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## FROM VIRGINIA DIVISION PRESIDENT:

*SHARON LOVING*

Hello Daughters,

What can I say...my heart like all of yours is broken! Being a Christian I find it hard to believe that there is such evil out there, but for the last 58 days we have witnessed violent protest in Richmond. Our beautiful building has been vandalized and set on fire; statues of great Christian men have been defaced and pulled down. Mayor Stoney said they would be stored in a safe place. I do not consider the Richmond Waste Water Treatment Plant a safe storage. He has shown disrespect to us and our ancestors. I myself have not stepped foot back in the City nor will I spend money there.

I do not condone the death of George Floyd or of anyone for that matter, but society took a man that was evil and made him immortal. In the light of day peaceful protestors were seen around the country; but in the dark of night the devils came out to destroy businesses and homes. What did they have to do with Floyd's death?

Does taking down the statues erase history? No, it makes us think and remember them fondly. It is said to remove or erase history means you are doomed to repeat it. I believe we are headed in that direction.

On a bright note my hat is off to the ladies of Loudoun County 170 and Mary Custis Lee-17<sup>th</sup> VA Regiment 7 for quietly removing their Confederate Monument and placing them in safe keeping. By now, you have received the email from our President General announcing the cancellation of the General Convention under the Emergency Bylaws.



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Division Convention Chairman, Suzanne Townsend and I had a virtual meeting last night thanks to Mary Wasenko setting us up. We decided that we would cancel the virtual convention and do the same as General and only have the Division Executive Committee meet to handle any business we may have. There will be a ballot sent out by me to all Chapters Presidents, with how many votes they will have. I will also send ballots to members that have a Personal Vote. The ballot will list each Executive Committee Recommendation and a place to vote (yes or no). Please return your ballot by email to REPLY just to me.

Some members have wondered about Division By-laws as this was a By-law year. I checked with the committee after May 1<sup>st</sup> and there were no recommended amendments to our By-laws. I have been questioned about the General By-laws changes – shouldn't they have been sent out with the Convention Call for voting. The answer is no, on page 138 of the 2019 Division Minutes Article XXII – Amendments last sentence "Changes in the General Organization By-laws shall take precedence over Division By-laws. As Mary Williams told me when I was Recording Secretary it's housekeeping so the General By-laws changes will be added to our by-laws and I will send General changes to District Chairmen to send to their Chapter Presidents.

Lastly I been asked about next year's District Conferences – I respectfully request that since the 2020 Hostess Chapters spent money for decorations, centerpieces and door prizes for the cancelled 2020 Conferences from the Registration fees, that they agree to be the Hostess Chapter(s) for the 2021 Conferences.

Below is an email that was forwarded to me from the Memorial Building – question does anyone know this person or farm?

"I propose the creation of a Confederate Memorial Park with appropriate security to avail the champions of history as it pertains to the Confederate cause the opportunity to visit and pay respect to these monuments where they will be restored, preserved and put on display once again.

I remain at your disposal and look forward to your timely response "

Sincere regards,  
Michele and Gino Ballarin  
Wolf's Crag. C. 1822  
Markham, Virginia

*"Planning for the Future while Honoring and Respecting the Past"*



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## VIRGINIA DIVISION NEWS >>> VIRGINIA DIVISION NEWS

**From Division Vice President:**

**Annette Elam Wetzel**

Chapters should be using new insignia order forms: “Engraved Insignia Order Form No. 1” and “Non-Engraved Insignia Order Form,” both dated “revised May 2020.” Previous versions are no longer accepted. To be sure you are using the correct “Non-Engraved” form, the first item on the list is the 1A Plain Bar, now priced at \$35.00. At the bottom of the left column should be #39A – Education Pin at \$65.00, followed by #39B – Diploma Dangle at \$35.00. If you are unable to access the new forms, please let me know so they can be provided to you. Continue to use your “Engraved Insignia Order Form No. 2, Revised March 2013,” which had no changes.

The pin for service as a Chapter Chaplain to be worn ON the ribbon is found, as always, on the Engraved No. 1 and Engraved No. 2 order forms and is ordered through your Chapter VP. The “new” “Chaplain” pin under discussion CANNOT be worn “on the ribbon,” and is to be ordered through the Appointed Chaplain of General. No explanation has been received as to what constitutes “proof” for this pin. As of 9/4/20, I was not able to find any information on the UDC “Member’s Only” web page. The upcoming “100 Year Chapter” pin, which may be worn on the ribbon, has not yet been added to the Non-Engraved Order Form. Additional information will be sent to all Division Chapter VP’s as soon as it is received.

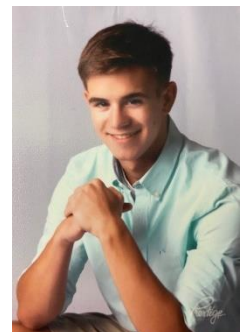
**From Division 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:**

**Kelly Fahel**

The Virginia Division UDC Education Committee is pleased to announce the new Division scholarship recipients for academic year 2020-2021.



***Grace Clarke*** – Recipient of the Marrow Memorial Scholarship, endowed by the University of Richmond. Grace will attend the University of Richmond and plans to major in English and Journalism. Sponsored by President Davis Chapter 2197.



***Andrew Kish*** – Recipient of the Catherine Custis Taylor Goffigan Scholarship. Andrew attends Longwood University and is a Business Major. Sponsored by Centennial-Maury Chapter 2296.

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***Ashley Parks***– Recipient of the Martha Anthony Scholarship. Ashley will attend Randolph-Macon College and plans to major in Sociology/Anthropology with a minor in Chemistry or Criminology. Sponsored by Bethel Chapter 185.

## The following scholarships will be re-awarded:

Michelle Ashby– Margaret Hart Barnes Scholarship  
Grady Beasley – Fitzhugh Lee Memorial Scholarship at VMI  
Hannah Dankenbring – Mary Custis Lee Memorial Scholarship  
Catherine Deal– Matthew Fontaine Maury Scholarship  
Brooke Gray – E. Elizabeth Snedden Scholarship  
Isabelle Mehochko - Jennie Gunn Ball Scholarship  
Holley Moser– Sally Tompkins Nursing and Allied Health Sciences Scholarship  
Christina Skaggs – Stonewall Jackson Memorial Scholarship at VMI  
Jordyne Vance– Rives Cosby Ford Memorial Scholarship  
Mary Lawrence Young– Janet Weaver Randolph Scholarship at the College of William and Mary

## From Division Registrar:

**Helen Webster**

Wow. Ladies, we were going great guns until Covid19 came along. Even with that we have to date 91 New Members from Original Applications, CofC transfers and transfers from other Divisions. No Original Applications have been rejected. We have 209 Supplementals sent in with 7 rejected by Division or General. Currently 2 are pending with General asking for more information.

I encourage you to make lemonade from all the lemons that have come our way. This is the perfect time to continue researching and shaking your family tree for more CSA, Material Aid and Civil Servant Ancestors. We all have working phones and most everyone has a computer. Do some membership searches in person, online or by phone. Plan meeting programs that would attract new members. Look for women who are History Buffs. Women who are already enjoying Genealogy. They are all around you. Now is the time to talk to your Granddaughter's, sisters, mothers, aunts, and cousins about what UDC really is. Not what we have been portrayed as.

We all get discouraged. We all at times feel like we have no future. Every time that has happened to me, EVERYTIME... God has sent a ray of sunshine, a reason to believe in UDC. Ladies, we do not exist just for Statues or plaques. We exist to remember and honor our Ancestors. We exist to come together in a tie that binds us. That bind is not politics, religion or race. It is where and who we came from.

Hope to see you in Suffolk in October, then hopefully on to Richmond in November. Remember this is an Election Year for General Officers and one of our own, Ginger Stephens is up for Registrar General. Think..... a revised Registrar's Manual, courtesy, communication, common sense.

Stop moping and get busy. We have work to do.

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**From Division Historian:**

**Therese DeSanto**

Thank you Division President Sharon Loving for appointing me as Virginia's Historian. It is a privilege and honor to serve the Division.

With all the attention on our organization, it is more important than ever that we carry on our Southern Heritage and the memory of our Confederate Veterans. Learn all you can about the War Between the States, so you know the truth. Be sure to read the Historian General Programs in the UDC magazine. If you do not subscribe, I strongly encourage you to purchase a subscription. The September Historian General Program was titled "Meet Jefferson Davis" and I know you don't want to you miss the October and November Historian General Program: "Meet Robert E. Lee" and "Meet Stonewall Jackson".

As chapters begin their new year, don't forget to include the monthly Historian General Program each month or if the topic is not part of your meeting program, a summary should be mentioned. A list of the Historian General Programs can be found on the UDC website under forms, in the Historian section. One fun thing that chapters can look forward too is the design of their chapter scrapbook. This is a great way to show the work of your chapter in years to come.

Don't forget to stay safe and well, and please wear a mask when around others.

**From Division Recorder of Military Service Awards:**

**Pamela Smith**

Ladies,

Thanks to all the Chapters that found Veterans to honor this past year. I know it took time finding records and sending in paperwork, but I know it was worthwhile when you saw the Veterans receive their medals. Please continue to honor these men and women that have or are currently serving in our military.

Stay safe and well.

**From 6<sup>th</sup> District Chairman & Convention Chairman:**

**Suzanne Townsend**

I want to thank the ladies of City Point Chapter, Bethel Chapter, Isle of Wight Chapter, Jerusalem Chapter and Petersburg Chapter for their time and energy to help plan the 125th Annual Division Convention. We put in a lot of work, but the Covid-19 is playing havoc with everyone's plans, so the convention has been cancelled. We did raise a good sum of funds from the Conference Baskets and want to thank everyone who participated. Here are the winners of the Conference Baskets:

*First District:*

*Patricia Rollston, General Stuart Chapter*

*Second District*

*Barbara Joyner, President Davis Chapter*

*Third District*

*Deserae Bowling, Farmville Chapter*

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*Fourth District*  
*Fifth District*  
*Sixth District*

*Mary Hunley, Capt. Sally Tompkins Chapter*  
*Ruth Snead, Elliott Grays Chapter*  
*Sharon Crockett, Kirkwood Otey Chapter*

Congratulations to all the winners! We will draw for the Convention Basket soon and notify that winner in a timely manner.

Because of the lockdowns and restrictions, most activities have been curtailed but we hope to gear up again in the near future. I am sure that most of us, if not all, are disheartened by the tearing down of our monuments and statues. For everyone taken down, let's erect another one. We can do it! I look forward to seeing many of you soon!

## **From Historical Work with Students Committee Chairman**

**Fran Towberman**

The title for all 2020-21 essays for students, Grades 4-12, will be the same. Since so many students will be working/'schooling' from home and with outside activities limited perhaps we can gather more participants.

This will be more of an opinion essay but there are many events, sayings, quotes, articles, books, etc. that can/should be referenced supporting the written statements.

*Title:*

What would {name of CSA participant} *say to me* today concerning the destruction, removal, reversal, and rejection of our Confederate States history

## **From Magazine Committee Chairman:**

**Sue Anne Boothe**

Virginia Daughters, I know we are living through difficult times, but I would like to encourage you to send either a Historical Article, a Division News Article about a special event in your chapter, or an ad for the Virginia Special Issue of the *UDC Magazine* that will come out in March. It is wonderful to pay tribute to our ancestors with ads in honor or their memory. The deadline for the Virginia issue is December 1. I know there are probably less activities at this point, but you also might have more time to work on something! The more ads that we get for the special issue, the more color we can have. If you have any questions about how to submit to the magazine or renew your subscription, please let me know. I would also encourage you to subscribe to the *UDC Magazine*, especially when I see that less than one half of Virginia Daughters subscribe. There is a lot of useful information in our magazine and interesting articles. Please support our Virginia Special Issue.

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## From Real Granddaughters Club:

The Virginia Division Real Granddaughters Club is deeply saddened by the passing of two of our officers and dear friends. The Lord called Joyce Eades of Henrico on July 14 and then her sister Brenda W. Latham of Richmond on July 25. Both were active members of Centennial-Maury Chapter 2296 and held positions in the Virginia Division Real Granddaughters Club and in 2010 Joyce was elected Honorary President of the Virginia Division. The Club provided lovely arrangements of red carnations for each of their services.

These ladies were surrounded by a large, loving family and were proud of their Confederate heritage and they greeted everyone with huge smiles and hugs. Even though they are gone from our sight, they will always be in our hearts.

## From Great-Great-Great Granddaughters Club: Pamela Smith

If you would like to join our club in honor of your Great-Great-Great Grandfather, please download the application form from the VA website and mail it to:

*Pam Smith, Po Box 683, Ruther Glen, VA 22546.*

Sending in \$7.00 enrolls you in the VA Division **and** General Great-Great-Great Granddaughters Club.

## Sarah Stinnett, President



*Real Granddaughters Club meeting at Oct 2019 Convention in Herndon. L to R: Sarah Stinnett, Joyce Eades, Brenda Latham, Jean Frawner, & Harriett Francis*



*Full length image of the Provisional Constitution of the Confederacy that I took while I worked at the former Museum of the Confederacy (JP)*

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### Albemarle Chapter 154:

Submitted by President Helen Webster



*Devon Gatewood  
Fraker*

Our newest member is Devon Gatewood Fraker entering on the service of her great-great-great-great grandfather Charles Travis Savedge, Capt. Hankin's Co., Lightfoot's Battalion, Virginia Artillery. Her baby bump, Roger Gregory Gatewood, IV may well be a "New Year's" baby. Devon is the last of five new members of this UDC year.

We have had online Officer and Chapter meetings which helped us stay in touch- then an actual in person July meeting which was well attended. Finally, we have a Recorder of Military Service awards with two already approved. Tentative Awards Ceremony scheduled in early October. Thank you, Glynn Fraker for your hard work.

We are planning all our 2020-2021 programs around women of the WBTS time frame and hope to again this year to invite other local Chapters to join us for several meetings. We are fortunate to have found a restaurant with a very large meeting room where we can Socially Distance.

Yes, we are frustrated that life is not as usual, masks are a necessary nuisance, politics are nasty, Statues are coming down, there is violence at a time when we can least afford it. Of course, we want things back to normal at the UDC Building. Back to the picking up the phone, asking Teresa Roane a question, getting copies of Applications faster than a speeding bullet, having those Approved Originals and Supplementals arrive every two weeks, getting Membership Certificates in a timely fashion. Our Vice President, Ellen Kelsh has worked so hard to order pins and ribbons in the correct and timely manner only to have nothing to actually hand over to members. This too, shall pass.

We choose to look to the future with heads held high. As Ginger Stephens told our Chapter, if you act ashamed, you will be perceived as having something to be ashamed of. We are proud of our Ancestors. Without them we would not be here. Our Chapter is UDC proud.



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## Captain Sally Tompkins 2626

Our UDC group had a wreath laying service at the grave of Captain Sally Tompkins on Memorial Day.

Member Theresa Denby had a “drive by” birthday celebration for her daughter and UDC member Cheryl Hall on June 7. Theresa had 50 pink flamingos in Cheryl’s yard to celebrate the event.



## Submitted by Registrar Mary Hunley



*At Captain Sally's grave: L to R: Sarah Kressaty, Therese Denby, Marilyn Iglesias, Lydia Connelly, & Diana Swenson*

New officers were installed at our social distancing lunch in June. Officers not in the picture are Registrar Mary Hunley and Chaplain Judy Moughon.

*Officers L to R: Treasurer - Melanie Miles; Recording Secretary - Becky Morgan; Historian - Martha Frame; President - Marilyn Iglesias; Vice President - Sarah Kressaty; and Corresponding Secretary - Therese Denby.*

An article about UDC member Becky Forrest Morgan’s grandmother was in our local paper. Helen Marr Freeman Forrest was one of the first women to register to vote in Mathews County in 1920. She was a member of Mathews County’s earlier UDC Chapter #1170.



*Helen Marr Freeman Forrest*

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## Jefferson Davis 2477

Submitted by VP / Historian Mary Felicito



*At Laurel Hill: L to R: Shirley Keene, Ronnie Hayes (President of the J.E.B. Stuart Birthplace Preservation Trust), & Mary Felicito*

I sit on the Board of Directors of the J.E.B. Stuart Birthplace Preservation Trust along with two other chapter members. The Trust is trying to obtain the monument of J.E.B. Stuart from Richmond and move it to Laurel Hill, in Ararat, Va. (J.E.B.'s birthplace). In addition to the monument the Trust is in the planning stages of construction for a visitor center-museum on the property to preserve and safeguard our Confederate history.

The J.E.B. Stuart Birthplace Preservation Trust was formed in 1990 and purchased, to preserve in perpetuity, 71 acres of the Stuart Plantation. Laurel Hill is on the Virginia Landmark Commission list of State Historic Sites as well as the National Register of Historic Places. The Trust is a nonprofit organization and all donations go to the preservation of the site. Donations are tax deductible under IRS code 501-c-(3).

Anyone wishing to donate please send your check payable to:  
J.E.B. Stuart Preservation Trust  
P.O. Box 1210  
Stuart, Va. 24171

Please note your chapter name on your check. Any help will be greatly appreciated.  
Thank You



*Left: 1<sup>st</sup> National pattern flag flying at Laurel Hill*



*Right: Ladies at Laurel Hill L to R: Cora Lee Testerman, Charla Compton [Mildred Lee 74], Shirley Keene, Mary Felicito, & Linda Richardson*

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## Lancaster County 1406:

Submitted by Publicity Coordinator Susan Hudson

Our chapter has not been able to meet or participate in various Confederate ceremonies or events due to the Covid-19 since February however there are a few highlights to share. We have been blessed with 8 new members! They are Angela and Maria Diaz-Bonilla, Elizabeth Headley, Adele' Mangum, Kathy O'Neil, Amanda Ridge, and Virginia and Julia Rafii. Only Adele' has been able to be presented with her certificate and we all look forward to our September potluck dinner meeting where we can welcome the other ladies to our chapter and enjoy the fellowship of being together again.

*Registrar Susan Hudson & President Jo Ann Fickling presented new member Adele' Mangum her new membership certificate. Adele' joined on the service of her great-great uncle Pvt. Charles H. Haydon, Co. F, 40<sup>th</sup> VA Infantry. Pvt. Haydon died & was buried on April 4, 1862, at Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond. His name is etched on the Confederate Memorial at Heathsville, VA, erected in 1873.*



In May, the new 2020-2022 slate of officers were approved via electronic voting and are Jo Ann Fickling, President; Betty Christopher, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President; Janet Cockrell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President; Carole Fletcher, Recording Secretary; Carolyn Cook, Treasurer; Susan Hudson, Registrar; Melinda May, Historian; Dinah Balderson, Recorder of MSA; Joyce Mitchell, Chaplain and Helen Mitchell, Corresponding Secretary.

Stay blessed, stay strong and remember ..... we are not descendants of fearful men.

Keeping the faith in the Northern Neck!



## Southern Cross 746:

Submitted by Historian Sharon Rose

Southern Cross Chapter 746 has been busy planning a way to raise funds for the Chapter. They have decided to sell original notecards with both photographs of Confederate sites in the Roanoke/Salem area and oil paintings of things in nature. The oil paintings were painted by a Chapter member, Douglas Ann Slusher. On the back of the photographs is a description of site and its history. The Chapter plans to raise funds for charitable works within their area. Whenever we are able to have Conventions and Conferences again, you might have a chance to see these in person!

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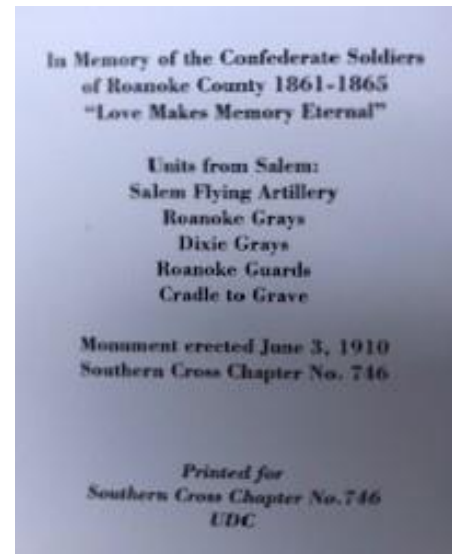
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*Bluebird oil painting by member Douglas Ann Slusher*



*Memorial to Roanoke County's Confederate Soldiers, 1861-1865*



*Text that goes with the Roanoke County Confederate Memorial Card*

## Stonewall 1388:

Submitted by Recording Secretary Elizabeth Scott

Stonewall Chapter 1388 members have been staying connected through phone, text and email during these past few months in lieu of holding our regular monthly meetings.

Unfortunately, due to the restrictions put in place by the Governor, we were unable to hold or attend normal Memorial Day grave side services or resume the new tradition of Memorial Day services and refreshments with Stonewall SCV Camp 380 at Cedar Grove Cemetery. Nonetheless, Chapter President Denise Harrell and Vice President Nancy Leonard placed our wreaths for Memorial Day at the Portsmouth Confederate Monument. As many of you have heard, the Portsmouth Confederate Monument was severely damaged by Black Lives Matter & Antifa protestors in June.

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On May 24th, in place of the normal Memorial Day service, Stonewall SCV Camp 380 hosted a dedication ceremony of the bell that was removed from the Caretaker's house when it was demolished in 1960. Stonewall SCV Camp 380 acquired the bell, had it refurbished and was able to have a granite stand made for the bell with an inscription. Some of our members along with UDC members from other Chapters were able to attend the ceremony which was held in Cedar Grove Cemetery in downtown Portsmouth.



*Vice President Nancy Leonard (L) & President Denise Harrell (R) at the Portsmouth Confederate Monument*



*Bell Dedication L to R: Denise Harrell, Becky Sharrett, Nancy Jones [Suffolk 173], Nancy Leonard, Elizabeth Scott, & Debbie Hughson [Isle of Wight 699]*



*A Sketch of Dabbs House on display at Dabbs House Visitors Center & Museum, 3812 Nine Mile Road, Henrico, VA*

*General Robert E. Lee used this home as his first headquarters after taking command of the Confederate soldiers due to General Joseph E. Johnston's serious wounding at the Battle of Seven Pines. Mrs. Josiah Dabbs, a widow, gave him permission to use the home as she had refugeed into Richmond due to the McClellan's Peninsula Campaign. Here, General Lee would call a war council of Generals "Stonewall" Jackson, Ambrose P. Hill, and James Longstreet to plan the Seven Days Battles.*

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## Suffolk 173:

Submitted by Member Dee Smith

**Confederate Shield Project** > In 1905, the Suffolk Chapter 173 members placed orders for 100 Confederate Shields to be manufactured and placed on the graves of the Confederate soldiers who were buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery in Suffolk.

The original metal embossed shields held both flowers and a Confederate flag. In 1906, the chapter completed the work of marking all the graves of the Confederate soldiers with the shields. Over the years, as additional veterans passed away, the chapter added individual shields until all the Confederate Veterans had passed. There are about 300 Confederate veterans buried at Cedar Hill.



*New 2020 Shield [Left] & Old 1905 Shield [Right]*

In recent years, the UDC and SCV placed flags on Confederate Veterans graves and held ceremonies on Memorial Day. The old shields had rusted or disappeared and needed replacement.

The chapter held fund raising projects so that new shields could be placed on the Confederate soldiers' graves along with a Confederate flag. In the last two years, new shields have been placed on all Confederate graves. UDC member Billie Earnest, and SCV member Lee Hart have worked at Cedar Hill placing the shields to honor our veterans. Billie has researched the service of each Confederate veteran and plans to publish a book on the veterans.

## Check for News on Our Websites Too

UDC General > <https://www.hqudc.org>

Virginia Division > <https://vaudc.org>



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## Attention: Early Christmas Shoppers!

Print underneath the ornament reads,

“Loudoun County Confederate Monument  
Christmas Ornament

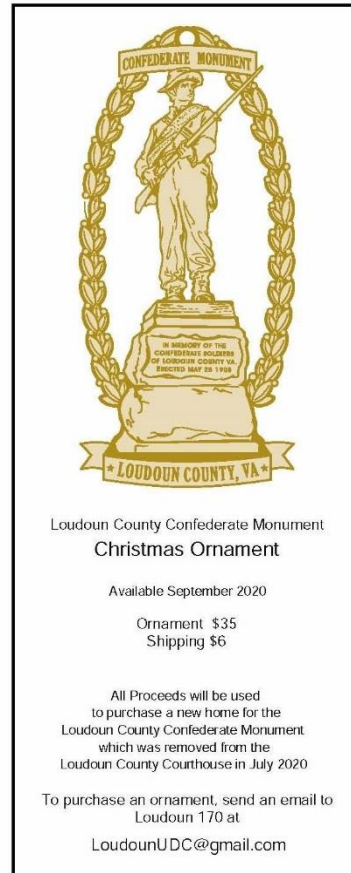
Available September 2020

Ornament \$35.00  
Shipping \$6.00

All proceeds will be used  
To purchase a new home for the  
Loudoun County Confederate Monument  
Which was removed from the  
Loudoun County Courthouse in July 2020

To purchase an ornament, send an email to  
Loudoun 170 at

[LoudounUDC@gmail.com](mailto:LoudounUDC@gmail.com) “



*Main Entrance View of Blandford  
Church, Blandford Cemetery, Petersburg,  
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