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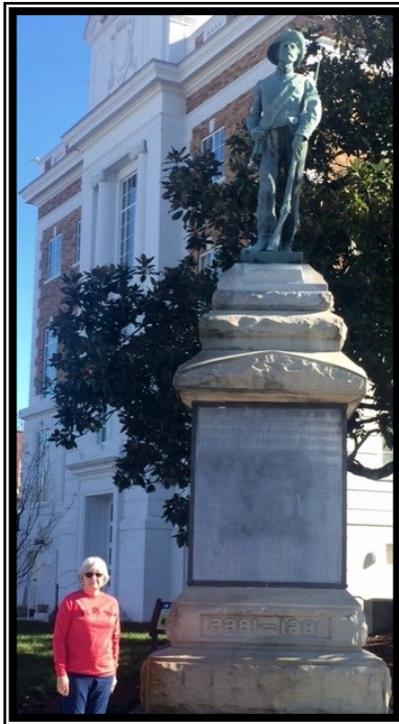
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President's Message

It's the wintertime doldrums – the holidays are over (although our decorations are still up – don't judge), and we are stuck between the twinkling lights and the blooming of spring plants. Except for a few Lee-Jackson banquets and meetings, we are stuck between the highs of our fall Conventions and the spring meetings. March, April, and May will find all of us in full swing again, holding District meetings and Confederate Memorial Day services.

MS Division President
Janice Strohm



Confederate Monument in Lewisburg TN — Hometown of MS Division President Janice Strohm

I want to thank those Mississippi UDC ladies who traveled to Raleigh, North Carolina to the 122nd Annual General Convention. Though we were few in number, we all had a great time. Those North Carolina ladies know how to put on a Convention! From the Thursday afternoon registration until the last gavel sounded on Monday afternoon, we met, ate, listened, memorialized, and toured. A few of us marched in and gave speeches, reports, and memorials. I want to thank the following Mississippi Daughters: Registrar Frances Woodruff, Division Historian Lynda McKinney, Division Registrar Pam Mauldin, Division Chaplain Beth Koostra, UDC Room Chairman and Records of Interments of

Confederate Veterans Chairmen Pat Parrish, Monuments and Memorial Markers Chairman Katherine Blalock, Preservation of Records of Historic Sites Chairman Cynthia Blalock, and Susan Jones. Susan, Cynthia, and Katherine served as Pages, with Katherine serving as my flag bearer at the Opening Session and on Presidents' Evening. It's such a thrill to process into the ballroom with her holding the Mississippi flag while we sing "Go, Mississippi." Division Chaplain Beth Koostra read a memorial to Confederate Soldiers and Sailors at the Memorial Service on Sunday afternoon. Mississippi won fifteen awards (these are listed elsewhere), but I am most

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President's Message, cont.

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pleased with receiving an award for the Division contributing the most money (in our Category) for the President General's Track Chair program. I'm bringing our little patriotic bear to all of the District meetings.

President General Pam Trammell explained many times at our Executive Board meeting, at the Presidents' Workshop, and in the General Sessions about the summer's turmoil over the misuse-use of the Confederate flag and the desecrations to our Confederate monuments. During the report of the Chairman on the Correct Use of the Confederate Flags, President General Trammell presented us with copies of a brochure entitled "Code for the Correct Use of Our Confederate Flags." She has furnished a copy for each Chapter in each Division. She directed each Chapter to conduct a program on this topic this year. I have a copy for each Chapter and plan to put those in your Presidents' Packets. If you should want your copy now, please let me know.

Earlier I mentioned the District meetings that are scheduled to be held this spring. Per changes in our Division Bylaws in September, we will not hold a Division Workshop in even years. As of this writing, District I will hold its meeting on March 19 in Corinth; District II on April 2 in Greenville; and District III on April 16, possibly on the Coast. I will be attending General Spring Board on March 5 and plan to have the latest forms ready to place in the Presidents' packets to be distributed at the meetings. Also at the meetings, the Division Secretary Sandy Gaddis will have your 2015 Minute Books to distribute. This has been quite an undertaking and many thanks go to her.

Please be keeping up with everything your Chapter has done this year so the filling out of the reports will not be such a chore. There are some forms that can be filled in and sent along to the respective Chairmen throughout the year. Just keep a list of them for your records. These include Records of Interments of Confederate Veterans to Pat Parrish, Recognition of Service of Black Confederates to Lani Rinkel, Preservations of Records of Historic Sites to Cynthia Blalock, and Monuments and Memorial Markers to Katherine Blalock. This will keep you Presidents from having to mail a big stack to me and



President Strohm and Kathryn Blalock waiting their turn to process into the ballroom at UDC General Convention in November 2015

me, in turn, having to mail them to the respective Chairmen. I want to encourage each Chapter to do a little something to get credit for each category.

I still continue to get inquiries through our Division website and from Richmond from ladies who are interested in joining our Organization. When I send them on to you Chapter Presidents, please contact them about attending a meeting and helping them with their papers. Our membership needs to grow! Keep up your good work. It gives me such a thrill when I can sign my name to a new or supplemental membership certificate. I look forward to visiting with many of you at the District meetings and at our Division Convention in Greenwood in September.

Confederately,

Janice E. Strohm

Mississippi Division President
United Daughters of the Confederacy

UDC General Convention

Mississippi Division Awards Won at General Convention in Raleigh, NC November 2015

Division 251-800 members with the best President's Report, the Wittichen Trophy

Special Certificate of Appreciation – First Place to the Mississippi Division who went beyond the call of duty to assist the Chairman of Recognition of the service of Black Confederates

Special Certificates of Appreciation to Lani Rinkel, Kathy Eubank, and Celeste Young who went beyond the call of duty to assist the Chairman of Recognition of the Service of Black Confederates

Division in Category C – Certification of Appreciation – “Track Chairs for Vets” – Most Money Contributed – and a patriotic bear

Division in Category C bestowing the greatest number of Lapel Pins

Division in Category C bestowing the largest number of UDC Military Service Awards, the Blount Memorial Cup

Division in Category C awarding the most Vietnam Crosses of Military Service, with a \$25 check

Division in Category C bestowing the greatest number of National Defense Medals, with a \$25 check

Chapter submitting the best Chapter Yearbook – Winner: Varina Howell Davis 2559, Horn Lake
The Most innovative map of the Jefferson Davis Memorial Highway with marker pictures

Division securing the best collection of Confederate letter (unpublished), the Kathryn Slaughter Wittichen Trophy

Division in Category C purchasing the most New Member Badge Sets, with a \$12.50 check

Division in Category C having the greatest number of 100% Chapters subscribing to the *UDC Magazine*

UDC General Convention



MS Division delegates at General Convention in Raleigh, NC, November 2015
Top row L to R: Patricia Parrish, Susan Jones, Cynthia Blalock, and Katherine Blalock
Bottom row L to R: Lynda McKinney, Frances Woodruff, President General Pam Trammell,
MS Division President Janice Strohm, and Pam Mauldin.



Janice Strohm and Teresa Roane, UDC Archivist and Chairman of Recognition of the Service of Black Confederates at General Convention in Raleigh, NC



Lynda McKinney, MS Division Historian and Page at General Convention

UDC General Convention



Janice Strohm with
Track Chair Award



"First Dude" Larry Strohm with Susan Jones, Lynda
McKinney, Pat Parrish, and Pam Mauldin



Presidents Evening, General Convention, Raleigh NC



Division Officers

Second Vice President

Rebecca F.

Dear Mississippi Daughters,

In my last message I encouraged Chapter members and officers to assist prospective scholarship applicants by directing them to begin the process of securing letters of recommendation and locating the required proof of eligibility. Since that time, each Chapter's Second Vice-President or President has been sent an electronic copy of the Mississippi Division Scholarship application form, checklist, rules, and information for potential applicants. I hope there are applications being completed as the deadline for receipt of the required materials is **March 15**. As I write this, I realize that this date will be here very soon, and it might be helpful to review some of the most frequently asked questions regarding the Mississippi Division Scholarships.



Who is eligible to receive a scholarship?

Answer: To be eligible to receive a Mississippi Division scholarship an applicant must be a lineal or collateral descendant of an eligible Confederate (as defined by the General Organization United Daughters of the Confederacy®) and must be endorsed by the Chapter President and the Chapter Second Vice-President of a sponsoring UDC Chapter. The applicant must also have a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. No two members of the same family may receive scholarships simultaneously.

Where do I get a scholarship application?

Answer: All scholarship applications must be obtained from the sponsoring **UDC Chapter**. The Chapter should contact the Division Second Vice-President for the form if the Chapter does not have access to the electronic documents. A new application form was adopted during the 2015 Division convention. Please destroy any old forms or instructions.

If the applicant is a member of the UDC or CofC, may an approved membership application be used in lieu of the lineage form?

Answer: Most definitely! However, remember that assisting a non-member with finding the necessary documentation (proof) may be a way to recruit a new member.

What is the amount of the Division Scholarship?

Answer: The scholarship amount will be determined annually by the Division Second Vice President in conjunction with the Division President, Division Treasurer and Division Finance Committee Chair. Prior to awarding a scholarship, the Second Vice President shall ensure that sufficient funds are available. The amount of the scholarship will be the lesser amount of \$500 or the interest accrued. (See the Mississippi Division By-Laws)

How long may a recipient receive a Division scholarship?

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Division Officers

Second Vice President, cont.

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Answer: Scholarships are available for a maximum of four (4) years of undergraduate study or less if the recipient completes the course of study in less than four (4) years. The recipient must maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA and complete a minimum of 12 semester hours each semester (fall and spring) to be eligible for re-award of a scholarship.

How does one apply for a General Scholarship?

Answer: The forms, criteria, and evaluation forms are found under the Members Only section on the website of the General Organization. Again, the application process begins at the Chapter level. The Chapter sends the completed applications to the Division Second Vice-President by **March 15**



who will then forward the applications to the Second Vice-President General.

The unfortunate truth is that the number of available scholarships on the Division and General levels is limited. However, Chapters and Districts may also offer scholarships. The Chapter or District determines the application process and rules governing award of these scholarships. The Mississippi Division Children of the Confederacy also offers scholarships.

Lastly, I thank everyone who assists an applicant with the application process, for without the effort invested by Chapter members and officers, there would be no scholarship recipients! I'm looking forward to receiving completed applications.

Sincerely,
Rebecca F.
MS Division 2nd VP

Recorder of Military Service Awards

Carole Gospodnetich

I don't have very much to report. I have four awards that have or will be given out soon. We have three Cross of Military Service Medals and one National Defense Medal. One was awarded in October. A couple will be awarded in January and one in February. It is good that we can honor our Veterans in this way, for they are so deserving.



I was so busy before the last convention. It feels good to get a little break. I want to wish all of my UDC sisters a late Happy New Year!



Division Officers

Recording Secretary

Sandy Gaddis

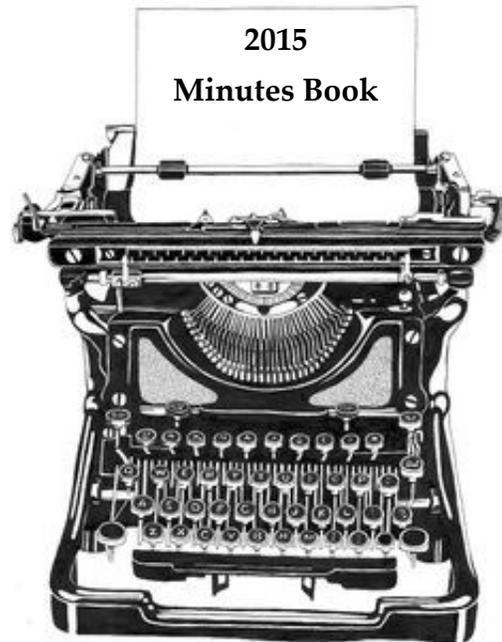
The Recording Secretary office is a great responsibility and cannot be accomplished without the help of our Division Officers, Chapter Presidents, Committee Chairman, Club Presidents, and CofC. I appreciate the time and effort of everyone involved.

I have the 2015 Mississippi Minutes completed, and it has gone to the printer. We have a lot of good reports and have the Division, Chapter, District, General, officers, and Committee Chairman Reports and names and addresses, Convention Minutes, CofC officers and reports, listed in the Minutes. The updated Bylaws are listed, too. Please look under Important Information section. It has the Mississippi Division Scholarship Rules listed and some other important information. The Minutes will be distributed at the Spring District meetings to the Chapter Presidents. After you receive a copy of the 2015 Minutes, if there are any corrections to be made please let me know so they can be corrected in the 2016 Minutes which will come out in Spring 2017.

Remember this is election year. Chapter Officers shall be elected at the second to the last meeting of the year and installed at the last meeting of the year. Please send me a list of new officers immediately.

For the 2016 Minutes I have some suggestions:

- First, send all your reports by electronic means preferably by email to my email address, sandyg2561@gmail.com. If I have to retype these reports mistakes can be made, and its quicker.
- Second, send in a Microsoft Word program format or a compatible document. Please do not send in PDF format because I can't



edit it to get in the correct format to be printed.

- Third, please check your word count of your report and do not go over the word limit. The length of reports to be printed is limited as follows: Division President, 800 words; Division Officers, 500 words; Committee Chairmen, 300 words; District reports, 300 words; Chapter reports, 400 words; Clubs, 250 words.
- Fourth, the deadline for 2016 annual reports is August 31, 2016. Every Division, Chapter, officer; District, Committee Chairman, Club Presidents, and CofC Director should always send the Recording Secretary a copy of your end of year report. If you don't, they won't be included in the Minutes.

I appreciate everyone who has helped me getting the Minutes together and completed on a timely basis. If anyone has a question or a concern, please contact me.



Division Officers

Registrar

Pam Mauldin

Ladies, these are some of the things I continue to see. Since the change of no longer requiring proof of marriage on applications, it has not changed proving anything else you list. An example is in the generations when you show the mother's birth and death dates and places, you STILL have to prove those. Also, any time you send a supplemental or original and use someone else's approved paper as proof on the same ancestor, ALWAYS send the proof of military service for the veteran. We must have that military record every time. You do not have to prove birth or death dates that appear on the original being used, but they must be listed



exactly as the approved one shows, unless you have additional proof. A good example is if the father may have passed away since the original was approved, you need to show that death date along with the proof. The chapter approval dates on page 1 and 4 must match.

I look forward to seeing you at the workshops. Let me know if you need assistance.

Editor of Our Heritage

Sharon Tallman

It is a pleasure to serve as your MS Division Editor, and I hope that the website and newsletter are informative and helpful to each member of our wonderful organization in Mississippi Division. Please do not hesitate to let me know how I can make those communication tools better for all of us.

It is my goal to foster friendship and love within our Division through the MS Division website and *Our Heritage* newsletter. Hopefully, when we see what enthusiasm and fun other members have and read about their various Chapter activities, it will



motivate all of us to strengthen the bonds of love and friendship within our own Chapters. It will help us to plan and execute events and activities that will bring us together as UDC sisters. Strong Chapters make a strong Division! Perhaps even more importantly, *well-planned activities and events demonstrate the love and respect we have for our Confederate ancestors.*

Thanks to each of you for all you do to further the work and goals of our UDC!



Division Officers

Chaplain

Beth Koostra

**In Loving Memory
of Myra Sandidge**



MS Division mourns the passing of our beloved Ex-Division President

Myra Mizell Sandidge

Capt. Samuel J. Ridley Chapter 243, Canton, Mississippi

Date of Death: November 17, 2015

Myra joined UDC on the record of her

Great-great-great Uncle William K. Martin, Co B, 28th MS Cavalry
and was serving as Chapter President at the time of her death.

Myra Mizell Sandidge, 70, joined her Heavenly Father on November 17, 2015 after a long, courageous battle with cancer. She was born on January 2, 1945, in New Orleans, Louisiana but had lived in Canton most of her life.

Myra loved sports, in particular Canton Academy and the Ole Miss Rebels. She was an avid historian and member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy where she was president of the Mississippi Division UDC. She was also a member of the Canton/Madison County Historical Society. She loved to work in her yard and



was a former member of the Canton Garden Club. She decorated for every single holiday and was known for her elaborate Christmas decorations.

Myra is survived by her husband, Thomas Sandidge, and a host of family and friends who mourn her passing. In lieu of flowers, the family asked that memorials be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Funeral was held on Saturday, November 21, 2016, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at the Canton Cemetery.



Division Officers

Historian

Lynda McKinney

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year!! It looks like winter has finally arrived. This is a good time for everyone to start working on your Historical articles, scrapbooks, and newsletters. Also be on the lookout for worthy recipients for the Jefferson Davis and Sidney Lanier Awards.

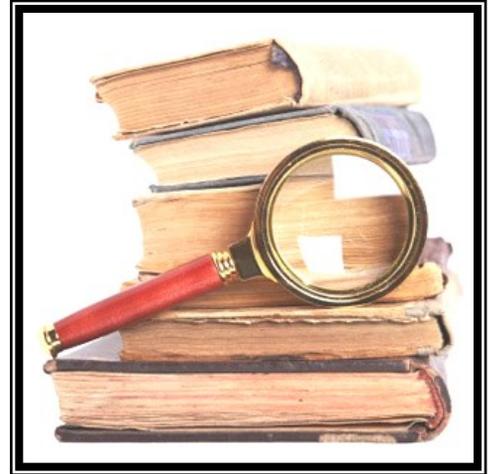
We will have a new Historian General's Statistical Report form this year. I don't know about everyone else, but I am very excited about the new form. Many items have been eliminated and some combined. I believe that it is going to make our end-of-year report so much easier.

I hope everyone has passed on the Junior and Senior High Essay Topics! I look forward to receiving lots of them from our school children. Encourage your CofC children, grandchildren, neighbors, nephews, and nieces to write an essay this year. Remember, the deadline for the essay is April 15, 2016. As of today, I have not received the topics for the Members

Essay Contest. I will get them to Sharon Tallman to put on the website when I receive them.

Ladies please send in your pictures, newspaper clippings, and articles for the scrapbook as soon as your chapter hosts an event. The deadline for the scrapbook this year is August 31, 2016.

I look forward to receiving your monthly newsletters and items for the Division Scrapbook. I would like to thank each of you for your hard work in preserving our HISTORY!!



Committee Activities

Louis Napoleon Nelson



Daughters, year end reporting will be here before you know it. As you work on reports for committees the rest of this year, please don't forget the Black Confederates. These loyal, brave men have been mistreated by history, and it is up to us to make sure they are not forgotten.

If any of you happen to need any forms I would be glad to forward a copy to you. If you need any help I'm here. Mississippi took top honors at General Convention last year, and I could not be more proud of the Mississippi Daughters. Let's see if we can top ourselves for this year!

Lani Burnette Rinkel

MS Division Committee Chairman
Recognition of the Service of Black Confederates



Committee Activities

Mrs. Norman V. Randolph Relief

Sandy Gaddis, Chairman

We have gained another Real Daughter this year who is Mrs. Iva Lee Benson Gainey from Benson, North Carolina. Her father was Charles H. Benson who served the Confederacy as Private in Company I, 24th North Carolina Infantry. Her birthday is May 9, 1921, so remember to send her cards. Also if you can send her a welcome from the UDC, I know she would love it. Mrs. Gainey is a member of Johnston Pettigrew Chapter 95, Raleigh, North Carolina Division. Her address is Mrs. Iva Lee Benson Gainey, 604 E. Morris Ave. Apt 103, Benson, NC 27504-1400.

One of our Real Daughters, Mrs. Reba Scott, fell and broke the ball of her hip. She will be in rehab for several weeks. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers. Cards may be sent to her home address: 725 Jordan Mill Road, Sandersville, GA 31082-7100.

All our Daughters love the cards and remembrances that you send and send their thanks for them. At this time, there are no birthdays until April. Those are Mrs. Lucyle Bishop Arata and Mrs. Leontine L. Duplessis.

But you could send Valentine's cards in February and St. Patrick Day cards in March to all our ladies.



We have 10 *Real Daughters* and two Mrs. NVRR Fund recipients who are granddaughters. If you need a current list of the Mrs. NVRR Relief Fund and *Real Daughters* with their addresses and birthdays please send me a private email to sandyg2561@gmail.com.

I also have an copy of the Biographies of our Mrs. NVRR Fund Recipients and Real Daughters authored by Linda Curtis, Mrs. NVRR Fund and Real Daughters General Chairman. If you want a PDF copy, please let me know by email and I'll email one to you. It has their names, addresses, birthdays, etc.

UDC Magazine and Advertising

Susan Dunn, Chairman

Ladies,

I have received magazine subscription reports for 2015-2016 from only six Chapters. Remember you do not have to wait until the end of the year to report. When you send in your renewals, just make me a copy and mail it then.





District Events

District I Meeting Registration Form

UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY®

Registration and "Meet & Greet"
begin at 10 A.M.
Meeting begins at 10:30 A.M.

District I Business Meeting

Saturday, March 19, 2016
10:30 A.M.

Alcorn County Extension Center
2200 Levee Rd. (Old Hwy 45 S)
Corinth, MS 38834

REGISTRATION FORM

IN ORDER TO INSURE CORRECT COUNT FOR LUNCH, ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED
NO LATER THAN March 12, 2016.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Chapter Name & Number _____

City _____

Chapter or District Office you Hold _____

Member _____ Guest _____ (Check one)

Registration Fee.....\$ 7.50

Lunch.....\$ 7.50

TOTAL.....\$15.00

Make checks payable to Corinth #333
Mail to:
Christina Thornton 662-660-3690
5 County Road 460
Iuka, MS 38852
clthornton82@hotmail.com

DIRECTIONS

From Hwy 45 North, take the Corinth exit. Turn left and take first road to the right (Levee Road/Old Hwy 45 South). Located near the Crossroads Arena.



District Events

District II Meeting Registration Form



United Daughters of the Confederacy®

2016 District II Workshop
April 2, 2016

Greenville Yacht Club
235 Lake St.
Greenville, MS 38701

REGISTRATION FORM

IN ORDER TO INSURE CORRECT COUNT FOR LUNCH IT IS NECESSARY TO SET AN ABSOLUTE CUT OFF DATE. ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 21st March 2016.

Name _____
(ONE PERSON PER REGISTRATION FORM PLEASE)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

Chapter Name & Number _____

City _____

Office you hold _____ Assoc. Member Member Guest

Highest Office Held _____

Registration Fee	\$ 7.50
Lunch/Refreshments	\$ 10.00
TOTAL	\$ 17.50
Coffee and refreshments will be available after you register. Meet 'n' Greet from 8:00 am until 9:15 am.	

Make checks payable to Pvt Taylor Rucks 2204 District II Workshop and mail to:

Judy Correro
2185 Highway 1 South
Greenville, MS 38701

Information: Lynda McKinney 662-230-2795
Kathy Eubank 662-820-7494

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8:00 AM. WORKSHOP BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 9:15 AM.

DRESS IS CASUAL; HOWEVER WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE NOT WEAR JEANS.

This year the Division Workshop will be in conjunction with the District Workshop. The Chapter Presidents will receive the President package at this time. The District Business Meeting will follow the Division Workshop. This is an Election year for the District II Officers. Please make your plans to attend this meeting.



District Events

District III Meeting Registration Form

United Daughters of the Confederacy®

2016 DISTRICT III WORKSHOP

Saturday, April 16, 2016 at 9:30 A.M.
 BEAUVOIR ROOM AT BEAUVOIR, BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!

Registration and Luncheon

Please include \$7.50 Registration Fee + \$10.00 Box Lunch. TOTAL \$17.50
 Registration 8:30-9:15. Coffee, juice, and a variety of breads and fruits will be offered.
 Meeting will begin promptly at 9:30 to 12:00.
 Lunch: 12:00-12:45. Tour of Beauvoir 1:00

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP +4 _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL _____

CHAPTER NAME & NUMBER _____

CITY _____

OFFICES YOU HOLD _____

Email Hosting Chapter President, Biloxi Beauvoir #623 Tina B. Johnston at KC5ZLV@gmail.com by **APRIL 11** with your registration form information or mail form to her at 11412 Old Fort Bayou Rd., Vancleave, MS 39565 by **APRIL 9**. For more information, please contact District III Chairman: Peggy McCullough at 601-734-2265 or pmmcul43@gmail.com, or Division President: Janice Strohm at 228-832-7629 or 228-697-9936 or larrystrohm@bellsouth.net. **PAY TO THE ORDER OF BILOXI BEAUVOIR #623 WITH DISTRICT III WORKSHOP 2016 IN THE MEMO AREA.**
 THANKS.

It is of utmost importance that Chapter President's and officers be present to receive the Presidents' packets and information to complete reports. You will also receive information about the Children of the Confederacy Convention in June and our upcoming Division UDC Convention in Sept. You will learn how the UDC works, how to submit the yearly reports, and how to request awards. Be prepared to ask questions that will help you achieve the UDC objectives.

- ALL INCLUDE UTENSILS, COOKIE, PICKLE, AND BAG OF CHIPS
- ___ McAllister's Club
- ___ Club Wrap

- ___ Orange Cranberry Club
 - ___ Veggie Club
 - ___ Harvest Chicken Salad Croissant*
- *Dressed with leaf lettuce and tomatoes



UDC Club Events

Granddaughters Clubs

The 2016 dues for all Granddaughters Clubs are due. Please get them in soon to the treasurers of each club:

- ◆ Great Granddaughters Club Treasurer:
Pam Mauldin (pgmauldin@comcast.net)
- ◆ GG Granddaughters Club Treasurer:
Tina B. Johnston (KC5SLV@gmail.com)
- ◆ GGG Granddaughters Club Treasurer:
Sallie Roberts (sallielroberts53@yahoo.com)



SPECIAL MEMORIAL SERVICE Mississippi Monument at Shiloh

Joint SCV-UDC Memorial Service

On April 9, 2016 at 11:00 a. m. at the Mississippi Monument at Shiloh we will have an event to honor all Mississippi soldiers that fought at The Battle of Shiloh. This is a Mississippi Division Sons of Confederate Veterans and Mississippi Division United Daughters of the Confederacy event. Since the SCV and UDC did not get the recognition that we should have on October 10, we are having this event to do what we did not get to do in October. All speakers that day will be SCV and UDC members. Mr. Grady Howell will be the guest speaker; he will be speaking about the 6th Mississippi at Shiloh. After that, we will lay flower wreaths on the Confederate burial trench in Rhea Field, a musket salute, and someone playing taps.

We would like for all SCV camps and UDC chapters to lay a wreath. This is the burial trench that we think most of the 6th Mississippi soldiers are buried in. We need reenactors for a color guard and for the musket salute. For all reenactors, we have a place for you to camp that is not in the park; it is close to where the Confederates camped the night before the battle.

Thanks,
Buddy Ellis
1st. Lt. Commander
Col. W. P. Rogers Camp 321
Corinth, Mississippi
bellis1960@comcast.net



Chapter Events

CANTON

Captain Samuel J. Ridley 2430



Myra Sandidge

The entire MS Division UDC sends loving thoughts, prayers, and condolences to the Captain Samuel J. Ridley 2430 Chapter of Canton, Mississippi, on the loss of their beloved Chapter president and Ex-MS Division president, **Myra Sandidge**. She was a treasure and will be missed by all her UDC sisters — Chapter, Division, and General.

Canton Chapter members L to R: Sarah Garrison, Nancy Stewart, Pauline Watkins, and Laura Mullins at MS Division Convention in September 2015, Jackson, Mississippi



CORINTH

Corinth 333

Margaret Greene Rogers Memorial Library Dedication

On September 20, 2015, Corinth Chapter #333 UDC hosted the Margaret Greene Rogers Memorial Library dedication. Mrs. Marcia Glisson spearheaded the project and worked many hours to get the new signage on the

outside of the library. The library is located inside the Crossroads Museum in Corinth, MS. Over 40 people



attended the event, and several speakers told of their fond memories of Mrs. Rogers. Mrs. Rogers was a teacher, historian, author, volunteer, and community advocate. She was a member of Corinth Chapter #333 and also started and led a Children of the Confederacy Chapter for over 15 years. After the dedication, light refreshments were served.

Pictured above are Corinth Chapter #333 members L to R: Thelma Tucker, Christina Thornton (President), Marcia Glisson, Jeanette Jones, Kathryn Sewell, and Joan Reed. Not pictured is Madell Jones.





Chapter Events

HERNANDO

Bedford Forrest 448

CROSS OF MILITARY SERVICE AWARD CEREMONY

Here are two photos from our award service January 19, 2016. It is a fitting tribute that this ceremony coincided with the anniversary of the birth of Robert E Lee. Bedford Forrest 448 also held a candlelight service in honor of our fathers as we read their names and units aloud.

Mr. Boyce DeLashmit received a posthumous medal for the service of his father, Albert DeLashmit, serving in WWII on the USS AMPHION. Mrs. Frances DeLashmit received a posthumous award for the service of her father, Marvin J Haynes Jr., serving in the USN in WWII on Guam.

The courage, self-sacrifice, and bravery of our service men and women serve as a legacy of our Confederate heroes, and Bedford Forrest 448 takes great pride as we honor and remember them.

First photograph:

Martha Doddridge, Saranne Emerson, Micaela DeLashmit Perkins, Frances DeLashmit and Boyce DeLashmit.



Second photograph:

Martha Doddridge, Frances DeLashmit, Micaela DeLashmit Perkins, Lani Burnette Rinkel, Saranne O Emerson, Janice Dixon, Linda Doddridge, Ladye Durdin, and Andrea Williams.



Chapter Events

HORN LAKE Varina Howell Davis 2559

December was a very busy month for the Varina Howell Davis Chapter!

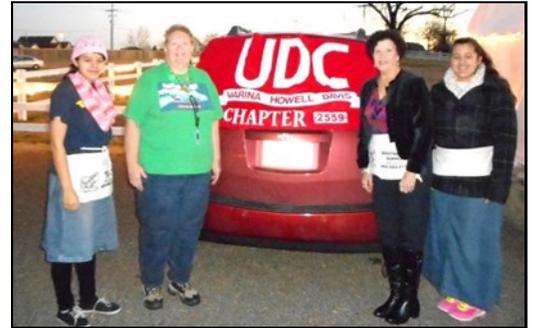
We designed a float and rode on it in the Horn Lake Christmas Parade on December 8th. We received a lot of positive feedback from our community.

December 11th, 6 members traveled to Batesville, MS to take part in the District II Christmas Brunch.

We had our Christmas Party in Horn Lake on December 14th and invited the Samuel A. Hughey SCV Camp as our guests.

Christmas Eve found us at our annual fundraiser "Southern Lights" in Southaven. This was a joyous event to raise money for our Chapter and get our name out in that community. We admitted around 400 vehicles to this Christmas display in 4 hours!

We look forward to 2016 as being another great year!



Southern Lights – Southaven, MS
L to R - Jessica Smally, Linda McGan, Dorothy Herron, Jennifer Smally



Horn Lake Christmas Parade

L to R standing – Janie McDonald, Christine Rhoda, JoAnn Smith, Linda McGan.
L to R seated – Jennifer Smally, Dorothy Herron



Christmas Party - Jackie Ackerman and Keith Pierce, looking festive in their period clothes.



Chapter Members at District II Christmas Brunch

Standing – L to R –Jennifer Smally, Cynthia Blalock, Dorothy Herron. Seated – L to R –Janie McDonald, Linda McGan, Frances Thompson



Chapter Events

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TRUE STORY: BENJAMIN AND THE MINI BALL

*By Patricia Roark Proctor
Attala County 2592 Chapter Member*

When I was a little girl visiting my grandmother, she would take out a small wooden chest filled with treasures of things she considered to be important to our family history. But the one I remembered the most was a small, stone-like ball, gray in color and slightly pointed. When the War Between the States began, my great-grandfather, Benjamin H. Mabry (Mayberry) was a teenager. His father enlisted early in the war and as soon as Benjamin was old enough, he also became a rebel soldier.

As long as Benjamin lived, he talked about being hungry to the point of starvation and of his love of Robert E. Lee. While fighting near Macon, Georgia, he was shot in the leg. He was taken to Ocmulgee Hospital, and as was often the case, he was furloughed from the hospital, with the mini ball still in his leg.

Benjamin carried the bullet in his leg for twelve years until he jumped off the porch of a country church near McCool, Mississippi. He felt something go down his leg and looking on the ground he found the mini ball from the "Civil War" injury. Upon my grandfather Peyton Norman Mabry's death in 1950, the mini ball was passed to Benjamin's son, Albin, by my grandmother. Years later, the treasure was passed onto another family member.



As I told the story to my son, David, who is a re-enactor, he searched for and found the cousin who held the treasure. After several conversations, I was able to bring the mini ball to my home, on loan. *After more than seventy years, I once again held the treasure in my hand.* The thrill of holding that 152-year-old relic in my hand does not compare.

Benjamin H. Mabry (Mayberry) was a private in Co. K, 4th Mississippi Regiment. He died in 1929.



*Story submitted by Sylvia Purvis
Chapter President of Attala County 2592*



Chapter Events

LOUISVILLE Winston Guards 2643



General Convention, Nov 2015. Susan Jones, top, and Mrs. Betty Arnold of TX Division.



General Convention, Nov 2015. L to R, Susan Jones and Frances Woodruff, Winston Guards Chapter President and Registrar General.



General Convention, November 2015. L to R, Winston Guards 2643 Chapter President and Registrar General Frances Woodruff, Winston Guards Honorary Member Mary Ann Claxton from California Division, and Winston Guards member Susan Jones. Mary Ann was presented her Honorary member certificate at the 2015 General Convention in Raleigh, NC.

(All photos above courtesy of Susan Jones)

Scouting for Monuments



Jefferson Davis Highway Marker on Alabama-Mississippi line on Hwy 90

Confederate Monument in DeFuniak Springs



Rutherfordton North Carolina

Davis Dickerson Mills Chapter UDC Monument Rutherfordton North Carolina





Chapter Events

MERIDIAN Robert E. Lee 2561

A dinner honoring the birthdays of Generals Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson, was held January 12, 2016, in Meridian. Hosting the event were Robert E. Lee 2561, UDC; Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp 1649, SCV; Winnie Davis Chapter 24, UDC; and W.D. Cameron Camp 1221, SCV.

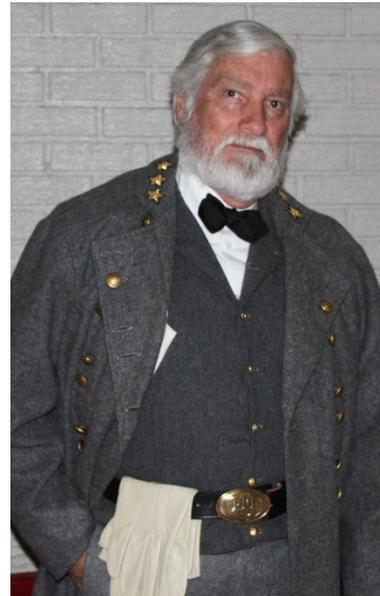
Scott McQuaig, Commander of Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp 1649, SCV and Sandy Gaddis, President of Robert E. Lee 2561, UDC welcomed those attending. Adele Whitlock, Vice President of Robert E. Lee 2561, UDC read the poem "LEE" by R.H. Dykers. Elliott Pool, Commander of W.D. Cameron Camp 1221, SCV introduced the speaker, Mr. Presley Hutchens, who gave

Gen. Lee's farewell to his troops in first person.

A large birthday cake furnished by Winnie Davis 24 UDC was shared by all present, and numerous door prizes were given out. SCV musicians Britt Gully, Scott McQuaig, and Rodney Turner entertained with period music. During a candlelight memorial, those present lit and extinguished a candle honoring their Confederate ancestor. Following the benediction, the celebration ended with the singing of "Dixie".



L to R: Scott McQuaig, Britt Gully, and Rodney Turner on bass.



General Robert E. Lee (AKA Mr. Presley Hutchens)



Sandy Gaddis, Chapter President and Jennifer Jackson, Chapter Treasurer of Robert E. Lee 2561 at MS Division Convention in Sept 2015



Sandy Gaddis, Adele Whitlock Chapter VP, and Jennifer Jackson of Robert E. Lee 2561 at Birthday Banquet in January 2016



Chapter Events

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Mary Ann Randolph Custis Lee 2583 (MARCL)

BONNET CONTEST HIGHLIGHTS MARCL'S CELEBRATION

Deep in Dixie's Land, where such traditions as Mardi Gras, Lemonade, and honoring our Southland date back hundreds of years, MARCL recognized the birthdays of Generals Lee and Jackson in a rather non-traditional manner. "Have a 'Souper' Birthday" was the refreshment theme with the traditional King Cake served instead of birthday. Winnie Davis was the Queen of the Krewe of Co-mus. What better way to honor our Generals than with a cake representing the Daughter of the Confederacy". Of course, the "souper" theme was completed with homemade vegetable soup and cornbread prepared by camp follower Paul Young.

History of the Bonnet was presented by Sylvia Knight after which a bonnet contest was held. Members were asked to make a bonnet or hat themed to one of the words of our motto LOVE, LIVE, PRAY, THINK, DARE. Each member told why she chose the word and what it meant to her as a UDC member. Pat Smith won with her entry depicting the word *think*.

Members of our dulcimer group Kathy Ford, Myrna Lazenby, Barbara Lott, and Karen Mims ended the "Souper Birthday" with the favorite hymns of our Generals—"How Firm a Foundation" and "Nearer My God to Thee."



Pat Smith's "Think" adorned with school books, school supplies and a diploma took top honors. Her idea was thinking about ways to ensure that our children learn about our Southern Heritage.



Some of the participants were (L-R) Sylvia Knight, Carol Smith, Beth Johnson, Linda Watts, Celeste Young, Pat Smith and Linda Hudson.



Chapter Events

Mary Ann Randolph Custis Lee 2583, cont.

CROSS OF MILITARY SERVICE FOR THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR

SFC Luckie J. McDonald of Columbia was honored recently with the Cross of Military Service for the Global War on Terror.



L-R Jessie A. Sanford, Commander Lt. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest 1353, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Hattiesburg; SFC Luckie J. McDonald, and Celeste Young, President, Mary Ann Randolph Custis Lee 2583, Purvis.

SFC McDonald served two tours in Iraq while assigned to Company C, 890th Engineer Battalion, Mississippi Army National Guard. Among his awards are the Iraq Campaign Medal with three stars and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. The ceremony was held at a joint meeting of the Mary Ann Randolph Custis Lee 2583 and Lt. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp 1353 at the Hattiesburg Garden Club.

TUPELO

John J. Hart 2443

John J. Hart 2443 Christmas meeting was held on Tuesday, December 1, 2015, at the Tupelo Country Club. It was lots of fun because it involved all the fun parts of Christmas: food, games, door prize, gifts, and gift giving! This meeting was also designated as "Hat Day!" Everyone brought an inexpensive wrapped gift, and they were awarded as prizes during BINGO as we played "Dirty Santa." This year we again donated Christmas gift bags to the veterans of Magnolia Manor Assisted Living Facility in Tupelo. Each Chapter member donated items (socks, candy, lotion, handkerchiefs, cookies, lip balm, baby powder, crackers,

Christmas decorations, combs, toothbrushes & toothpaste, hand sanitizer, etc.) to fill 10 bags. We filled the bags at our Christmas meeting, and the overflowing gift bags were delivered to grateful veterans that afternoon.





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