the clean-up and restoration of Sally Blundon's family graveyard began on March 5. The first phase cleared trees, debris, etc. Chapter members will continue on the next phase which includes fundraising for repairs.



At a Chapter meeting we learned about the damage to the Memorial Building and restoration from Lucy Steele

Southern Cross 746



Chapter members Barbara Jones, Sharon Rose and Elaine Powers with Chapter member and 1st District Chairman Judith Lienhardt. The Chapter will be hosting the 1st District Conference on April 30 in Roanoke, Virginia.

Williamsburg 637



We are so grateful that this memorial to the soldiers and sailors who served in the Confederacy has now come home to this hallowed ground at Fort Magruder where part of the battle of Williamsburg was fought.

Farmville 45 and Fincastle 797



Sam Winkler will portray President Jefferson Davis at the Farmville Chapter 45 Memorial Day service at the Farmville Confederate Cemetery.

In June Mr. Winkler will be giving a program for the ladies of the Fincastle 797 Chapter, again portraying President Jefferson Davis