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FROM THE VIRGINIA DIVISION PRESIDENT:



At the 4th District Conference, April 13th

I would like to start my report by thanking all of the Chapters who hosted such wonderful District Conferences this spring. I know how much effort went into the planning to make them successful and all the hard work is most appreciated. It is hard to believe that summer is almost here and we soon be at the Battle of First Manassas Commemoration. I would like to encourage everyone to attend and support this annual event.

We have had mixed updates from the ongoing efforts to protect Confederate monuments in Virginia. We received some good news from Charlottesville. The judge ruled that the Lee and Jackson statues are monuments to war veterans. This means that they are covered under Virginia Statute 15.2-1812. However, we have many more motions that the judge must address before the trial is scheduled

to start in September. The SCV presented their legal team with a check for \$150,000 at their Division Convention in late April. That was for the cost that has already been incurred. The SCV expects to need another \$100,000 to continue the fight. Please continue to help the SCV as much as possible as we continue to defend our heritage.

We received some disturbing news on the Jefferson Davis Arch at Fort Monroe. Governor Ralph S. Northam has requested that the Arch be removed and the Fort Monroe Authority voted to start review process to determine if the Arch can be removed. I hope you saw my letter to the Governor that I mailed on behalf of Virginia Division. If you have not already written to the contacts for the multiple groups involved in the Fort Monroe decision, please take time to do that. We have learned from our interactions with the General Assembly that speaking up does help in these situations. We need to make sure that our elected officials and their appointees know that they represent all the

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people of Virginia. They cannot overlook our opinions to placate a vocal minority. We must let them know that we see their efforts for what they are: a diversion from the real issues that face Virginia today. Removing Confederate monuments will not address the shortfalls in our infrastructure or our schools. It won't feed the poor or lower the crime rate. Perhaps if Governor Northam and the General Assembly focused on those issues, instead of eradicating history, we might all live in a more harmonious society where the history of all is respected.

We also received an update from the attorney who indicated that he would take the case against Arlington County for the removal of the plaque from Bluemont Park on a pro bono basis. After he examined the delaying tactics employed in Charlottesville, he determined that he could not afford a protracted pro bono lawsuit. So, we are looking for other alternatives. If anyone is aware of an attorney who may be able to assist with this case, please let me know.

I also hope that everyone will plan to join us for the annual commemoration of the Battle of First Manassas on Saturday, July 20, 2019. We have an excellent speaker planned for this year. Rob Rasnake will be portraying General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson. We will also have the Sons of Union Veterans and the Daughters of Union Veterans joining us, along with members of the DC Division.

In October, Virginia Division will elect new Division Officers. I will reiterate my request that each member consider what Offices they may be qualified to hold and think about serving Virginia Division as an Officer for the 2019–2021 term. In the current climate, it can be a little frightening for some to think about holding Office at the Division level. But, we must each do what we can do to keep the UDC strong and a force for good, positive change.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for everything that they do for our organization. These are trying times, but we are strong and we will endure. We must encourage and support each other. We are all united by our common history and love of our Confederate ancestors. While the journey to a positive image for the UDC will be a long one, we are on the right path. We must remain focused and not let outside pressures discourage us. It is up to all of us to ask the question "What would Janet Randolph do?" Our strength of purpose will be tested, but it will not be overcome. All of us need to remember that the Founding Mothers of the UDC faced opposition as they built the organization. They were strong women with a purpose, and so are we.

Ginger Stephens
Virginia Division President

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VIRGINIA DIVISION NEWS

Convention News

From the Convention Chairman... The 124th Virginia Division Convention will be October 3–6, 2019 in Herndon, Virginia at the Westin Washington Dulles Hotel. This is an important Convention because we will be electing our Division officers to lead us through the next two years.

We have excellent room rates: \$89 plus taxes per night for a single or double room (say you are with Virginia Division to get the special rate). We filled our initial block quickly and have just added more rooms to the Convention room block – if you're planning on attending, reserve your room today! The hotel is great, as is the food. It's easy to get to and the parking is free in the attached garage. Just ask anyone who stayed there for the Fourth District Conference!

Reservations may be made by calling or emailing before September 4, 2019.

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(say you are with Virginia Division, in case they still have rooms at our special rate)

Northern Virginia is rich in Confederate history. After all, Lee's Army was "The Army of Northern Virginia"! We've chosen the theme, "Southern Heroines: Smugglers and Spies" because there were many women in this area who smuggled and spied for the Confederacy. So make your plans now to join us and take advantage of the area at a beautiful time of year and to vote for our new Division officers.

*Virginia Norton
Convention Chair*

From the Division Page Chairman...

CALL FOR PAGES!

This is the Call for Pages for the Division Convention to be held at Herndon October 3–6, 2019.

No experience is necessary. You do not need your Chapter endorsement. Just sign up! This is a great way for a new member to learn how the organization works. You will meet a lot more people than if you just attended with your Chapter. Once you have paged, you can go to any other Division event and be certain that you will know somebody there. You can also page if you are a Chapter officer or

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delegate. You do not have to serve at every session. We have a special need for Pages on Friday night and Saturday morning.

The duties are mainly to keep the business sessions running smoothly and setting up for the special events. Fetching water, passing communications between members, handing out awards, handing out programs, seating people, answering questions from attendees. On-the-job training will be provided. Read the *Page Manual* on the [UDC General website](#) under *Forms* for more information.

The biggest commitment is the proper Page attire. You must wear white/off-white skirts (no slacks) and tops along with white/off-white shoes and hose. Formal or semi-formal attire is required for Historical Evening. (Skirt length should be mid-calf length or longer.) A white hat for the Memorial Service is also required. White gloves are to be worn at all times.

I ask that Chapter Presidents encourage members to consider this opportunity to serve the Division. If you are interested in being a Page or have any questions, contact Sharon Crockett at sharon.crockett@gmail.com

*Sharon Crockett, Chairman
Division Page*

From the Virginia Division 2nd Vice President:

District Conferences are now over. I would like to take the opportunity to address some comments and questions I received regarding scholarships. Hopefully, this information will be valuable going forward.

Our Chapter is small. We cannot afford to sponsor a scholarship applicant.

There is no financial obligation on the part of the sponsoring Chapter. UDC General and Virginia Division scholarship funds come from a variety of sources. Some are endowed by the schools, some come from the State Education Fund, others come from the income on investments of individual scholarship funds. If a Chapter would like to donate to any of the scholarship funds, please let us know. We happily take donations.

We don't have time.

"...to assist descendants of worthy Confederates in securing proper education..." It is right there in the mission statement. Education is one of our objectives. Please do not fail to satisfy that objective. Both

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the UDC General and Virginia Division scholarship forms are four pages. The first page is a checklist. The application and the financial statement should be completed by the applicant and his or her family. The sponsoring Chapter should make sure all the blanks have been filled in. The lineage page may require you to assist the applicant. If one has never done genealogy, “proof” may be a new concept. This is not like a new member application. Much less documentation is required and much of it can be found on ancestry.com. You do not need to prove when or where someone was born. You merely need to link generations. Beyond that, the sponsoring Chapter needs to write a letter of endorsement and collate the packet.

We do not know this applicant. We cannot write a letter of endorsement. The applicant lives too far away. The applicant must come to a Chapter meeting.

In the famous words of the late Patt Graves, “you are not paying bail for these folks.” You do need to somehow be in contact so that a proper letter can be written. This may be done by telephone, internet, or meeting at the local Starbucks. I have asked applicants to send a resume, pulled interesting things from there, and asked for more information. As for distance, the Second Vice President General referred a student to us who lives in rural Idaho. So, an hour away should not deter you. If your Chapter meets during the week, and the applicant is a high school student, requiring them to attend a meeting may not be a good idea. Please be accommodating. This applicant and/or family members may be potential Chapter members.

The applicant must join UDC. The applicant may not be a UDC member.

There is no requirement either for a UDC General or Virginia Division scholarship that the applicant be a UDC member. Scholarships are open to UDC and CofC members, and anyone else with a 3.0 GPA and an acceptable lineal Confederate ancestor. If the applicant is not a UDC member, do not squander a recruiting opportunity!

UDC scholarships are for history majors only.

While we do have scholarships for students majoring in history, we also have them for engineering students, nursing students, law students, liberal arts, and other courses of study.

If the student our Chapter has sponsored receives a scholarship, what is our responsibility after that?

Good news! The answer is your job is done! Once the Education Committee has made a decision, the student and the sponsoring Chapter will be notified in writing. After that, the student deals with the

From the Virginia Division 2nd Vice President (continued) . . .

UDC Second Vice President General or the Division Second Vice President. The sponsoring Chapter has no further responsibilities. Students will be informed either by UDC General or Virginia Division what they must do each semester to retain their award.

The recipient must reapply each year.

This is incorrect. Scholarships at the General and Division level are, with certain exceptions, intended for four years of study. There are some awards that go through graduate school. Again, the student will be informed by General or Division what must be done to retain the award for the next academic year.

Our Chapter sponsored an applicant once. The student did not receive a scholarship.

Scholarships become available as students graduate or leave school. Most years, there are more applicants than there are awards. Last year, there were seventeen General scholarships available. Virginia Division sent in twelve applications. Three students received awards. That was more than any other Division. For academic 2019–2020, Virginia Division has three scholarships available. One of those is school and curriculum specific. One is for a two-year community college. We have approximately six applicants for one award that may be used at any Virginia school for any course of study. For academic 2020–2021, we will have five awards. Three of those are school and/or curriculum specific. That leaves two awards that are for any student anywhere in the state. Please do not let this deter you from submitting applications. Please do strive to put the best possible scholarship packet together for consideration by the Education Committee. Students attending in school in Virginia should complete both a UDC General and a Virginia Division scholarship application to have the best chance of receiving an award. If they do not receive a scholarship the first time they apply, they should apply again the next year.

*Debby Mullins
2nd Vice President*

From the Virginia Division Historian:

Hello Ladies. I so enjoyed visiting all the District Conferences, traveling across Virginia. Thank you for all of your hard work and hospitality. My traveling companion, Mary Wasenko, and I have great stories for each trip. I am looking forward to reading about all your historical endeavors from the past year and I thank you for that work and taking the time to report it. I am presently working on a Jefferson Davis

From the Virginia Division Historian (continued) . . .

Historical Gold Medal to a deserving individual which I hope to award at Division Convention. I hope you have a great summer and hope to see many of you at Division Convention in October, especially at Historical Evening.

For District Chairmen, I just want to remind you to send me the Criteria for the Alice Whitley Jones Banner, the UDC Statistical Requirements for Historian General's Award, and I also get the Southern Art & Literature Reports. Thanks and see you soon!

*Sharon Loving
Historian*

From the Virginia Division Custodian:

Ladies, it was great seeing you at the District meetings. It was wonderful meeting new members and renewing friendships. I want to thank you for making the Conferences so successful by buying supplies, supporting the Monument Defense Fund, Lee Chapel and the President's project. The total amount of sales was \$1,911! Thank you once again and I look forward to seeing you at the Convention in October. Have a wonderful summer!

*Teresa Roane
Custodian*

Lee Tree Pen

You'll be able to purchase T-shirts and more at the Division sales table at the Virginia Division Convention in October. It will also be where you can enter your bid on the last available Lee Tree pen.

In October 2017, one of the oaks that Robert E. Lee had planted at Washington & Lee University (then Washington College) was toppled by a wind storm. Division President Ginger Stephens was able to obtain one log from the tree,



Teresa at the Division sales table at the 2nd District Conference. Pictured on the T-shirt is Caleb Glover, who is wearing a Southern Cross of Honor. Visit his [Find-a-Grave memorial](#) for more information about him.

Lee Tree Pen (continued) . . .

and she had nine pens made from the wood. Eight of the nine pens have been sold or auctioned, with the proceeds donated to Lee Chapel at Washington & Lee University. Proceeds from the ninth pen will also go to Lee Chapel.

The final Lee Tree pen will be a silent auction item at the Division Custodian's table at the Virginia



Division Convention in Herndon. So, if you missed your chance to get a Lee Tree pen at the District Conferences, you have another chance. Bidding will start at \$50.

From the Virginia Division Corresponding Secretary:

It was wonderful seeing everyone at the District Conferences. For me, the highlight of the Conferences was Teresa Roane's presentation on Confederate History and UDC History. In case you missed it, Teresa generously shared her notes and information, which Division President Ginger Stephens distributed via e-mail on Mother's Day. If you missed that as well, it's posted [here](#).

Also at the District Conferences, Recording Secretary Carla Waldron provided errata sheets for the 2018 Division Minutes. Carla provided me a copy (as of 25 March 2019) and a second document that corrects the alignment of some of the tables in the Minutes, which I e-mailed earlier this month to the ODB distribution list.

Chapter Presidents – if you or your e-mail address is new, please let me know.

And thank you all so much for your cards and prayers – and for your patience! I'm doing amazingly well with my new hip!

Liz Shifflett
Corresponding Secretary

From the Patriotic Activities Committee:

Chapter Presidents, please note that you will have two forms to fill out for Patriotic Activities. One form is the Patriotic Activities Form in your packet and other is the VAVS form. District Chairmen, both of these forms come to me as Chairman, Patriotic Activities Committee for Virginia Division.

From the Patriotic Activities Committee (continued) . . .

A couple of reminders follow. All activities pertaining to VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) should be reflected on the **VAVS form**. That includes such things as donations to VA Medical Centers, representatives to VAVS Committees, VA Medical Center volunteers, and donated time at VA cemeteries or State Veterans Homes. The **Patriotic Activities form** should include all other patriotic activities. If you are not physically able to fly a flag outside your home, but do have a flag on display in your home, you may also count that on the form. Further, if your Chapter participates in patriotic activities like parades, that should also be included. Donations given to veterans' needs (but not to hospitalized veterans) should also be included. You are generous and patriotic women and I want to be sure that we capture all that you do in your communities.

*Charlotte Clinger, Chairman
Patriotic Activities Committee*

From the Virginia Division Publicity Committee:

The Publicity Committee Is Looking for Press Items!

Please go back and grab those newspaper articles published in your local newspapers or community magazines. This includes press about monthly meetings, recognizing and welcoming new members, wreaths laying ceremonies, bestowal of military service awards, grave markings and other community outreach or benevolent efforts.

It would also be helpful if District or Division officers and committee chairs would pass their press items or event programs to us as well. Remember, there is a section in the Division Press Book specifically to display these events. Specifics on what to send can be found on the Virginia Division website – www.vaudc.org – under Forms. They should be mailed to Susan Hudson, 116 Bridge Lane, Reedville, VA 22539.

Remember, we cannot start our job of recording all the data and designing the Division Press Book until we get your information so, please pass them to us in a timely fashion. Your Publicity Committee stands ready answer any questions and we can be reached at:

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*Susan Hudson, Chair
Publicity Committee*

DISTRICT NEWS

From the Virginia Division Chairman, 1st District:

The 2019 First District Conference was held on March 30 in Galax. The Conference was hosted by Jefferson Davis Chapter 2477. The ladies of the Chapter did a wonderful job planning the



Conference, evidenced by their welcoming hospitality. It was my pleasure to work with the ladies of Jefferson Davis Chapter. Thanks to the Walker Terry Camp 1758 for the Color Guard and to our Division Officers for their workshops and all the work they do for us.

I want to remind all Chapters to record their activities and report them in their yearly reports. Thank you all for all your work to remember and honor our Confederate ancestors.

*Sue Anne Boothe
First District Chairman*



From the Virginia Division Chairman, 2nd District:

March was a busy month leading up to the District Conferences. The Mary Oney Fizer #463 CofC dedicated a marker and iron cross on March 23rd to VMI Cadet John Alexander Davis at Springhill Cemetery in Lynchburg. I brought greetings from Second District, Virginia Division and Linda Scoville, Vice President of General William R. Terry 580 brought Chapter greetings.

Left to right: Mary Oney Fizer President Ciara Routon; Linda Scoville; Wendy Jacobs, 3rd Vice President General William R Terry 580; and Leslie Mehaffey.



On March 29th, I was invited to be the guest speaker at Rockbridge #2568. I brought greetings from Second District, Virginia Division and gave a UDC 101 Talk to the wonderful ladies of Rockbridge. The enthusiasm of these Southern women to learn all they could about UDC was exciting.

I attended First District Conference in Galax on March 30th and Third District Conference in Scottsburg on April 27th. It was great to be with the ladies of Central and Southwest Virginia Districts, our Virginia Division Officers, and Committee Chairmen. The workshops and talk by Teresa Roane were very much liked by all in attendance.

The Second District Conference was held May 4th, hosted by General William R. Terry #580. The hostess Chapter did a wonderful job in decorating in UDC colors of red and white. The flowers on the table were beautiful. The goody bags and folders were welcomed by all in attendance. Jennifer Thomson, President of General William R. Terry #580 was nominated and unanimously voted in as the 2019–2021 Second District Chairman—Congratulations Jennifer.

On May 10, Ginger Stephens, President Virginia Division, and I were invited to the Albemarle 154 Chapter luncheon meeting in Charlottesville. I have also been invited to attend the Scottsville 1167 picnic on May 15. It is always good to see the ladies of Second District and I appreciate all invitations to your Chapter meetings and events.

In UDC Love and Friendship,

Leslie Mehaffey
Second District Chairman

Congratulations to the Newly Elected District Chairmen!

If you didn't attend your District Conference, you may have missed the outcome of the elections held for the 2019–2021 District Chairmen who will be installed at the Virginia Division Convention in October. Leslie congratulated Jen in her report on 2nd District, but here's the full lineup:

- ★ 1st District: Janie Dillon, Captain Milton Hall Harmon Chapter 2676
- ★ 2nd District: Jennifer Thomson, General William R. Terry Chapter 580
- ★ 3rd District: Carol Williams, Appomattox Chapter 11
- ★ 4th District: Dawn Diehl, Loudoun Chapter 170
- ★ 5th District: Barbara Joyner, President Davis Chapter 2197
- ★ 6th District: Suzanne Townsend, City Point Chapter 2066

CHAPTER NEWS

From Appomattox Chapter 11:

Our Chapter met May 4 at Grace Hills Baptist Church in Appomattox to award the Sidney Lanier Medal to Appomattox residents Mr. Donald Hamilton and Mr. Gene Williams. The Sidney Lanier Medal is awarded to adults for outstanding contributions in furthering the teaching and preservation of Confederate history through the performing arts in keeping with the historical aims and purposes of the organization. The work must be original, written, and performed by the recipient. Mr. Williams wrote the song "The 12 Unknown" and has sung it at our Memorial Services and dedications. This song was also voted as the official song of Appomattox. Mr. Hamilton wrote the song "Here in Appomattox" and also has sung it at our Memorial Services and dedications.



Left to right: Mr. Donald Hamilton, Mrs. Karen Sale, Appomattox UDC President, and Mr. Gene William

Sidney Lanier (from Appomattox Chapter 11):

Sidney Lanier was born in Macon, Georgia, on February 3, 1842. The Laniers were descended from Huguenot heritage. The first Lanier to come to America was Thomas, who came in 1716 and settled on land which is now within the confines of Richmond, Virginia. His original holding was a land grant ten miles square. One of the family married an aunt of George Washington.

Sidney's father was Robert S. Lanier and his mother was Mary Anderson, a Virginian of Scotch descent whose ancestors included members of the House of Burgesses of Virginia. Sidney was brought up in a God-fearing Christian home.

Sidney was fond of music from his youth as a duck takes to water. Musical instruments seemed to be an extension of this lad who played the flute, piano, guitar, banjo, violin, organ, etc. He could play several instruments before he could write legibly. Sidney never received any musical instruction beyond his mother teaching him the notes. His father prevailed upon him to devote himself to the mastery of the flute rather than the violin which was his musical voice. As the genius he was he could get strange violin effects from the flute. It was noted that "He tried to achieve in his work the auditory effects of music and experimented with varying metrical patterns and unusual imagery." He would eventually become first flutist of the Peabody Orchestra in Baltimore. Of his talent he declared, "God gave it me." He wrote that he wanted to settle "what method shall I ascertain what I am fit for, as preliminary to ascertaining God's will with reference to me . . . that is what I am fit for."

Sidney was an avid reader who spent play time in his father's office where the family library was located. He mastered forty-five lines of Horace in about fifteen minutes and in Latin. His higher education was at Oglethorpe University, a Presbyterian institution near Midway, Georgia. After graduation he became a tutor there before he entered the Confederate Army at the beginning of the war. The teacher who had the greatest impact on him was Prof. James Woodrow of the theological seminary in Columbia, SC and who became president of South Carolina College (now University of South Carolina).

This young genius saw considerable service as a private in the Confederate Army fighting in the battles of Seven Pines, Drewry's Bluff, Seven Days around Richmond, Malvern Hill, and Petersburg before becoming a mounted signal scout. He continued to study at night, especially the German language and writers. Sidney was placed in charge of a vessel running the blockade and was captured and confined for five months in Point Lookout Prison in Maryland, during which time he contracted the debilitating tuberculosis that plagued him for the rest of his life; and this disease was the ultimate cause of his death.

Sidney Lanier (from Appomattox Chapter 11, continued) . . .

Early in 1865 he returned almost penniless to Georgia. His life in the war formed the basis of the first book, a novel titled *Tiger Lilies* (1867). He spent the next four years as hotel clerk, country school teacher, and law student, conscious all the while that he was meant for an artistic career.



Late in 1867 he married Miss Mary Day of Macon and shortly after took his residence at that place and practiced law with his father. In 1872 his health compelled him to go for a while to San Antonio, Texas. There he resolved that he would use the rest of his life in the service of the arts of his choice—literature and music, and that he must have the advantage afforded by the North. So he settled in Baltimore in 1873 as first flute in the Peabody Symphony Concerts. He soon made friends among literary and musical people. He began to study literature deeply, but his studies were interrupted by journeys taken for the sake of his health and by the miscellaneous writing he was compelled to do for the sake of his livelihood. Yet during these years he managed to write some highly imaginative and wonderfully musical poems and to give scholarly courses of lectures, which

led to his appointment to a post in the Johns Hopkins University in 1879. Three years earlier his cantata written for the opening of the Centennial Exposition, though not extremely successful, had revealed his poetical genius to the nation. It seemed that, if he could be spared, a distinguished career was open to him. But this in God's providence was not to be.

He delivered two courses at the Johns Hopkins University which became the basis of two of his books, *The Science of English Verse* (1881)—his most important prose book—and *The English Novel* (1883). He, during that era, wrote a few notable poems, among them *The Marshes of Glynn*, but sadly in the spring of 1881 his health broke down. He was taken to the mountains of North Carolina and devotedly cared for, but this did not curtail his death early in the autumn of September 7, 1881. After his death his collected poems (1884) and several posthumous volumes, including an interesting collection of his letters were published, and his fame grew steadily. It is now generally thought that he was the foremost American poet for the period since the War of Secession. His death occurred at 39 years of age.

*Carol Williams, President
Appomattox Chapter 11*

From Black Horse Chapter 9:

The Black Horse Chapter 9 of Warrenton had a very rewarding 4th District Conference visit. We had a good turnout of seven members. We had the newest member attending, Mrs. Connie Glasgow (December 31, 2018). Connie received a nice welcome and a gift from Virginia Division President Ginger Stephens. Our officers spent time getting more familiar with their duties and the Division activities through attending the workshops. To top it all off, Sue Evangelista, our Registrar won the tea basket, which she shared at our next meeting. This was a very productive gathering and we are grateful for all the thought that was put into it.

Left to right: Betty Brown, Wanda Edwards, Kerry O’Neill, Jeanette Carlson, Sue Evangelista, Virginia Division Custodian Teresa Roane, Connie Glasgow (our newest member), and Nancy Russell.



*Nancy Russell, President
Black Horse Chapter 9*

From Captain Sally Tompkins Chapter 2626:

Captain Sally Tompkins 2626 members enjoyed lunch at the home of Marilyn Iglesias in February. Susan Fauver was presented with her membership certificate. Dedicated historian Michael Williams of SCV Lane Armistead Camp 1772 of Mathews presented an interesting talk and discussion on “Reasons for the War”.

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

In March several members toured Hollywood Cemetery after having lunch at Tarrant’s Café in downtown Richmond. The large sprawling cemetery is located on South Cherry Street in Richmond. James Monroe, John Tyler, and Jefferson Davis are interred there.



Above: Sarah Kressaty (left) and Marilyn Iglesias with the Chapter’s new flag.

At left (left to right): Diana Swenson, Martha Frame, Marilyn Iglesias, and Sarah Kressaty at the grave of Jefferson Davis.

At the April meeting, Marilyn Iglesias brought our late-1800s flag that was recently donated to our UDC Chapter. The flag was originally given to the Captain Tompkins Chapter in Mathews by descendants of Captain Sally in 1939. That Chapter was chartered in 1908 and deactivated in 1955. Since then the flag has been shuffled through various organizations until the Mathews Library contacted our Past Chapter President Marilyn Iglesias and asked if we would be interested in having the flag. Marilyn immediately retrieved the flag and began researching to confirm where it was flown by Sally Tompkins. The Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond looked at the flag and deemed it to be from the 1880s or '90s, ruling out the original thought that it might have flown over Robertson Hospital in Richmond during the War Between the States. The most likely explanation then is that it is the flag that Captain Sally flew over the home that she provided for the Robertson Veterans’ Reunion in 1896. Our Chapter

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

has decided to pursue further research into the event as well as undertaking the costly work necessary to restore and preserve the flag.

Bonnie Wright's papers have been approved. Her ancestor is Robert David Hill, Company A 23rd Regiment VA Infantry. UDC member Mary Elaine Pope has an approved supplemental on Asa Banks, Company B 4th Battalion VA Volunteers.

Guest speaker Michael Williams, SCV Lane Armistead Camp 1771, poses with UDC members.



We recently lost a very dear UDC sister, Christine Anthony. Christine was our First Vice President and former President of our Chapter. Even though she was in several historical groups, she was proud of being a Daughter of the Confederacy. Her ancestor was William McWilliams, Company B 2nd Regiment VA Infantry. Her husband Bill passed away within the week following her death. They will be missed by us all.

*Sarah Kressaty, President
Captain Sally Tompkins Chapter 2626*

From Centennial-Maury Chapter 2296:

The members of Centennial-Maury Chapter prepared the Great Hall at the UDC Memorial Building and served the luncheon for the Spring Board meeting on Saturday, March 2.



Above (left to right): Lorie Summerlin, Wanda Kierson, Wendy Shew, Lola Collins, Anne King, Cynthia Ledbetter, Jeanne Hughes, President Jean Frawner, Jean Gentry & Patricia Bolander.

Left: New member Jean Gentry (center) received her certificate of membership at the April meeting from Registrar Carla Schaaf (left) and Jean Frawner (right).

“The Last Few Days at Whitehouse Landing” was the topic of the program for the April 20 meeting which was presented by Stan Trout, Historian, from New Kent County, VA.

Chapter member Patricia Bolander will present the program for the May 18 meeting: “The Different Confederate Flags”.

*Jean Frawner, President
Centennial-Maury Chapter 2296*

From Elliott Grays Chapter 1877:

The Elliott Grays Chapter welcomed a new member in March: Amy Barlow joined on the record of her great-great-great-grandfather Sgt. Abness Bailey Kerr, Co. H, Shaw's Co., 1st Regiment Reserves, Robertson's Brigade, Fayette County, Texas. Ruth Snead presented Amy with her UDC Membership Certificate and Jeanne Horton presented her with roses.

Left to right: Ruth Snead, Jeanne Horton, and Amy Barlow.



In April, the Chapter gathered at Maury Cemetery in Richmond to mark the grave of Pvt. Edward F. Chenault, Co. C, 1st (Armory) Bn. Va. Loc. Def. (Co. C - employees of CS Ordnance Dept.).



Edward Chenault was born in Cumberland, Virginia in May 1832. On April 16, 1853, he married Martha Susan Brockwell in Manchester, Virginia. They had five children: Sarah J. Chenault, Ann Elizabeth (Chenault) Moore, Celia F. Chenault, William Washington Chenault, and Mary F. Chenault.

Private Chenault, a carpenter, enlisted June 15, 1863 in Richmond. While working in the Confederate Ordnance shop in 1864, he was caught in the shaft of the machinery and was seriously wounded in the arm, back and shoulder, rendering him permanently disabled. Edward died in Swansboro, Chesterfield County, Virginia, on February 9, 1898.

*Ruth Snead, Registrar
Elliott Grays Chapter 1877*

From Fairfax Chapter 1410:



Chapter President Virginia Norton presented newest Chapter member Melanie Liebo with her membership certificate on the service of her ancestor John H. Creasey, Company F, 23rd Battalion, Virginia Infantry. Chapter members continue to work on supplemental applications and planning for the Division Convention October 3–6, 2019 at the Westin Washington Dulles Hotel in Herndon.

*Jennifer Smith, Vice President
Fairfax Chapter 1410*

From Farmville Chapter 45:

For the spring season, flowers were replaced at the Farmville Confederate Cemetery. The Chapter was busy in May, planning the May 27 Memorial Day Service held at the Cemetery. Travis Toombs (Virginia Division SCV archivist) was the guest speaker.

Spring WBTS events have been plentiful in the Farmville area with state park programs and reenactments that some members have attended. Our Chapter also presented a wreath at the Appomattox Chapter's Memorial Service on April 7. The service was lovely and an inspiring reminder of the proud heritage we have in being descendants of Confederate soldiers.

Members Frances Giles and Deserae Bowlin took an overnight trip to Carroll County to visit cemeteries in which their Confederate ancestors are buried. While there, they attended the Courthouse Tragedy play which told the story of the Hillsville courthouse shooting in which members of the Allen family were controversially found guilty of and electrocuted for.

*Monument to Confederate soldiers on the
lawn of Carroll County Courthouse.*



From Farmville Chapter 45 (continued) . . .

One member attended the Third District Conference in Scottsburg. At the Conference, our Chapter gave current Third District Chairman, Charla Compton, a token of gratitude for her service to our District. Along with a card, she was given the book titled *Sailor's Creek: Major General G. W. Custis Lee, Captured with Controversy*. This book explores the controversy over who truly captured the General as multiple Yankees claim the deed.

Members continue to take advantage of High Bridge SCV Camp's hospitality by attending their monthly supper meetings and programs. As well, recent actions include donations to the Virginia Division SCV's legal defense fund and to Out of Darkness, which is a suicide awareness/prevention organization.

The Chapter meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the Farmville-Prince Edward Community Library. Confederate poetry shared at one of our meetings was titled "They Seem to be Lost" by James McBride Patterson III. We are sharing Confederate history by book swapping. We also plan to embark on a project to produce a Chapter commemoration book in anticipation of our 125th Chapter birthday in April 2021.

Our member, Angie Coppedge, celebrated her 15th Chapter anniversary year on April 30. We are happy to report a few prospective new membership and supplemental applications in process.

*Deserae G. Bowlin, President
Farmville Chapter 45*

From Fincastle Chapter 797:

Fincastle Chapter met on March 2nd to celebrate our 10th Anniversary. It was well attended by guests and members. Lots of stories were told and posts of events were shown.

March 30th was the First District Conference in Galax, Hostess Chapter Jefferson Davis #2477. It was very wonderful and nice fellowship with other Chapters.

At our April 6 Chapter meeting, we gave out First National Flags to members to be placed on Confederate graves. Members will give a report on where the flags were placed.

On April 20th, a Military Service award was given to Marion Noel, a U.S. Navy Veteran of World War II. Mr. Noel is the descendant of a Confederate man in the War Between the States named George Noel, who was in Co. E 27th VA infantry. Family, friends, and members of the UDC attended the ceremony.

From Fincastle Chapter 797 (continued) . . .



*Left to right: Donna DiMurro, Loretta Caldwell, Veteran Mr. Marion Noel,
Harriett Francis, Yvonne Cox, Helen Camper, Ann Wagner.*

In May, Ed McCoy was presented the Judah P. Benjamin award. Ed, past editor of the *Fincastle Herald*, has provided historical articles on the War Between the States and excellent coverage of the numerous articles and photographs submitted by the Fincastle Chapter.

The Chapter also planted flowers at our monument, located at the court house in Fincastle, as we have done for many years.

*Harriet Francis, President
Fincastle Chapter 797*

From Fort Lowry Chapter 2695:

Our Fort Lowry Chapter 2695 enjoyed the coming of spring with some interesting programs. In February, member Barbara Sethman presented a love story about her War Between the States ancestor. On a rainy day in March, our Chapter visited the UDC Headquarters in Richmond, where we were warmly welcomed by the staff and enjoyed the history and exhibits of the building. Also in March, several of our members attended the Fifth District Meeting in Richmond. During our April meeting, member Cindy Packett's husband, Andrew, presented a moving narrative about Robert E. Lee. We learned of his family life and devotion to his ideals.

Our Chapter members are looking forward to our next few meetings which will include a grave dedication and a program by a local historian.



Fort Lowry Chapter members who attended the 5th District Conference in March (left to right): Joan Croson, Cindy Packett, Chapter Pres. Pat Givens, Pat Pugh, and Valorie Venselov.

*Mickey Teese
Corresponding Secretary
Fort Lowry Chapter 2695*

From Fredericksburg Chapter 163:

At our February meeting, we had a pot luck luncheon at the home of one of our members, Shawn Martin. Our Chapter President, Milbrey A Bartholow, presented a program on “Elizabeth Avery Meriwether, Banned by Sherman”. Elizabeth was a feisty one and became a leader in Women’s Rights.

On March 2, several of us attended the UDC Spring Board in Richmond. On March 23, several of us attended our 5th District Conference in Richmond. At our Chapter meeting, held at the office of

From Fredericksburg Chapter 163 (continued) . . .



Left: Delores and her nine supplementals

Right: UDC Spring Board

Below left: Sam lights her ancestor candle

Below: 5th District Conference attendees



Shawn Martin, we began working on a slate of officers for the coming year. Our Chapter President presented a program on “David Owen Dodd, Arkansas: Boy Martyr of the Confederacy”. We had an interesting discussion about whether he was martyr or a spy. We could not agree. Reports were given from Spring Board and 5th District Conference. We presented Loretta Shelton the Cross of Military Service, which she will present to her uncle Luther Earl Jett for his service in WWII and a descendant of a Confederate veteran. Long-time member, Sam Lougheed, received her 25-year pin.

John receives a certificate of thanks for his Vietnam service from Chapter President Milbrey Bartholow

We held our annual Ancestor Night on Monday, April 15. During the ceremony, several of us lit candles to honor our Confederate ancestors and told the group a little about them. We then enjoyed a delicious pot luck supper. Our President then presented supplemental certificates to Delores Hoge Shea for nine (9!) of her Virginia ancestors. Our President also presented “Thank You for your service” certificates to one Vietnam veteran and three relatives of Vietnam veterans. We voted on our slate of officers for the years 2019–2021. We gathered items to send to veterans at McGuire Hospital in Richmond and items and cards to send to our “adopted” Real Daughter Iva May Benson Gainey for her upcoming birthday.

*Milbrey Bartholow, President
Fredericksburg Chapter 163*

From General William R. Terry Chapter 580:

The General William R. Terry Chapter was proud to host the Second District Conference recently at Bedford Baptist Church, in Bedford. Several members of the Bedford Rifle Grays Sons of Confederate Veterans started the Conference by posting the colors. During the meeting, Virginia Division President Ginger Stephens graciously swore in our new member Sandra Routon. The Chapter also presented local Veterans Affairs Volunteer Services representative Debbie Pemberton a framed photo of the Salem VA hospital, for all of her service representing the UDC to the Veterans. The Bedford Baptist youth group provided a great lunch as a summer camp fund raiser. We learned so much from the officer workshops and Teresa Roane's great lesson on the history of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. We are grateful for the wonderful turnout to the Second District Conference, including the Division Officers, the multiple Second District members, other District Officers and even a member of the Mary Oney Fizer Children of the Confederacy Chapter, who is also a Virginia Division Children of the Confederacy Officer.



Virginia Division Custodian Teresa Roane speaks at the 2nd District Conference on the history and diversity of the Confederacy and the UDC. Division President Ginger Stephens is at left; to Teresa's right are 2nd District Chairman Leslie Mehaffey, Division Registrar Janet Perkins, and Division Treasurer Debbie Thomas.

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

From H.A. Carrington Chapter 1055:

On Sunday, February 17, H.A. Carrington members attended our annual President's Tea in honor of President Jefferson Davis held at Scott's Tea Room in Brookneal. There were 24 members and guests in attendance including Virginia Division President Ginger Stephens, who presented our program.



Military Service Award recipient Joe Hunter Duffer with Darlene Foster, Recorder of Military Service Awards (left) and Cora V. St. John, President, H.A. Carrington Chapter.

On Sunday, March 31 we held our first Military Service Awards Ceremony of 2019 at Hebron Methodist Church. We were honored to present seven medals to deserving

From H.A. Carrington Chapter 1055 (continued) . . .

veterans with more than 60 guests in attendance. We appreciate the Charlotte County Grays Camp #1964 for their help and participation. Plans for our fall awards ceremony are currently being made.

On April 7, members of H.A. Carrington participated at the Appomattox UDC Memorial Service at the Appomattox UDC Cemetery. A wreath was laid by member Darlene Foster. On April 21, Darlene also attended the Hollywood Cemetery Grave Dedications Ceremony in Richmond and placed a wreath for the Chapter.

Members of H.A. Carrington attending our Third District Conference in Scottsburg on April 27 were Cora V. St. John, Darlene Foster, Cathy “JoJo” Palmer and Deborah Kennedy. Thanks to the Halifax Chapter for preparing and hosting this year’s Conference. On May 4th, President Cora V. St. John traveled to Bedford to attend the Second District Conference.

On May 5, H.A. Carrington was pleased to sponsor a table at the Mulberry Hill Tea held by the Historic Staunton River Foundation. We furnished everything needed to set and decorate a table. Members Cora St. John, Darlene Foster, Cathy “JoJo” Palmer, Diane Pettee, Sandra Marston and guests enjoyed several different types of tea as well as an assortment of finger sandwiches and sweet treats and desserts. Afterwards, we enjoyed a lovely fashion show of period dresses and uniforms modeled by UDC members and local SCV Camps.

*Cora V. St. John, President
H.A. Carrington Chapter 1055*



Mulberry Hill Tea attendees (left to right, above): Sandy Marston, Diane Pettee, Grace Elliott, Cathy “JoJo” Palmer, Cora V. St. John

Below, Olivia Randall (left) and Darlene Foster dressed in mourning attire at the Mulberry Hill Fashion Show.



From Jerusalem Chapter 2489:

Jerusalem Chapter 2489 of Courtland is proud to welcome our newest member, Mrs. Patsy Marie Herman of Chesapeake. Her great-great-grandfather was Zebulon M. Williams. We have a supplemental application in progress for Ellen Edmonds for her great-great-grandfather James H. Person.

We donated \$200 to the Betty Hart project sponsored by Suffolk Chapter 173. We are planning Grave Marker Dedication Ceremonies at Poplar Springs Cemetery in Franklin for three of our deceased members, for whom we donated UDC insignias: Dorothy Dupree Gibson, Marion Olive Cross Gadberry, and Frances Blythe Holt (at right, Chapter members Ellen Edmonds and Patsy Bradley at the grave of Frances Holt after placing a UDC insignia on her grave stone).

In April, several members participated in a Living History Event presented by the Gen. J. R. Chambliss SCV Camp at his farm house, dressed in period attire and recruiting for possible new members.



Several members toured Ashcroft Hall & Gardens in Richmond, while others toured Drewry's Bluff in Chesterfield, with out-of-state visits to Tempe Double Butte Ceremony in Tempe, Arizona and a Confederate Cemetery in Weldon, North Carolina. On April 2nd, we attended the Jefferson Davis Memorial and placed a wreath at the Gen. A. P. Hill ceremony.

Chapter President Mrs. Patsy Bradley received an appreciation award from a local retirement/assisted living home for volunteering programs for the residents monthly with puppet shows and special music.

*Patsy Bradley, President
Jerusalem Chapter 2489*

From Lancaster County Chapter 1406:



Members of the Lancaster County Chapter had a great time hosting a "Make a Valentine Workshop" at the Lancashire Rehabilitation & Convalescent Center in Kilmarnock. Members supplied all the craft materials and assisted residents in creating their very own valentine. Before we left, everyone pitched in to assemble special valentines for each of the veteran residents. Residents and members alike...everyone had a wonderful time.

From Lancaster County Chapter 1406 (continued) . . .



Left to right: Jo Ann Fickling, Joyce Mitchell, Helen Mitchell, Dr. Cheryl Brown Davis, Betsy Trexler-Pastoor and Susan Hudson at 5th District Conference.

We met in March to share outcomes from the 5th District Conference before Laura Hazel presented a program, “*Ties that Bind – Women to Women*”. A local historian, researcher and genealogist, Hazel’s focus drew similarities between the UDC’s founding principles to our Chapter’s initiatives that continue today in the Northern Neck. Hazel reminded us these principals are what “binds” us to sisters who came before us and continue light the way for us. Hazel specifically talked about the lives of Janet Henderson Weaver Randolph and Miss Isobel Maury, to name a few.



Hazel (pictured at right) concluded her program by commenting ‘I would hope these ladies would recognize us as kindred spirits, applaud the good works we continue to accomplish in the areas of education, benevolence, patriotic, memorial and historical.

At our April 17th meeting, new member, Virginia Casey, was presented her membership certificate based on the service of her great, great uncle John Henry Headley of Northumberland County who honorably served in Co. D, 15th Virginia Cavalry, the 40th Virginia Infantry and Co. E, 37th Virginia Militia. Afterwards, a very special program was given by Helen and Joyce Mitchell, “Letters of Love from the Northern Neck: Letters of Dandridge Cockrell to Naomi Bush Cockrell During the War”. Dandridge and Naomi Cockrell were Helen Mitchell’s great-grandparents and the great-great-grandparents of Joyce Mitchell. Dandridge (1820–1864) served honorably in 9th Regiment Virginia Cavalry. He was wounded at Gettysburg in 1863 and was sent back home after being wounded again in 1864, where he would die at the age of 44 before recovering. He left his beloved Naomi with five children to raise.



Left to right: Registrar Susan Hudson, Virginia Casey, and President Dr. Cheryl Brown Davis

From Lancaster County Chapter 1406 (continued) . . .



Left to right: Helen Mitchell, Dr. Cheryl Brown Davis, and Joyce Mitchell after program on "Love Letters".

While serving, the two wrote often and their letters survived the war. While it is more common a soldier's letters sent back home would be saved, it is rare that the letters written from home to soldiers fighting on the battlefield survived. In this case, both exist. The letters from Naomi would mention the children, any news she had about neighbors and status of crops or livestock.

Dandridge's letters would describe life in the camp or rumors he'd heard of other soldiers from Lancaster and any advice he had for maintaining the family and home place. In each, they both declare their concerns for the other and anticipation of when they would see each other again.

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

*Dr. Cheryl Brown Davis, President
Lancaster County Chapter 1406*

From Loudoun Chapter 170:

Loudoun 170 has had a busy couple months. On April 13, we proudly hosted the Fourth District Conference at the Westin Dulles Airport. We had a great turn out and a great Conference. Loudoun is proud of our own Ginger Stephens, Virginia Division President (at left in the picture at left from the Conference).



Ginger Stephens, Linda Harrison, Catherine Cook, and Dawn Diehl participated in Virginia History Month at Frederick Douglas Elementary School in Leesburg, Virginia. The fourth grade holds a program at the end of the school year, and we gave out socks with candy and a handout about our Confederate

From Loudoun Chapter 170 (continued) . . .

Monument at the Leesburg Courthouse. It was a great night and we were proud to partner with Clinton Hatcher Camp 21 for this event.

In May, Dawn Diehl presented Captain Sally Tompkins, CSA to Middle School Students at Mercer Middle School on Living History Day.

Loudoun Chapter participated in flagging at Union Cemetery for Memorial Day and laying a wreath at the Memorial Day Service in Leesburg, and at the Ball's Bluff Monument.

We will be placing 12 Iron Crosses in Sharon Cemetery on the graves of Mosby Rangers in June. This will be an ongoing project until all the Rangers have crosses.

As we celebrate Memorial Day, let us never forget our brave Confederate Ancestors.

*Dawn Diehl, President
Loudoun Chapter 170*

From Petersburg Chapter 155:

Several members from the Petersburg Chapter attended the Virginia Division SCV Convention held in Colonial Heights on April 26 and 27. Johnny Neville, Commander, presented the Chapter a framed certificate for our donation of \$500 to the Virginia Division SCV Heritage Defense Fund. Accepting the certificate were Chapter President Donna Griffin (center) and Historian Mary Neville.

*Virginia Levy
Corresponding Secretary
Petersburg Chapter 155*



From Pickett-Buchanan Chapter 21:

The Pickett-Buchanan Chapter awarded the National Defense Medal for the Vietnam Conflict to Kenneth Adkins at its annual Confederate Memorial Service in Elmwood Cemetery in Norfolk on May 14.

Honor Guards represented members of various SCV local chapters. Ms. Ginger Stephens and Ms. Susan Carraway gave greetings from Virginia Division UDC. LT CDR Frank Earnest, SCV and Coordinator of the Heritage Defense Fund presented greetings from the SCV.

*Dr. Anne-Taylor Cahill, President
Pickett-Buchanan Chapter 21*



Pictured in the foreground are Mrs. Wilma Adkins, Recorder of Military Service for the Chapter (left), Kenneth Adkins (right), and Chapter President Dr. Anne-Taylor Cahill.

From Southern Cross Chapter 746:

Southern Cross Chapter 746 members have been busy! One of their ongoing projects is maintaining the 1st National Flag at East Hill Cemetery in Salem. In the picture at right, Chapter President Sharon Rose's husband, Bob, raises a new flag, replacing one that had worn out.

In March, several members attended the 1st District Conference in Galax, which was most informative. For their April meeting, Chapter members visited the American Civil War Museum in Appomattox (see pictures, next page). They were given a personal tour of the Museum and also visited an early 1800s cabin that has been moved to a spot near the Museum. Several brothers who fought in the War were raised in this cabin, originally located about a mile from the current Museum's location.



From Southern Cross Chapter 746 (continued) . . .

Chapter members enjoyed a presentation by Teresa Roane at the May meeting, and in June we're scheduled for a visit from Barry Isenhour, a friend of Teresa's, who will be sharing a book titled "Everything You Were Taught About the Civil War is Wrong" (Ask a Southerner) by Lochlainn Seabrook.



Above (left to right): Linda Wilkes, Lurana Vest, Sharon Rose, and Barbara Jones, posing in front of an old photograph of WBTS Veterans attending a Reunion of Veterans who were present at the surrender at Appomattox.



Above right: The dress uniform that General Lee wore in the official displayed at the Museum.



Above: prospective member Glenda Vest.

*Below: Flags of the Confederate states
Below right: Interior of the old cabin.*



*Sharon Rose, President
Southern Cross Chapter 746*

From Stonewall Chapter 1388:

Stonewall Chapter 1388 in Portsmouth is selling raffle tickets for a SOLD OUT edition of the John Paul Strain print “Message for Jackson”, the fourth and final print in the “Jackson Valley Campaign” series. The print is quadruple matted and in a wood frame with a cherry/mahogany embossed finish. Tickets are \$5 each.



Nancy Leonard poses with the framed print at one of the District Conferences.

Drawing to be held during Presidents Evening at Virginia Division Convention on Saturday, October 5.

Included with the print is a Certificate of Authenticity. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Denise Harrell at 757-663-3600 or Nancy Leonard at 757-434-8087. You can also visit our sales table at the Convention prior to the drawing Saturday night.

*Denise Harrell, President
Stonewall Chapter 1388*

Message for Jackson

from the [John Paul Strain website](#)

He was no longer viewed as the eccentric mathematics instructor from V.M.I. By early November of 1861, Major General Thomas J. Jackson was acclaimed as the mighty “Stonewall” the hero of First Manassas. As the first winter of the war approached, however, he was assigned a task that could likely overwhelm even a hero. With a thin force of troops he was expected to protect the Shenandoah Valley which had become the “breadbasket of the Confederacy.” It was irreplaceable territory rich in wheat, oats, corn, hay and livestock and it was threatened from two directions by Federal armies.

To defend the Valley, Jackson was equipped with poorly armed, lightly



Message for Jackson (continued) . . .

trained militia, a smattering of artillery and a small force of cavalry. Posting his troops in the fields and forests near Winchester, Virginia, Jackson established headquarters for the Confederacy's Valley district and went to work building his army. Daily drill, hours of training, relentless discipline all were tools used by Jackson to forge a force of fighters. Couriers raced from camp to camp. Orders were issued, implemented and obeyed. And Jackson seemed to be everywhere.

Finally, he was ready. Better armed, better trained, and bolstered by the arrival of Jackson's matchless Stonewall Brigade, the raw materials of early November were fashioned into a powerful strike force capable of unleashing hammer-like blows on the enemy. And then Jackson struck. To defend, he attacked. Within months, Jackson and his men would be feared and famous for his remarkably successful Valley Campaign. Stonewall had not only built an army he had created a legend.

From Turner Ashby Chapter 162:

The world has been renewed with new life everywhere. What a beautiful spring! Full of absolutely fantastic colors. We have enjoyed this time here in the Shenandoah Valley so very much.

Turner Ashby Chapter 162 has had wonderful programs this spring. Mr. Henry Kidd writes books and is a skilled artist. He presented a program for us and brought along some of his historic books and art work. Also, Mr. George Wilson, a local author, presented a program for us and brought his latest book along for us to see. This is a book that contains the diary of his great-grandfather – day by day – all during the years of the War Between the States. Its title is "Civil War Diary". Both of these programs were very informative and enjoyed by the Chapter.

Pictured at right, our Chapter Historian, Ellen Kaylor, presented the Jefferson Davis Silver Medal to 12-year-old Madeline LeFever of Yorktown, Virginia during our April meeting. The medal is presented to students who excel in Confederate essay writing. Madeline has won the Virginia Division Historical Work with Students



From Turner Ashby Chapter 162 (continued) . . .

essay contest for the past two years. Her winning essays were on “The Field of Lost Shoes” and “The Importance of Preserving Confederate Monuments”. She has also entered this year’s essay contest. We are very proud of Madeline.

We also helped the CofC with an Easter Basket Project in April. And for May we met at the Cross Keys Vineyard, at which time we honored those who have been members for 25 years or more. We also held a Memorial Service on May 27th at Woodbine Cemetery in Harrisonburg.

Now, as the days of spring turn into summer, we are anticipating many interesting and exciting things to come. We hope everyone had a most blessed Memorial Day! Remember, it is extremely important to never forget our past – for when we remember, it creates the path for the future.

*Sue Ann Sheets, President
Turner Ashby Chapter 162*

HISTORY BITS

Some things are too good not to share, so I’ve written up some short pieces on information from the District Conferences.

*Liz Shifflett, Editor
Old Dominion Bulletin*

About the UDC:

Our official colors – red and white – “are the colors of the secession cockades worn by Southern women during the War. Red and white are also the colors of the ribbons worn by Mrs. Goodlet and Mrs. Raines so they could easily find each other when they first met in the Nashville Train station in September 1894.” – “Chapter 2 – General Information,” *UDC Handbook (7th Printing, March 2016)*

From Teresa Roane’s presentation at the District Conferences: “Mrs. Anna Davenport Raines [and] Mrs. Caroline Meriwether Goodlet... decided to meet the summer of 1894. Mrs. Raines agreed to wear a ribbon of red and white. They agreed that they should form an organization together. On September 10, 1894, the first meeting was held.” Thus our 125th Anniversary is 10 September 2019.

From Teresa Roane’s Presentation:

If you missed Teresa Roane’s presentation at the District Conferences (delivered in person except for one, when she was speaking in Texas instead), you missed a fantastic rebuttal to the national narrative. But you haven’t missed out completely. Her presentation is available on the Virginia Division’s website [here](#). Key points:

- ★ Information about the causes of the War, citing primary sources. For example, the reason given by the Federals for invading the South was “to preserve the Union.” Slavery was not mentioned in the South’s Declaration of Cession either.
- ★ Information about the flags of the Confederacy.
- ★ Information about the diversity of Confederate troops who fought under those flags.
- ★ Information about the diversity of the UDC.

The Story of the Little Sock:

If you missed Teresa’s presentation, you also might have missed the story of the Little Sock. Division President Ginger Stephens, a member of Loudoun Chapter 170, told the story and attendees at the District Conferences received a handout and a Little Sock filled with candy. The handout included a picture of an original Little Sock with an invitation to a Sock Party. In 1906, Loudoun Chapter raised \$3,000 to place a monument to the Confederate soldiers from Loudoun County, and the Little Sock was a major fundraiser for that effort.

The Chapter sent a Little Sock to every household in Loudoun County with the request that the socks be filled with spare change and returned in person or with a friend to the Sock Party. All the contributions, although individually small, collectively helped them ladies of Loudoun Chapter 170 achieve their goal. In other words – great things can be accomplished if everyone contributes, even just a little.

A Grave Marker for Mrs. Crute:

Dolores Smith, Past President (2003–2005), presented information about Maggie Jane (Dull) Crute at some of the District Conferences. Dolores and her Chapter, Southern Cross #746, are raising funds to provide a grave marker for Mrs. Crute.

A Grave Marker for Mrs. Crute (continued) . . .

Maggie Jane Dull was born after the War Between the States, on May 2, 1868 in Rockbridge County. Yet she became a champion for Confederate soldiers. She also married one: Maggie and Captain Samuel L. Crute, who served in Company A, 21st Virginia Infantry, married on 14 June 1893 in Botetourt County. In 1905, Mrs. S. L. Crute joined the William Watts Chapter in Roanoke County on the record of her husband. As Dolores said in her handout:

“Little did the Chapter or the Division realize what a gem Maggie would become. [She] was responsible for awarding the Southern Cross of Honor to Confederate Veterans from Roanoke and Roanoke County, assisted, I am sure, by her husband who knew some of them personally.”

Maggie and the members of her Chapter also raised funds for monuments that were erected in Roanoke and Roanoke County. One is located in Fair View Cemetery, where Maggie is buried in the family plot. Hers is the only grave in the family plot without a grave marker. The Southern Cross Chapter plans to raise the estimated \$3,500 needed to obtain a “marker of Georgia marble to match Capt. Samuel’s marker; also installation. The epitaph would be extra . . . Also we will order and add the UDC emblem.” The planned epitaph: “A Friend of Confederate Veterans and their Widows”. Funds left over, if any, will be put toward a bronze plaque for her husband, since his marker is no longer legible.

Not only did Maggie work to see that Confederate veterans were awarded the Southern Cross of Honor, she served on the Virginia State Pension Board and worked hard to secure pensions for the Confederate veterans and their widows. As her Chapter’s Charity Committee Chairman, she also delivered baskets of food to those in need, but her work to ensure applications were filled out and submitted provided long-term support and undoubtedly saved countless lives. Maggie kept meticulous records, showing that she worked with over 300 Confederate veterans or their widows. She went to their homes throughout the county, helping those who could not read or write to apply for pensions.

The marker erected at Fair View Cemetery by the William Watts Chapter on May 30, 1939 in memory of the Confederate veterans buried there includes “Love Makes Memory Eternal”. It is only fitting that the UDC provide a grave marker for Maggie Jane (Dull) Crute to memorialize the love and dedication she gave to Roanoke and Roanoke County’s Confederate veterans and their widows.

To donate, please send a check, payable to Southern Cross Chapter 747, to Dolores Smith, 433 Red Lane, Salem, VA 24153-3701. You can also give a donation to Suzanne Townsend at the Division Convention.

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THANK YOU!

From Kathy Clifton:

I want to thank all of you lovely UDC Ladies who sent me thinking of you cards to cheer me up and get me feeling better. It was a great surprise and I loved it and appreciated it very much.

It is so nice when you know your UDC sisters are there for you. THANK YOU MY UDC FRIENDS...

*Kathy Clifton
Confederate Grave Marker Chairman
Confederate Soldiers Interment Committee Chairman
Virginia Division Honorary President*

From Therese DeSanto:

Dear Ladies of Virginia Division:

My family would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone for their thoughts and prayers in memory of my grandmother, Marion Roland Conrad. She was just shy of 104 years and 11 months when she entered the Gates of Heaven on February 12, 2019. My grandmother believed in the United Daughters of the Confederacy and was so proud to be a member.

We are so grateful to the many daughters and all Chapters who sent her many beautiful cards throughout the last several years. She loved these cards and kept every one of them in a keepsake box.

Special thank you to Mary Custis Lee - 17th Virginia Regiment Chapter 7 for the beautiful ritual following the graveside services. This was an absolutely beautiful moment we will always cherish.

*Therese DeSanto
Granddaughter of Marion Roland Conrad*

From Liz Shifflett:

Thanks again for your patience – and for all the cards!! Your prayers and time have done wonders, and I'm well on the road to recovery.

*Liz Shifflett
Division Corresponding Secretary (2017–2019)*

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From Eleanor Price:

I am recovering quickly because of the wonderful appreciated cards, well wishes, and prayers for my speedy recovery. I have been cleared to “slowly” get back to regular activities. The surgery has been successful and has stopped my severe restless legs, along with restoring the strength in my hands. Thank you again!!!

IN UDC LOVE,

*Eleanor P. Price
Past Division President 2015–2017*

From Hilda Bradberry:

Thank you everyone. I am afraid I may have missed someone when trying to respond to all of the ladies who have sent get well cards to me. Your prayers and good wishes are much appreciated. After two surgeries and a heart attack/bypass surgery this year, each card was a blessing and encouragement to get well. I still have one more heart procedure to do and I think I will be back to “normal” and able to resume Committee duties.

*Hilda Bradberry, Chairman
District Assessment Special Committee
Committee Member
Credentials, Southern Cross of Honor*

BIRTHDAYS

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

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

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

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

VIRGINIA DIVISION CALENDAR

July 2019

17th–20th (Wednesday–Saturday), General Convention, CofC, Frederick, Maryland

20th (Saturday), 10 AM, Battle of First Manassas Commemoration, Manassas Battlefield, Manassas

October, November 2019

October 3rd–6th (Thursday–Sunday), Virginia Division Convention in Herndon, Virginia
The Westin Washington Dulles Airport Hotel

October 14th (Monday), 10 AM, Commemoration at Lee Chapel, Washington & Lee

November 7th–11th (Thursday–Monday), UDC General Convention in Atlanta, Georgia
Atlanta Marriott Century Center, 2000 Century Boulevard, NE

2020 District Conferences

March 21st (Saturday), Fifth District – Hostess Chapter: Richmond-Stonewall Jackson #1705

March 28th (Saturday), Sixth District – Hostess Chapter: City Point #2066

April 4th (Saturday), Third District – Hostess Chapter: Kirkwood Otey #10

April 18th (Saturday), Fourth District, Manassas – Hostess Chapter: Manassas #175

April 25th (Saturday), Second District – Hostess Chapter: Albemarle #154

May 2nd (Saturday), First District – Hostess Chapter: Jubal Early #553

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