



## NEWSLETTER OF THE VIRGINIA DIVISION

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### *A Message From Virginia Division President Dawn Diehl*

Summer is nearly over and I hope that you each have had a relaxing summer and have done something fun! I had the privilege to attend the Lee Chapter 100th Anniversary Celebration. President Becky Fleming had an amazing array of memorabilia on display along with all the founding members' applications, giving a brief history of each. I helped pass out 100-year pins to all the members and it was special day. Congratulations to the Lee Chapter on this huge milestone!

Elaine Powers and her committee have been busy getting ready for Virginia Division Convention to be held on October 4-6 at the Holiday Inn Tanglewood in Roanoke. The 2024 Convention Call has gone out so be sure to get your registration sent in. You don't want to miss this convention as this is a Bylaws year and our Bylaws Committee has been hard at work. I personally want to thank Eleanor Hunter, Chairman, and committee members Charlotte Clinger and Susan Hudson for their hours of work on the Division Bylaws.

General Convention planning is going well, and as you know, it is in Richmond this year! Virginia Daughters, I know, will make a good showing. The theme is *The Daughters' Future Has No Boundaries*, and lots of good things are being planned. Those dates are October 31—November 4— and this is an Election Year. Barbara Joyner, Chairman, has done a fantastic job putting this together, and I thank her and her committee for the work they have done. It has been my pleasure to work on this committee, as well.

It has been brought to my attention that at the Stonewall Jackson Death Site outside of Fredericksburg, the furniture has been removed from the house. Supervisor Mary O'Neill from the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania Military Park has stated the reason as, "the building's HVAC system" cannot maintain acceptable temperature and humidity levels required by the National Park Service curatorial standards for sensitive objects. Design for a new system will begin in the fall and they hope to have it installed within the next two years. We will be monitoring this to make sure they are not trying to destroy these hallowed items. I know we are all glad that the dreaded year end reports are finished. A special thank you to our six District Chairmen. It is a huge job and takes an enormous amount of time to get them calculated, finished and out. Excitedly, I am looking forward to reviewing them and seeing what fabulous things Virginia Division has done this past year. Thank you all for your hard work during the year. We are Virginia Strong! (Cont. page 2)



(President Diehl continued)

October 26 is National Make A Difference Day. I AM ASKING that each chapter do something in your community to make a difference, and report what you did back to me. Together we can make a difference in our communities; and secondly, we need to have our name out there with a positive spin on it. I am looking forward to hearing what great ideas you all have come up with!

Looking forward to seeing each of you in Roanoke at our Virginia Division Convention!  
With UDC love,

*Dawn*

Honor, Respect, and Revere

“Who could not conquer with such troops as these?”

Thomas J. Jackson



*Congratulations to Lee Chapter on their 100th Anniversary*

# Virginia Division Officers Reports

## ***Division Vice President Pamela Smith***

Thank you for your insignia orders last year. I hope this year we can continue to support our organization with our pin purchases. Do you have someone in your chapter that has gone above their duties or done outstanding things for your chapter or our organization? Please consider awarding this member with a Winnie Davis Medal.

This year is an election year for our General Officers so, two weeks prior and two weeks after the General Convention, orders or paperwork can not be sent to the General Officers. This provides them time to close their books and to provide the New Officers time to get acclimated to their new position. So be mindful that there will be a lag time for any pin orders sent to me during that timeframe.

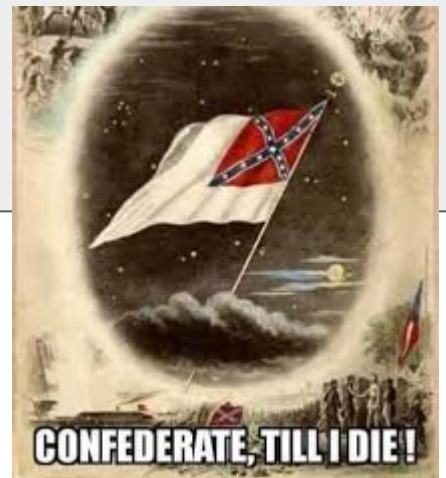
I will have a table at the Roanoke Convention where I will be selling our Virginia Division pins and I look forward to seeing everyone wearing their ribbons. I will have the Virginia Division pins in stock so you can add them to your ribbon right away.

## ***Registrar Connie Schroeder***

This is a reminder to Chapter Registrars to remember that ALL applications, and transfers (CofC and UDC) are mailed to the Division Registrar along with checks written for the correct amounts to Division and General Treasurers. Papers are not sent directly to Headquarters in Richmond. The Division Registrar, who receives Original and Transfer Applications, handles the correct paperwork procedures; otherwise, paperwork gets lost. The Virginia Division Assistant Registrar, Bonnie Garber, receives and is responsible for Supplemental Applications. The Registrar General wishes to remind Chapter Registrars that ALL Original and Supplemental UDC applications must include the military record, even applications using a prior-approved application. Also, the Registrar General is looking forward to Legacy submissions from our Division.

Connie S. Schroeder

Virginia Division Registrar



## Second Vice President's Officer Report- Debbie Mullins

Please welcome our new Virginia Division Scholarship recipients.

**Caroline E. Neale** Caroline is from Lottsford, Virginia. She is an incoming freshman at James Madison University where she will be studying nursing. She plans to become a nurse practitioner. Caroline is the recipient of the Capt. Sally Tompkins Nursing and Allied Health Sciences Scholarship. She is sponsored by Lancaster County Chapter 1406.

**Valerie Ann Vittoria Ellis** Valerie is a junior at Liberty University. Both she and her oldest child are in college. Valerie is majoring in history. She plans to continue to obtain her Ph.D., then teach history at the college level. She has been awarded the *Matthew Fontaine Maury Memorial Scholarship*. Valerie lives in Stafford and is sponsored by Fredericksburg Chapter 163.



### Scholarship Recipients

Carolyn E. Neal

Valerie Ann Vittoria Ellis



## Division Third Vice President Fran Towberman

Children of the Confederacy, Greetings! The CofC Year 2024-25 has begun and Cora Scott, Virginia DIVISION CofC President is out and about fulfilling, not only her VA DIVISION Presidential duties, but those of General CofC First Vice President also! She is so capable and willing. Former CofC President, Hazel Bittenbender is now serving as a VA DIVISION CofC Officer, as well as, Newsletter Editor General. We, UDC members should be most proud and supportive~~please.

Cora has selected as her CofC VA DIVISION project, 2024-2025, a continuance of raising additional funds for our ancestors' chapel, The Confederate War Memorial Chapel, Richmond, insuring further preservation and restoration of this historical treasure. In addition, it encompasses their/our Historical, Educational, and Memorial objectives. I ask you, my sisters, to support Cora's Project. She will be attending our annual VA Division Convention, Roanoke--so promise you will go by the Children of the Confederacy table to say hello and perhaps make a purchase of merchandise or leave an encouragement-donation.

Since July 5, I have had two emergency room visits concerning a humbling back situation leading to an entire month of pain and pills until an MRI and orthopedic appointment could be scheduled. I received my first injection 8/19---my ole body is attempting to adjust to the end of one type of medication to another. A few irregularities lead me to write that, at this time, I do not know exactly what is ahead as I go forward and I ask for your prayers. This I DO know: • Cora Scott is at the helm of our great Children of the Confederacy VA DIVISION; •And Cora and her officers are carrying the CofC organization forward with great capability, willingness, love and devotion to the cause.

UDC Ladies: Be a helper, encourager, and set a good example for this young lady and her officers.

## ***Custodian Karen Grigg***

Hello ladies!

First, let me thank everyone again for your generous purchase of Custodian goods at the District Conferences! It was fun meeting so many of you and I can't wait to see you at Division Convention. I will be available on Thursday afternoon, Oct. 2nd in Board Room 2 for all your Custodian item needs so please come see me and get your First National Flag so you will be ready on Friday morning at the first business meeting to present your flag to the Division Vice President. I will also have some NEW ITEMS for sale that I know you will be interested in. So stop by the Division Custodian table and support your Division! See you soon!

Karen Grigg

## ***Forms from our Registrar Connie Schroeder***

*Connie has several sets of information and various forms you might need. I have grouped them on the last few pages.*

### ***Recorder of Military Service Awards Susan Hudson***

As we come to the end of the UDC year, I'm happy to report that there has been 10 chapters that have sent me Military Service Award applications and I congratulate each of these chapter Recorders for their determination to recognize and honor veterans. Two packages are for bestowal at the General Convention in November, three for bestowal at the Division Convention in October and six chapter bestowals. I am aware of two additional packages that are still being worked for bestowal at the chapter level.

There are a few insights I want to share when the application packages are being prepared. First, please make sure you have the revised version of the Memorandum of Fact, dated March 2024; the Checklist dated June 2023; and Order Form 36 dated March 2024. Second, do not date the check and third, there is a printing issue with the Memorandum of Fact. Sometime you have to print just pages 1-2 front-to-back which then changes what boxes are checked in the lineage section of page 3. To fix that, you need to recheck the correct boxes and just print pages 3-4. If you have any questions on that, just give me a call.

Susan Hudson  
Recorder, Military Service Awards  
804-580-1083

# Virginia Division District Reports

## *District 4 Chairman Janie Sherman*

I am pleased to report that ALL 15 Chapter Presidents of District 4 returned their Annual Reports by the deadline, as did Treasurers send reports on time! Well done, Presidents and Treasurers!!

From 15 Chapter Reports: We have 292 Members in District 4 who have garnered 15 New Members (9 New and 6 Reinstated) this year, but unfortunately, we had one chapter disband, and we lost nine members by death—two were granddaughters. Seventeen of you attended Convention last year, and I hope District 4 will DOUBLE that attendance number at our upcoming Roanoke Convention. Of the 128 Magazine subscriptions, four chapters can boast of having 100% Chapter participation. There were seven Iron/Brass Crosses placed, one Real Daughter Marker and two Jefferson Davis Historical Medals ordered; two chapters sponsored Essay Contests; eight Division Adult Essays were submitted; and three scholarships were given. Nine Division Insignia were ordered; 51 Cards were sent to Active-Duty Military; \$945 was given to VA Hospitals; 15,411 Volunteered Hours were recorded; \$82,570 donated, and our members flew the U.S. Flag for 26,460 days. (*Presidents: if your 20 members fly the flag daily:  $20 \times 365 = 7,300$  days! Underestimated on reports.*)

On July 27<sup>th</sup>, District 4 hosted its first PRESIDENTS ROUNDTABLE with 11 in attendance, led by District 4 Chairman Janie Sherman. Our goals of “*Collective Intelligence*” were: To Share Successful Ideas, To identify Needs, and To Support Each Other. Membership was of particular interest, so Janie led discussion on: *How to Obtain New Members--and Younger Members*, and, in this time of questioning all-things-Confederate, she prepared a handout for “*Overcoming Objectives.*” For example, if someone has the misguided perspective that UDC is a racist organization, one might respond, “*How could we be racist if we don’t even ask for Race on our Member Applications?!*” Providing talking points to Presidents continues to be a goal. Everyone brought a “successful” idea to share, and Janie shared her chapter’s New Member Packet, given each perspective attending a meeting.

As for increasing membership, many tips for success were shared. One idea from Janie was when one has a prospective member, **ASK** if her daughters/mother/aunt/cousins or nieces might be interested in joining on the same ancestor, at the same time, thereby requiring only one set of documents for all. And, of course, we prepare the applications for them. A recent prospective is coming in with her three daughters—thus four new members, instead of one. In September, Janie’s chapter will be submitting nine New Member applications, two of whom are age 18 and 19.

At the end of the day, as a gift to Chapter Presidents for giving up their Saturday, bringing a lunch, and traveling to Front Royal for our ROUNDTABLE, Janie provided bottled water and quilted each attendee a “snack mat” made from Civil War Reproduction fabrics on which to enjoy their lunch. We plan two PRESIDENT ROUNDTABLE meetings a year, and will gather for fun at Convention. Send in your Registrations, ladies! See you there!!!

*The Confederate section (Section 16) of Arlington National Cemetery contains the graves of 482 veterans and spouses. Formerly, the home of the Robert E. Lee family, and built by Mrs. Lee’s father, George Washington Parke Custis, the adopted son of George Washington, and grandson of Martha Custis Washington, this was meant as an intentional insult to the Lee’s. It is said the Union wanted Mrs. Lee’s roses trampled, and the yard to be covered in graves to try and prevent its use as a home again. Such an insult to a family who had served the United States of America so well.*

## ***Fourth District continued***



## ***Fifth District Chairman Teresa Roane***

I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer! I want to take this opportunity to thank the Presidents who sent in their reports. I will send an email to you soon. It was quite a learning experience! The reports were impressive. The UDC does wonderful work within the community. I look forward to visiting chapters again this year. It is so wonderful meeting all of you. Please mark your calendar for the Fifth District Conference. The date is March 22, 2025, at a wonderful historic site. Fort Lowry is the hostess chapter. If any chapter in the district has a question, please feel free to contact me. If I do not know the answer, I will find out for you. My contact information is in the Virginia Division Minutes.

## ***Sixth District Chairman Therese DeSanto***

Thank you to all of the 6th District Chapter Presidents for sending in your yearly reports. The new chapter year is upon us. The President General is asking all chapters to participate in the National Make A Difference Day on October 26. Some ideas to consider are goodie bags for hospitals, fire departments, police departments, homeless or women shelters.

I encourage all Presidents and chapter members to register for Virginia Division Convention to be held October 3-6 in Roanoke, VA. This is a great time to have a sales table to support your chapter programs. Remember, hotel reservations are due by September 3.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, March 15, which is the 6th District Conference to be held in Virginia Beach. After September 20th all correspondence should be sent to my new address:

Therese DeSanto  
5548 Magnolia Run Circle #102  
Virginia Beach, VA . 23464

## ***Assistant Registrar Bonnie Garber***

The last day for the submission of a supplemental application is Monday, October 7, 2024. That is the day after I return from the Virginia Division Convention. I will accept NO supplementals for the current term after that date. All those received after that date will be held until the new Assistant Registrar General, who will be appointed at the General Convention in November, begins to accept submissions. The new Assistant Registrar General will probably begin working in December.

I would like to thank all of the ladies in the Virginia Division who have sent cards, notes, emails, etc. wishing my husband a quick recovery from his hip replacement surgery performed on July 9th. I am happy to report that he did remarkably well. He had no problem with the incision or the healing process. He was even able to start driving after three and ½ weeks. He turns 80 in September. We are very blessed. Thank you all for your thoughtfulness. I didn't receive one supplemental during the month of July when I stepped into the role of nurse. I am happy to be back as your Assistant Registrar. Nursing is not my calling!

### ***Clubs Information***

#### ***Great-Great Granddaughter Club***

I encourage members and guests to attend our Annual Division Breakfast on Saturday, October 5 at the Virginia Convention. Please send the breakfast form from the Convention Call with payment by September 13.

We will have new member applications at the breakfast. To become a member, you must submit the application form with a copy of your UDC application along with the \$10 dues. Our Club VP will have forms available to order Virginia and General Club pins, and we should have Virginia Division pins available at the breakfast. Be sure to pick up the next edition of our club newsletter at the breakfast.

There are new revised member and pin forms on the Division Website which show a new address for me. After September 20th, all correspondence should be sent to my new address:

***Therese DeSanto, Club Treasurer; 5548 Magnolia Run Circle #102; Virginia Beach, VA 23464***

I hope to see everyone at the November General Convention in Richmond. Each year there is a General Great-Great Granddaughter Club business meeting during the General Convention. A club picture is taken which is nice to have.

**DON'T FORGET! ALL REGISTRATIONS  
AND MEAL CHOICES FOR THE VIRGINIA  
DIVISION CONVENTION MUST BE  
SUBMITTED BY THIS FRIDAY, SEPT.**



## *New News! Memorial Building Committee Susan Hudson*

NEW NEWS.....there is a new form on the General Website for members, chapters or committees that want to visit our UDC Memorial Building for a tour, to hold a chapter meeting, or to even hold a District Conference at the Building! I hope you will check it out! You can find the form on the General website by going to Forms. Scroll down to General Committees Chairman and continue to scroll down till you get to Memorial Building. The second form is the “Application for Using the Memorial Building UDC Only” . Also, notice the next form is the “Application Using Memorial Building Outside Groups”. This form allows outside groups to visit the building for a tour and/or to hold a meeting in the building. Not only does this generate revenue for the UDC but it also educates more people. Hopeful this will build greater advocacy and a wider base of support for our organization. If you have any questions or need assistance in getting the form(s), don’t hesitate to contact me at 804-580-1083. Susan Hudson



# Virginia Division Chapter Reports

## Stonewall Chapter 1388

*Liz Scott, President*

Our Chapter is kicking off the year with the exciting addition of a new member! Throughout the summer, our members have been actively brainstorming fresh ideas for Ways and Means, as well as, working on community service projects to honor National Make a Difference Day on October 26th, as requested by the President General.

We've also given our Facebook page a makeover, including a new donate button that allows for direct electronic contributions to our Chapter. Additionally, some members traveled to the Virginia CofC Convention in Sandston, VA, and the General CofC Convention in Knoxville, TN.

This summer, our Chapter installed two iron crosses in local cemeteries. While we intended to hold dedications over the summer, the heat made it challenging for many members to attend. We're now planning to reschedule the dedications for the cooler months of fall.

Looking ahead, we're excited about the Virginia Convention!



Lisa Short and her daughter Lillie Short (Va CofC Vice President)



Elizabeth Scott and her daughter Cora Scott (Va CofC President & CofC VP General)

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## ***Shockoe Hill Cemetery Clean Up***

Brian Jones is asking for our help in cleaning up Shockoe Hill Cemetery on October 19, at 9:30. It seems the City of Richmond has been neglecting this cemetery and we need to step in and help to give our boys buried in that cemetery a proper look. This will involve tree trimming, picking up sticks and trash, weeding and weed eating. If you are not able to attend, and help with this worthwhile project you may also send a monetary donation. This would be an excellent project for your Day of Service! Please contact Brian Jones for any questions at 757-582-6955. If you attend please record with pictures for your Day of Service.

# *J.E.B. Stuart 156, Staunton*

## **Janie Sherman, President**

Our chapter meets monthly on the third Saturday of each month for lunch. As of August, at the close of UDC's fiscal year, we presently have 22 Members, including 1 New Member, Marlene Horne, and 1 Transfer Member, thereby meeting the Division President's Chapters' Goal of obtaining at least one new member in the first year of her term. We recently installed a 50-yr Transfer Member, Lucy Ewing Martin, and are working on eight New Member Applications to be submitted in September, for: Laura Van Winkle-Preston, DNP, APRN, FNP-C; Millie Cochran Cooper and her three daughters; Virginia Byrd-Lotts; as well as, Kinley A. Smith, Mary Brooke Smith, and Savannah D. Wilson, our youngest members who are under age 20.

Our chapter: •submitted the comprehensive Chapter's Annual Report prior to the August 1 deadline and, for the first time, •donated a small amount to all 18 Division Scholarships and to General Scholarships, as well; •attended District Four's first PRESIDENTS ROUNDTABLE in Front Royal; •ordered 11 Insignia pins (three from Division) for members this past year; submitted five Division Historical Essays, and •has ordered the Jefferson Davis Historical Silver Medal and Certificate to be presented to our chapter's Young Writers Essay Contest winner, Everleigh Jordan—who was our past Elementary School winner for two years in a row. In addition, we are in the process of completing an application for the Sidney Lanier Medal to be presented in the Fall.

In terms of in-house activities, we have: •tweaked our Monthly Agenda, a hand-out at each meeting, to include a list of the President's activities during the month; and the Historian continues to: •provide interesting monthly programs along with •A Bylaws Minute at each meeting, •has prepared our upcoming Yearbook to be distributed after Convention, •has updated our chapter website, [www.jebstuart-UDC.org](http://www.jebstuart-UDC.org) and •has recently presented four New-Member Packets to prospective members as part of our UDC Orientation process.

The Executive Committee has met this month to approve the Treasurer's new Fiscal Year Annual Budget, to discuss a new Flag Program, and to begin planning for our District's hosting of the 2025 Virginia Division Convention in Harrisonburg. We have ordered two 3' by 5' flags from Congressman Ben Cline's office, and are preparing to mark the grave of Real Daughter Lucye Kunkel Farrar Anderson, grandmother of one of our members, as well as, her brother who has honored us by playing trumpet at our Memorial Day service for decades. Betsy Spencer, Chairman of our September 21, 2024, grave marking event at Craigsville Cemetery, has planned a lovely program and service with bagpiper, music by our Chapter's Music of the Confederacy Chairman, Teresa Whitesell, with a luncheon to follow. In addition, we will be presenting our chapter's first Honorary Associate Membership.

Elizabeth "Betsy" Morris Spencer, Chairman of  
Real Daughter Lucye Kunkel Farrar Anderson's  
Grave Marking, 21 September 2024



*Don't forget! Anything for the Virginia Division Month in the UDC Magazine needs to be submitted by December! Let's represent our division well!!! Articles, ads, photos, everything!!!*

## **Fort Lowrey 2695**

***Cindy Packett, President***

Fort Lowry 2695 has been enjoying a productive year by meeting goals of increasing membership, increasing attendance at meetings, increasing supplemental applications, and completing Records of Interment of Confederate Veterans. In September, we held a workshop on how to complete and submit the forms for Records of Interment. The chapter lost a member, Christine Jones, who was honored at the September 30th Memorial Service held at the Virginia Annual Convention in Richmond. In October, we met at Westlawn, the historical home of James and Diana Russell. He shared his extensive collection of artifacts, books, and paintings relating to the War Between the States. Registrar Joan Croson presented two members with five approved supplemental applications. The November meeting was held at a local restaurant with Treasurer Suzi Maggard presenting a program about Harriet Tubman. The registrar presented another Supplemental application. The chapter collected food items to be donated to a local food bank. December was a highlight for us as we celebrated, along with Capt. Sally Tompkins Chapter 2626, at a Christmas luncheon hosted by Lancaster County Chapter 1406 at Indian Creek Yacht Club. Although our chapter does not meet during January or February, the Executive Committee met to begin plans for the 5th

District Conference in 2025 and to organize a Spring Luncheon Fundraiser. The luncheon was well-attended with Guest Speaker Susan Hudson, VA Division Recorder of Military Service Awards, who presented an informative program on Point Lookout Confederate Cemetery and Monument Park. Our registrar presented Certificates of Membership to two new members.

Looking ahead, our annual field trip will be to visit Fifth District Chair and Archivist Teresa Roane at the UDC Memorial Building in May. We also have plans to tour the Confederate Memorial Chapel. Fort Lowry daughters enjoy the sisterhood of our chapter and continue to honor our ancestors and uphold the objectives of the UDC.



# **Captain Sally Tompkins Chapter 2626, Mathews, VA**

***Marilyn Iglesias, President***

Captain Sally Tompkins Chapter 2626, UDC, awarded their 2024 Captain Sally Tompkins \$1000 Scholarship to Evelyn Mannix of Virginia Beach. Evelyn, granddaughter of UDC member Martha Frame, attended a luncheon in her honor. Evelyn has just graduated from the Masters Esthetics Program at The Chrism Institute of Esthetics in Virginia Beach, a two-year program. She is now in the process of applying for a position in her field. Her ultimate goal is to work in a Dermatology office. Evelyn will continue working at the Cavalier On the Hill Spa in Virginia Beach as receptionist, as she has worked there while attending school. Now that she is certified as an Esthetician, she will seek employment to utilize her real passion. Our next meeting will be September 16 and we look forward to a busy year.



Pictured left to right: grandfather Marvin Frame, mother Sallie Mannix, grandmother Martha Frame, scholarship winner Evelyn Mannix, and Captain Sally Tompkins President Marilyn Iglesias

# **13th Virginia Regiment Chapter 441, Orange, VA**

***Lynette Higginbotham, President***

In June some of the ladies of the 13th Virginia Regiment Chapter in Orange ventured to the Lynchburg area and toured its historic sites. We had already prepared for this trip at a previous meeting by viewing the video, "Hunter's Raid: The Battle of Lynchburg." We visited the Old Lynchburg Courthouse Museum, then went to lunch at a popular downtown diner that we thoroughly enjoyed.

After lunch we went to the Old City Cemetery, Confederate Section, where one of our member's Confederate ancestor is buried. This stop also included The Pest House and the gift shop. We then visited General Early's Fort and his Monument. Afterwards, we had a private tour of Historic Sandusky, a beautiful Southern mansion where the Yankees wined and dined the night before being tricked by the Confederates into thinking they had the superior number of troops. It was a full day and our ladies learned so much. Also in June, we were invited by the Mineral Chapter to attend their Spring Luncheon and Silent Luncheon. They are a lovely group of ladies and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

# **General Stuart Chapter 2195, Richmond, VA**

***Glenda Saunders, President***

General Stuart Chapter 2195 is going through some changes with the resignation of President Milbrey Bartholow. Our former first Vice President Glenda Saunders has assumed the position of President, She can be reached by email @ [sturglen41@gmail.com](mailto:sturglen41@gmail.com). A new Vice-President, Sharon Loving, was appointed by the President. Sharon can be reached by email @ [smloving51@gmail.com](mailto:smloving51@gmail.com). Hopefully, we will have more news for the next edition.

# CENTENNIAL-MAURY CHAPTER 2296

## *Cynthia Ledbetter, President*

Centennial – Maury ended meetings for summer, but not before taking care of a few new projects for the months of March, April and May. Members were busy with 5th District Conference and a basket that was raffled off with proceeds for our scholarship account, Spring Board and Massing. A General Scholarship application was submitted by our 2nd Vice President, Carolyn Orr. Our dear sweet chaplain, Theresa Morgan turned 91, and stays actively involved with all our chapter projects. Our meetings are blessed with her beautiful prayers and voice.

A chapter donation was sent to the “Tunnels to Towers” and everyone had a great time at the May meeting filling bags with snack treats for the Hanover County Deputies. Suzi Robinson and Cynthia Ledbetter delivered the items as we were greeted graciously by some of the Deputies available. The Hanover County Facebook page had the nicest write-up from the Sheriff’s Department about the U.D.C., which we have included with this report. Registrar Cynthia Ledbetter is in the process of helping a prospective member with her application to join the U.D.C. and our chapter. Also, we were honored in May to have Mrs. Ruby Pugh, Honorary President of General and past Honorary President of Virginia Division come to install our officers for the new upcoming term of 2024-2026.

***The Confederate Army was in general a bit rag-tag in their uniforms. This dearth of proper uniforms often caused boots, belts, jackets or whatever was needed, to be “confiscated” at the same time as the Union rifle from casualties. Casualties of the Confederate Army members were about ninety-four thousand. They died on the battlefields.***

## ***Isle of Wight Chapter 699***

Isle of Wight Chapter 699's May has been very "event-full". We attended the 2nd annual Memorial Day Service at the Isle of Wight Confederate Monument on May 4. At our May 16th meeting, we awarded our Mabel Cox Baird Scholarship. The proud recipient is Ashley Bryant from Smithfield High School. She has a 4.14 GPA and will major in Biology at Longwood University. Our chapter held its annual Memorial Day Service at Ivy Hill Cemetery in Smithfield, VA on May 23. It was well attended by several UDC chapters and SCV camps. Confederate graves were decorated with First National flags, President Jefferson Davis and wife, Varina (Sam Winkler and our member Cookie Batten) were present. Sam delivered his program "Requiem for a Confederate Soldier". Our chapter awarded Sam with the "Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal Certificate" and the attractive medal was placed on his lapel. The certificate was given for "Excellence within the realms of Confederate History Declamation-President Davis Portrayal". Sam felt so honored as we were to give it to him. May 25th, our president Marilyn Curtin attended Suffolk Chapter 173's Memorial Day service and presented our wreath.

## Isle of Wight Chapter 699 Continued



Picture 1-Linda Conley, Scholarship Chair and Ashley Bryant

Picture 2- Historian Debbie Hughson, Sam Winkler and President Marilyn Curtin

Picture 3- Ladies of the UDC

Nathan Bedford Forrest, a renowned Confederate cavalry leader, was known for his aggressive tactics and is said to have been mounted on numerous horses that were killed during battle, earning him the nickname "Wizard of the Saddle." He had 29 horses shot from under him during the War Between the States. He and his wife are buried at the National Confederate Museum in Historic Elm Springs near Columbia, Tennessee after his disinterment from his burial in Memphis, Tennessee.

## Mildred Lee Chapter 74

### **Charla Compton, President**

The Daughters of the Mildred Lee Chapter have been on the move this summer! Our Registrar and Historian, Sheree Russo, issued a challenge to chapter members to visit Confederate monuments. Cindy Tilley, Pamela Earl, Elizabeth Knighton, Caroline Davis and Linda Motley accepted the challenge and visited monuments in Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia and Alabama. Sheree visited sites from New Market to Hillsville and many places in between. Everyone who participated posted pictures of the monuments they visited on the Mildred Lee Facebook page.



On Saturday, August 3rd, Sheree Russo led a drop-in workshop on, "How to Research Confederate Ancestors." The members who were able to attend were provided with great information on websites and tips for researching their ancestors. Throughout the summer Sheree posted "History Moments" on the chapter's Facebook page. She highlighted Confederate Soldiers buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Martinsville, VA. In July, Sheree shared an article she had transcribed from chapter minutes from July 1924. The article was entitled, "Somewhat was the Mildred Lee 74 Chapter doing 100 years ago?" So interesting!

Mildred Lee members are looking forward to the upcoming Division Convention in Roanoke and to our next chapter meeting, which will be at Hugo's restaurant in Martinsville. President Charla Compton has made plans for a great kickoff for the year, including the presentation of many ancestor supplemental certificates.

# ***Chesterfield-Elliott Grays 851***

***Carla Waldron, President***

## 2nd Annual Chapter Scholarship Awarded

It was our honor to award our second annual Chesterfield-Elliott Grays 851 Chapter Scholarship, in the amount of \$500.00, to Miss Tatum N. Ingram. She will be attending Virginia Wesleyan University, and we wish her great success! Mr. John E. Reid continues to be proudly sponsored by our chapter as he attends VMI with a UDC Division Scholarship.

## Confederate Grave Markers at Maury Cemetery

As our continued historical project, seven veteran grave markers were ordered and installed for Confederate soldiers buried in Maury Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia. We were fortunate to receive two grants to cover the installation costs.

A Related Secondary Historical Project: Publication of a complete Maury Cemetery Confederate biographical work

We maintain a complete, compiled soldier list of all Confederates buried at Maury Cemetery which includes CSA service information and any biographical information we can find. With the help of chapter member volunteers, we are continuing to add informational details to this list. Our ultimate goal, with this historical project, is in addition to providing markers for each grave, to eventually professionally publish a booklet that covers all of the Maury Cemetery Confederate soldiers' military service, any available photographs, family histories, or biographies etc. There is nothing of this kind published currently and we would offer the publication to local and surrounding state libraries and historical societies. Our chapter members have made good progress toward researching these soldiers this year, in order to compile with what is necessary for publication. We all realize that it will definitely remain a multi-year project. It is with great pride and purpose that we pursue this project respectfully and with reverence for these brave men, so that they each shall all, at least, have their names on a stone in their final resting places.

## First National Flag flies again!

With help from the Virginia Flaggers and the Mechanized Cavalry, our flag pole at the Elliott Grays plot in Maury Cemetery, was successfully repaired and the First National Flag once again graces our chapter's site.

## NexTrex plastic film recycling project for a Historic Point of Rocks bench

We continue collecting plastic for our NexTrex recycling project. If we collect 1000 pounds of plastic by February 2025 we receive a beautiful double Trex bench to donate to Historic Point of Rocks. We are halfway to our goal!

The Old Dominion Bulletin is a publication of the Virginia Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. All information contained has been submitted by members, chapters, Districts, and Division Officers, and is accurate to the best of our knowledge.

The publication is printed quarterly with issues in December, March, June, and September.. On election years there will also be a summary issue published in August. **Deadline for all submissions is the 15th of the month, with publication date of the last day of the month.**

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129th Annual Virginia Division Convention  
Roanoke, Virginia  
October 3– October 6, 2024

## *Women of the Confederacy*

Welcome!

.....to Roanoke, Virginia! Your presence at the 129th Annual Virginia Division Convention is proof that the UDC remains vibrant and strong! Further, your presence here testifies to our common, firm resolve to honor the memory of our gallant ancestors!

Along with your presence, we covet your good ideas, energy, creativity in addressing the business at hand—but trust that you will also have time to enjoy each other's company and all of the events we have planned. We know that you will enjoy the hospitality of Holiday Inn-Tanglewood. They have gone out of their way to welcome us and make your stay special.

Thursday October 3rd from 4:00-6:30 is Registration, accepting of scrapbooks and year books. We will also be accepting Silent Auction items and setting up chapter and Division sales tables. Board of Trustees will meet from 2:00-3:00, Finance Committee will meet from 3:00 to 4:00, Historical Evening Practice will be from 4:00 to 5:00, Executive meeting will be from 7:00-9:00 and the Pages will meet from 7:00-9:00.

Friday October 4th: Opening Business session. Attire is business, hat optional, insignia. During green flag presentation please stand as your chapter is introduced and remain standing until your chapter president has presented her flags.

Friday noon: Virginia Daughters Lunch, attire business, hat optional, insignia

Friday night Historical Evening: 7:00pm, Attire is formal. Gloves are required for the receiving line. Saturday October 5th 9:15 Memorial Service: Attire is dark color church dress, hat optional, gloves, insignia. During the reading of past officer memorial please stand, also stand when your District Chairman reads the list of your deceased daughters. You also stand if your chapter is reading a special memorial for your deceased daughter. Please remember this is a reverent service to honor those daughters who we have lost this past year.

Saturday afternoon: Business session, business attire, hat optional, insignia

Saturday evening, Presidents Evening: 7:00pm, attire is cocktail or formal

Sunday Business sessions: Attire business, hat optional, insignia

Please remember you do not wear your insignia outside the building or in restaurant.

It is my hope that each of you will have a great experience, meet new people, re-establish bonds with old friends and leave with a new and renewed excitement about our coming year.

My thanks to Elaine Powers, her committee and the hostess chapters for their hard work, hours of labor and total dedication to making this a successful convention.

With UDC love,

Dawn G. Diehl, President 2023-2025 Virginia Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy

**Bylaws / Standing Rules As of November 2023 (Three Additional Categories of Membership)**

Section 3. Membership B. Types of Membership

5. Affiliate

- a) When it determines that formal affiliation is mutually beneficial, a Chapter may invite an Active Member of another Chapter to be an Affiliate Member of the Chapter.
- b) At its discretion, according to its bylaws, a Chapter may charge no fee, a one-time fee or an annual fee to an Affiliate Member.
- c) An Active Member may be an Affiliate Member of no more than three (3) Chapters within the Organization. A Chapter may have any number of Affiliate Members or no more than such number of Affiliate Members as the Chapter may prescribe in its bylaws.
- d) An Affiliate Member shall not count toward a Chapter's voting strength or be elected as a Delegate or Alternate of the Chapter, have voting privileges or hold office or committee chairmanship or membership within the Chapter. References to "Chapter" shall refer to the Chapter in which an Active Member is an Affiliate Member.
- e) The affiliate relationship shall continue until any of the following occur:
  - 1) The Affiliate Member is no longer an Active Member of the Organization.
  - 2) The Affiliate Member fails to pay any fees required of her in the bylaws of the Chapter of which she is an Affiliate Member.
  - 3) Either the Affiliate Member or the Chapter determines that the affiliate relationship is no longer mutually beneficial or needed and advises the other, in writing, of the cessation of the affiliate relationship.

The Registrar General is not personally involved in the Affiliate Member process.

6. Life Member

- a) A Life Member is a Member, age 70 or older, who wishes to continue her membership in the Organization at the General level for the duration of her life without the annual payment of General per capita tax. At the time of application for Life Member status, a Member shall be current in her per capita tax. She shall have submitted the required Life Member Application which shall have been processed according to rules established by the Organization and published in the Registrar's Manual, along with the payment of the Life Member fee (see Fee Schedule in Standing Rules). A Life Member shall continue to pay her Chapter and Division (if applicable) per capita taxes. The Life Member fee is non-deductible and non-refundable. A Life Member retains all rights and privileges of an Active Member and her General per capita tax is always considered to be current.
- b) Life Member fees shall be held by the Organization in a Life Member Endowment Fund and shall earn interest. Annually, at the time that General per capita tax is due to be paid, the per capita tax from the Life Member Endowment Fund shall be deposited into the Organization's Operating Fund in lieu of the Life Members' General per capita tax.

The Registrar General is not personally involved in the Life Member process.

7. Legacy Member

- a) An Active Member may obtain a Legacy Membership in the Organization for any deceased female in her bloodline of descent from an eligible ancestor upon whom she has had approved an Original Membership or Supplemental Membership application that is on file in the UDC Business Office and who was never a member of the Organization.
- b) To obtain a Legacy Membership for her deceased ancestor, as set forth above, an Active Member shall submit a Legacy Membership application form together with appropriate fees (see Fee Schedule in Standing Rules), a copy of her approved Original Membership or Supplemental Membership application and proof of death of the proposed Legacy member to the Registrar General. Such applications shall be accepted according to rules established by the Organization and published in the Registrar's Manual. If the application is approved, a Legacy Membership certificate shall be issued.

## Bylaws continued

Legacy Member Application \$40

Legacy Member Certificate \$15

Fee Schedule for General:

Life Member Fee

\$1,000.00

For those aged 60 or older on or before November 6, 2023, the Life Member Fee is discounted to \$500 if postmarked on or before August 31, 2025; if postmarked on or after September 1, 2025, the \$1,000.00 fee shall apply

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Please remember this information from our Registrar is just informational. Please contact your chapter registrar to obtain the official form, or look online on the General Website under Registrar and download from there. The application forms cannot be inserted without great corruption of files.

These include the Lifetime Membership Form, as well as the Legacy Membership Form/

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## Descendant of Generals Robert E. and Fitzhugh Lee Laid to Rest



George Mason Laurence Opie, 62, of Maine was laid to rest in Hollywood Cemetery in the Lee Family Crypt on Friday, September 6th, after his passing on August 22nd.. A third great grandson of General Fitzhugh Lee and a third great grand-nephew of General Robert E. Lee, his burial was well attended by members of various Confederate ancestry. Our own Pat Mingee, of the Virginia Division and General Stuart 2195 represented our division. She is pictured on the far right. Thank you, Pat, for being there!

## LEGACY LINEAGE CHART

Gen 1: Susie Ann Smith Jones is the applicant

Gen 2: Susie Ann Smith is the daughter of

Tom Smith and

Sally Ann Baker

Gen 3: Sally Ann Baker is the daughter of through the

(Sally Ann Baker would be eligible for Legacy because she went through the female line to get to the Confederate ancestor)

William Baker and

Veronica Squires

Gen 4: Veronica Squires is the daughter of went through the female line to get to the Confederate ancestor)

(Veronica Squires would be eligible for Legacy because she went through the female line to get to the Confederate ancestor)

Sam Squires and

Nenie Whitehouse (not eligible)

Gen 5: Sam Squires is the son of (Nenie Whitehouse would NOT be eligible for Legacy because the male line was used to get to the Confederate ancestor)

William Squires and

Roberta House

Gen 6: Roberta House is the sister of her line to get to the Confederate ancestor)

(Roberta House would be eligible for Legacy because she went through her line to get to the Confederate ancestor)

James House and (brother – Confederate ancestor)

Angela Sue May (wife – not eligible)

Angela Sue May would not be eligible from this application because she is documented as the wife of the Confederate soldier,

James House, and not in the line of descent.

Angela Sue May would be eligible if there is an approved UDC Original or Supplemental showing Angela Sue May in the

direct line of descent....either as a daughter of a proven Confederate soldier or the sister of a proven Confederate soldier.

Angela Sue May's line would then be proven, and she would be in the direct line of descent.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy was founded on September 10, 1894. Any eligible female who died prior to this date is ineligible for a Legacy Membership.

## Three New Types of Membership

Three new types of membership were approved in November, 2023, at UDC General Convention in Lexington, Kentucky. Please see UDC General Bylaws, Section 3. Membership, B. Types of Membership for the complete verbiage, requirements and further details for each of the following categories of membership:

Item 5. Affiliate – A Chapter may invite an active Member of Another Chapter to be an Affiliate Member of the Chapter. An Active Member may be an Affiliate Member of no more than three (3) Chapters within the Organization.

This is completely a Chapter process, without application or a certificate.

The Registrar General is not personally involved in the Affiliate Member process.

Item 6. Life Member – A Life Member is a Member, age 70 or older, who wishes to continue her membership in the Organization at the General level for the duration of her life without the annual payment of General per capita tax. See Fee Schedule for General:

Life Member fee – \$1,000.00

For those aged 60 or older on or before November 6, 2023, the Life Member Fee is discounted to \$500.00 if postmarked on or before August 31, 2025; if postmarked on or after September 1, 2025, the \$1,000.00 fee shall apply.

A Member who pays the Life Member fee at the age of 60 or older (as described in bullet point No. 2) and prior to reaching the age of 70, continues to be responsible for General per capita tax each year until she is 70 years old. The Life Member is also, always responsible for paying her Division and Chapter per capita tax each year. The Life Member fee only covers the General per capita tax, but not until a member reaches the age of 70.

The UDC Life Member Application will be available from the General Website.

The Registrar General is not personally involved in the Life Member process.

Item 7. Legacy Member – An Active member may obtain a Legacy membership in the Organization for any deceased female in her bloodline of descent from an eligible ancestor upon whom she has had an approved Original Membership or a Supplemental Membership application that is on file in the UDC Business Office and who was never a member of the Organization. The deceased female must be proven in the lineage. The only proof requirement is a complete copy of the approved Original or Supplemental Membership application, unless the Legacy Member is shown as living on the application; proof of death would then be required. We have always had a way to honor our Confederate soldiers, citizens and civil servants. With the Legacy Member category, we will now be able to honor those women in our bloodline who were of descent from an eligible ancestor. “Our History ~ Our Legacy”

The UDC Legacy Membership Application is available from the General Website. Please contact this Officer with any questions.

Martha J. Pickering  
Registrar General 2022-2024

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