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FROM VIRGINIA DIVISION PRESIDENT

SHARON LOVING



Hello, Ladies! It is hard to believe that this UDC year is almost over. Time flies when we are busy. This has been a very busy year and the Division has accomplished a lot. We have had many Military Service Award Services, Grave Markings, Monument Rededications, Memorials and Observances of our Confederate Leaders and Ancestors. Be proud of all the work you have accomplished.

The Children of the Confederacy's Virginia Division Convention in Bedford was wonderful. These children are on top of everything and conducted a lovely Convention. They are not only our future but our blessing as well. I would

be remiss if, as Tara Barron's Chapter Director, I did not recognize her hard work and the support of the UDC, SCV, family and friends. Tara raised \$6,510 to mark 31 Confederate soldier's graves at Shockoe Hill Cemetery. I would also like to congratulate Miss Sara Cox of the Richmond C of C Chapter 819. Sara is the newly elected Virginia Division C of C President.

Congratulations to the Chesterfield and Elliott Grays Chapters who successfully merged and are now the Chesterfield-Elliott Grays 851. Thank you ladies for working to find a solution to support members.

Jo-anne Lipscomb and Rebecca Ferguson, 2022 Convention Chairmen have been hard at work to have everything in order for our 127th Virginia Division Convention in Lynchburg. The Convention Call will be on the webpage and mailed copies, along with proposed changes to the bylaws, per Article VII, Section 9.b, the Call and proposed amendments will be sent 40 days before Convention (Aug. 20th). Remember this is a Bylaws year. If you are a delegate or have a proxy or personal vote, make sure you are familiar with the proposed changes before Convention.

A most sincere “Thank You” to all who have helped make this a special and unforgettable UDC year. It is an honor to work and share with each of you. Let’s start working for an even more outstanding year for 2022 – 2023! See you in Lynchburg!

Looking to the future, Remembering the past...

VIRGINIA DIVISION OFFICER REPORTS

VICE PRESIDENT – DAWN DIEHL

I hope that you all are enjoying your summer so far. You have been ordering pins, I have processed 142 so far this year. Thank you all for your orders and congratulations to those of you who have done supplementals! Some common mistakes are still being that when you order a chapter officer pin you are not sending proof. You can use either your chapter yearbook front cover and the officer page or the minutes book, front cover and your chapter officers and report. The bad news is that prices on shipping and handling will be going up in the next couple months, also priority shipping will be going up, stand by for the updated prices.

3rd VICE PRESIDENT – JEN THOMSON

The Children of the Confederacy enjoyed their recent Convention at the Bedford Museum and Genealogical Library on Friday, June 10, and Saturday, June 11. On Friday night, the attendees took an after-hours tour of the National D-Day Memorial and learned about the sacrifice of the brave men that landed on the beaches of Normandy on June 6, 1994. Afterward, pizza was enjoyed at a park and a water balloon fight between the Yankees and Confederates was led by two new CofC members that are also leaders in their local JROTC. On Saturday the children were able to hold the meeting in the Bedford War Between the States Museum housed inside the Bedford Museum and Genealogical Library in downtown Bedford. After a rousing round of Catechisms and lunch, the attendees were treated to a special visit by Confederate General William R. Terry portrayed by Sam Winkler. The children are looking forward to the General Convention in July in Raleigh, North Carolina.

The officers for the 2022-2023 Virginia Division Children of the Confederacy are: President Sara Cox, Vice President Hazel Bittenbender, 2nd Vice President Cora Scott, 3rd Vice President Hannah Mouman, Recording Secretary Anna Cox, Treasurer Anna Payne, Historian Zachary Mouman, Chaplain Amber Smith, Custodian Thomas Payne, and Editor Dylan Allen. I know these children will do their ancestors proud in their office this upcoming year.

RECORDER OF MILITARY SERVICE AWARDS – MILBREY BARTHOLOW

I attended the 6th District Conference on 12 March, and while there, I toured the site of the 1862 Battle of Smithfield and saw the church where my umpteenth great grandfather was minister in 1658. On 26 March, I attended the 5th District Conference. I attended the 2nd District Conference on 2 April in Fairfield, and while in the area, I had time to visit the Stonewall Jackson House in Lexington. On 9 April, I attended the 4th District Conference in Mt Crawford, and while in the area, I toured the area of the Valley Campaign. I missed that last two District Conferences due to illness. At all the conferences, I met many nice sisters, and received a lot of interest in honoring veterans. I was working on one paper, and when I got to the area for which war, I went “Duh”, for the veteran was a WWI veteran, which we no longer honor.

I attended the Commemoration Ceremony of the 156th Anniversary of the Battle of Yellow Tavern in Glen Allen on 11 May. While there, I also rode around the site of the battle. I attended the Hanover Chapters May Memorial Service Meeting at Woodland Cemetery in Ashland on 19 May, and presented a Cross of Military Award posthumously for Garland Curtis Nall to his daughter, Linda Schekulin.

I have received one application for a posthumous Cross of Military Service for a Korean War veteran and have selected my candidate for the Cross of Military Service for the General Convention in November, and will select one soon for the Division Convention.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – REBECCA FERGUSON

Just as a reminder – Thank you for sending me your Chapter officer changes and updates. Please make sure you also send them to the Division President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer.

DISTRICT CHAIRMAN REPORTS

FOURTH DISTRICT CHAIRMAN – CHARLOTTE CLINGER

Fourth District sends greetings to every District. We enjoyed a very productive and enjoyable Spring Conference in Mt Crawford (Harrisonburg) at St. Jacob’s (Spaders) Lutheran Church on April 9 hosted by Turner Ashby 162. Kudos to the members of the hostess Chapter for a great lunch, great venue, and great camaraderie. We were elated to be able to meet in person again after a two-year hiatus caused by the COVID pandemic. Division Officers presented reports with a lot of useful information and held productive question and answer periods. Chapter reports gave us all a sense of what they have been accomplishing.

Fourth District Chapters have been busy. There have been numerous Confederate Memorial Services held and I was privileged to attend the 156th Annual Service hosted by Turner Ashby Chapter 184, as well as the Fairfax Chapter 1410 service. Mary Custis Lee-17th Virginia Regiment Chapter 7 held a

moving Iron Cross Dedication on May 22 at Bethel Cemetery where they dedicated ten Iron Crosses. I attended a fund-raising tea at the Mt. Vernon Country Club hosted by the Chapter on June 12.

As we prepare for Chapter Reports, I want to remind all Fourth District Chapters that every report is important. Do not underestimate the impact of your work during the year.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

MAGAZINE COMMITTEE – SUE ANNE BOOTHE

Hello Virginia Daughters! I am looking forward to seeing your Magazine Committee Reports. I urge you to fully complete the report so that I can accurately report the Virginia Division Magazine activities. I appreciate your thorough reports. Thank you to all Chapter Presidents for compiling your report. Don't forget to keep track of Chapter activities to send in to the Division News, particularly for the Virginia Special Issue. I urge members to subscribe to the Magazine to support this wonderful resource! Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

DIVISION HISTORY – THERESE DESANTO

Just a friendly reminder that chapters should be sending their chapter history in the form of a word document or in the body of an email to ourfamilylegacy@aol.com by August 1. Though Virginia Division has accumulated quite a bit of chapter history in paper format, we would like to record the history in electronic format for publication.

Having trouble finding your chapter's early history? I recently found a treasure of resources at Museum of Virginia History and Culture right next to UDC Memorial Building. Thanks to UDC for sending me there. I discovered all Virginia Division Convention Minutes from as early as 1900. I was able to write the story of the origins of the Princess Anne 435 chapter. I found many chapter histories including listing of all members from some chapters. The library is on the 2nd floor of the museum.

DIVISION PAGES – CAROL WILLIAMS

This is the Call for Pages for the Division Convention to be held at Lynchburg September 30-October 2, 2022.

No experience is necessary. You do not need your Chapter endorsement. Just sign up! This is a great way for a new member to learn how the organization works. You will meet a lot more people than if you just attended with your Chapter. Once you have paged, you can go to any other Division event and be certain that you will know somebody there. You can also page if you are a Chapter officer or delegate.

You do not have to serve at every session. We have a special need for Pages on Friday night and Saturday morning.

The duties are mainly to keep the business sessions running smoothly and setting up for the special events. Fetching water, passing communications between members, handing out awards, handing out programs, seating people, answering questions from attendees. On-the-job training will be provided. Read the *Page Manual* on the UDC General web site under *Forms* for more information.

The biggest commitment is the proper Page attire. You must wear white/off-white skirts (no slacks) and tops along with white/off-white shoes and hose. Formal or semi-formal attire is required for Historical Evening. (Skirt length should be mid-calf length or longer.) A white hat for the Memorial Service is also required. White gloves are to be worn at all times.

I ask that Chapter Presidents encourage members to consider this opportunity to serve the Division. If you are interested in being a Page or have any questions, contact Carol Williams@ i_m_scarlett@hotmail.com

GENERAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE- JANET PERKINS

Ladies,

Virginia Division is hosting General Convention this year. The contract was signed in 2020 by the President General then so we are obligated to hold the convention at the Omni Hotel & Conference Center in downtown Richmond.

Financially, the Committee is responsible for numerous things: decorations for Friendship and President's Evening, entertainment for Historical and Friendship Evening, items for attendees' goody bags and General Officers' baskets - just to name a few. The committee is procuring items for the silent & live auctions.

The committee requests donations of the above-mentioned items or the funds to purchase items for bags & baskets. The committee needs volunteers to help during Convention in "staffing" tables for the Scrapbook / Silent Auction rooms. We appreciate Virginia chapters' assistance in this endeavor. Volunteers are necessary for the smooth running of the convention. This convention is a great opportunity for Virginia Division chapters to shine with their participation.

Sincerely,

Janet Perkins

Chairman, General Convention Committee 2022

DIVISION CHAPTER NEWS

Captain Milton Hall Harmon 2676

The Capt Milton Hall Harmon UDC chapter #2676 welcomed Mr. Guy Smith to a recent meeting. Guy gave a program on the T G Howard Community Center. The center is located in Pulaski and is currently being restored. Our chapter donated a check to the Center to support a much needed center.

Centennial - Maury 2296

Centennial-Maury is now holding chapter meetings at the Mechanicsville Library. This was due to the change in policy at Hanover Tavern to start charging non-profits for the use of a room. So far this has worked out nicely. We have an average attendance of 12 members.

In May Ms. Pamela Smith, President of Caroline Grays and Virginia Division Chairman of Patriotic Activities graciously accepted our invitation to come and install our officers for the 2022-2024 term. Pamela presented each officer with a manual for their position.

At the conclusion of the meeting in May we celebrated the birthday of our Chaplain of many years, Theresa Morgan. We had a little surprise party for her with a cake, card, and flowers.

Our chapter had a full ancestor page in the March U.D.C. magazine along with a chapter narrative, a memorial for past President Jean Frawner, and a picture of President General Linda Edwards standing next to a framed and matted museum quality picture "The Last Meeting", donated by chapter member Marcia Hicklin.

Chesterfield - Elliott Grays 851

It is a pleasure to announce that we conducted our final merger vote and signed transfer application documents *literally* in the same parlor where General Robert E. Lee conducted business during his use of Violet Bank during the War Between the States and it passed unanimously. This completes our months long process of notifications and meetings to implement all of the needed steps to merge our chapters. All The new name will be Chesterfield-Elliott Grays #851 and all current Chesterfield chapter officers will remain through their current terms. The Virginia Division 5th District Chairman, Mrs. Susan Hudson was in attendance and presented our chapter with a commemorative flag on which she had our new chapter name embroidered. It will be proudly held and displayed during our upcoming meetings. Thank you all for your cooperation and input into what will become a stronger, united chapter. Our chapter has great momentum and I feel sure we can continue moving forward and building during our next year together.

The frail, declining Violet Bank Museum was a bit startling. The exterior of the home was time worn and aged. The interior furnishings were sparse and the entirety of the house seemed to be in decline and losing its battle to time. In the parlor, there are beautiful, original crown moldings and plaster work on the ceiling, still intact. Outside stood a magnificent, rare 300-year-old tree that was rambling, stoic, perpetually strong with children playing underneath. There's longevity and value in these historic things that will stand the test of time and which we must continue to preserve for our children and grandchildren. Maybe it will be their generations that may want to look back, may want to repair and mend and resurrect these beautiful historic objects of our past. May we continue to support the United Daughters of the Confederacy and her goals of aiding in this preservation for the generations to come. Though she is a bit wobbly right now

and might need a few loving repairs to hold her up, I pray she too will survive the test of time.

Fort Lowry 2695

The Fort Lowry Chapter 2695 held their May meeting at the Healthy Harvest Food Bank in Warsaw. Healthy Harvest Food Bank distributed nearly 2,500,00 pounds of food last year in the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck area. They also support the Back Pack Program for area schools.

A program was presented to members entitled *Feeding the Soldiers*. It was sobering to hear facts concerning the amount of daily rations and the difficulty of obtaining food during the last years of the war.

Fort Lowry's executive committee prepared dishes from recipes the Confederate soldiers would have eaten during that time period including hard tack, corn pone, ham biscuits, ginger cookies, collard greens, lima bean salad and apple cake.

The chapter members voted to make a donation in memory of member Barbara Sethmann to support the General Convention. We also voted on the design of a Chapter pin that will be available to members in the fall.

The 10th Anniversary Committee is working diligently on plans to celebrate our Anniversary on September 11, 2022.

Jefferson Davis 2477

Our participated in a Confederate Memorial Day service hosted by SCV Wharton-Stuart Camp. Members Mary Felicito, Linda Richardson and Shirley Keene placed a wreath at the Confederate Monument at the Patrick County Court House. The Chapter conducted a Confederate Memorial Day Service at the Thomas Beasley Cemetery in Carroll County. The service was held at the gravesite of Christian Easter, great-grandfather of member Claudia Wolford. In May, members Mary Felicito and Linda Richardson attended a Confederate Memorial Day Service in Martinsville hosted by Mildred Lee Chapter 74 and Stuart-Hairston Camp 515, SCV. On Memorial Day, members Mary Felicito and Linda Richardson placed a wreath at the Blue Ridge Veterans Memorial, in Galax as part of a ceremony conducted by Grayson VFW Post 7726. The Chapter gained a new member, Nancy Martin Jesch, mother of Mary Felicito. Mary Felicito is working on a Military Service Award for Grayson VFW Post 7726 member Dean Osborne, who shares the same Confederate ancestor as member Linda Richardson. We are looking forward to attending as many events and historical sites this summer, as we continue to honor our Confederate Heritage.

Lancaster County 1406

We are 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. Our new officers will be President

Emily Lawson, Vice President Iris Treakle, 2nd Vice President Janet Cockrell, Recording Secretary Carole Fletcher, Treasurer Jo Ann Fickling, Registrar Adele' Mangum, Historian Janet Cockrell, Chaplain and Corresponding Secretary Joyce Mitchell, and Recorder of Military Service Awards Catherine Bennett.

Our chapter does not meet over the summer however we will continue to remember the veteran residents of Lancashire Rehabilitation Center in Kilmarnock by visiting with them especially over the July 4th holiday weekend and work will continue on the Sally Blundon cemetery clean up and restoration project. We are looking forward to seeing all our sisters at the Virginia Division Convention in Lynchburg and plan to support the General Convention in Richmond by providing an assortment of handmade holiday ornaments for the goody bags and donating several silent auction items for fundraising.

Keeping the faith in the Northern Neck!

Princess Anne 435

Our chapter hosted a brunch and presentation by our special guest Teresa Roane, the Memorial Chairwoman and archivist of the UDC, who shared "The Relevancy of the Confederacy in today's times" and an overview of the destruction and repair of the UDC Memorial Building.

The chapter had a membership information table at the Virginia Beach's Genealogy Society's "Genealogy at the Beach" event on Wednesday, May 11 at Central Library. We are currently working on 4 prospective members.

We are planning our September event were the chapter will be hosting Nora Brooks, as Mildred Lee.

Southern Cross 746

Members Kim McDonough and Mary Jane Rhodes have very busy assisting chapter members with supplemental applications. They have helped members obtain lineage documents and service records when the member may not have the access to available resources. Kim and Mary Jane have also helped with the process of filing out the applications, which at times can be very daunting. Their service to the Chapter and membership is greatly appreciated.

Stonewall 1388

Stonewall Chapter 1388 of Portsmouth has continued to meet and work on several on going projects these past few months. Several of our members attended Memorial Day events that were hosted by UDC Chapters and SCV Camps across three different cities on Memorial Day weekend. A few of our members were able to attend the Suffolk UDC Memorial Day service at Cedar Hill Cemetery. Some of our members served refreshments at the Stonewall #380 SCV Camp memorial service at Cedar Grove Cemetery in Portsmouth and a few members attended the Norfolk County Greys memorial service at the Chesapeake monument. Two of our members attended the Massing of the Flags that was held

at the UDC Memorial Building in Richmond. After the service they went to Hollywood Cemetery and were able to be a part of the rose placement at President Jefferson Davis's grave site where they took pictures with the President General and several others. We are excited to announce that a daughter of one of our members is now a member of the Children of Confederacy and they are planning on attending the CofC General Convention in July. We hope everyone has a wonderful and safe summer!

Thirteenth Virginia Regiment 441

The 13th Virginia Regiment Chapter 441 in Orange decorated the graves of the unknown Confederate soldiers at Graham Cemetery for Memorial Day. Our ladies made cards and goodie bags for the veterans at Dogwood Village and Senior Living. One of our members attended the Gordonsville Gray's SCV Camp Memorial Service at Maplewood Cemetery, where over 780 Confederate soldiers who died at the Gordonsville Receiving Hospital are buried. Our May trip this year was to Front Royal to visit the Warren Rifles Museum. Suzanne Silek gave us a wonderful tour and showered us with fine Southern hospitality. We visited the Front Royal battlefield, including the Confederate Circle and Mound at Prospect Hill Cemetery. We stopped at Flint Hill Baptist Church to visit the grave of Albert Gallatin Willis, a Mosby Ranger who was captured by the Yankees, along with another Ranger who the Yankees decided to hang. When Willis realized that his friend had a wife and children he volunteered to take his place and was hung by the Yankees. One of our Chapter members, Carlene Wilson, had two more Supplementals approved, totaling 18 Confederate ancestors. Two of our members attended a benefit concert for Ukraine.

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. I do not have the date that this was written, but it speaks as if it was today.

By Mrs. Alton R. Keith, 1908-1998

Throughout this year we have heard, and will continue to hear, many excellent speeches about liberty and freedom. We have watched the celebrations, the parades and fireworks at the Statue of Liberty, which is the symbol of freedom know around the world. It has been a time of remembrance and re-dedication. A time to remember the brave men and women who secured our freedom. It is almost impossible for most of us to realize the magnitude of the hardships that entailed the struggle for the liberties which we enjoy today. Greatness in men or nations is born from a vision or a dream and it was vision that helped our Founding Fathers forge our priceless heritage.

As members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, we should be acutely aware of the veterans in our hospitals and the veterans who are permanently disabled because they offered their services during time of war to keep this vision constant. Patriotic service and help to our veterans and their families was a

vision of our founders and it should continue to be a vital part of our Organization's work.

We have joined joyously in the celebrations, but we should be ever mindful that the memorial speeches, the laying of wreaths, and the flying of flags are all in vain unless each time that we do these things we dedicate ourselves to the task of keeping America free and great; unless we teach our children and they teach their children that with freedom comes responsibility. Freedom is not an inherited right, it is a right which must be earned and carefully guarded. Freedom is a legacy that must be rewon by each generation.

CHAPTER PHOTOS

Capt. Milton Hall Harmon 2676



Chapter President Sharon Taylor presented a check to Mr. Guy Smith for the restoration of the T. G. Howard Community Center. Also present were Chapter members Elinor Farmer, Janie Dillon, Rebecca Gunn and Sheila Nelson.

Chesterfield - Elliott Grays 851



5th District Chairman, Susan Hudson presented to Chapter President Carla Waldron and Registrar Ruth Snead an embroidered 1st National Flag with our new Chapter name.



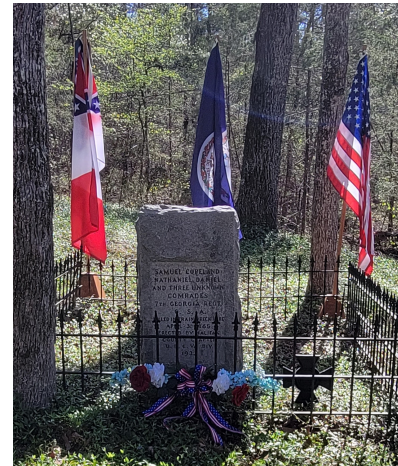
Vice President Jane Hoover presented Carolyn Austin her 25 year pin. Congratulations Carolyn!

Fort Lowry 2695



On June 16 we were pleased to have 5th District Chairman, Susan Hudson, join us and install our newly elected officers. President, Cindy Packett; Vice President, Edwina Dawson; Recording Secretary, Lucille Wilkinson; Treasurer, Suzi Maggard; 5th District Chair Susan Hudson; Registrar, Joan Croson; Corresponding Secretary, Pat Given; Historian, Patsy Trader and Chaplain Pat Pugh.

Halifax 1321



Halifax Chapter 1321 held a rededication service for our marker which was installed in 1933 and placed an iron cross. The marker is for the six Confederate soldiers from Georgia who were killed in a train accident near Wolf Trap Depot on April 3, 1865. The marker is on private property. Left to Right are Diane Carr, Bonnie Meeler [member of Granville Grays Chapter (NC Division)], Sara Peebles, Ginger Gentry, Janet Perkins, and Sue Snead.

Jefferson Davis 2477



Mary Felicito and Linda Richardson presented wreaths at the Oakwood Cemetery Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony and the Grayson VFW Post 7726 Memorial Day. The Chapter's Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony was attended by

Chapter members from left to right: Mary Felicito, Hilda Walters, Linda Richardson, Cora Lee Testerman, Anne Cannon, Ina Horton, Bonnie Reeves and Claudia Wolford.

Kirkwood Otey 10



The Kirkwood Otey Chapter presented the Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson Memorial Scholarship to James Daniel Minnix. James is the grandson of chapter member Beverly Minnix and will be attending the University of Lynchburg with a major in biology.

Pictured: Sharon Crockett, Past Chapter President, James Minnix and Chapter President Cindy Jordan.

Lancaster County 1406



Registrar Susan Hudson welcomed new members (and sisters) Dorothy Vallone and Lee Casazza. They joined on the record of their Gr Gr Grandfather Pvt. James T. Middleton Co. G, 25th VA Cav.



Pres. Jo Ann Fickling presented the Josie Dorcis Scholarship to Northumberland High School senior Jessica Lee



In June the chapter had a yard sale that raised funds to support the continued restoration of the Sally Blundon family cemetery.

Pictured are Betty Christopher Melinda May, Janet Cockrell and Jo Ann Fickling.

Princess Anne 435



Chapter members Sherri Butler, Ruby Harris and Therese DeSanto participated in the Virginia Beach's Genealogical Society's "Genealogy at the Beach".

The chapter provided Membership Information at the event.

Southern Cross 746



Kim McDonough and Mary Jane Rhodes use many resources when assisting members that are working on supplemental applications. One particular location is the Virginia Room at the Roanoke Public Library's Genealogy and Local History Department.

Stonewall 1388



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