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FROM VIRGINIA DIVISION PRESIDENT

SHARON LOVING



Dear Virginia Division Daughters,

As we start another year and my final year as your President, I have a few things that need to be said.

To say my last three years have been uneventful would be an UNDERSTATEMENT.

It seems I need to sum up the last Business Session of the Division Convention and the email that I had Rebecca Ferguson, Virginia Division Corresponding Secretary send out to Chapter Presidents.

1. The Board of Trustees, Executive Committee, and members in attendance at the Convention with the *exception* of a few Chapters Presidents that did not attend, but responded negatively, should know that I was instructed to explain

to the Virginia Division membership what had happened concerning the post on the General website and what led to Pam Curtin resigning as Virginia Division Treasurer.

2. The hardest thing that I had to do was stand before the Convention and explain to members present. Being President does not give me the right to pick and choose what I tell the membership. Which leads me to Chapter Presidents. I sent the email out WITH the instructions to pass along to your members. Some of you replied that you refused to pass it on to your Chapter members. You were elected as Chapter President to keep your members informed of the business of the Virginia Division.
3. I respect your thoughts and feelings on this matter, but are you prepared to answer questions, because this will get around the Division....I on the other hand, if asked, will direct them to their Chapter President.

ONE last thing. For whatever reason some of you are still using my yahoo email account (I can see who sent me an email, but I cannot open it) so I have decided to once again change my email – starting yesterday it is now [smloving51@gmail.com](mailto:smloving51@gmail.com).

***Kindness goes far, but Love goes forever.***

Sharon Loving, Virginia Division President 2019 – 2023

MESSAGE TO THE MEMBERS OF VIRGINIA DIVISION, UDC

FROM: ROBIN D. KING

Virginia Division Historian

President Richmond-Stonewall Jackson 1715

General UDC Convention Committee Member at Large (Former)

I am sending this out to clarify the information about the changes in the original General Convention Committee and why this information was passed on to the Chapter Presidents to be distributed to the membership. I was on the original UDC General Convention Committee, also as Division Historian I was present at the Executive Committee meeting in Lynchburg on Thursday evening September 29th, 2022 and I am the Richmond-Stonewall Jackson Chapter President. With all of the emails involved that were received as well as the ones that weren't received because of an incorrect email address that was used, I totally understand why there is some confusion. The members of the UDC General Convention committee thought everything was going well when we got the email from the President General advising that she was removing Sharon as the Convention Chairman. First of all, Sharon was never the Convention Chairman. Janet Perkins was appointed by Sharon as the Convention Chairman, Mary Wasenko was Convention Co-Chairman, Pam Smith was Convention Treasurer, and I was member at large. We had been working on the Convention for over 7 months and were having weekly Zoom meetings from May through September. We were given the request from the VP General for a Mardi Gras theme for Presidents' Evening and were working on a Country Western theme for Friendship Evening per the information we were given about the music the band would be playing. The only thing we disagreed with the PG about was having the Memorial Service at the UDC Memorial Building for safety and security issues for our members. The PG at that point chose to appoint Barbara Joyner to be in charge of that. We thought everything was all worked out until we saw her email removing Sharon. If you go to page 116 of the Division Minutes, Section C, General Organization, you will see that as Division President, it is part of the

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duties of her office to appoint the General Convention Committee. The PG appointed Barbara Joyner as Convention Chairman. Barbara agreed not knowing all of the back story that had occurred. I commend Barbara for agreeing to step up with such a small window to get everything done.

Because of the way that this was mis-handled by the PG and with her decision to put only partial information on the General website we felt that it was not only an affront to our Division President but to the entire Virginia Division as a whole. Virginia has taken on the burden of hosting the UDC General Convention every other year for a number of years. Many of you have helped with these conventions so you know first hand how much effort is involved and that I'm not exaggerating when I refer to them as being a burden to the Virginia Division. One of the many things that a Division President is tasked with is making sure that the membership is made aware of events and situations that impact the Division. When we were made aware during the Executive Committee Meeting of everything that had gone on and that this misinformation had been also put on the General website, we voted that this information needed to be shared with our membership. I've been made aware that this post has since been altered after the Division message was sent out. This was not sent out with any other intention than keeping our membership aware of a situation that was reflecting badly on our Division President and our members. I hope this clarifies some things including the fact that our Virginia Division Daughters are still united in protecting and honoring our history and our heritage.

Respectfully,

Robin D. King Virginia Division Historian Richmond-Stonewall Jackson Chapter President General UDC Convention Committee Member at Large(Former)

## VIRGINIA DIVISION OFFICER REPORTS

### 2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT – JANICE PERKINS

Please welcome the newest recipients of Virginia Division Scholarships for academic year 2022-2023:

- Aadon Atwood was awarded the Mary Custis Lee Memorial Scholarship. He is a freshman at Bridgewater College this year, with a proposed double major in Exercise Science and Business. Warren Rifles #934 sponsored Aadon in this endeavor.
- Sterling Currin was awarded the Jennie Gunn Ball Memorial Scholarship. He is a freshman at Virginia Tech, with a proposed

major in Environmental Science. Lunenburg #1654 sponsored Sterling in this endeavor.

- Olivia Moran was awarded the Captain Sally Tompkins Nursing & Allied Health Sciences Scholarship. Olivia is a rising junior at Radford University, with a major in Nursing. Fincastle #797 sponsored Olivia in this endeavor.

The following students are renewed their Division Scholarships for this academic year:

- Flory Brockwell – Rives Cosby Ford Memorial – Virginia Tech
- Grace Clarke – Marrow Memorial – University of Richmond
- Dru DeJarnette-Perkins – Margaret Hart Barnes – Hollins University
- Grace Gillam – Catherine Custis Taylor Goffigan – VCU
- Brooke Gray – E. Elizabeth Snedden – Laurel Ridge Community College
- Noah Jackson – Matthew Fontaine Maury – Christopher Newport U
- Jordan Kish – Mary Anne Williams Memorial – James Madison U
- Ashley Parks – Martha Anthony Memorial – Randolph-Macon College

The following students, sponsored by Virginia Division, are recipients of General Scholarships for this academic year:

- Sterling Currin was awarded a new General Scholarship; he is a freshman at Virginia Tech.
- Thomas Neale was awarded a new General Scholarship; he is a freshman at James Madison University.
- Brady McKnight was renewed his General Scholarship; he continues his studies at Morehead State University

Congratulations to these smart and gifted students!



Aadon Atwell



Sterling Currin



Olivia Moran

## TREASURER – MARY WASENKO

Hello Ladies of Virginia Division

Thank you for allowing me to be your interim Treasurer for the next year. Since Convention, I have met with President Loving and changed the bank account and made a lot of deposits! I want to specifically tell you that the President's evening silent auction made \$661.00 towards the Mary Moore Williams Scholarship. You ladies are awesome!

I have received guidance from the financial committee and have hit the ground running. I ask you to please be patient with me during the transition in regards to responses to questions. I do not have all the answers; therefore, there may be a delay depending on your question(s).

I look forward to serving the Virginia Division for the next year – yes only one year. Please let me know if you are aware of someone with the time and talent to fill this position.

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I work full time (9-5), so the easiest is email or text during the day.

## REGISTRAR – DIXIE ROBINSON



Dixie and Sadie

## HISTORIAN – ROBIN KING

We had a great Virginia Division Convention in Lynchburg in spite of the hurricane remnants.

I wanted to let you all know about the awards I was pleased to present this year.  
Best Chapter Scrapbook 7-40 members....Centennial Maury  
Best Chapter Scrapbook 41+members....Southern Cross  
Best Chapter Yearbook 7-40 members....Centennial Maury  
Best Chapter Yearbook 41+ members....Fredericksburg

Before I awarded the Alice Whitley Jones Banner I shared some information about the Banner's namesake as I realized that there were not a lot of us that knew or remembered Alice. I want people to know how important Alice was to our Division and how very fortunate we were to have been able to call her our own.

Over 40 years ago I was fortunate to be contacted by Alice about joining the UDC after my inquiry at the Business Office about membership. I was also privileged to call my friend. You may have heard about her fiscal abilities for which we are still greatly indebted to her. What you may not have heard about was how much she loved history. Alice was involved with a group trying to save Richmond's Old City Hall. She was incensed that the City would even think about tearing down such a gem. She was fully prepared to lay down in the parking lot to

stop the demolition. She was a passionate advocate and supporter of causes she believed in. Alice was a force to be reckoned with for her opponents, as you can observe the next time you are in Richmond and can visit the Old City Hall building and learn of it's history. It is very fitting that the Banner will be awarded to a Chapter that worked tirelessly to preserve a Monument for future generations.

I was pleased to present the banner to the Caroline Grays Chapter for their efforts in working with county supervisors, local cemetery officials, historians and volunteers to save, relocate and rededicate the county's Confederate Soldier Monument.

#### RECORDER OF MILITARY SERVICE AWARDS – MILBREY BARTHOLOW

I want to thank all of you for electing me to this position. It has been challenging. I have travelled and seen a lot of Virginia that I had never seen before. We may still be observing COVID-19 protocol to some extent, but you ladies are beginning to return to your previous lives.

This year was a learning year for me and for some of you. 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

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#### CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – REBECCA FERGUSON

Many of you may not know that you can sign-up for a subscription to the Old Dominion Bulletin. This will help insure that you can keep up with all Division news. If you are interested it is \$6.00 a year. The check would be to the Treasurer, Virginia Division, UDC and mailed to me and will in turn send it to her.

Rebecca Ferguson

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## DISTRICT CONFERENCE CALENDAR

5th District - March 25, 2023 - Centennial-Maury Chapter 2296  
Epiphany Lutheran Church, 1400 Horsepen Road, Henrico, VA

2nd District - April 1, 2023 - General William R. Terry 580 - TBA

4th District - April 15, 2023 - Turner Ashby 184 - TBA

1st District - April 22, 2023 - TBA

3rd District - April 29, 2023 - Anne Eliza Johns Chapter 164 - TBA

6th District - May 6, 2023 - Jerusalem Chapter 2489  
American Legion Hall, 935 Armory Drive, Franklin, VA

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

### BENEVOLENT ACTIVITIES – CINDY JORDAN

I have received an update on our Mrs. Norman V. Randolph Relief Recipient, Mrs., Sammy Hynds Harrison and our two Real Daughters, Mrs. Willie Ruth Chapman Aiken and Mrs. Reba Bishop Scott

Miss Sammy is doing pretty well, She's still interested in family genealogy. Remember her birthday is September 23....she will be 87. She is a Granddaughter.

Her Address is:

Mrs. Sammy Hynda Harrison  
3210 Ash Park Drive., #33  
Richland Hills, Texas 76118-6313

She would love for you to visit her by phone 817-602-2141 or email [Sammy.hyh@gmail.com](mailto:Sammy.hyh@gmail.com) and by sending cards.

Miss Reba is now living in a small assisted living apartment. Her mailing address remains the same. Please continue to send her cards, but no gifts.

Her address is:

Mrs. Reba Bishop Scott  
c/o Thomas Scott  
8638 GA Hwy 231  
Harrison, Georgia 31035-7236

Her birthday is May 26, 1924. In May she will be 99!

Miss Willie The General Chairman has no current information, but is trying to contact her daughter for updates and will share with us at that time. Please continue to send cards to her, but no gifts.

Her address is:

Mrs. Willie Ruth Chapman Aiken

3590 Rivers End Place

Buford, Georgia 30519

Her birthday is October 2, 1924. In October she will be 98 years old.

Please continue to think about them with your cards, calls, and especially in your prayers.

### MAGAZINE COMMITTEE – SUE ANNE BOOTHE

Happy Fall Virginia Ladies! Thank you to all the chapters for their magazine reports. I was disappointed that the subscriptions numbers are down. I would encourage members to subscribe to the *UDC Magazine*. The magazine has helpful information from our General officers. It is interesting to read about the activities of other chapters and to look for possible activities that a chapter might want to try. I truly appreciate all the ladies that write historical articles for the magazine, as they are so interesting. I am thrilled that Virginia Division increased their support for the 2022 Virginia Special Issue, so thank you. I want to remind you that the deadline for historical articles, Division News, and advertisements for our 2023 Virginia Special Issue is December 1. I urge you to be considering how your chapter will contribute to the Special Issue. If you have any questions about the cost of ads and photos or how to submit to the magazine, do not hesitate to contact me. I am looking forward to another amazing Virginia Special Issue!

### SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### DIVISION HISTORY – THERESE DESANTO

Thank you to the many chapters who have sent an electronic copy of your chapter history.

If you have not emailed a complete history of your chapter from origin to current day, please try to gather your information and send to [ourfamilylegacy@aol.com](mailto:ourfamilylegacy@aol.com). The format requested is either by word document or written in an email.

Please include what you know of the early history of your chapter, including accomplishments, such as erection of monuments and markers. Don't forget outstanding accomplishments of your chapter and members. You may include photos. Chapters are asked to limit their history to no more than 2 pages.

You might ask the why behind this? It is true that we have a file on most chapters from prior submissions, but the goal has changed where Virginia Division would like to publish all chapter histories, so we need your chapter help for this to be successful.

If you are interested in helping with this project, please let me know. Help is needed with typing and some editing.

## DIVISION CHAPTER NEWS

Anne Eliza Johns 164

Our chapter welcomed Ronnie Roach for our October meeting with a very informative talk on the CSS Alabama and her Commander, Captain Rafael Semmes.

An installation was done for Jessica Pritchett, Vice President and Cynthia Hewett, Secretary. These positions had been previously vacant.

We are continuing to collect items for the women's shelter, Wounded Warriors and the Danville Humane Society. We are also working on two prospective members and several supplementals.

Sharon Jennings and the cemetery committee are continuously working and cleaning gravestones in local cemeteries.

We recently opened our chapter room at the Sutherlin Mansion to visiting members of the Mechanized Cavalry from the Richmond area.

Plans are currently underway for our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Luminary Service on Saturday November 12 at Green Hill Cemetery where we honor all veterans.

Our webmaster is updating our website to include better information about our Chapter. Things are looking up as we are making plans to work with the DMFAH on showcasing more of our Southern History.

Capt. Sally Tompkins 2626

Captain Sally Tompkins members have the following upcoming meetings scheduled, October 17 will be at Olivia's. On November 14 we will meet at Captain Sally's grave, and have planned a Christmas lunch for December 19. Plans are underway for visiting UDC headquarters and taking another battlefield tour.

The Chapter donated a battle flag to the Memorial Headquarters Building. This flag was originally donated in the 1930's by descendants of Captain Sally to the existing UDC chapter in Mathews. Investigation revealed that it was from the late 1800's. In 1896 Captain Sally held a private gathering of her patients in conjunction with the Confederate reunion in Richmond, eye-witness accounts mention her "hoisting the flag" every morning during the reunion. Given the above information and the fact that a battle flag would never have been flown over a hospital, it seems that this treasured piece of history was most likely the flag that Sally raised over the large house she rented for the reunion.

Fort Lowry 2695

On September 11<sup>th</sup>, the Fort Lowry Chapter 2695 celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Cobham Park Baptist Church in Warsaw, VA. Marilyn Iglesias, President of Captain Sally Tompkins 2626, presented a most interesting program entitled, "Our Founding Sisters and Their Dream." We were honored to have Mary Vial, Homeland Defense Medal Chair, and Susan Hudson, 5<sup>th</sup> District Chair, make remarks. Past presidents and charter members were recognized as were

special guests Suzanne Townsend, Chair of Board of Trustees, and Pam Curtin, Virginia Division Treasurer. The event concluded with a lovely reception.

At the September meeting, Chaplain Pat Pugh presented a program about The Saddlery in Warsaw and the effort that has been put into its relocation and restoration. A veteran's memorial garden is in the works at the new site.

On September 16<sup>th</sup>, National POW/MIA Recognition Day, President Cindy Packett presented a wreath on behalf of the Fort Lowry Chapter at the POW-MIA Commemoration Ceremony held at the Essex County Courthouse in Tappahannock, VA.

#### Isle of Wight 699

What a perfect day, September 10, 2022, the 128th Anniversary of the founding of the UDC, to begin our new year with Isle of Wight Chapter 699. Secretary Linda Conley began the meeting by lighting our Ancestor candle for her Confederate ancestor, Ernest Walther.

Linda's husband, Tom, was our Guest Speaker. Tom is the Chaplain for the SCV IOW Avengers Camp 6. The title for his program was "A Declaration of Dependence on God". It was a fitting presentation to Patriots' Day, September 11.

Guest Mike Armistead, Camp Commander of SCV 13th VA Mechanized Cavalry, Pat Hall, Joan Jones, Tom and Linda Conley, Debbie Hughson, Cookie Batten. Marilyn Curtin and Jennifer Jones

#### Lancaster County 1406

Our chapter does not meet over the summer however our new slate of officers have been working hard to get meetings, programs and activities lined up for the upcoming year. Several members will be attending the Virginia Division Convention in Lynchburg. We plan to present the chapter wreath at the Pt. Lookout Memorial Service and attend the Descendants meeting at Confederate Memorial Park on Oct 8th. We will be supporting the General Convention in Richmond by providing handmade holiday ornaments for our General Officer's gift baskets and donating several silent auction items for fundraising and will continue to remember the veteran residents of Lancashire Rehabilitation Center in Kilmarnock by visiting with them over the Veterans Day weekend.

#### Princess Anne 435

Our chapter is thrilled to have six prospective members. We know two of the applications are with the General Registrar and two others are complete and on the way to the Virginia Division Registrar.

After months of eager anticipation, on September 17, our chapter welcomed Nora Brooks. She brought to life, Mildred Childe Lee, the youngest daughter of General Robert E. Lee. She allowed us to know the man, Robert E. Lee through the eyes of his youngest daughter, from birth to death. Nora's content is known to be biographical in content, fully researched, and presented with humor and passion. Many ladies and spouses attended. Frank Ernest, The Chief of Heritage Defense for the Virginia Sons of Confederate Veterans; and Kenny Harris,

Commander, Princess Anne Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp # 484 were in attendance.

### Stonewall 1388

Our Chapter is eager to get to work this year! Over the summer we have kept in touch and discussed several new ideas and plans. We are anxious to get back to normal activities. We have some very important projects that we hope to accomplish this year. Our President Denise Harrell was able to successfully recover after having a tumor removed that kept her from last year's Convention. This year she and several other of our members are planning to attend the Virginia Division Convention in Lynchburg. We are also working on several prospective members' applications, some Meritorious Service Awards, marking a couple of very important graves and also working on a few supplemental applications.

### MESSAGE FROM DIVISION MEMBER

I thoroughly enjoyed all my birthday cards that I received and am deeply appreciative for all of them. Thank you! They made my day so very special!  
Sincerely,  
Dolores Smith, Southern Cross Chapter 74

### CHAPTER PHOTOS

#### Anne Eliza Johns 164



Front row: Jessica Pritchett, VP, Diane Barbour, President, Cynthia Hewett, Secretary, Christine Wyatt, Webmaster, (back) Sharon Jennings, Historian, Julie Baldwin Askew, Treasurer



Our future member, Avery Nielsen already knows how to properly clean tombstones and honor her ancestors. She is the daughter of our Historian, Sharon Jennings

## Capt. Sally Tompkins 2626



Chapter President Marilyn Iglesias presents battle flag to President General Linda Edwards and UDC Archivist Teresa Roane.



Savannah Smith received the \$1,000 2022 Captain Sally Scholarship. Pictured with her is Kelly Smith and Marilyn Iglesias.

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## Lancaster County 1406



Joyce Mitchell and Susan Hudson brought gifts to the veterans at Lancashire Rehab Center in Kilmarnock.



The installation of officers (1 to r) Joyce Mitchell, Chaplain and Corresponding Secretary; Catherine Bennett, RMSA; Jo Ann Fickling, Treasurer; Virginia Division Registrar Donna Robinson installing official; Carole Fletcher, Recording Secretary; Emily Lawson, President; Iris Treakle, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Janet Cockrell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Historian.

## Princess Anne 435



Chapter President Therese DeSanto, presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Nora Brooks at the conclusion of her program. Nora did a first person program of Mildred Childe Lee.

