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FROM VIRGINIA DIVISION PRESIDENT

SHARON LOVING



Hello, everyone. I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are looking forward to the holidays. I want to thank everyone for the invitations I have received. I have enjoyed attending Christmas dinners and luncheons.

My thanks and appreciation to the 2019-2021 Division Officers and District Chairmen for all your hard work these past two years, dedicating much work and time to fulfilling all the demands of your office. You have done a wonderful job and made Virginia Division proud.

You are the backbone of our Organization, each of you are important and have something unique to contribute. It has been my great honor to serve you as President and I look forward to working with you in the 2021-2023 again as your President. I would like to thank everyone for being appointed to an office, committee chairman or member of a committee.

Members have complained about the number of pages that the Old Dominion Bulletin has gotten. We have gone from 8 pages to 30 pages. With the COVID-19 situation I allowed chapters to report on projects they were doing, if anything, during 2021. Now I want the ODB to go back to no more than 10 pages per issue. Please continue to report on upcoming chapter projects. We will eliminate items which have already happened hoping that you have submitted that information to the UDC magazine.

As we look forward to the future, I have requested that Virginia Division be allowed to host the Lee-Jackson Commemoration in the Great Hall of the UDC Memorial Building. If allowed it will be limited. Invitations will go out from me with a RSVP deadline so your name can be included on the list that will be given to the guards. As in the past there will be no reception afterwards.

Once again Virginia Division will host the General Convention here in Richmond. Mrs. Janet Perkins has agreed to Chair the General Convention Committee. Mrs. Mary Wasenko will act as Co-chairman and Mrs. Robin King will be on the Committee. Ms. Pamlea Smith will be the Convention Treasurer. More information will be given in the future.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year from my family to yours.

Looking to the future, Remembering the past...

Virginia Division Officer Reports

1st VICE PRESIDENT - DAWN DIEHL

Hoping that you all had Happy Holidays and wishing you a Happy New Year. I am excited to be serving as your Vice President. What better way to start the new year than to order some pins? If you have any questions please feel free to contact me either by email, mcdawn21940@aol.com or phone 703-638-2515.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT - JANET PERKINS

Greetings, I am honored to serve as 2nd Vice President for the next two years. I wish to thank Division President Sharon Loving for this opportunity to serve in this capacity. There is a possibility of nine scholarships that could be available for this year. Since packets are no longer mailed, scholarship application forms and instructions can be downloaded from Division and General websites. The deadline for General scholarship applications to be submitted to me is March 15, 2022; the deadline for Division scholarships to be submitted is April 15, 2022. My email is dragonlace@outlook.com if you have questions.

HISTORIAN - ROBIN KING

Hello everyone.

I hope this finds everyone well and enjoying the gift of the beautiful weather before it gets cold again.

I wanted to get you the current list of essay topics so that if anyone would like to submit an essay, you will have plenty of time to work on them.

Historian's Essay Topics

\$25 Military Career of Jeff Davis - Lee Davis Bicentennial Committee

\$20 Mosby's Ranger - Loudon 170

\$20 Battle of Sailor's Creek - Farmville 45

\$15 Hanover Junction During the War - Hanover 1399

\$15 24th Virginia Cavalry - Doreen Richards Carlton

\$15 26th Virginia Infantry - West Point 769

\$15 Princess Anne Camp by Princess Anne 435

\$15 Confederate Veterans and their Pursuit of Higher Education - Katie Rankin CofC

\$15 The Maury's of Virginia - Katie Rankin CofC

\$15 The Battle of Staunton River Bridge - Patt Graves

\$15 The Ties that Bind Woman to Woman - Deborah Lundeen

\$15 Child's Life - Deborah Lundeen

\$15 Keeping the Family Fed - JoAnn Fickling

\$15 The Pets of the Robert E, Lee Family - Suzie Snyder

\$15 Lost Gold of the Confederacy - Suzie Snyder

\$15 The Year 1865: Life in Old Towne Alexandria - Therese De. Santo

Rules for the Essay Contest

1. Essays must be handwritten, or typed neatly, on 8-1/2" x 11" paper.
2. MAXIMUM** 1,000 words. Write the number of words in the upper right corner of
page 1. *****If the word count exceeds the limit it will be disqualified.*****
3. Always use "War Between The States" rather than "Civil War" unless quoting directly from a source.
4. Use footnotes (or endnotes) where needed.
5. List bibliography, i.e., books read to learn about the essay topic.
6. Sign essay with a *fictitious name*.
7. Attach an envelope with the fictitious name written on the outside of the envelope. Inside of the envelope, on a card, write real name, address, name of your Chapter, and fictitious name.
8. Essays must be *received* by the Division Historian by AUGUST 31st.
9. Mail essays by First Class Mail in a large, flat, unfolded envelope protected by cardboard.
10. Essays to be returned to the sender must be accompanied by a self-addressed envelope with sufficient postage.

Please make sure you follow the rules stated so that all of your hard work can be recognized and possibly rewarded!

I hope everyone has an enjoyable holiday season and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

RECORDER OF MILITARY SERVICE AWARDS – MILBREY BARTHLOW

This is my first report, so instead of report about awards, I thought I'd tell you a little about me and how I came to this position.

I come from a very patriotic and military oriented background. My father was awarded the Cross on Military Service, #11123, in 1960 on the service of his grandfather, and I was instrumental in getting the National Defense Medal for Viet Nam for my cousin off the same ancestor for his service.

I guess between the genealogy background and the patriotic/ military interest, I was a natural for this position. I am looking forward to processing applications for potential awardees. I have already received a completed application with the pin from General, and I have sent two to General for approval. As you read the papers, watch TV, or travel around your area, be on the lookout for potential candidates for our awards. In talking to a local policeman recently, I discovered he is a veteran with a Confederate ancestor and I have already started work for him. One of my new neighbors is a decorated air Force veteran, so he will be honored. The daughter of a couple at my church recently had to have back surgery for an injury received working during COVID-19, so she is another candidate. With the recent 20th anniversary of 9-11 coverage, there was a story about gentlemen, who was one of the firefighters that hung the flag at the Pentagon, so that is another one. If you are not sure is someone is eligible, just ask your chapter RMSA.

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CUSTODIAN – DESERAE BOWLIN

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself to my UDC sisters who were not at the Division convention. I am tremendously proud to serve as the Virginia Division Custodian for the next two years. I appreciate the opportunity given to me and the support I have received. I would like to thank my predecessor, Angela Smith, for her time spent in making the drive to Amelia to deliver the inventory and in training me.

It is my job to sell the Division's inventory of merchandise. I will be at upcoming District Conferences. However, I realize that many members are unable to attend. I have worked from home for almost ten years and enjoy getting out of the house, visiting our historic Commonwealth. 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. Merry Christmas! Best Wishes for an upcoming year of health, peace, and happiness.

Luke 2:11 NKJV- "For there is born to you this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

DIVISION NEWS

Please add the following dates to your calendar.

March 12, 2022 - 6th District Conference - Isle of Wight 699
March 19, 2022 - General UDC Spring Board
March 26, 2022 - 5th District Conference - Capt. Sally Tompkins 2626
April 2, 2022 - 2nd District Conference - Rockbridge 2568
April 9, 2022 - 4th District Conference - Turner Ashby 162
April 16, 2022 - Easter Weekend
April 23, 2022 - 3rd District Conference - Mildred Lee 74
1st District Conference -TBA

MAGAZINE COMMITTEE - SUE ANN BOOTH

Virginia Daughters, I am looking forward to receiving the Virginia Special issue. From the response that I received from various chapters, I am confident that it will be a wonderful issue. I am thanking you before then for contributing to our Division's special issue. You can certainly send in Division News articles at any time, but it certainly fun to read about our chapters in the Special issue. Please remember to subscribe to the magazine to stay informed about our great organization. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if I can help in any way. Wishing each of you a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

REAL GRANDDAUGHTERS CLUB PRESIDENT - SARAH STINNETT

The past 19 months have been extremely devastating for the Division's Real Granddaughters. Seven beloved members passed away that we know of, two of which were Club Officers.

We wish to thank the Divison Chapters that helped support the Real Granddaughters Club's Christmas benevolent activity at McClure River Valley Community Center in Dickerson County, VA. A motion was made and we were extremely proud to donate the balance of our bank account funds, \$1,384.80 to the Memorial Building Restoration Fund in memory of past and in honor of present Virginia Division Granddaughters. Unfortunately, due to the inability to fill officer positions, it was with heavy heart that a motion to dissolve the Club was made, discussed, and adopted.

We are now going through the process of formally dissolving the club. We have closed the bank account and have sent letters explaining the situation to the Real Granddaughter members. A final report, records and files will soon be turned over to our Division President per Virginia Division Bylaws.

I want to thank all Real Granddaughters across the Commonwealth for their years of support and know we will all continue to honor and remember our Southern heritage and CSA ancestors.

Respectfully and in UDC love,

Sarah Stinnett, President, Virginia Division Real Granddaughters Club

DIVISION CHAPTER NEWS

Anne Eliza Johns 164

On November 6, 2021, we were honored to bestow the military service award to local Vietnam veteran, Eddie James Brown Jr. on behalf of his cousin, Darlene Bruner, President of the Annie H. Darracott Chapter in Florida. Our guest speaker was Retired Colonel Greg Eanes.

Our 3rd Annual Illumination service was held on November 13, 2021 at Green Hill Cemetery honoring our Confederate Veterans and others buried in the cemetery. Evangelist, Amanda Everett officiated our service. She presented a moving memorial service for the 500 unknown veterans buried under the Confederate memorial. Illuminaries were placed on over 200 graves along with 250 placed on the mound. We also remembered three African American soldiers buried in the nearby Freedman's Cemetery with a luminary and an American Flag placed on their graves. Ricky Pritchett ended our program by playing taps.

On December 4, 2021 we enjoyed a Christmas social in our chapter room at the Sutherlin mansion. Ricky Pritchett read letters sent home from his Confederate ancestor, Thomas Jefferson Hines. A grave marking ceremony for Mr. Hines had recently been held by our chapter on October 23, 2021.

Captain Milton Hall Harmon 2676

The Captain Milton Hall Harmon Chapter 2676 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy met on November 20th, 2021 at the fellowship Hall of Dublin Baptist Church. Members, visitors and guests were served lunch and the tables were decorated with flags and flowers.

Division President, Sharon Loving and Division Chairman, Judy Lienhardt were present. The Ritual was led by Chaplain Rebecca Gunn along with Benediction. Division President Sharon Loving administered the oath to install the new chapter President, Sharon Taylor and Vice President and Chaplain, Rebecca Gunn.

The meeting was adjourned by Chapter President Sharon Taylor. The United Daughters of the Confederacy will meet again on the second Saturday of January at 11am, in the fellowship hall at Dublin Baptist Church, Dublin Va.

Captain Sally Tompkins 2626

Recently Captain Sally Tompkins 2626 members place a wreath on the grave of Mathews County native Sally Tompkins, our chapter's namesake. Captain Sally was commissioned by President Jefferson Davis as a Captain in the Confederate Calvary, enabling her to operate her Robertson Hospital. She died July 25, 1916 and was buried at Christ Church Cemetery. On November 2, 2021 Mathews Co. citizens voted in favor of keeping the monument where it is currently located, on the old courthouse courtyard. Dedicated in 1912, it was a six year labor of love to stand as a remembrance of the soldiers and sailors of Mathews Co.

Halifax 1321

With the new year, Halifax Chapter has had one new member. MJ Perkins-Lynch officially transferred from Richmond Children of the Confederacy Chapter at the end of September. For our September meeting, Douglas Powell of Halifax County Historical Society, gave a talk on the Wolf Trap Depot train wreck of April 3, 1865, and the South Carolina soldiers buried near the site. Janet Perkins and Chapter Vice President Diane Carr both attended the Virginia Division Convention at Natural Bridge in October. Janet Perkins attended UDC General Convention in Myrtle Beach in November. For our November meeting, North Carolina Ex-Division President Peggy Johnson gave a wonderful presentation on "Women of the South: We Were Rebels Too." Chapter members brought in 17 pounds of peanut butter and cereal to donate to the Jane Food Pantry of the United Methodist Church. In December, we decided to celebrate Christmas and to donate needed toiletry items and blankets to residents of Berry Hill Nursing Home.

Hamilton Wade 949

On October 30, 2021 Hamilton Wade Chapter was pleased and honored to place an Iron Cross on the grave of Dr. Callohill Stigleman, a respected and influential resident of Floyd County with the help of the Stuarts Horse Artillery Camp and other SCV Camps. Hamilton Wade Chapter members accompanied the Stuarts Horse Artillery SCV Camp and SCV members from other camps as they marched in the Floyd Veterans Parade. It was a special moment when the men halted at the Floyd Confederate Monument and gave a gun salute. Members also rode on a trailer behind the SCV in the Floyd Christmas Parade. It is always an honor to accompany the SCV and a pleasure to see the response of the people along the parade route.

Isle of Wight 699

Members of Isle of Wight Chapter 699 were honored to attend the rededication of the Isle of Wight County Confederate Monument on November 6, 2021. It had been moved from the Courthouse to stand proudly on private property in the county. Remarks were given by Isle of Wight President Karen Grigg who, also, placed our chapter wreath. A Color Guard and Honor Guard made of local SCV members were present for the rededication. A contingent of Northern reenactors attended to pay their respects. Dixie Robinson, newly elected Virginia Division Registrar, made a beautiful cake for the occasion. A crowd of over two hundred from Virginia and North Carolina came to show their love and dedication to the South and its monuments and memorials.

Jefferson Davis 2477

We had the honor of presenting three Military Service Award Medals to members of Grayson, Virginia VFW Post 7726. Jim Crabb Jr., Sgt, U.S. Air Force received the Cross of Military Service, Vietnam Conflict in recognition of his Great Grandfather Samuel A. Robertson who served in Company I, 57th Virginia

Infantry. Jimmy Morrison, Sgt., U.S. Army, received the Cross of Military Service, Vietnam Conflict in recognition of his Great-Great Grandfather James Adkison who served in Company A, 33rd Regiment, Alabama Infantry. Tommy Nichols, Seaman, U.S. Navy, received the National Defense Medal, Korean War, in recognition of his Great Grandfather David Nichols who served in Company D, 45th Virginia Infantry. We celebrated our 38th Birthday in September and elected new Chapter Officers. Chapter President Mary Felicito attended the re-enactment of the shooting of General John Hunt Morgan at the Dickson-Williams Mansion in Greenville, TN. Members Shirley Keene, Linda Richardson, Mary Felicito, Anne Cannon and Ina Horton participated in a Ladies Tea and Fashion Show at Laurel Hill, Birthplace of General JEB Stuart. In November members Cora Lee Testerman, Linda Richardson and Mary Felicito attended the re-enactment of the Battle of Marion.

Jubal Early 553

Annually during the Christmas season, the Jubal Early Chapter 553 holds a ceremony and dresses the graves of Confederate veterans in the Rocky Mount Tanyard Road and High Street cemeteries. This year we met on December 4, 2021 both placing wreaths and collecting the flags which we had earlier placed on the graves for Veterans Day. Later we adjourned for a holiday social meal

Lancaster County 2066

Our chapter is grateful to have been able to continue to meet.

At our 15 Sept meeting, Emily Peters, City Point Chapter 2066, presented a wonderful program about the history of the Ladies Memorial Association which has tirelessly supported the preservation of the Blandford Chapel and Cemetery from the 1880s and continues to this day. On 17 September, 3 members attended and presented the chapter wreath at the National POW/MIA Recognition Day at the Essex County Courthouse and War Monument in Tappahannock, VA.

Our October meeting program was provided by Susan Hudson. The program provided an overview of her search to find the grave of her Great, Great, Great Uncle Pvt. James E. Waid of Franklin County, VA. A 4 year-long research effort was successful in locating and restoring the neglected family cemetery and afterwards, marking his grave.

In November, Joyce Mitchell presented a program about and read some of the war correspondence between her Great, Great Grandfather, Pvt. Dandridge Cockrell and his wife, Naomi. This is extremely unusual since it is seldom that letters were kept by both the soldier and his wife and family back home. Our community outreach has included over 80 hours of service to support the local food bank's fall "*Healthy Harvest*" fund raising event. Additionally, the chapter is planning to provide Christmas gifts for 6 children of two Northumberland County families. We continue to look for ways to support our community and get the word out about the UDC's commitment to benevolent and patriotic activities.

Loudon 170

Loudoun 170 held its annual Christmas Tea at Petit Lulu in Purcellville, VA on December 11, 2021. It was a great time, full of Christmas spirit and UDC sisterhood. Chapter member Susan McKnight was presented with a Judah P. Benjamin Award for assisting boy scouts with their Eagle projects restoring gravemarkers at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Middletown, VA and the Lyons Family Cemetery in Ashburn, VA.

Mildred Lee 74

The Mildred Lee started the year with a 125th Chapter Birthday Celebration luncheon. We were chartered on 13 July 1896. Our program was on the history of our chapter. We were named for Mildred Childe Lee, youngest daughter of General Robert E. Lee. Mildred was born 10 February 1846 and passed away on 27 October 1905.

We have submitted two supplementals for one of our chapter members. The chapter lost two dear members. Odessa Turner Via passed away on 10 October, she was almost 102 and had been a member for nearly 30 years. On 5 November We lost Jean Mulchi Gray, 89.

This spring we will be the hostess chapter for the 3rd District Conference on 23 April, 2022.

Princess Anne 435

On October 14, 2021, chapter members traveled to Stratford Hall for a private unveiling of the chapter's 2-year project, the restoration of Michael S. Nachtrieb's famous portrait of Robert E. Lee, and owned by Stratford Hall, birthplace of Robert E. Lee. We were given a tour of their new museum exhibit "Stratford at the Crossroads," an exhibit that tells the stories of all those who lived at Stratford, through the objects they left behind. While at the museum, ladies of our chapter were gifted with the opportunity to hold Robert E. Lee's own Slouch battle hat. We ended our visit with a tour of the Great House and lunch at a local restaurant.

Several members attended the Division Convention in Natural Bridge and toured Lee Chapel and Stonewall Jackson's home and Jackson's grave site.

Three of our members - Ellen Wilkerson, Elizabeth Baker and Therese DeSanto - received the Homeland Defense Service Award for their continued work in healthcare during COVID.

Our chapter is working on supplementals, and our President Therese DeSanto was presented the certificate recognizing her Aunt Jennie Davis Garrison for her spying and Material Aid to the Confederacy which was proved through her own writings.

Rockbridge 2568

Our chapter was honored to be part of the planning and execution of the successful Division Convention in early October. Because it was my first convention, it was quite an educational experience that I hope to share with our chapter.

At our October meeting, we conducted a drive to collect items to donate to the Veterans Hospital in Salem, VA. We will be delivering the donations in December. We will gather at Virginia Windley's home for a Christmas luncheon on December 17.

Our chapter will be participating in the Lee-Jackson Day annual memorial ceremony on Saturday, January 15, 10:00 at the Oak Grove Cemetery (formerly known as Stonewall Jackson Cemetery) in Lexington, VA. Come join us as we honor our heroes. Events include a wreath laying ceremony, songs and military honors followed by a parade down the Main Street of Lexington.

CHAPTER PHOTOS

Anne Eliza Johns 164



Grave marking for Thomas Hines, Anne Eliza Johns 164; Pitts. Co. Vindicators SCV Camp 828; Stuart-Hairston SCV Camp 515



Christina Wyatt, Chapter RMSA, Eddie James Brown, Jr., Diane Barbour, Chapter President

Captain Milton Hall Harmon 2676



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Halifax 1321



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Left to Right Shirley Archer, Sue Snead, Ginger Gentry, Janet Perkins Ellen Wagstaff, Anne Carr, Grace Elliott, Leslie Hudson, and Kay Lewis.

Captain Sally Tompkins 2626



Chapter members placed a wreath at the grave of Captain Sally Tompkins, in Mathews, Virginia. Left to right: Captain Sally Tompkins #2626 members and guests, President Marilyn Iglesias, Commander Lane-Armistead Camp #1772 Joey Taylor, Gwen Wood, Donna Machen, Martha Frame, Diana Swenson, Mimi Kleintop, Theresa Denby, Susan Fauver, and Becky Morgan.

Isle of Wight 699



On November 6, 2021 the Isle of Wight 699 Chapter rededicated the Isle of Wight Confederate Monument. The monument was relocated from the courthouse to proudly stand on private property. Left to right: Sarah Tippet, Joan Jones, Debbie Hughson, Karen Grigg, Cookie Batten, Commander Jerry Neville, SCV



Remarks were given and a chapter wreath was placed by Chapter President Karen Grigg.

Hamilton Wade 949



On October 30 our Chapter placed an Iron Cross on the grave of Dr. Callohill Stigleman, in the Jacksonville Burial Ground, Floyd. The Cross dedication was given by chapter member Cindy Akers. Chapter Members, Sue Anne Booth, Heather Reed, Sharla Conner, Cindy Akers and Isaiah Reed, rode on a trailer behind the SCV in the Floyd Christmas Parade.

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Jubal Early 553



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Lancaster County 2066



Janet Cockrell, Dinah Balderson and Jo Ann Fickling present the Lancaster County chapter wreath at a POW/MIA ceremony.

Loudoun 170



Our Chapter had its annual Christmas Tea on December 11, 2021. At which time Chapter member Susan McKnight was presented with a Judah P. Benjamin for assisting boy scouts with their Eagle projects restoring gravemarkers.



Chapter members enjoying a Christmas Tea
Front row: Karla Gainey, Dawn Diehl, Susan McKnight, Anne Ballenger, Becky Copenhaver
Back row: Linda Brazil, Tracy Morton, Julie Ferguson-Rogers, Ginger Stephens

Princess Anne 435



Chapter members and guests attended a private unveiling of the restored Robert E. Lee Portrait at Stratford Hall: Judy Payton, Caroline Sherman, Stephanie Parrish, Therese DeSanto, Jennifer Hale, Ricky Hale and Lucille Wilkerson.



Judy Payton is shown holding General Lee's Slouch battle hat.

