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Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Mrs. Floyd M. (Suzanne) Townsend



I would like to thank Virginia Daughters for electing me as your Division President. It is indeed an honor to serve you and I do not take the task lightly. It has already been a couple of BUSY months since the Convention. I have filled Division Office vacancies and appointed all committee chairmen and members, with a lot of help from a lot of you. I have already

attended several chapter functions, including luncheons and a Monument Dedication, all of which will be listed in the 2012 Division Minutes. On October 10, the day after Division Convention, I attended Lee Chapel for the Commemoration of General Lee's death. Then we headed to Texas for the General Convention. The Texas Daughters entertained us and put on a convention to remember. I was particularly pleased to be a proud aunt when my nephew, Retired Colonel **Michael R. Burton**, United States Air Force, received a National Defense Medal and an Armed Services Expeditionary Medal during Historical Evening. We had some late nights working on the Bylaws Revision but – all in all - the convention was successful. The Virginia Daughters even “sang” their invitation to next year's General Convention in Richmond – singing a re-worded version of “*Carry Me Back to Ole Virginie*”.

On January 13, 2012, the UDC and the SCV will host the annual Commemoration of the birthdays of General Robert E. Lee and General Thomas J. “Stonewall” Jackson in The Old House Chamber at the State Capitol at 6 p.m. This is a function that everyone should try to attend. Last year we had standing room only and I would love to see that again this year. Please email me if your chapter plans to present a wreath. Christmas is a-coming and I will be attending a few more luncheons – I have a feeling that I will be joining Weight Watchers very soon! I am looking forward to the fellowship with the chapter members and welcome your invitations. If I receive more than one invitation for the same day, I will make a decision on a first come-first served basis AND whether or not I have already attended a function for the first received invitation. From what I see and hear, you ladies have been busy doing the work of the UDC and I am delighted by the emails I have been receiving.

The 2012 Division Convention is already being planned and decisions are being made. Be sure to reserve the dates October 4–7, 2012. You don't want to miss it! Also, the 2012 General Convention will be in Richmond November 1–6, 2012. Another one you don't want to miss! I wish for all of you a Happy, Healthy and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Stand Fast and Stand Proud!

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Mrs. Suzie Snyder

Special thanks to the daughters of Virginia Division for the honor of being elected your Vice President and especially for the privilege of serving you for the next two years. The time since Convention has been very busy and filled with gaining new knowledge and re-learning things I thought I knew. I have received lots of orders and loved talking and working with many Division ladies. Reviewing orders and learning from them has given me hints to pass on. We should no longer use periods, dashes or the # symbol (this will save you money, too). Carefully check all directions. When ordering the No 1 Badge Set, remember to mark whether you choose the plain bar or the '61 UDC '65 Bar. Engraving for your Ancestor Bar is included in the insignia cost. If you prefer the plain bar, your Chapter name and number can be engraved (there is a charge for this engraving and you can abbreviate if needed - chapter number must be included).

The 1A plain bar can be a Supplemental Ancestor bar or a Chapter Officer bar. If you use it as a Chapter Officer bar, Line 1 must be your Chapter name and number. Line 2 is for the office held along with years served (ex: Secretary 2011 2013). The office can be abbreviated as needed and there is an engraving charge.

Before mailing forms make sure everything is correct; the number of letters to be engraved, cost for engraving, check amount, your form is signed and your chapter number listed. Please use paper clips, not staples. I hope these reminders will help you receive your insignia quicker. The engravers close for Christmas and it takes a couple of weeks after for them to set up again. If you have orders please send them right away. Thank you so much for all your orders. I am really looking forward to working and talking with you all. I

send my very best wishes for a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy New Year!

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Mrs. Barbara Joyner



Thank you Virginia Daughters for electing me your Second Vice President. I am honored and excited to have the opportunity to serve in this capacity. It is almost time for the Scholarship Application Process to begin again. As inquiries come in for scholarships, I will contact a chapter. All applicants must be endorsed by a chapter and their applications must be signed by the Chapter President and Second Vice President. I will send the information about the Division and General Scholarships along with the Applications to the Chapter Presidents – knowing that the Presidents will get the information to the right person in the chapter. I look forward to working with you for the next two years.

THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Robin King

Hello everyone. For those of you who do not know me, my name is **Robin D. King**, or as the kids refer to me- **Miss Robin**. I have just been installed as the new Virginia Division 3rd Vice-President or Division Director for the CofC. I have been working with the children since my daughter was in the CofC and she is now 32. In other words, a long time!

I am very excited to be working with our CofC Division President, **Mackie Storage**, and her great board of officers this year. **Mackie** has undertaken a wonderful project she has called “150 for the 150th” to encourage everyone to donate 150 (pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, or dollars) to go towards conserving 2 flags at the Museum of the Confederacy that were actually made by children from Charlottesville in 1863. They are believed to be the only flags in existence from the war that were made by children. She has pamphlets printed and cardboard box “banks” that she would love to send to anyone who would be interested. Please get the word out and support her and the Division CofC in this very worthwhile project. We would also love to increase subscriptions to our CofC Division Newsletter, *Virginia's Glory*, so everyone can keep up with all the things the children are doing and hopefully give more children the opportunity to participate. At only \$5.00 a year it is a real bargain and our Editor, **Ian Tomlinson**, will be happy to add your name or chapter.

Please keep me updated about your CofC chapter activities. I want to see them in the newsletter and if possible, I would love to be able to attend some of them. Also please submit pictures and information about your chapter activities to our Division Historian for the scrapbook. It has been a long time since Virginia Division CofC has won any awards for the scrapbook and our Historian **Caroline Akers** would love to have lots of things to put in our Division Scrapbook this year. Our beautiful CofC insignia would make great Christmas Presents and our Division Vice President **Bryant Akers** is ready to help you with your orders.

Our 2nd Vice President **Maggie Joyner** will be happy to help you and your chapters make sure you have the updated catechisms so you can join in the fun of the catechism quizzes at CofC Division Convention in June. There is usually an adult quiz also so everyone needs to brush up! Feel free to contact me anytime with any questions or concerns and most especially if you know of any children who would like to become members of our great organization. I would love to see our membership increase in the coming year. You can reach me by e-mail at rdk99@comcast.net or by telephone at 804 795-7601. I will try to respond to you as quickly as I can. Special thanks to **Therese Tomlinson, Sharon Loving, and Kathie Rankin** for their help and guidance and continued support. We are very blessed to have such great ladies in our organization.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

We wish the best of luck to **Elizabeth Wilson** who had agreed to serve as Recording Secretary but recently has had some health problems which have made her reconsider her decision and has resigned the office. We know Elizabeth would have made a capable Recording Secretary and done a great job as she has at other jobs she has undertaken and hope that her health problems will resolve soon. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers as she continues to work on her vocal cords and breathing problems.

TREASURER'S MESSAGE

By Mrs. Sandy Wright

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope that you and yours have an enjoyable Christmas in the company of family and friends, and that all have a prosperous and healthy New Year.

As a new Division Officer, I am finding that learning to fulfill the duties of the Office of Treasurer most challenging. Working with you and your Chapters is the most rewarding part of the job and I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can over the next two years.

Many parts of this article will be familiar to you but need to be repeated.

New Treasurers. For any of you that are new Treasurers for your Chapters, if you have questions, problems, or concerns, please contact me. Email works best but I also answer my phone or return calls. I even answer mail notes. Please make sure I have your current contact information. While the Virginia Division Minutes is a wonderful book packed with information, Chapter Officers may change before it comes out. I can't help you if I don't know how to contact you.

Annual Financial Report. I know that you are probably tired of my emails and calls about this most important report – but here I go again! If you have not sent me your Chapter report for the period 1 September 2010 to 31 August 2011, please do so as soon as possible. You should have received forms in the per capita tax report mailing last December. If you cannot find the form, I can send you another one. I cannot overly

stress how important these forms are for the UDC to comply with IRS rules. You also need to send a copy of the IRS filing you do – either the 990-N Electronic Postcard, 990-EZ, or 990 whichever is appropriate. Most Chapters file the 990-N which is for organizations with revenue under \$50,000.

Per Capita Tax Form. I received these forms from the UDC earlier than usual so you may have them by now. I mailed these as soon after December 2 as I could. If you have not received your package it may be that I could not get the current Treasurer's information and had to use the 2010 Treasurer's information. If you have a question or suggestion about this mailing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Membership Cards. You should have received sufficient blank membership cards in your per capita package. I will have blank membership cards with me at District Conferences. If you need cards now, I can mail them to you.

REGISTRAR'S MESSAGE

By Mrs. Hilda Bradberry



I would like to thank you for electing me as your Division Registrar. Also, I would like to thank **Shawn Martin** for her willingness to assist me with the problems I have incurred. She will definitely be a hard act to follow.

Ladies, please send proof for every date and place that you have put on an application. You may know the correct information and, in some cases, I may know that your information is correct. However, the Registrar General does not have the same access to information we have here in Virginia. There must be proof of Military Service, or Material Aid, to accompany your applications. Applications are not accepted by the Registrar General or Assistant Registrar General without them. Unfortunately, pensions do not hold up to the same standard of proof, but may be used to supply additional information not provided elsewhere.

I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please seek out and find new members. Without chapters, there is no Division, without Divisions there is no General Organization. Remember, more work rests with a chapter than with the other two levels of the UDC.

HISTORIAN'S MESSAGE

By Mrs. Deborah T. Lundeen

As your newly elected Historian, I wish to thank **President Townsend** and all the daughters who have welcomed me so warmly. I would also like to thank past-historian, Mrs. **Patt Graves** for her vote of confidence and encouragement. I have long admired our Officers with great respect and a sense of awe at their professionalism, talents, and dedication to our Confederate ancestors. I consider it a great honor to serve the Virginia Division and will make every effort to represent you well. I look forward to getting to know each of you. My hope is that you will share your Chapter's programs, events, contributions, hopes and dreams with me. My door is always open, please say hello when you see me or contact me at (434) 574-9931; dixygrl@aol.com.

Remember when developing your Chapter programs to look to your Historian General's suggestions listed in the August issue of your *UDC Magazine*. They provide a wonderful guide for anyone wanting to do research or who may be searching for topics for essays. With your help we can make the coming year one of the most productive. Thank you all once again for providing me the opportunity to serve this wonderful organization.

RECORDER MILITARY SERVICE AWARD MESSAGE

By Mrs. Betsy Spencer

I was honored to have been elected to serve as the 2011-2013 Virginia Division Recorder of Military Service Awards, and pledge my utmost effort to assist you in recognizing the patriotism of active duty service members, military veterans, and through them, their Confederate ancestors. Our UDC founders felt the need to honor the veterans of the War Between the States, as well as veterans of contemporary wars, and our Military Service Awards perpetuate that worthy vision.

Last year, Virginia's chapters fell shy of winning the Recorder General's annual award for the Division bestowing the largest number of Crosses of Military Service by one MSA presentation. Going forward, let's redouble our efforts to advance this important patriotic work of our organization. I encourage each chapter to set a goal of nominating **at least one recipient** for a MSA bestowal at the Chapter, Division, or General level of the organization. Remember that candidates for the eight Division Military Service Awards that will be presented during Historical Evening at the 2012 Division Convention in Roanoke need to be approved by the Division Executive Board, at the Board's Spring Meeting on March 3, 2012.

It is gratifying to report that delegates to the 118th General Convention in Ft. Worth Texas authorized a Cross of Military Service for the Global War on Terror, and also updated the time frames for eligibility for the National Defense Medal during the Global War on Terror. **The Recorder General will enumerate service eligibility dates for the new GWOT Cross and the revised time frames for the National Defense Medal in the January issue of the UDC Magazine, as well as provide additional guidance to Recorders in processing these applications.** The revised eligibility dates for the National Defense Medal took effect on November 7, 2011, and Memorandum of Fact forms for these awards can be submitted immediately. Please hold any MOF for the newly authorized Global War on Terror Cross, and do not schedule bestowal ceremonies for this MSA, until further notice that a sufficient supply of Crosses has been manufactured.

Questions will undoubtedly arise as nominees are considered for the newly authorized Global War on Terror Cross and National Defense / GWOT Medals. Please contact me for assistance at 540-886-6456, or E-mail: 36vainf@verizon.net before submitting MOF, since the new MSA standards embrace some finite eligibility distinctions applicable to military service during the post 9/11 period. The Recorder General's postings will also be available. These changes will involve a learning curve for all of us. I hope, however, that

you will keep me very busy processing awards. Our military personnel deserve no less remembrance and thanks.

CUSTODIAN'S MESSAGE

By Mrs. Sherry Greshamer



Seasons Greetings and Happy Holidays! I'm looking forward to seeing everyone next year and I want you to buy, buy and buy. **Eleanor** has ordered some new products for me to have available for you and hopefully we can get even more. I know I don't have the selling skills that **Eleanor** has but I will do the best I can. Enjoy the holidays and get ready for a better New Year.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

By Mrs. Lois Bailey

Happy Holidays! I'd like to thank **President Suzanne** for appointing me to this position. She knew how much I loved doing it under Past President **Pat Bryson**. Things have changed in the past years regarding subscriptions. **President Pugh** had extended all subscriptions through her term so now it is time to renew your subscription, if you haven't already done so. Subscriptions are \$6 per year for 3 issues – March, August and December. Division Officers, District Chairmen, Committee Chairmen, Past Division Presidents, Honorary Presidents and Chapter Presidents receive the newsletters free of charge. They will be sent via e-mail for those having e-mail; otherwise they will be mailed via postal service. New at convention in 2012 will be an award to the chapter having the most paid new subscriptions so please be sure and include your chapter name.

Ladies, this is YOUR newsletter and as I am working on it, I am so pleased that so many articles have been sent to be included in our first issue. Please continue sending me articles. No promises if we will be able to include what you send, but we'll try. Deadlines are the end of the month preceding the newsletter. A reminder is listed in the "Calendar of Events".

FIRST DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

By Mrs. Dolores Smith

McComas Chapter will host the First District Conference May 5 at Pembroke United Methodist Church in Pembroke. Lunch will be served at the church. Due to graduations at Radford University and Roanoke College, it is suggested that you book your reservations **NOW**. The closest lodging would be in the Blacksburg/Christiansburg area. However, several area hotels are already booked. Suggested lodging choices include: Super 8 Christiansburg, 540-382-5813; Holiday Inn Christiansburg 540-381-8100, reservation # 1-800-315-2626; Days Inn Blacksburg Conference Center 540-951-1330. Salem area suggestions: Quality Inn I-81, exit 137 540-387-1600 or exit 141 540-562-1912; Holiday Inn Exit 137 540-389-2424

THIRD DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Patt Graves

I would like to thank **Carolyn Austin** for doing a great job as our District Chairman the last two years. We appreciate all her hard work, including Convention Chairman in 2010, and I know I will need her help these next two years. I also would like to thank the chapters of the Third District for electing me your chairman and look forward to working with you. Please let me know if I can do anything to help your chapter and please invite me to your meetings and events. My email is thebargthree@aol.com, my phone number is 434-696-2202 and my address is 838 Crymes Road, Keysville, VA 23947-2815. I have already visited with **Anne Eliza Johns** and what a great meeting they had. I want to thank them for making me feel so welcome and I look forward to their next invitation. I hope that this is just the beginning of a great year. I would like to encourage all members to make plans to attend Spring Boards in Richmond March 12, 2012. If you have never been, you need to. It will give you a chance to see the UDC at work and meet the General Officers (Virginia has two of her own daughters serving). This event starts the beginning of a busy two months with all the District Conferences. We have started working on our conference already with **H. A. Carrington** as the hostess chapter. The date will be April 21, 2012 and it will be in Saxe, Va. This will be a true working event and will give you all a chance to learn, ask questions and make any suggestions to our new Division Officers. Not only will you have a great time but you will have a chance to see old friends and make new ones. Put the date on your calendar. Also while you have your calendar for 2012 open, **H. A. Carrington** is having a Military Service Awards on Sunday March 25, your invitation will be mailed. I know everyone is already busy with the Christmas events and what a special time of the year it is! I want to take a minute to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and, of course, a great New Year for the Virginia Division and all its members. Let's all work on keeping Christ in Christmas.

FOURTH DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

Ms. Ginger Stephens



I am honored to have been selected as Fourth District Chairman and I am excited about the adventures that the next two years hold for all of us in Fourth District. Our year is off to a great start and we have a busy year ahead, with **Mary Custis Lee-17th Virginia Regiment Chapter** hosting our Fourth District Conference on April 28. I look forward to visiting with all of the chapters and meeting your members. Please keep me informed of your chapter activities. I know there will be great ideas that other chapters would find helpful and informative. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe, joyous New Year.

FIFTH DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

By Mrs. Jean Frawner

Congratulations to the UDC chapters in Fifth District for, once again, winning the **Minnie C. Eller and the Randolph**

Walke Banners at the Virginia Division Convention held in Fredericksburg October 6-9, 2011.



The **Minnie C. Eller Banner** is awarded to the District on a per chapter basis that has compiled the greatest number of points on the **Minnie C. Eller Banner** Report Form, which assesses overall chapter work in achieving the goals and objectives of the organization. The **Randolph Walke Banner** is awarded annually to the District that has shown the largest net increase in membership for the year. Your devotion and hard work was rewarding, for which you deserve much credit. Let us plan to have a repeat performance in the 2011-2013 terms.

Thanks to the **Caroline Grays** Chapter for hosting the Fifth District Conference in March 2011, at Round Oake Baptist Church in Corbin. **Centennial-Maury** Chapter will host the District Conference March 31, 2012, at First Baptist Church in Ashland. Please put this date on your calendar so that you can plan to attend the conference.

At the Virginia Division Convention in Fredericksburg the following chapters served as Hostess Chapters: **Centennial-Maury, Fredericksburg, General Stuart, King George and President Davis**. Thanks to the members of these five chapters for a job well-done.

The president of the Virginia Division, **Ruby Pugh**, was honored at a Tea hosted by the **Hanover** Chapter in September at the UDC Memorial Building.

Fifth District was represented at the General Convention in Ft. Worth, Texas in November by members from **Centennial-Maury, President Davis and Richmond-Stonewall Jackson Chapters**. As we approach the Christmas season, let us plan to remember our veterans and our service men and women in some special way and thank them for defending our country. It is my hope that each of our daughters will have a healthy and happy Christmas season.

SIXTH DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

By Mrs. Susan Carraway

It is very exciting that our new Virginia Division President is from the Sixth District and we are very proud of her. I congratulate not only her but all of our new division officers.

Fort Monroe is a huge issue right now in the Sixth District. I feel that everyone in the Virginia Division should be kept updated on the recent events. Therefore, I have asked **Christine Gergley**, Chairman of the Preservation of Fort Monroe, Virginia Division, to write a short summary of what has taken place:

On November 1, 2011 President Obama signed a proclamation designating Fort Monroe as a National Monument under the Antiquities Act. This includes Quarters No. 17, where Robert E. Lee and his family resided as an engineering officer in 1832. This leaves the interpretation of Lee's Quarters at the mercy of the National Park Service. The

UDC will attempt to establish a working relationship with the Park Service.

The Casemate Museum, including the cell where President Davis was incarcerated is on lease from the U. S. Army through the Commonwealth of Virginia by the Fort Monroe Authority, so its' fate is relatively protected.

The Jefferson Davis Memorial Arch and Park also are under the control of the Fort Monroe Authority, not the Park Service. I urge Virginia Division, all Chapters and individual members to make their presence known to the Fort Monroe Authority through letters, calls and personal visits. Also, by making appropriate donations to the Fort Monroe Foundation, the fundraising arm of the Fort Monroe Authority, designating that your donations are only to be allocated toward the preservation and maintenance of the Jefferson Davis Memorial Arch and Park.

I wish everyone a safe and a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

DIVISION BYLAWS COMMITTEE

By Mrs. Annette Elam Wetzel, Chairman

Daughters, when you are in the process of revising (or writing) your Chapter Bylaws, please remember to send the proposed revision to the Division Bylaws Committee for review before presenting them to your membership. Chapter Bylaws do not have to restate the content of Division or General Bylaws, and they cannot conflict with the language of Division or General Bylaws. The year 2011 will be a Bylaws year for the Virginia Division. Refer to the section of Division Minutes that discusses the process for amending Bylaws, and send your proposals for changes as required. If you have a proposed change (referred to as an amendment) that you would like to propose, but are unsure how to proceed, the Bylaws Committee is ready to help you. Please feel free to e-mail any Bylaws questions that may arise.

VIRGINIA DIVISION CONVENTION 2012

By Mrs. Dolores Smith, Chairman

Plans are being formulated as I send this on to the editor of the News Bulletin for the **Annual Division Convention**. The Convention will be held in Roanoke, Va at the Holiday Inn Valleyview, just off of I-581, exit 3 on to Hershberger Road to the first traffic light, take a right on to Ordway Road and it is the last Hotel on your left. We are having the first planning meeting on November 16, so I will know more of what to write for the next issue. I do know that the rate for the rooms is \$89 per night, single/double plus taxes. At these price ladies everyone can attend !!!! The cutoff date for room reservations is September 20, 2012. However, do not call until after the next news Bulletin. Exciting entertainment for Historical Evening, interesting speaker and of course all of the wonderful hospitality from the Daughters of **First District**. Make plans to attend now!

GENERAL CONVENTION 2012

By Mrs. Annette Elam Wetzel, Chairman

Daughters, In November of 2012, the **UDC General Convention** will be held in Richmond, with Virginia Division

as hostess. This is a big effort for Virginia Division, and the Division Convention Committee invites the assistance and support of every Virginia Daughter. New ideas and new hands are always welcome. If your Chapter is willing to be hostess for the Magazine Luncheon, the President's Evening Banquet, or the Friendship Banquet, please let the Convention Committee know. Being hostess means assisting with the table decorations and favors. We'd like to hear from you if you would like to help in any way. More news about Convention will be coming soon to Virginia Chapters. In addition to the Chairman, the Convention Committee includes **Karen Grigg, Lois Bailey, Jean Frawner, Betty Jean Giragosian**, and our **Division President, Suzanne Townsend**. Let's make this the best General Convention Virginia Division has ever hosted!

ORGANIZATION OF NEW CHAPTERS

By Mrs. Mary Vial, Chairman

As Chairman, it is my responsibility to assist anyone with information concerning forming a new Chapter or reactivating a defunct Chapter. Please send any inquiries or questions to me at: 9315 Huron Ave. Henrico, Va. 23294-5425 or e-mail me at: John_v23294@yahoo.com. I will then contact you. There are many counties in Virginia that do not have a UDC Chapter, so there are lots of possibilities. I am here to help.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

By Mrs. Fran Towberman, Chairman

HATS OFF to **General Stuart Chapter**, Richmond, for enrolling the most new members in Virginia Division. **General Stuart**, proudly display your well-earned Membership Plaque during meetings and at Fifth District Conference. Keep up the good work. **King George** ran a close second. A Challenge is issued to all other Virginia Chapters to recruit so as to be "in the running" for this privilege and recognition next year. The process of finding and helping ladies to become daughters of our organization is rewarding and satisfying. Many of these recruits will bring us new energy and ideas. I believe: Seek & You Will Find BUT you must ASK them, "do you think you have any ancestors that fought for the Confederacy?" If they respond positively, you are on your way to having an additional member for your roll. Okay, on your mark, get set, go!*

*Let me know if I can be of help

HISTORICAL WORK WITH STUDENTS

Rebecca Ferguson, Chairman

This past year the number of entries for the contest increased and we need to continue along that path. Please remember the home schooled students, most entries come from those students. Also each essay winner receives \$50.00. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

The topics are:

"Who Am I ?

- Group I (Grades 4th - 6th) Belle Boyd
- Group II (Grades 7th - 9th) Antonia Ford
- Group III (Grades 10th -12th) Laura Ratcliffe

HISTORICAL WORK WITH STUDENTS-ESSAY CONTEST RULES

1. Essays must be handwritten or typed, neatly, on 8 ½ " x 11" paper.
2. Maximum of 1,000 words. Write the number of words in upper right hand corner of page 1.
3. Use "War Between the States", rather than "Civil War" unless quoting directly from a source.
4. Web sites are acceptable, but at least one book must be used as a source.
5. Use footnotes where needed
6. Include a bibliography listing the reference material used to write the essay.
7. Sign essay with a fictitious name.
8. Include a title page with title of essay, fictitious name and age division.
9. Attach an envelope with the fictitious name and grade in school written on the outside. Inside the envelope, on a card, include your name, address, name of school, grade in school, the fictitious name that was used and the name of the sponsoring UDC Chapter.
10. Submit the essay to the Historian of the sponsoring UDC Chapter by August 1.
11. Chapter Historians must submit all essays to the Chairman of Historical Work With Students by August 31. Mail essays in a large envelope, flat and unfolded.

PLAGIARISM IS UNACCEPTABLE AND IS GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION.

GRANDDAUGHTERS CLUB

By Mrs. Sarah Stinnett, President



We would like to invite all granddaughters who are not members to join our Club. If you are interested please contact Treasurer **Joyce Eades** for membership application – dues are \$7.00 per year payable to "-Treasurer UDC Va. Division". Send the dues to her, or call her, if you have any questions.

Her information is in the Division Minutes under **General Stuart Chapter**. Also any members if you haven't paid your dues this year, please do so. We are trying to become active and to be able to contribute to a worthy cause as soon as our club membership increases. Please help us at your meetings by talking about our Club and building it up. Members, also please remember to send cards to our Daughter on special occasions.

GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTERS CLUB

By Mrs. Grace Elliott, President

Congratulations to all our new members, thanks for honoring your Confederate ancestors and helping to preserve our heritage. To all our other members, you are the backbone of our organization, support our new members and encourage

other daughters to honor their ancestors also. I appreciate the support of my officers and really enjoy the time spent being and hearing from all of our members. Please continue to invite and encourage your chapter Great Granddaughters to join and support our club. In UDC love and service.

GREAT GREAT GRANDDAUGHTERS CLUB

Charlotte Clinger, President



Your President attended the GGG Club of General meeting in Ft. Worth, TX. Several items of interest were brought up. The reinstatement requirements for any who have let their dues lapse are as follows: Last year's dues + current year's dues + \$1.00 reinstatement fee. On June 30th each year, dues are past due. Members of the VA Div GGG Club are reminded to pay \$5.00 dues at the VA Div Convention breakfast or send to **Patt Graves**, 838 Crymes Road, Keysville, VA 23947, phone 434-696-2202, e-mail thebarghree@aol.com.

There was a motion made and adopted that when a member wishes to buy a GGG Club pin, no proof be required. She should send \$60 and a pin order form through the Division VP, **Karen Grigg**, 14038 Osborne Lane, Carrollton, VA 23314, phone: 757-238-9328, Karenbird77@aol.com. The VP General will check her name against a roster of members. Both application and pin order forms are found on the General website. Please use these forms.

A motion was made and adopted to donate \$1000 to the Board of Trustees to buy glass cabinet doors for the library to protect special books and \$100 to buy a special lock for the glass cabinets. Our membership dues are helping to protect precious books in the Memorial Building in Richmond.

A motion was made and adopted that Life Membership be discontinued. Those who have paid will be grandfathered.

A motion was made and adopted that the General Club take out an ad in *UDC Magazine* whenever new officers are elected.

On a sad note, **Betty Faye Lewis**, President of the GGG Club of General, has suffered a small stroke and is now in physical therapy and progressing well. She is in our thoughts and prayers.

Gr.Gr.Gr.GRANDDAUGHTERS CLUB

By Mrs. Mary Vial, President

The first meeting was held on Sunday October 9, at the Va. Division Convention. Officers were elected, and the club was organized. Join us now and become a Charter member. Any member who has a Gr.Gr.Gr.Grandfather is eligible to join. The application form is now on the Va. Division Website.

The required proof are pages 1 and 4 of your approved Application or Supplemental, along with a check for \$5 made out to Treasurer Va. Div. Gr.Gr.Gr.Granddaughters Club and a copy of the form. Send to President **Mary Vial**, 9315 Huron

Ave., Henrico, Va. If you have any questions you can contact Mary at: John_v23294@yahoo.com

News of Our Chapters

Appomattox: In December our plans are to fill 24 bags of items to take to the Salem Veterans Hospital and to have our annual Christmas party. We also sponsoring, and participating in the *Wreaths Across America* on 10 December in Lynchburg at the Old City Cemetery. There are more than 2,300 veterans buried there and our goal is to honor as many as possible with a fresh wreath. A wonderful program is planned involving a motorcycle escort, color guard, community leaders, bagpipes, bugler, and school children.

The new Appomattox Museum of the Confederacy will be finished in December and ready to open on March 31, 2012. **Appomattox** Chapter UDC will be working with the museum as much as possible and applications are now being taken for volunteers. Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact **Carolyn Bergdoll**, 564 Cornfield Lane, Appomattox, Virginia. Her phone number is 434-352-0178.

Fairfax Chapter will celebrate its **100th anniversary** on Saturday May 12, 2012. We are planning a luncheon with a guest speaker. We will also be drawing the winning raffle ticket for the painting. The luncheon will be held at the Army-Navy Club in Fairfax, Va. For information or reservations please contact **Charlotte Clinger**, Anniversary co-chairman at 703-978-5617 or fairfaxbelle@earthlink.net.

Petersburg Chapter President **Nellie Collins** is pleased that our Chapter member **Mrs. Floyd M. Townsend (Suzanne)** was elected Virginia Division President. **Mrs. Townsend** is the first Virginia Division President to be elected from our chapter in fifty-seven years. Six members have served with distinction as Division President and/or Honorary President of the Virginia Division since the **Petersburg** Chapter was chartered on August 27, 1895. **Petersburg** Chapter has remained active since its inception without disruption.

Our first meeting for 2011-2013 on September 10th, **Mrs. Collins**, was elected President. She has served the chapter as Registrar and Recorder of Military Service Awards for several years.

Other Officers are: **Mrs. Paul R. Collier**, 1st. Vice President; **Mrs. Frank O. Wells**, 2nd Vice President; **Mrs. Gerald W. Jernigan**, Registrar; **Mrs. Lawrence Gill**, Recording Secretary; **Mrs. Leslie Wayne Davis**, Historian; **Mrs. Floyd M. Townsend**, Treasurer; **Mrs. Keith Womack**, Recorder of Military Service Awards; with **Mrs. Jerry Ross** serving as Corresponding Secretary. **Mrs. William M. Cook** appointed Chaplain, Publicity is **Mrs. Thomas L. Morgan, Jr.** Goals for the coming months include care packages to the military, food items to be donated to the local food pantry including Fort Lee, \$500.00 scholarship to a high school graduate attending a Virginia college and an essay contest for Middle school students. The prize for the winning essay is a U. S. Saving Bond. Fund raisers will include a yard sale, taking part in local SCV and municipal events allowing the sale of

items, to provide donations for Museum of the Confederacy, U.D.C. Memorial Building and a monetary donation to McGuire Veteran's Hospital.

The November meeting was held in the Charles Leonard House, a local historical home in Petersburg. The Yellow House on Ironbridge Rd. in Chester, built in 1856, is the scheduled meeting place on May 12, 2012. This home was the center of aggression during the advance of Federal troops on May 9, 1864 takeover of the main railroad at Chester Station and the Federals advance towards Richmond. The **Petersburg** Chapter ladies attend the "*Christmas in 1864*", held each December at the Historic Blandford Church, sponsored by the Ladies Memorial Association and Sons of Confederate Veterans. The service provides insight into Christmas during the WBTS with music and written word.

President Davis Chapter started the year with a program titled "*The Confederate Cowardins – Newspapers to Diamonds*". The speaker, **Taylor Cowardin** is a direct descendent of that early **Cowardin** family who helped to shape the future of Richmond and Virginia. In October our speaker was from the Fisher House. The facility houses families of veterans who are being treated at McGuire Veterans' Hospital in Richmond. In November, our Historian, **Sarah Hudson** gave us a "Confederate Quiz". We found out we really do retain little known facts but sometimes miss the big ones.

Our chapter continues to work at the Museum and White House of the Confederacy Memorial Garden with spring and fall plantings. We also volunteer our time at the different events hosted by the Museum. The Museum and our work with Veterans, old and young are where we put our time and energy.

We are proud to have a Division Officer among our members and the General Chairman of the Memorial Building Board of Trustees. We are women who strive to live our Division President's Theme – "*Stand Fast and Stand Proud*".



Centennial-Maury Chapter met in November for their early "Holiday Luncheon," where Christmas projects were carried out by members and guests. The chapter has been collecting paper products for the Fisher House which houses family members of veterans while the veteran is being treated at the McGuire Medical Center. The paper products will be taken to the Fisher House before Christmas, along with gift cards to be placed in stockings for children who are there during the holidays with their families.

All Chapter members were asked to bring Christmas cards to the meeting so that they could be signed by everyone, and then to be taken to the Veteran's Hospital with the other items for Fisher House. Several Virginia Division officers and past officers attended the meeting: **Suzanne Townsend**, President; **Lois Bailey**, Corresponding Secretary; **Barbara Joyner**, Second Vice President; **Robin King**, Third Vice President; **Pat Bryson**, Past President; **Betty Jean**

Giragosian, Honorary President General; **Annette Wetzel**, **Magazine** Chairman and **Jean Frawner**, Fifth District Chairman.

J.E.B. Stuart would like to give a special thanks to Division Convention Chairman, **Sam Lougheed**, and the **Fifth District Chapters** for graciously hosting and skillfully staging the 116th annual Virginia Division Convention in Fredericksburg. Congratulations, too, to the newly elected slate of Division Officers for the 2011-2013 term -- we wish them well in the commission of their responsibilities. Two **J.E.B. Stuart** members, **Betsy Spencer** and **Louise Thyson**, attended as delegates, and among the many highlights of the Convention, we were especially proud that the **J.E.B. Stuart** Yearbook garnered first place in the competition, and that Chapter member, **Betsy Spencer**, was elected Virginia Division Recorder MSA.

The Chapter joined with **Turner Ashby Chapter 162** to conduct a grave marker dedication for deceased member, **Margaret Ann Whittington** on November 5th at Evergreen Burial Park in Roanoke. **Margaret Ann** had served six terms as President and Registrar of the **James S.A. Crawford** Chapter, and as the 2005-2007 Second District Chairman. Fall colors and plaintiff bagpipe melodies provided a beautiful backdrop to the ceremony as family, friends, and a contingent of Virginia Daughters gathered to poignantly remember **Margaret Ann**.

On Veterans' Day, Chapter members visited veteran residents living at the Kings Daughters Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Staunton. The program included the singing of patriotic songs, and the presentation of personal care gift bags to each of the veterans. **Betsy Spencer** read a tribute to the group entitled, "*What Is a Veteran?*" Everyone enjoyed cake and punch, and some of the veterans shared stories about their military service.

Re-enactors, **Waverly Adcock** and **Dr. John Ogletree**, of the **West Augusta Guards, 5th Virginia Infantry**, spoke at the Chapter's regular November meeting and addressed flag conservation efforts for two regimental flags that are presently stored in a drawer at the Augusta County Courthouse. The flags, a silk painted banner carried by the 5th Virginia Infantry during the early years of the War, and a large canvas encampment flag of the 1st Virginia Cavalry are, unfortunately, maintained under less than optimal conditions to preclude further deterioration. The Chapter contributed \$100 to the on-going effort to collect the \$4,000 needed to have a professional conservation assessment performed. Donations are being received under the auspices of the Augusta County Historical Society, P.O. 686, Staunton, VA 24402.

J.E.B. Stuart members and guests will enjoy season's greetings, festive holiday fare, and accounts of Confederate Yuletide observances at a luncheon held at the lovely Tree Streets Inn in Waynesboro on December 17th. **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year wishes to all!**

Bethel and Peninsula Campaign Chapters are planning their annual Lee, Jackson, Maury Luncheon on Saturday, January

21, 2012 at the Kiln Creek Country Club. **Norm Cooper** will speak on "Overview of 1862 Peninsula Campaign". Anyone interested in more information, contact **Christine Gergely** at gergely@visi.net

King George Chapter held their 2nd Annual Tea with about 40 ladies in attendance. Many ladies were dressed in period attire and no one seemed to mind having to deal with the full skirts or the cumbersome petticoats and hoops. Perhaps more ladies will now be encouraged to start sewing ...or will go on a shopping spree for a 1860s dress. We have more events planned where we will want to wear our period finery.

Local historian, genealogist and researcher **Dal Mallory** gave an interesting presentation on **Capt. Sally Tompkins**, the only woman to hold a commission in the War Between the States.

The Chapter presented the **Judah P. Benjamin Award** to **Jean Graham** for her many hours of volunteer service in preserving the history of the County and for the historical books she has written. We had great fun keeping this as a surprise. Her daughters and granddaughter were in attendance and, of course, were in on the surprise!

Division President **Ruby Pugh** awarded new member certificates to seven new members. **Delores Shea** also received the "Cat's Meow", a special award given by the President, for her hard work in getting the paperwork completed for these ladies. A new Associate Member was also welcomed

An "Afternoon Tea" is always an ideal way to entertain. It still creates the same elegant, refined, calm atmosphere that has been enjoyed since "way back when."

"There is no trouble so great or grave that cannot be much diminished by a nice cup of tea." Bernard-Paul Heroux

Mary Custis Lee- 17th Virginia Regiment Chapter #7

Our annual Christmas luncheon was held on Saturday, December 3 at the Mount Vernon Country Club. Among the 40+ attendees were Virginia Division officers, **Suzanne Townsend**, President, **Barbara Joyner**, 2nd Vice President, **Lois Bailey**, Corresponding Secretary, and **Pat Bryson**, Past Division President. We were honored to have these ladies join us. Members brought items for the Grace Episcopal Church food pantry, the veterans' hospital, KOINONIA, and stamps for the Bath Abbey outreach project. Certificates of Merit and Appreciation were presented. **Suzanne Townsend** presented a new member certificate to **Cynthia Matsumoto**. **Cynthia's** 95-year-old aunt (a 70 year UDC member from Tennessee) spoke about her ancestor who was her grandfather.

Two new members told us about projects they are working on. **Kelly Kohrman** is collecting coupons to send to military families stationed overseas. **Staci-Jill Burnley** is collecting clothing as part of the Wounded Warrior Project. The clothing is distributed to family members of recovering soldiers. Often the family members arrive at the military hospitals with little clothing and personal items because they have left home so quickly when have gotten the call to come to the local military hospitals. Our treasurer, **Charlotte Wright**, has a postcard ministry. She sends two postcards a week to people who are

not in the area and she encourages us to do the same. Vice President **Pam Taylor** is on a two year assignment in Bosnia. She attends meetings via Skype and other electronic media. With e-mail and Vonage, she stays current with everything the chapter is doing.

We have two real granddaughters- **Inez Odom Cameron**, a 40 year UDC member, and **Sarah Glymph Wilcox**, a 27 year UDC member.



Our Condolences to Our Chapters and Members for Their Losses

Chesterfield Chapter mourns the death of **Ida Best**, mother of **Anita Deligan** who passed away 25 October.

Condolences to **Peninsula Campaign Chapter President Betty Rowland** in the passing of her husband Clayton.

Condolences also to **Sharon Benser, Caroline-Grays**, in the passing of her mother **Anne Willoughby**.

News of Our Members



A belated Happy Birthday to our Real Daughter **Evelyn Matheny** on November 19th. Evelyn is 89 years young and a member of **Janet Randolph Chapter**.

CORRECTIONS & ADDITIONS TO OFFICER'S DIRECTORY

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2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan 14 Birthday of Commodore Matthew Fontaine Maury
- Jan 19 Birthday of General Robert Edward Lee.
- Jan 13 Lee-Jackson Commemoration sponsored by Virginia Divisions UDC & SCV. Old House Chamber, State Capitol at 6 p.m.
- Jan 21 Birthday of General Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson
- Feb 15 Chapter obligations due to Division Treasurer
- Feb 29 Leap Day
- Mar 1 Deadline for submitting information for March Issue of *Old Dominion Bulletin*
- Mar 3 Division Executive Board Meeting
- Mar 10 General Spring Board, UDC Memorial Building
- Mar 24 Second District – Turner Ashby 162
- Mar 31 Fifth District – Centennial-Maury
- Apr 14 Sixth District –Norfolk County Grays/Niemeyer Shaw
- Apr 21 Third District – H. A. Carrington
- Apr 28 Fourth District – Mary Custis Lee
- May 5 First District – McComas
- May 12 Fairfax 100th Anniversary Celebration
- May 28 Memorial Day
- Jun 2 Annual Massing of the Flags, UDC Memorial Building, Richmond 2007
- Jun 3 Birthday of Jefferson Davis
- Jun 3 Confederate Memorial Day – Arlington Cemetery
- Jun 14 Flag Day
- Jun 16 Virginia Division CofC Convention - Fredericksburg
- Jul 19-21 General CofC Convention, Gettysburg
- Jul 21 Commemoration of the Battle of First Manassas
- Aug 1 Chapter Reports due to District Chairmen
- Aug 1 Deadline for submitting information for August Issue of *Old Dominion Bulletin*
- Aug 15 District Chairmen reports due
- Aug 31 End of UDC year
- Oct 4-7 117th Virginia Annual Division Convention Roanoke, VA
- Nov 1-5 Annual General Convention, Richmond, VA
- Dec 1 Deadline for submitting information for December Issue of *Old Dominion Bulletin*

2012 District Conferences

- March 24 Second District – Turner Ashby 162**
- March 31 Fifth District – Centennial-Maury**
- April 14 Sixth District – Norfolk County Grays/Niemeyer Shaw**
- April 21 Third District – H. A. Carrington**
- April 28 Fourth District – Mary Custis Lee**
- May 5 First District - McComas**

More information will be in the March issue.



Congratulations and Welcome to our New Members

Real Daughter Charter Member CofCTransfer

Edwards, Wanda Lou Black Horse

SUPPLEMENTALS

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Lundeen, Deborah Ann Timberlakt	Farmville- 3
Dodson, Lori Ann Wofford	Fredericksburg – 5
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