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FROM THE VIRGINIA DIVISION PRESIDENT:



Happy Easter! The time has flown since our last issue of Old Dominion Bulletin and 2018 is off to an eventful start. We celebrated Lee Jackson Day in January in the Old Chamber of Delegates in Richmond and we managed to have a successful ceremony despite the Governor's failure to issue a Proclamation for Lee Jackson Day. I also attended the Lee Jackson Day ceremonies in Lexington, Culpeper Chapter's Lee Jackson program, and Pickett-Buchanan Chapter's Lee Jackson Maury Pickett Luncheon. I enjoyed seeing many of you and celebrating the lives of General Lee and General Jackson.

January also saw the filing of numerous bills in the Virginia Legislature that threatened all war monuments and memorials in the Commonwealth. I am proud to report that the ladies of Virginia Division rose to the challenge, with an outpouring of opposition, enlisting the aid of other groups concerned with the preservation of history and the

honoring of veterans. All bills were tabled indefinitely by their respective Committees. I would like to thank Teresa Roane, Debby Mullins, Christine Gergely, and Jack Gergely for all their assistance in organizing information to make it easier for our members to voice their opinion.

However, the defeat of these bills did not remove the threat to Confederate Monuments and Memorials in Virginia. The political climate is still hostile to all things Confederate and we must remain diligent with our efforts to protect them.

In the last several months, Virginia Division has started to create a positive image on the Internet. The first foray into this arena was a Facebook page. In February, we celebrated Black History month with

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daily posts on Black Confederates. We supported Women’s History Month in March with daily posts on prominent Confederate women, and we will celebrate Confederate History Month in April with posts on the Confederate Ancestors of our members. We need to continue posting the positive works of UDC Chapters throughout Virginia, so please encourage your Chapters to send photos of their events to Dawn Diehl, Caroline Eaton, and me so we can share them on Facebook.

In addition to our work creating a positive image on Facebook, we are working to remove negative comments from the UDC’s Wikipedia page. There will be a two-phased project to get the references to the UDC as a promoter of white supremacy removed. The first phase was implemented on February 9. An online petition was posted demanding that the white supremacy references be removed. The petition has approximately 2300 signatures, but that would represent only 12% of the UDC membership, and we will need many more to make our point with Wikipedia. Please encourage all members of Virginia Division to sign the petition, and reach out to friends from other Divisions and Organizations to help us. We will have started the implementation Phase 2 of Project Wikifix and begin to change Wikipedia ourselves. But, we will need more volunteers. Please consider setting up a Wikipedia login and helping us.

Membership remains a huge concern in Virginia Division. We must work to engage Prospective Members and complete their applications as quickly as possible. We appear to be on our way to a thirteenth year of membership decline. We need all Chapters and members actively working to increase our membership and keep our existing members engaged. I know that this seems to be a daunting situation, but if Virginia Division mobilizes to address the situation in the same manner that we faced the Virginia Legislature’s threat to our monuments, we can do this. We must work together and help put our Division back on the right path.

The last few months have been a period tinged with sadness with the loss of Past Division Presidents Frances Lee and Mary Williams. I was not able to attend Frances Lee’s funeral, but several Past Division Presidents were able to represent the Division and we did send the Division wreath. I did attend Mary Williams funeral, and the UDC was well represented. The Division Executive Committee approved a new scholarship to honor Mary Moore Williams. This will need to be approved by the Division Convention in October. I hope Virginia Daughters will support the new scholarship and help us remember this special lady.

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The ladies of Virginia Division continue to amaze me and make me proud to be part of such a wonderful organization. There are no adequate words to praise you and all your wonderful activity. I look forward to seeing everyone at the District Conferences and Chapter events over the next few months.

*Ginger Stephens
Virginia Division President*



*Past Presidents of Virginia Division Mrs. James E. (Frances) Lee, 1981-1983, above
Mrs. John G. (Mary) Williams, 1977-1979, left*

BENEDICTION

The following benediction had been selected by Sherry Greshamer to be read at the end of Spring Executive Board before Mary Williams' passing. As Virginia Division daughters mourn Mary, as well as Past Division President Frances Lee, too many Chapter members, and family and friends, the benediction is a poignant reminder that they all live on in the good works, good friends, and loved ones they left behind.

Our Father, we humbly beseech Your help in remembering our past with pride and our obligations to future generations. Help us, we pray, to put aside our own self-interests and to seek peace and harmony as we work together to preserve our Southern heritage. Guide us in all we do that our actions will be acceptable to You. Help us to keep uppermost in our hearts and minds, "Love Makes Memory Eternal."

Mrs. John G. Williams, Sr., President General 1984-1986

VIRGINIA DIVISION NEWS

2018 Convention News:

Reminder: Make your reservation early! The Division Convention is scheduled for 4-7 October, which is not only Columbus Day Weekend, but also the weekend that Notre Dame will be playing Virginia Tech. Virginia Division's room block at the Holiday Inn Roanoke-Valley View has sold out and the hotel cannot add any additional rooms to the block. There is a chance that a few rooms may become available right before Convention, but there is no guarantee since rooms are scarce that weekend. We recommend that reservations be made at the Residence Inn or the Sheraton. These hotels are closest to the Holiday Inn. The Sheraton has a walkway to the Holiday Inn. Please note that Virginia Division has no control over hotel room prices at other hotels in the area. To assist with locating a hotel close to the Holiday Inn, this is their address:

Holiday Inn Roanoke-Valley View
3315 Ordway Drive, Roanoke, VA 24017

From the Virginia Division Vice President:

I have to say that I have been overwhelmed already! I have sent several orders to Mrs. Woodruff already, lost one order in the mail and never received one order that I know of. I am looking for an order still that I have not sent. I would like to remind everyone to be very careful when you count the letters for your engraved pins. You count only letters, periods and dashes. DO NOT COUNT SPACES.

I now have 100 Lee-Traveler pins, 100 Jackson-Little Sorrel pins, and 122 Virginia Division 125th anniversary pins. I hope to sell a lot at the District Conferences; my concern is that I may be too late. I say that because I have been unable to sell any to my own Chapter because Barbara Joyner sold them pins at the 2017 3rd District Conference!

I had the honor of representing our Division President at the Centennial Maury Chapter 2296's December meeting and I was invited to the Caroline Grays Chapter 2473 Christmas meeting. I really enjoyed both events.

I took our Division flags and banner to the Lee-Jackson service at the Old House of Delegates room at the Virginia State Capitol building in January.

Look forward to seeing you all at the District Conferences.

Patt Graves
Vice President

From the Virginia Division 2nd Vice President:

Thanks to all who sent cards at the recent passing of my father. Your prayers and kind words are most appreciated.

Virginia Division scholarship applications are due to me by April 15, 2018. My mailing address is: Debby Mullins, 6017 Clairemont Drive, Owings, MD 20736-4210. Please make sure the packets are completed with the correct number of copies of each item listed on the Checklist and that the sets are collated in the proper order. This is the responsibility of the sponsoring Chapter.

At the Division level, there are four scholarships available for award for academic 2018-2019. Two of those are exclusive to the Virginia Military Institute. So, competition will be great.

Please review the letters/essays submitted by the applicants. The letter is to be a maximum of 300 words. It should pledge to make the best possible use of the opportunity afforded by the UDC scholarship; outline the applicants goals and plans for meeting them; and explain what receiving a UDC scholarship would mean to the applicant. Often, when two applicants are close, this letter can be the tie breaker.

Also, please make sure the Chapter letter of endorsement explains why this candidate is the best choice. It should cite specific examples of the applicant's qualifications.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

*Debby Mullins
2nd Vice President*

From the Virginia Division Registrar

It has been a busy year so far and applications continue to look good. I would like to remind everyone that new member fees for General increased to \$40 on 1 September. Please also ensure that all the necessary signatures are being obtained on page 1 of the new member application. I'm looking forward to attending the upcoming District Conferences and getting to meet a number of you in person.

As our Division President announced in the previous edition of the *Old Dominion Bulletin*, there will be a cash award of \$100 to the Chapter in each District with the largest increase in membership and the Chapter with the largest membership increase in the Division will receive an extra \$200.

From the Virginia Division Registrar (continued) . . .

The Chapter with the most approved applications in each District currently stands as follows:

- ★ 1st District: Jubal Early #553 – 3
- ★ 2nd District: Turner Ashby #162 – 2
- ★ 3rd District: Lunenburg #1654 – 1
- ★ 4th District: Fairfax #1410 and Mary Custis Lee-17th VA Regt #7 – tied with 4 each
- ★ 5th District: Chesterfield #851, Lancaster County #1406, and Williamsburg #637 – tied with 3 each
- ★ 6th District: City Point #2066, Petersburg #155, Stonewall #1388, and Suffolk #173 – tied with 1 each

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, at any time. My phone number is 703-298-1861 and my email is familyhistorians@msn.com. Keep up the good work, ladies and keep the applications coming!

*Pam Taylor
Registrar*

From the Virginia Division Recorder of Military Service Awards:

Ladies, I have received several Memorandum of Fact for Military Service Awards. The Chapter Recorders are doing a very good job, following all instructions for all forms.

Remember, only use the new forms which are on the General website under Recorder of MSA.

- ★ Memorandum of Fact—July 2017
- ★ Checklist—December 2017
- ★ Order form—July 2017
- ★ Recorder Manual—Revised 2017

Only these forms will be accepted. I am attending all District Conferences and will welcome your questions.

*Mary G. Vial
Recorder of Military Service Awards*

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From the Virginia Division Recording Secretary:

Dear Ladies,

Chapter Report packets have been distributed to each District Chairman for all of the Chapters in their District. Each Chapter will receive their packet at your upcoming District conference. Ms. Sharon Loving, Division Historian, provided a mini-Historian's manual for insertion into each Chapter packet as well. Instructions covering all forms in the packet are included in a coversheet and the due dates are listed. All Chapter forms are to be completed and are due to your District Chairman by August 1st 2018. A form where there is no Chapter information to report should be marked "No Report" and sent with all other completed Chapter forms. There are forms that the Chapter is required to send directly elsewhere and the due dates and where to send these forms is clearly noted on the forms themselves.

A Division Convention Call with hotel reservation information is included in each packet. Please make sure to review this information soon to allow ample time for reservations as the hotel in Roanoke may fill up quickly.

Each District Chairman received a District Chairman packet. It contains instructions for preparing District chairman reports including a District narrative, a Minnie C. Eller Banner spreadsheet, a Compiled Statistical spreadsheet, a District Compiled report and an order form for their District's Minutes copies. A checklist was provided to help the Chairmen track each report they receive from the Chapters in their District.

In addition to District reports, each District Chairman will receive and compile all Chapter Committee report forms and send them on to the appropriate Committee Chairmen by the due date. You will notice that there is a letter-size and a legal-size printout of the Chairman's checklist, Minnie E. Eller and Compiled Statistical spreadsheets and you may use either size, based on your preference, as the information is the same on both forms. If you would prefer a digital spreadsheet to download to your computer just let me know and I will gladly email your District's Excel spreadsheets to you.

District Chairmen will be receiving the Minutes orders for their Districts in the next couple of weeks. They will make arrangements to distribute them promptly and have them to you no later than your District Conference. The Minutes contain valuable information needed to assist in Chapter-related work, functions, activities, and UDC endeavors.

I look forward to visiting with many of you at the upcoming District Conferences.

Carla M. Waldron
Division Recording Secretary

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From the Virginia Division Chairman, Bylaws Committee:

The Bylaws Committee wishes you all a Beautiful Spring. We would like to remind everyone that this is a Bylaws year. If you or your Chapter have a proposed Bylaw change to our Division Bylaws please submit it in 3 column format by 1 May 2018. Send to Mrs. David Whitacre, PO Box 557, Cross Junction, VA 22625 or e-mail to whitds@verizon.net.

Should you have any questions please contact me. Also should you have changes or a revision to your Chapter Bylaws, please submit them to the Committee for approval before voting on them at the Chapter level.

We are looking forward to seeing you during our UDC year.

*Susie Whitacre, Chairman
Bylaws Committee*

From the Virginia Division Chairman, Friends of the White House of the Confederacy:

I met with members of the White House Staff and was reassured of the upcoming events and future of the White House and Garden. This is the Bicentennial year of the White House and things will remain the same for the year 2018. The Entrance will be as it has been and the Garden will remain as it has been. The White House is undergoing some renovation in some areas. There is a room downstairs on the basement level that will have artifacts and a story line of the history of the House.

There are many opportunities to support the White House and keep it solvent. The upcoming Garden Party to honor the UDC and major donors to the House will be June 1st from 5 PM until 9 PM. If you plan to attend, please let me know; where food is concerned, numbers are important. The reception is the Friday night before the Massing on Saturday June 2nd. There will be more events to come to support and benefit the House and as UDC members I urge you to support all that you can. UDC Chapters that are members of the Museum can use a room that has been created in the basement of the House for meetings, at no charge. You can also use the Garden for special events.

We must not forget – this is our History and if we do not support it and protect it, who can we blame.

I will give more information as it comes available.

*Barbara Joyner, Chairman
Friends of the White House*

From the Virginia Division Committee on Monuments, Markers and Historic Sites:

The Committee wants to thank President Ginger Stephens for keeping the members informed about the bills in the Virginia General Assembly. We also want to thank the members for being active and voicing your concerns about all War Memorials.

Everyone please be vigilant with constant checking. Be ready for any destructive activity; be prepared for issues; know the correct history. Contact authorities when needed. Even though the law says that War Memorials are protected, we must be watchful to help ensure that ALL are protected. Please continue to document the monuments, markers and memorials in your area.

Teresa Roane is currently working on updating the Confederate memorials and markers in Virginia. We are MONUMENT STRONG!

*Eleanor Price, Chairman
Teresa Roane, Committee Member
Monuments, Markers and Historic Sites*

From the Virginia Division Publicity Committee:

The Division Publicity Committee guidance is out! It has been emailed to District Chairs for distribution and can also be found on the Division website under the Division Forms tab. A brief summary of our responsibilities is listed below but members are encouraged to review the full guidance for specifics. Highlights are:

Publicity Annual Report. The Publicity Committee summarizes information from the Chapter President's Annual reports into a Division-wide report. To assist in assembling all the wonderful information into the Division Press Book, the Publicity Committee urges Chapters to first make a record of their printed press articles/announcement information and then send their printed materials to the Publicity Committee Chair as it is published. Chapters are encouraged to review the full guidance for specifics.

Chapter Newsletter Competition. The Publicity Committee is responsible to organize the Division's Newsletter Competition at the Division Convention. To compete at the Division Convention in October, Chapters need to have produced a minimum of 4 newsletters during the reporting period. There are multiple ways the Newsletters can be entered for this competition, so check the full guidance for specifics.

From the Virginia Division Publicity Committee (continued) . . .

Division Press Book. The Publicity Committee is responsible to organize and assemble the Division Press Book for competition at the General Convention. Division publicity can be submitted by Chapters, District or Division Officers or Division Standing Committee Chairs as appropriate. Check the full guidance for specifics but below are some key reminders:

- ★ We urge you to send press materials to the Publicity Committee Chair throughout the year and not to wait until August. If mailed throughout the year, Chapters will need to keep a listing of each publicity item to complete the Chapter President's Annual Publicity Report.
- ★ Please mail the entire page where your press item appears and don't write on it. Attach notes on separate piece of paper.
- ★ Each news page/publication (whether news, publicity or advertising) needs to have the name of the publication, date published & article title. Articles need to reference a Chapter by name or the UDC organization.
- ★ Included Press Book materials include newspaper announcement, editorial, community interest article or member obituary. If the newspaper obit doesn't mention her UDC membership, check the funeral home website obit. Also included would be any published letter written by a UDC member to a newspaper, magazine or other publication.

We stand by to work with you and together we will have another successful year of getting our stories out to the public. If you have questions or suggestions, don't hesitate to get in touch with us!

- ★ Susan Hudson, Chair – 804-453-9156; karisma@hughes.net
- ★ Bonnie Garber – 540-373-1042; GarberBBF@aol.com
- ★ Marilyn Iglesias – 804-695-2669; ladiesvictorian@hotmail.com

*Susan Hudson, Chairman
Publicity Committee*

From the Virginia Division President, Great Great Great Granddaughters Club:

Members: In the next few weeks please forward your \$7.00 dues to Cheryl Brown Davis at 199 Shade Tree Lane, Heathsville, VA 22473-2351.

If you have a GRGRGReat Grandfather please consider joining our club. Applications can be downloaded from the Virginia Division Website.

*Pam Smith, President
Great Great Great Granddaughters Club*

DISTRICT NEWS

Conference Calls and more at the Virginia Division Website:

The District Conferences are underway. The Conference Calls were distributed via e-mail by the Division's Corresponding Secretary to Chapter Presidents, Past Presidents, and Virginia Division Officers, District Chairmen, and Committee Chairmen (as listed in the Virginia Division Directory). The Conference Calls, Directory, and more can be found on the Virginia Division's website. And any Virginia Division UDC member can request a subscription to receive notices, announcements, and the Old Dominion Bulletin through the website's e-mail distribution list. Go to the "[The Virginia Bulletin \(Announcements\)](#)" tab (url: http://vaudc.org/email_list.html) and answer the questions there to register. When the Virginia Division Webmaster receives a complete request, she verifies your membership status and adds you to the list.

From the Virginia Division Chairman, 1st District:

Greetings, Ladies:

Please be aware that the location for First District Conference hosted by Hamilton Wade Chapter has changed to Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren, Floyd, Virginia. If you have any questions, refer to the First District Conference Call or contact me. I look forward to forward to welcoming you to Floyd County, my home in a beautiful part of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

I would like to remind all of the Chapters in First District to invite me to your Chapter functions. Visiting Chapters was my favorite part of the being District Chairman in my past terms. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything that I can do to help.

*Sue Anne Boothe, Chairman
1st District*

From the Virginia Division President about 2nd District:

In 2017, after several years of struggling to remain a viable District, Second District was in the situation of not having a District Chairman or a Hostess Chapter for their 2018 District Conference. All seven Chapters in Second District were asked to discuss transferring to another District so they could be better supported.

From the Virginia Division President about 2nd District (continued) . . .

All seven Chapters chose a new District and sent notifications to the Virginia Division Executive Committee. The Executive Committee approved the transfers. The final step in the transfer process is approval by each Chapter's new District.

These are the new Districts for each Chapter, pending approval by the new District at their District Conference.

FIRST DISTRICT

Dr. John Thompson #466
Rockbridge #2568

THIRD DISTRICT

General William R. Terry #580
Scottsville #1167

FOURTH DISTRICT

J.E.B. Stuart #156
Turner Ashby #162

FIFTH DISTRICT

Albemarle #154

We hope that these Districts will welcome the former Second District Chapters and provide them with the support they need to continue as vibrant Chapters of the Virginia Division.

*Ginger Stephens, President
Virginia Division*

From the Virginia Division Chairman, 5th District:

The Ladies of the Lancaster County Chapter and I have been busy finalizing the 5th District Conference for March 17th. I hope that many of you attended.

I wanted to thank everyone that contributed to the Point of Rock Marker. Ruth Snead of the Elliott Grays informed me that all of the funds for the Marker have been raised and a celebration has been planned for this summer. We will be letting you know more details soon (but you can mark your calendar for 23 June).

Richmond Stonewall Jackson Chapter 1705 has visited the Riverview Cemetery and found that there is work to be done. Their goal is to raise \$3600 to repair the pyramid, repair concrete, and to reset

From the Virginia Division Chairman, 5th District (continued) . . .

headstones. The cemetery is the burial site for the ladies of the Confederate Home for Women that was located in Richmond, Virginia. There are approximately 120 ladies buried in this plot.

If you would like to contribute, please make checks payable to Richmond Stonewall Jackson Chapter 1705 and put in the memo section Riverview Project. Checks can be sent to Sandy Wright, Chapter President, 16463 Horseshoe Lane, Beaverdam, VA 23015

*Pam Smith, Chairman
5th District*

From the Virginia Division Chairman, 6th District:

It has been 10 years since I last served as a District Chairman, but I enjoyed it then and look forward to the next two years. I hope to be invited to many events.

I attended a nice Christmas party with the Suffolk Chapter, who will be hosting the Sixth District Conference this year. The Conference will be held at the Suffolk Christian Church on April 21. I hope to see many of you there. I represented the Bethel Chapter at Fort Monroe honoring Jefferson Davis. My husband and I attended the ceremony at the Capitol for Lee-Jackson. We had a good size crowd despite the weather, parking, and the governor. The Pickett-Buchanan Chapter had a nice luncheon also honoring Lee, Jackson, and Maury.

Sadly, I attended two funerals in February, Mrs. Betty Hart-Suffolk Chapter and Mrs. Mary Williams-Past President General from Pickett-Buchanan. They will both be missed.

*Sherry Greshamer
Sixth District Chairman*

CHAPTER NEWS

From Albemarle Chapter 154:

Albemarle Chapter 154 ushered in the holiday season with their annual luncheon and gift exchange at Michie Tavern. In January, we joined the Thirteenth Virginia Regiment Chapter 441 members for the Lee-Jackson-Maury Tea at the home of Sharon Chewing in Orange, Virginia. Sharon hosted a lovely tea, and we had a delightful afternoon of tea, crumpets, and conversation.

From Albemarle Chapter 154 (continued) . . .



January's Lee-Jackson-Maury Tea

Beginning at the left and going around the table, Judy Stoneburner (in front in blue with vintage hat), Nancy Maune, Gail Barber, Luvenia Rogers, Lynette Higginbotham (at the head of the table), Brenda Graves (wearing blue fasinator), Pat Grisby, Carol Couch, and Mary Owen (in front in purple).

At our February meeting, Dennis Bigelow spoke to our Chapter about his great-great-grandfather, Colonel Charles Marshall. Colonel Marshall was General Robert E. Lee's personal aide de camp.

As part of our Benevolent activities, Chapter members will be bringing one can of a non-perishable food item to each meeting for the Food Bank. We will also be collecting individual toiletry items for The Haven, stamps off envelopes for the wounded Veterans at a Texas hospital, aluminum pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, and books for the American Legion Post.

*Mary Owen, President
Albemarle Chapter 154*

From Captain Sally Tompkins Chapter 2626:

Members of Captain Sally Tompkins laid a wreath on the grave of Captain Sally at Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery, Williams Wharf Road in Mathews in remembrance of her November 9 birthday.



From Captain Sally Tompkins Chapter 2626 (continued) . . .

Remembering our veterans and service personal is important to our group. Member Theresa Denby is always having us sign cards for service personal and collecting items for the veteran’s hospital. Her Christmas project was to collect underwear for the Hampton Veteran Hospital. Our member from Giles County Helen Beavers with daughter Lisa and granddaughters Emily and Sydney delivered cards to patients in the Roanoke Veterans Hospital.

For Christmas, our bakers were busy making dozens of cookies. Eloise Leslie with help from her UDC grandmother Martha Ellen Traband delivered the goodies to the Mathews Volunteer Rescue Squad, the Mathews Volunteer Fire Department, and residents of the local convalescent home.

Our President Marilyn Iglesias and members Theresa Denby and Martha Frame joined the 201st birthday celebration of Robert E Lee at the Lee Chapel in Richmond on January 19th. They met General Lee’s youngest daughter, Mildred, as portrayed by Nora Brooks. The ladies were accompanied by Casey Frame from the Mathews Lane-Armistead Camp, SCV.

At our Christmas meeting member Diana Swenson had a memorial service and toast in memory of her recently departed husband Art Swenson. Mary Wasenko shared information on how to form a Children of Confederacy Chapter at our February meeting; this is a future goal for our group.



*Eloise Leslie and Richard Miles,
Activities Director for Riverside
Mathews Convalescent Home*



From left: Martha Frame, Marilyn Iglesias, Nora Brooks, Theresa Denby, and Division President Ginger Stephens at Lee-Jackson Day celebration.

We welcome our newest member Deborah Bridgforth who entered on her great-grandfather William Louis Bridgforth, Jr. from Virginia, a member of Allen’s Company Lunenburg Rebel.

Future plans are a Civil War Period Tea, a fashion show, and selecting our next scholarship winner.

*Mary Hunley, Registrar
Captain Sally Tompkins Chapter 2626*

From Centennial-Maury Chapter 2296:

Three new members were welcomed into the Chapter: Sara Anne Lowry, Carolyn Orr, and Patricia W. Bolander who transferred from North Carolina. Supplemental certificates have been presented to Carla Schaaf and Patricia Bolander. Currently we have one prospective member.

Chapter members attended the Lee-Jackson Memorial Ceremony in January at the Virginia State Capitol, at which time a wreath was presented from the Chapter. The Chapter By-Laws have been reviewed, and items have been given to the veterans at the VA Hospital. Our annual auction in October raised over \$500 for the Chapter's scholarship fund.

The Chapter members were honored to have several guests attend our December meeting: Patt Graves, Virginia Division Vice President, who brought greetings from the Division; Pamela Smith, Fifth District Chairman, who brought greetings from the District; Barbara Joyner, Honorary President of General; Teresa Roane, Archivist, UDC Business Office; Betty Smith, Caroline Grays Chapter UDC; Sergeant Major James Haymes, Ronald Graves, Mary Jackson, and Kayla Noe.

Lt. Commander, Travis Toombs, A.P. Hill Camp 167, SCV, presented a three-part program on the dedication of the Jefferson Davis Monument on Monument Avenue at our December meeting. The first part consisted of the involvement of the UDC in raising funds for the erection of the monument. The second part was the description of the monument and its dedication to Southern Womanhood. The third part contained the words of Governor Claude A. Swanson at the dedication of the monument in February 1907.

At the Chapter's annual Holiday luncheon, Cathy Wright, from the American Civil War Museum, gave an interesting and informative program on "The Fall of Atlanta and Gone With the Wind".

Our September meeting also featured a presentation: Judith Ledbetter from the Charles City History Center presented a program on "The Return of Virginia's Lost History" – deeds, marriages, wills, etc., which were stolen by a Union soldier during the War Between the States and eventually returned to Virginia.

*Jean Frawner, President
Centennial-Maury Chapter 2296*

From Fairfax Chapter 1410:



Left to right: Patti Hottel, Trisha Kincheloe, Virginia Norton, Rachel Wills, Claire Bentley, prospective Donna Alligood, Jennifer Smith

Members of the Fairfax Chapter 1410 enjoyed a Christmas themed-meeting at the home of long time member Patti Hottel of Fairfax. The Chapter was excited to welcome two new members in 2017. And four new member applications were submitted. Two new prospective members attended the meeting and were welcomed by all, including Chapter President Virginia Norton who also serves as Fourth District Chairman.

*Jennifer Smith, Vice President
Fairfax Chapter 1410*

From Farmville Chapter 45:

The Farmville Chapter had our annual Christmas Luncheon at Merk's Place in Farmville, Virginia on 13 December. We took up money to give to one of our members who is unable to attend meetings and signed a Christmas card for her. We also exchanged Christmas cards with each other, and Flora Bolt provided everyone with candy. We had a awesome day together and took a picture with Santa Claus.



Left to right: Lynne Pridgen, Kay Powell, Santa Claus, Susan Reynolds, Deserae Bowlin, and Deborah Lundeen. Seated is: Flora Bolt

We are now working on the Third District Conference, which will be on 7 April 7 at the Train Station In Farmville. During 2018 we will continue meeting every second Wednesday at the Farmville Prince Edward Community Library at 2 PM. We welcome all who would like to join us, and we are always looking for new members.

*Susan Reynolds, President
Farmville Chapter45*

From Fredericksburg Chapter 163:

On Saturday, January 20, the Fredericksburg Chapter met for their monthly meeting. Based on the Historian General's suggested programs, the theme was the boyhood of Jackson. Craig Rains fascinated us with the early childhood (or not much of one) of Thomas Jonathan Jackson – birth, death, remarriages, moves, relatives, etc. One of TJ's happiest was across the North Fork River from his relative's home under some trees (an aha moment for some) when he was about 12. Craig started his talk with the wounding in May of 1863 – his great grand uncle administered the chloroform to Jackson when his arm was amputated. He then went back to the beginning. At the end he came back to May 1863 and quoted Jackson's last, clear words – "Let us cross the river and rest under the trees." Many of us got goosebumps at that moment. With Jackson's bad childhood, he came out with three strong traits: inborn temperament, presence of helpful adults, and sense of self-esteem; three traits that helped make him a successful leader. After that powerful talk, we sang "Happy Birthday" to him and Robert E. Lee and had cake and ice cream.



From left: Chapter President Milbrey Bartholow, speaker Craig Rains, and Historian Susan Harvin.

As a result of the contact with Craig and him having an ancestor in the CSA, we will be honoring him with a medal for service during Viet Nam.

*Milbrey A Bartholow, President
Fredericksburg Chapter163*

From General William R. Terry Chapter 580:



Last fall, the General William R. Terry Chapter joined with the Bedford Rifle Grays Sons of Confederate Veterans, the Mary Oney Fizer Chapter of the Children of the Confederacy, the proposed Bedford Chapter of the Order of Confederate Rose, and the family of Confederate Veteran Beverly Ryland Jeter in a tombstone dedication service, honoring his service.

Beverly, born in 1817, was the sixth of eight children born to Sovereign and Elizabeth Bell Jeter. He grew up on the land



From General William R. Terry Chapter 580 (continued) . . .

that his father inherited from his grandfather Henry Jeter. When Virginia called for men to fight to defend the Commonwealth, he enlisted in the local militia and was able to defend his home county of Bedford. His brother Allen Presley served in his same unit; his nephews Tinsley and William served in other units. William lost his life at the Battle of Cedar Run in August 1862.



After the War, Jeter lived in the Chamblissburg area for many years. He died on April 7, 1905 and is buried in the Jeter family cemetery in Blount, Bedford County, Virginia with his wife, the former Mary Cofer, whom he married on 23 December 1841; they did not have any children.

*Jennifer Thomson, President
General William R. Terry Chapter 580*

Left to right: Ciara Routon, Nate Thomson, and Johnny Denny. Amber Smith is in front. Johnny is a Cadet member of the SCV and associate member of the CoC; Ciara, Nate, and Amber are CoC officers.

From Halifax Chapter 1321:



May Wade Oliver James (center) with her children: Stover James, Jr. (left), Wendy Woltz (right), and John Banks James (back).

At the November 2017 meeting, members gathered together at Roma's Italian Restaurant to celebrate May Wade Oliver James' 92nd birthday. May is the Chapter's oldest member in both years and length of membership. Her birthday is November 9, 1925, and she joined Halifax 1321 on December 18, 1960 on great-great uncle Richard Alexander Stanford's service in Company H, 24th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry.

Everyone brought a wrapped Christmas ornament or decoration for May to open & place on a miniature Christmas tree. Her children were there to help her celebrate. The Chapter also served birthday cake to conclude the festivities.

*Janet Perkins
Chapter Registrar, Halifax 1321*

From Jefferson Davis Chapter 2477:



Jefferson Davis #2477 held their Christmas social/dinner meeting on December 13th at Porky's Restaurant in Galax. Some Christmas gifts, cheer and stories were shared. Our program "Christmas During the Civil War" was given by Linda Richardson. After the program we talked about our families spending time away from loved ones during Christmas, especially as a child; but we could not image what they went through during the War Between the States. We had a wonderful time together and made upcoming plans for the New Year.

*Susan Story, President
Jefferson Davis Chapter 2477*

From Lancaster County Chapter 1406:

Over the last several months, members have enjoyed interesting programs at our monthly meetings. Author Preston Nuttall talked about his most recent book, *The Blockade Runner, A Historical Novel*, which is based on the true adventures of Thomas E. Taylor and other notables of the time such as Confederate spy, Rose O’Neale Greenhow. Maddie Wood from the American Civil War Museum (ACWM) in Richmond gave an insightful presentation, “In Perpetuity: Programming and Preservation of the White House of the Confederacy” that provided a brief history of the House as well as current renovation plans.



Bonnie Daughtry, President of the Rebecca Lloyd Tabb Chapter in Gloucester presented “Victorian Mourning Practices of the 19th Century in America” which highlighted how Queen Victoria’s mourning practices after the death of her beloved Prince Albert on 14 December 1861 were adopted across the South. These deep-seated practices perhaps help to further explain why it was so important to southern women to erect memorials to their war dead as the way to show respect for the loss of their love ones and pay tribute to their men that never returned home.

Our members have also supported patriotic and benevolent activities at the Lancashire Convalescent and Rehabilitation Center in Kilmarnock. We hosted a Veteran’s Day program and everyone attending the ceremony was given an American flag. The seven veterans at the Center were given a Certificate of Appreciation and an American lapel pin. On Dec 13th, members brought in an assortment of everything that sparkles and assisted residents in making Christmas ornaments. A total of 30 ornaments were made at the workshop, every resident was given a Christmas card from the Chapter, and the group made sure each veteran at the Center was given a special ornament and card.

From Lancaster County Chapter 1406 (continued) . . .

On Feb 12th, we hosted a “Make your Valentine a Valentine Workshop” and members supplied all the craft materials and assisted residents in creating their very own valentine before assembling special valentines to all the veterans staying at the Center.



The Chapter is proud to report that the proceeds of a holiday fundraiser netted \$253 dollars which was donated between the Lee Chapel at Washington & Lee University and the Woodbury Forest

School project supporting the Journey Thru Hallowed Grounds Living Legacy Project. Our members participated and attended the Lee-Jackson Day Observance in the Old House of Delegates Chamber on Jan 12th and attended the Appomattox Civil War Seminar on Feb 3rd in Farmville.

Additionally, we are supporting 5th District Chair, Pamela Smith in hosting the 5th District Conference on March 17th in Kilmarnock. We are looking forward to welcoming you to the Northern Neck and hope to see you there.

Keeping the faith in the Northern Neck as we ‘Honor and Remember’!

*Susan Hudson, President
Lancaster County Chapter 1406*



See BSCMstatepark.com for information about the initiative to make these battlefields Virginia’s next state park.

See [Brandy Station](#) and [Cedar Mountain](#) for more information about these significant battles.

From Manassas Chapter 175:



President General Pat Bryson (and Manassas Chapter Historian) presents Melyssa Webb, newest member of the Chapter, with her certificate. The Chapter's festive December meeting was held at the home of our President, Suzanne Parker (in front row, below, holding her Yorkies, next to Carol Wolfe, Pat Bryson, and Kitty Stapleton; Grace Karish and Liz Shifflett are behind Kitty on the stairs; second row, left to right, are Tammy (Lunceford) White, Joanne Lunceford, Melyssa Webb, Suzan Mahan, and Audrey McGlynn). It was a joyous occasion, made poignant in retrospect with the passing of Carol on 11 February 2018.

*Liz Shifflett, Corresponding Secretary
Manassas Chapter 175*



From Southern Cross Chapter 746:



Southern Cross Chapter 746 in Salem enjoyed a visit in February from Confederate reenactor Doug Camper, whose mother Anne is a Chapter member. Doug spoke to the group about the various “uniforms” worn by Confederate soldiers during the duration of the War. He arrived dressed in the attire of a soldier, including a depot jacket and “slouch hat.” Confederate uniforms were handmade, and will all the supplies added on could weigh up to 60-70 pounds! Many soldiers had to wear civilian clothes. Once a quarter, they were given new uniforms, which when exposed to the elements, usually lasted only 1½ months.



Another recent activity of the Chapter was the gift of two engraved pavers to the Salem Museum. Chapter meetings are now held at the Salem Museum. Members contributed to the purchase of these pavers to honor two of their hard-working members: Avis Hunt and Dolores Smith.

*Sharon Rose, President
Southern Cross Chapter 746*

From Stonewall Chapter 1388:

Sons of Confederate Veterans 13th Mechanized Cavalry Camp 9 invited UDC Stonewall Chapter 1388 to participate in their Cross of Honor and Wreath Dedication Ceremony.

The ceremony was held 17 February at Oak Grove Cemetery in Portsmouth, Virginia. Denise Harrell, member, and Cookie Batten, prospective member, attended the SCV breakfast meeting (held immediately before the ceremony), where Frank Earnest spoke on “The Confederate Crisis.”

*Members of the 13th Mechanized
Cavalry provided period music
for the ceremony.*



From Stonewall Chapter 1388 (continued) . . .



Debbie Hughson and Denise Harrell (in mourning attire) give the Dedication for the Crosses of Honor.

Stonewall Chapter President Nancy Leonard, Vice President, Registrar and Chaplain Denise Harrell, and Historian Debbie Hughson attended the ceremony. After our Chapter wreath was presented, Debbie Hughson read the Dedication for the Crosses of Honor and Denise Harrell read the Benediction.

Confederate Heroes that were honored are Joseph Skeeter, Co. C, 13th VA Cavalry; Robert Ridley, a VMI cadet at the battle of New Market, Corporal Co. C and teamster for Co. H, 13th VA Cavalry; and John M. Goodwin, III, 13th VA Cavalry. Period music was performed by members of the SCV Camp. It was an honor for us to be involved in this meaningful ceremony.

*Debbie Hughson, Historian
Stonewall Chapter 1388*

From Turner Ashby Chapter 162:

We are now in a brand new year and can hardly believe that it is 2018. Last year passed so quickly and was so full of interesting events and programs.

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From Turner Ashby Chapter 162 (continued) . . .

The first part of December our Chapter collected canned food for the Valley Mission (a shelter for the homeless), which was greatly appreciated, since they were housing 58 people at that time, 12 of them were children.

For our December meeting, Chapter members enjoyed a wonderful Christmas Tea held at the Historical Society Museum in Dayton, Virginia. Everyone enjoyed a delicious Tea and then took part in decorating a Christmas Tree with paper ornaments with our Confederate ancestors names on them. The tree was beautiful and stayed in the Museum throughout the Christmas Holiday.



The December meeting of Turner Ashby Chapter 162. Photo provided by Nancy Beaton.

Our Lee, Jackson, Maury Luncheon scheduled for the 6th of January was cancelled due to extreme weather (minus zero digits!!). This event has been rescheduled for April 14th; Col. Keith E. Gibson will speak on "Little Sorrel." At our February meeting, we had a Valentine Exchange, just like we had in grade school, and enjoyed remembering all the fun we had at Valentine Parties when we were children.

Now, we are moving forward into this new year and anticipating some great programs, events, and trips. May each of you enjoy the days to come as the earth slowly wakes up and the warmer Spring weather fills our hearts with hope. Many Blessings to each of you!

*Sue Ann Sheets, President
Turner Ashby Chapter 162*

FLYERS & MORE

RESTORATION of the Riverview Ladies Memorial Pyramid

RIVERVIEW CEMETERY, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

In the mid 1920's a plot of land located in Riverview Cemetery, was donated to the Richmond Chapter #158 UDC by the R.E. Lee Camp Soldier's Home to provide burial sites for the ladies of the Confederate Home for Women.

These ladies (daughters, widows and granddaughters of Confederate Veterans) had resided at the Confederate Home for Women (previously know as the Confederate Home for Needy Ladies) on North Sheppard Street, Richmond, Virginia.

At some time after the 1920s, the pyramid was erected as a monument to the ladies.

There are approximately 120 ladies buried in this plot, their graves dating from the mid 1920's to the late 1990's.

Time and weather has taken its toll on the pyramid, concrete work and headstones. The mortar holding the pyramid



stones together has begun to crumble with age and fall out, leaving the internal structure exposed to the elements, particularly water when freezing and thawing can cause the stones to crack. Likewise the concrete work around the plot has

suffered as well. The sidewalk and surrounding curbing of the plot are in disrepair. A portion of the curbing has been completely broken apart and the step and "name plate" of the site is beginning to crumble. The headstones need to be reset and leveled to prevent damage from lawn care equipment.

These ladies were devoted to our Confederate Veterans and many were the steel magnolias that kept the South together during reconstruction and beyond.

It is only fitting for their final resting place to be maintained and cared for.

It is our goal to raise \$3,600 to make repairs to the pyramid, concrete work and for the resetting of the headstones.

Let's all get behind this!!

We would love to begin work this spring. If we all pitch in, we can make it happen!

To Donate: make checks payable to:

Richmond-Stonewall Jackson Chapter #1705
(Please note "Riverview Project" on the memo line)

PLEASE NOTE: Any funds received beyond our goal amount, will be earmarked for future work at the Riverview site, such as flags and additional grave markers.

Mail to:

Richmond-Stonewall Jackson Chapter #1705
Attn: Sandy Wright, Chapter President
16463 Horseshoe Lane
Beaver Dam, VA 23015



PYRAMID RESTORATION

As you can see from the images, the mortar between the stone blocks has begun to crumble and fall out.

1. front view of pyramid
2. front below plaque area - no mortar is in some areas
3. front above plaque area - mortar loose and missing.
4. at the upper part of the image is a previous attempt at repairs that has also begun to deteriorate.



CONCRETE RESTORATION

The concrete around the Confederate Women's plot is in bad shape.

Here are a few of the issues:

5. view of sidewalk leading to pyramid.
6. edge of step top layer of concrete crumbling off
7. outer curbing broken
8. sidewalk - cracked and crumbling
9. outer curbing tilting outward.



HEADSTONES

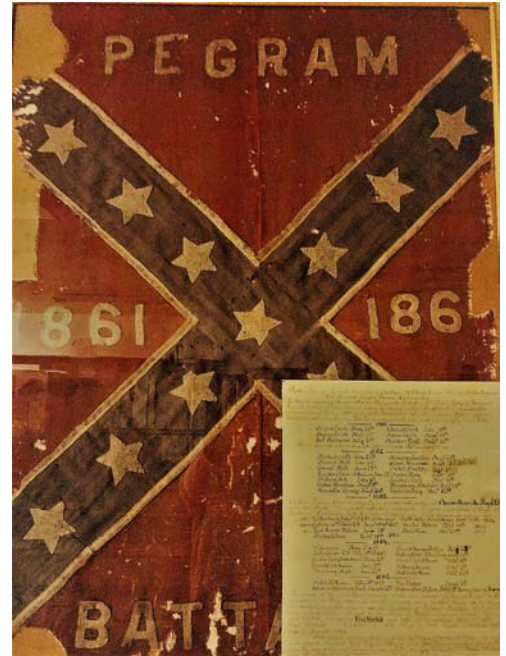
In image 10, the headstones are tilted and in disarray. These are to be straightened and leveled to prevent further damage by lawn care equipment.

President's Project – Pegram Battery Battle Flag Conservation

The Virginia Division President's Project is to raise the funds needed for the conservation of the Pegram Battery Battle Flag, which will be just under \$11,000. The Virginia Division voted to conserve this flag several years ago. The Executive Board approved the raising of the funds as the President's Project in February 2018.

The Flag:

Framed and on public display in the Confederate Memorial Museum in Front Royal (the Warren Rifles Museum), the flag is part of the R.E. Lee Camp No. 1, UCV, properties placed in the museum. It measures 36" wide by 48" high.



The Man: William Ransom Johnson Pegram

Known as Willie (or Willy), William Ransom Johnson Pegram was an important young artillery officer in the Army of Northern Virginia. Born in a house along Main Street in Richmond, Pegram was a student at the UVA law school and he enlisted in Richmond's Purcell Artillery in April 1861. He gained a reputation for his utter fearlessness in battle and his extreme nearsightedness that required him to wear his gold-rimmed spectacles even in the heat of battle.

Pegram fought in virtually every major action in which the Army of Northern Virginia was engaged. He rose from private to colonel of artillery in command of 60 guns, and he was considered the best gunner in the Army of Northern Virginia.

Pegram once stated, "Men, whenever the enemy takes a gun from my battery, look for my dead body in front of it." On April 1, 1865, at the Battle of Five Forks, Pegram was found wounded beside one of his guns. He died the next morning and was buried in Hollywood Cemetery.

2018 VIRGINIA DIVISION CALENDAR

April 2018

- 7th** (Saturday), 3rd District Conference, Hostess Chapters: Farmville #45 & Lunenburg #1654
Farmville Historic Train Station, 510 West 3rd St., Farmville
- 8th** (Sunday, 2 PM), Appomattox #11 Annual Memorial Service, Appomattox Cemetery
- 14th** (Saturday), 4th District Conference, Hostess Chapters: Fairfax #1410 &
General Robert E. Lee #233; Army-Navy Country Club, 3315 Old Lee Hwy, Fairfax
- 14th** (Saturday), Turner Ashby #162 “Lee, Jackson, Maury – Our Heritage Luncheon” (rescheduled
from 6 January), Historical Society Museum in Dayton
- 15th** (Sunday, 2 PM), Historic Marker for Brigadier General William Richard Terry, Unveiling
Ceremony, Oakwood Plantation, 1230 Oakwood St., Bedford
- 21st** (Saturday), 6th District Conference, Hostess Chapter: Suffolk #173, Suffolk Christian Church,
216 N Main St., Suffolk
- 28th** (Saturday), 1st District Conference, Hostess Chapter: Hamilton Wade #949
Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren, 409 Ridgeview Road NW, Floyd

May 2018

- 27th** (Sunday, 2:30 PM), J.E.B. Stuart #156 Memorial Day Service, Thornrose Cemetery in Staunton
- 29th** (Tuesday, 2 PM), Memorial Day Service, Confederate Memorial Chapel
2918 Grove Ave., Richmond, Virginia

June 2018

- 1st** (Friday, 5–9), Garden Party, White House of the Confederacy (see page 7; RSVP required)
- 2nd** (Saturday), Massing of the Flags, UDC Memorial Building, Richmond
- 3rd** (Sunday), Memorial Ceremony, Arlington National Cemetery’s Confederate Monument
- 6th** (Wednesday, 7 PM), Turner Ashby #184, 152nd Annual Confederate Memorial Day Service,
Stonewall Cemetery, Mt. Hebron Cemetery, 305 East Boscawen Street, Winchester
- 9th** (Saturday), Virginia Division CofC Convention, Warren Rifles Museum, Front Royal
- 23rd** (Saturday, 9–2), Point of Rocks Marker Celebration, Point of Rocks Park, Chester, Virginia
10 AM: Teresa Roane, speaker

July–December 2018

- July 19th–22nd** (Thursday–Sunday), CofC General Convention, Dallas, Texas
- July 21st** (Saturday), Battle of First Manassas Commemoration, Manassas National Battlefield Park
- October 4th–7th** (Thursday–Sunday), Virginia Division Convention
Holiday Inn Roanoke - Valley View, 3315 Ordway Drive, NW, Roanoke
- November 1st–5th** (Thursday–Monday), UDC General Convention
Omni Richmond Hotel, 100 S 12th Street, Richmond

BIRTHDAYS OF NOTE

April 2018

15th (1926), Mrs. Lucyle Bishop Arata, Ladies of the Plains 2696, Kansas Chapter with No Division
111 Indigo Cove Place, Melbourne Beach, Florida 32951 (Real Daughter)

May 2018

9th (1921), Mrs. Iva Lee Benson Gainey, Johnston Pettigrew Chapter 95, North Carolina Division
Gainey Senior Citizens Village, 504 Canal Dr., Room 101, Dunn, NC 28335 (Real Daughter)

26th (1924), Mrs. Reba Bishop Scott, Ladies of the Plains 2696, Kansas Chapter with No Division
725 Jordan Mill Road, Sandersville, Georgia 31082-7100 (Real Daughter)

31st, 101st birthday of Georgia DeHaven Adams, Wappacomo Hall #389,
300 Westminster Canterbury Dr., Winchester, VA 22603 (Real Granddaughter)

August 2018

2nd (1930), Mrs. Rachel Elaine Blackwell South, Madison-Mayodan Grays 2569, NC Division
1328 Delaware Avenue, Eden, North Carolina 27288-3872 (Real Daughter)

September 2018

23rd (1935), Mrs. Sammy Hynds Harrison, Abner Baker #1404, Tennessee Division
3210 Ash Park, Apt. 36, Richland Hills, Texas 76118-6317 (Randolph Relief)

October 2018

1st (1917), Mrs. Myrtice Sims Powell, Pensacola 298, Florida Division
c/o Hilda Jordan, 3211 Dunaway Lane, Pensacola, FL 32526-9325 (Real Daughter)

2nd (1924), Mrs. Willie Chapman Aiken, Emma Sansom #2564, Georgia Division
3590 Rivers End Place, Buford, GA 30519 (Real Daughter)

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY

Marion Conrad – 104 on 30 March! Real Granddaughter and member of
the Mary Custis Lee-17th Virginia Regiment Chapter 7.



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NOTICES

15 April, Division Scholarship applications due to Division Second Vice President

1 May, Proposed Bylaw Changes to Division Bylaws Committee (see article, page 8)

1 June, Due date for Division Club dues

1 June, Deadline for articles/pictures for the June issue of the *Old Dominion Bulletin*

DISTRICT CONFERENCES

(Also listed in the Calendar, page 32)

1st District: 28 April, Hostess Chapter: Hamilton Wade #949
Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren, 409 Ridgeview Road NW, Floyd

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Farmville Historic Train Station, 510 West 3rd St., Farmville

4th District: 14 April, Hostess Chapters: Fairfax #1410 & General Robert E. Lee #233
Army-Navy Country Club, 3315 Old Lee Hwy, Fairfax

5th District: *held 17 March, Hostess Chapter: Lancaster County #1406*

6th District: 21 April, Hostess Chapter: Suffolk #173, Suffolk Christian Church,
216 N Main St., Suffolk

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<http://www.hqudc.org> (General) <http://vaudc.org> (Virginia Division)

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