

JANUARY 2006
NEWSLETTER (Excerpts)

Confederate Monument

Funds raised to date: \$ 10,197.68 with our latest contribution of \$500.00 coming from Nelson Warfield of Delaplane, Virginia. Also, in early December 2005, the Clinton Hatcher Camp 21 SCV members donated \$768.00 which were funds collected from their Christmas Party. This year's SCV hostesses, David & Harriet Condon of Middleburg, catered & funded the entire party and requested that each member place a donation in the "Confederate Monument Preservation donation box" in lieu of paying their usual per plate fee.

Sample Documentation

FREDERICK WILLIAM SIEVERS
 SIEVERS, 1872-1966, ONE OF THE SOUTH'S MOST PROLIFIC SCULPTORS, MAINTAINED HIS RESIDENCE AND STUDIO AT WHAT IS NOW 1200 W. 46th STREET FOR MORE THAN ONE HALF CENTURY. ALTHOUGH BEST KNOWN FOR HIS VIRGINIA MONUMENT AT PETERSBURG AND THE MEMORIALS ON MONUMENT AVENUE, HIS WORKS ARE EXAMPLES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Active in County Affairs
 Loudoun Chapter has always been active and interested in County affairs. The chapter bears the name of the County in which it is operated. May 28, 1908 a most beautiful and appropriate monument of gray granite, with bronze figure, was erected to the memory of the Confederate soldiers of Loudoun by the Chapter. Colonel Elijah V. White, who was the prime figure in this move for the erection of such a gift to Loudoun County, for it was he who not only made the battle of Balls Bluff a complete victory for the Confederates, but he wrote the history of the battle. This he had printed in booklet form and presented five hundred copies to the members of Loudoun Chapter to be sold for the erection of the monument, which now stands as the testimony and pride, not only of the Confederate veterans, sons and daughters of Confederacy, but of the county.

The Statue
 Written in tribute to the statue (pictured on cover and Page 13-1) to the Confederate Soldiers of Loudoun, created by the United Daughters of the Confederacy and unveiled at Leesburg May 28, 1908.
 A STATUE, proof of thy maker's art, bronze cast;
 In days to come, a monument to ages that have past;
 Today to us who gather here,
 You are that some one our hearts hold dear,
 That father, brother, husband, lover,
 At peace with God, beneath the sod;
 Who heard the call; who walked the way;
 That Soldier of Right who wore the gray.
 A STATUE, mute telling the sad story
 Of a nation that died 'neath a halo of glory;
 Of shatter'd hopes; ambitions dead;
 Of noble blood that was freely shed;
 Of the bugle's call, for more or fall;
 Of those who went, none being sent;
 Of where the fiercest waged the fray
 Was found the soldier who wore the gray.
 A STATUE, linking the heavens with the Earth;
 The form of that Hero to whom our nation gave birth;
 Who followed on where Honor led,
 Till he rested with our holy dead;
 And when at the last the trumpet's blast
 Sends forth that call that comes to all,
 As an honor guard on that last day
 We'll find the soldier who wore the gray.
 —HARRY T. HARRISON

Library of Congress, to wit:
 Be it remembered,
 That on the _____ day of _____, 1907,
 I, _____, Clerk of the Library of Congress, have deposited in this Office the description of a
 statue, the title of which is as follows:
 The description of which is in the following words, to wit:
 A statue of a Confederate soldier in uniform, standing on a pedestal, holding a rifle across his chest. The statue is made of bronze and is the work of Frederick William Sievers. It is a gift to Loudoun County, Virginia, by the Loudoun Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. The statue is now in the possession of the Loudoun Chapter and is to be placed on Monument Avenue in Loudoun County, Virginia.

It has also been noted that Judge Horne has expressed an interest in also preserving the Vietnam memorial. Interestingly enough, our conservator, Nick Veloz states in his proposal that he would be happy to wash the Vietnam Memorial free of charge if the County provides hot water for the Confederate Monument cleaning. In addition, I believe that we are going to have an overage in funds, so I have requested from Nick Veloz, to also quote us a price to clean the Vietnam memorial as well.

Our next step in this project is to begin the public education portion of this project. We need to let the public know what it is going to look like when the restoration is complete as well as why it needs to be done. This includes newspaper articles, posters and perhaps a public meeting or two.

JUNE 2006
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Confederate Monument Update



June 16, 2006 – Nick Veloz



As one of our contributors eloquently stated.... **"Git R Done!"** and that is just what we did. How excited I am to report to you that the bronze portion of our monument has been restored!! It all started on Friday morning, June 16, 2006. The picture perfect weather unfurled just as the front page news of the *Leesburg Today* hit the streets, **"Confederate Statue To Be Restored This Weekend"**. Nicholas Veloz and his helper James unloaded & assembled the scaffolding and the restoration process was finally off to a glorious start. They finished up with the bronze portion of the monument late Saturday evening.

The re-pointing on the base will be done at a later time. On Sunday morning, my husband Kenneth & I headed back down to Leesburg to help Nick clean the other monuments on the courthouse lawn which includes the Vietnam, WWI & WWII/Korea. The difference (below) in the monuments were absolutely incredible!! The

inscriptions and dedications on these limestone monuments are now actually readable. I must say it was a wonderful feeling to also honor our other veteran's bravery by scrubbing off those years of neglect.



Memorial Day Celebrations



*Melanie Torrance & Becky Fleming at the UDC
Jefferson Davis Service in Arlington – June*



Kenneth & I wanted to start off our Memorial Day weekend properly so we headed off to Union Cemetery in Leesburg on Saturday morning (May 27th) taking battle flags to mark the soldier's graves. We took fifty flags with us but ended up with a bunch more! As we were marking the graves we were approached by a group of ladies and a gentleman who said they were with SCV & UDC on a field trip in search of E.V. White's grave. They stated that they noticed our SCV license plate and asked if we could assist them in locating his grave. Needless to say in moments we were all chatting! I met Linda Atwell and the ladies of the E.V. White Chapter #1360, a brand new Chapter out of Poolesville, Md. After locating the grave, Linda and her husband stopped back by and left us about 20 more battle flags. How glorious all of the graves looked around the monument, each marked with a flag, waiving proudly at the passerby's.



**United Daughters of the Confederacy
Lee Chapter 1842**

February 2007 Newsletter



Military Service Awards 2006

How proud I am of what our organization does to honor our veterans!! This year we decorated eight deserving recipients! This was certainly record breaking as we took 1st place at the state and national levels!!

Fortunately, nice weather prevailed for this event. It was held on a sunny Saturday afternoon on 11 November 2006 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Purcellville. Seven of this year's recipients were selected from our local SCV Clinton Hatcher Camp 21 and were as follows: Richard E. Crouch; Arthur H. deButts; Lewis Leigh, Jr.; John R. Lumsden; Henry G. Plaster; John A. Ward; Edward Whitehurst, Jr. Our eighth recipient was given post humus to our very own Shelly Zaback's late Uncle Forrest G. Thompson.

Ladies each of you should be proud of all the hard work you put forth at our yard sale to make this happen! Special thanks to Lynn Folk, Dot Rickard & Jane Bogle for their extra efforts! I truly look forward to this year's service!

