

NEWSLETTER OF THE VIRGINIA DIVISION

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Ladies,

This is a new format for the ODB. It was voted on in the Executive Committee meeting in October that we go back to the original format which was an information page only. We welcome feedback on the new format.

October and November were extremely busy months with Virginia Division Convention and General Convention being held in Roanoke and Richmond. I sent out highlights of both conventions for those of you who were not able to attend.

Julie Hardaway is our new President General and she is off to a great start. The rest of the general officers remain the same with the exception of Vice President who is Gail Brosk and taking Gail's place as Recorder of Military Service Awards is Tammy Herron. Tammy's address is 421 Hiltonia Creek Road, Sylvania, GA 30467-3920 her email is TFHerron@gmail.com, phone number is 706-831-3169.

Unfortunately I have had to cancel some of the chapter Christmas parties I was invited to, I will be having cataract surgery in December and again in January. I was able to make it to the Mary Custis Lee/17th Virginia Regiment Christmas Party where I had the honor of helping to present two Meritorious Service Awards. The recipients were Major John Charles Howard, accepted by Miss Clary Lee Floyd and Tech Sergeant Ronald Arthur Hawkins. It is always a lovely event and I enjoy being able to attend. In attendance was a sweet 100 year old.

Conference season will be upon us before we know it, here is the schedule:

First District-May 3-Hamilton Wade

Second District-April 26-Rockbridge

Third Distirict-March 29-Farmville

Fourth District-April 12- Black Horse

Fifth District-March 22-Fort Lowry

Sixth District-March 15-Princess Anne

April 5 is Spring Board and Massing of the Flags

We will be changing the format for the conferences a little this year. We will be having officer reports and the report of your District Chairman. The rest of the time will be workshops with

your officers. I have had numerous requests for more workshop time so we will be trying this to see if it is workable.

Two of our District Chairmen have been doing very inventive ideas in their districts. Rebecca Ferguson and Janie Sherman have had chapter presidents for lunch with sharing of ideas for ways of increasing membership and passing along ideas. Rebecca has planned several field trips, the last one was to Bassett Historical Center where they had members from Appomattox, Farmville, Kirkwood Otey and Mildred Lee in attendance.

A huge thank you to all chapters who participated in National Make a Difference Day. You sent me some very creative ideas that you did and I know that all who received your gifts were delighted. You did make a difference and it got our name out in a positive manner.

In Loudoun County we have been fighting the renaming of the Frances Reid School. Mrs. Reid was a charter member of the Lee Chapter and due to this, in spite of all the good works she has done, they want to rename that school. Lee Chapter President Becky Fleming was asked to speak on the Lee Chapter. She was given five minutes and did a masterful job. Unfortunately after the meeting she was accosted by two members of the board. It was a stressful situation for her. Those same two members also accosted a school board member with some pushing and shoving going on, it made the news. I along with several UDC and SCV members attended and we will be attending the next meeting.

General Lee from his headquarters in Cossawatchie, South Carolina Christmas 1861 wrote his family:

“I cannot let this day of graceful rejoicing pass without some communication with you. I am thankful for the many among the past that I have passed with you and the remembrance of them that fills me with pleasure. For those on which we have been separated we must not repine. Now we must be content with the many blessings we receive.”

Christmas is a time for sharing and blessing each other. My wish is that you will get to spend time with your family and friends. Jim and I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

With UDC love and Blessings,
Dawn

Second Vice President

Scholarship season is nearly upon us. Please consider sponsoring a scholarship applicant. Virginia Division and UDC General applications may be found on the Virginia Division website or by contacting Second Vice President Debby Mullins dmullins@rcn.com

UDC General scholarship applications are due to the Division Second Vice President by March 15, 2025. Virginia Division scholarship applications are due by April 15.

It is not necessary to require an applicant attend a chapter meeting. There are other ways to get toknow them. Meet them somewhere. Have a telephone conversation. Ask them to send a and pull some interesting things from it. Please remember, one of our UDC objects is Educational!



Debby Mullins

District 4 Report for ODB: Janie Sherman, Chairman

At the 129 th Virginia Division Convention, it was Fourth District's great honor to have received the UDC Randolph-Walke District Banner for the district with the greatest increase in membership! What a lovely surprise!!

Congratulations to the Gen. Robert E Lee Chapter 233 who had four new/reinstated members; while Warren Rifles 934 had three; and three chapters: J.E.B. Stuart 156, Loudon 170, and Mary

Custis Lee-17 th VA 7 tied with two new chapter members each last year. As of September, the J.E.B. Stuart Chapter has six new members and one transfer member.

Please mark your calendars for April 12, 2025, the District 4 Conference hosted by Black Horse Chapter 9, Nancy Russell, President, in Warrenton.

Merry Christmas, Ladies!

Happy New Years, Daughters!