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Mississippi Division United Daughters of the Confederacy®

President's Message

By Patricia C. Parrish



The new year has begun. I sincerely hope everyone will find 2018 successful for you personally as well as your Chapter. A new year gives us a chance to reflect on the past year and the MS Division accomplishments. Some definite goals were set and others came our way to work toward.

One of the things which Division set as a new program was the Mississippi Disaster Relief Fund. It was the desire of the Division President and Executive Committee to have a fund for immediate distribution to fellow Mississippians in times of disaster. Certain guidelines were established. It was activated when a tornado struck the Hattiesburg area. The Division was able to give aid immediately. As we

think about tornado season approaching in February and March, we ask once again for contributions to the MS Division Disaster Relief Fund in order to keep it funded. You may contribute individually or as a Chapter. All contributions should be sent to Treasurer Mary Landin earmarked for the disaster fund. I thank you on behalf of the Division in advance. Let us take care of our own fellow citizens.

When officers and members attended the General convention in Florida, we heard much about public relations regarding the image of the UDC. An attempt has been made to hire a public relations firm to enhance the image of UDC. The Mississippi Division accomplished this without hiring a public relations firm. When the Mississippi Division President requested from the Executive Committee and finance committee a one-time donation of \$1000 to the two museums in Jackson, Mississippi, to commemorate the bicentennial of Mississippi statehood, we had a great opportunity to present MS Division UDC in a positive light. We created our own public relations moment.

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Division Officers

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UDC Sisterhood



Brent Rifles 2137 Chapter sisters (page 23)

There is space within sisterhood for likeness and difference, for the subtle differences that challenge and delight; there is space for disappointment... and surprise.

Christine Downing

President's Message, cont.

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When the donation was made, two tickets were given to the Division to attend a reception on the eve of the opening of the museums. Your President and Vice President attended the reception. We chose to wear our insignia. At the reception, we met former governors of Mississippi and one former United States Secretary of Agriculture. They inquired as to what our insignia represented. We were given the opportunity to explain all the worthwhile things the UDC does. Many others attending the reception inquired also. We proudly proclaimed the objects of the UDC. I have one regret. It is that all of you could not have been there with us. What stories we could have all told of the virtues of UDC. Thank you for giving us the honor of being your ambassadors!

We were in for a pleasant surprise at the reception. As we toured the museum, we found a display with a membership pin from the Mississippi Division UDC. The UDC and the War Between the States were given an area in the museum with pins, swords, and restored flags on display, among many other items devoted to the time period. It was an honorable display, one of which you can take pride. I hope all of you will visit the museum soon.

Congratulations! You have done a marvelous job remembering our ancestors who died in the Battle of Franklin, Tennessee. In March of last year at Spring Board in Richmond, Virginia, we were presented with the challenge of financing the replacement of



District Meeting Dates



- **District 1 - March 24**
Chairman Sharon Tallman
- **District II - March 31**
Chairman Lynda McKinney
- **District III - March 17**
Chairman Ruthie Wade

(Districts I and II registration forms within this newsletter)

424 markers of Mississippians buried in the McGavock Cemetery. They died fighting the Battle of Franklin, Tennessee. A committee was named with Ruth Allbritton of General M.P. Lowrey, Susan Dunn and Linda McKinney of H.D. Money, and Celeste Young of MARCL. The ladies went to work. Through their work and yours, the challenge was met. In a very short time, you contributed \$9,964.00. I humbly thank you for remembering these gallant men. You have shown what an outstanding Division you are.

I will be attending the Spring Board in Richmond, Virginia, in March. It is an opportunity to bring new information back to you. Several others from the Division will also be attending. All members are welcome to attend.

District meetings are being planned. Please attend these. This is one way to join together to strengthen our relationships with other daughters (sisters). I hope to see you there.

As many of you have heard, my husband is undergoing radiation treatments. He is mobile and able to enjoy short trips. He is doing fairly well under the circumstances. As a family, we decided I will continue in the office of president of the MS Division. With your prayers and help, my family will see this trying time through. I am available to attend functions and accept invitations as usual. My husband gains strength hearing from you and the exploits of the MS Division.

Thank you.



Division Officers

Vice President
Pam Mauldin

Hello from balmy north Mississippi! It is a delightful 50 degrees!

The District chairmen have already chosen dates for the last of the District meetings, and they are listed in this newsletter. I encourage you to go to the meeting to take care of the business in your District.



The 10-year continuous member pin

I have seen a few mistakes in the ordering of insignia.

1. If you are ordering a continuous membership pin, please remember that you, the member, **MUST** contact the business office for verification of continuous payment. That is the only form I can accept.
2. If you are ordering an ancestor bar, you can take away from your proof if you need to do so for engraving purposes but you **CANNOT** add to your proof. For example, if your certificate says "Jonathan Benjamin Johnston," you may use "Jonathan B. Johnston." If your proof says "Jonathan B. Johnston," you may **NOT** use "Jonathan Benjamin Johnston."
3. Remember that the space between names does not count, but a period (.) or dash (-) does count.

I am here to help in any way I can, and I like to hear from you all. Drop me an email, text message, or a good old phone call, and I will help in any way I can. Stay warm and remember *spring is on the way!*

RMSA
Cynthia Blalock

Important information has been received from Gail Stamps Brosk, who is the Recorder General of Military Service Awards. She says:

"I wanted to give you all a 'heads up' that the new recorder's manual is up on the website, along with new forms. These include the checklist, the instructions for filling out the MoF, and the Form 36 order form and MoF itself, which were revised in July. Please download the new manual and new forms and forward to your Chapter recorders. Previous versions of the MoF and order form are no longer being accepted, so please be sure you are using the ones that say 'Revised 2017' at the bottom. I have tried to make the instructions and requirements clearer in the new manual, so I hope everyone will use it (and I hope it is successful in clearing up confusion)."

Please allow at least nine to ten weeks from when they are mailed to Division Recorder of Military Service Awards to date of bestowal of awards. Remember I am here to help you. Please call me at (901) 491-2212 or at my home number (662) 342-0903. My email is CynthiaHBlalock@yahoo.com.





Division Officers

2nd VP

Lynda McKinney

It is that time of year for our high school seniors to start filling out their

scholarship applications. I have mailed each Chapter's Second Vice President or President a hard copy of the Mississippi Division Scholarship application form, checklist, rules, and information for potential applicants. I hope each of you have reached out to your high school seniors and given them a copy of the scholarship rules and forms. **I pray there are applications being completed as the deadline for receipt of the required materials is March 15!**

The Mississippi Division United Daughters of the Confederacy currently offers two undergraduate scholarships: the Margaret Howell Hayes Davis Scholarship and the Blanche Abels Burrell Scholarship. A third scholarship established in 2013 with funds donated by the

Putnam Darden Chapter 2242, the Rebecca Hamner Scholarship, is currently being funded.

The application process begins with the applicant obtaining the appropriate forms from a sponsoring UDC Chapter and securing endorsement by the Chapter President and Second Vice President. Qualifications for scholarship applicants include being a lineal descendant of an eligible Confederate. Collateral descendants are eligible provided they are a member of the CofC or the UDC.

Yes, assisting a student with the application process will require effort and time from the sponsoring UDC Chapter. However, it is also very satisfying to know that this organization is contributing to the education of the future leaders of our businesses, schools, churches, healthcare organizations, communities, and states. If you have any questions, please contact me. I look forward to receiving the applications from your Chapter!

In honor of my favorite Confederate soldier who celebrated a birthday in January, here is a little quiz to see how well you know him. No looking up answers — just take the test. Happy Birthday, Robert E. Lee!

Editor
Sharon Tallman

1. What was Robert E. Lee's middle name?

- A. Edwin
- B. Elden
- C. Edward
- D. Elwin

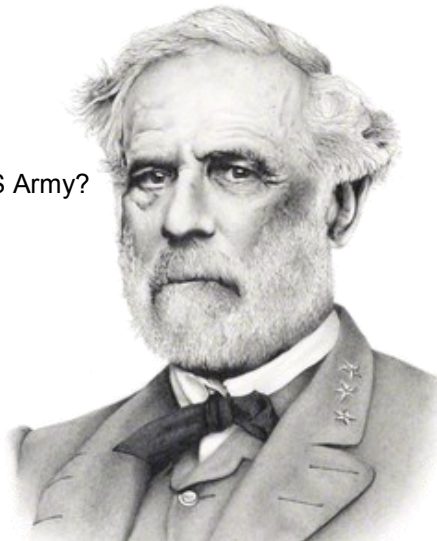
2. What was Lee's rank in US Army?

- A. Lt Colonel
- B. General
- C. Captain
- D. Major

3. How many children did

Robert E. Lee have?

- A. 7
- B. 6
- C. 5
- D. 4



4. Who was Robert E. Lee's father?

- A. Major General Henry Lee
- B. Reverend Henry "Light Horse" E. Lee
- C. Unknown
- D. Colonel Henry Lee II

5. When was Robert E. Lee born?

- A. January 9, 1808
- B. January 9, 1807
- C. January 19, 1807
- D. January 19, 1808

6. What was Robert E. Lee's wife's maiden name?

- A. Mary Annette Randolph Custis
- B. Mary Anna Randolph Custis
- C. Mary Anne Randolph Custis
- D. Mary Ann Randolph Custis

After you take the test, see the answers on last page.



Division Officers



*A*s I write this article, the *Minutes Book* is being put to bed.

We are going to press, and they will be ready to distribute at District meetings. If you did not order one previously, they will be on sale for \$10.00 at all three District meetings. I want to say a big thank you to everyone who helped make my job so much easier by turning in the reports and going the extra mile when asked. I look forward to seeing everyone at the District meetings. It is truly a pleasure to serve as your Recording Secretary.

Recording Secretary

Tonya Mott



Division Convention 2003

Pickwick, Tennessee



Top row, L to R: Ruth Allbritton, Pauline Watkins, Betty Arnold, Judy Estes, Sandy Gaddis, and Stephanie Foley
 Bottom row, L to R: Kaley Anderson, Von Coombs, Gloria Adkins, Mabel Clark, and Wylodeane Edwards



Division Officers

Chaplain
Dorothy Herron

Long May We Remember



Robin Ann Tallon Hasty

Death 11-8-2017

Chapter Mary Ann Randolph Custis Lee 2583 Purvis
Great-Great-Grandfather Pvt. James M. Bardwell, Co. G. 1st North Carolina Inf. Reg.
Robin was retired from the United States Air Force as a small arms instructor and a paralegal. In addition to UDC, she was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, VFW, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, and the Southern String Dulcimer Club. She was 64 years old.

Sara Annence Bonds Pounds

Death 12-13-2017

Chapter D. T. Beall 1185 Booneville

Great-Grandfather James Wright Bonds, Pvt. Co. A. 2nd Reg. MS Vol.

A lifelong resident of Booneville, Sara graduated from Booneville High School, Blue Mountain College, and Mississippi State University. She was a devout member of the First Baptist Church of Booneville. She retired from the Booneville Gas and Water Department and was active in many community organizations. Sara held the office of Honorary Division President in MS Division UDC at the time of her death at the age of 97.



Dr. Neola Lee Hollingsworth Cleveland

Death 1-12-2018

Chapter D. T. Beall 1185 Booneville

Great-Grandfather William Moore Fant, Private Co. E. 5th Cavalry AL

Neola was born in 1926 and married Dr. Webster Cleveland, Jr., in 1956.

Remarkably in 1968 at the age of 42, she began college earning her Doctorate degree by 1978. Her community involvement was tireless, and her accomplishments and service in each organization were outstanding. Her pastor said if the doors of First Baptist Church of Booneville were open, that is where she and Webster were found! She served as president and other offices of many organizations, including UDC.



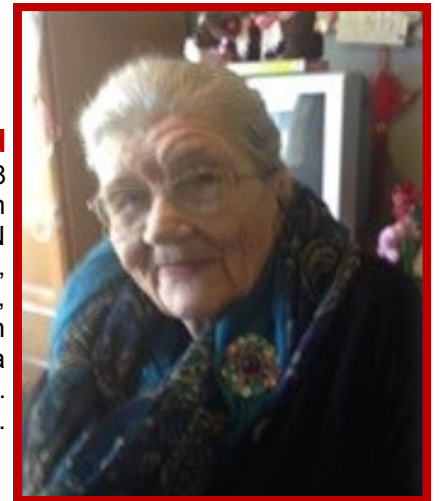
Daisy Estelle Burnham Reed

Death 1-22-2018

Chapter General M. P. Lowrey 1608 Blue Mountain

Great-Grandfather Private John R Burnham, Co. C. 51st Infantry TN

Miss Daisy taught school in the 1940s and 50s at Good Hope, Sulphur Springs, Chewalla, and Reed's schoolhouses. She enjoyed gardening, reading, cooking, sewing, and spending time with loved ones. She was 95. Miss Daisy's grandson Ryan Reed is a former recipient of the General M.P. Lowrey Scholarship and a graduate of Blue Mountain College. Her service was conducted by Ryan.



Our Confederate History

Latinas In The Service of the Confederacy The Sanchez Sisters of St. Augustine

During Lincoln's illegal war on the South in Florida, there lived a Cuban gentleman named Mauritia Sanchez. His family included three daughters who were well known for their beauty, Panchita, Lola, and Eugenia. Suspicion fell on Mr. Sanchez as a spy for the Confederates, and the old man was torn from his home and made a prisoner in the old Spanish Fort in San Marcos (now Fort Marion) at St. Augustine. The girls occupied the home with their mother and were entirely unprotected.

It was usual for Yankee officers to visit at their home, and the girls were wisely cordial to them. A measure of protection was given to the women from the thieving Union soldiers in St. Augustine because of the Yankee officers that spent so much time at the home.

One night three Yankee officers came to the Sanchez home to spend the evening with the girls, who often cooked for them and made them Cuban coffee. After a while, the girls left the officers and went to fix supper. The soldiers, thinking they could speak freely, discussed a plan to surprise the Confederates on Sunday morning by sending gunboats up the river and also planned a foraging party from St. Augustine. When Lola heard this, she stopped working and paid attention. After learning everything she could, she told Panchita to entertain them until she returned. Stealing softly from the house, she ran to the barn, threw a saddle on her horse, and rode a mile away to the ferry. From there, the ferryman took her horse and gave her a boat. She rowed across the St. Johns, met one Confederate picket who knew her, and he gave her his horse. She rode like the wind to Camp Davis, a mile and a half away. Reaching the camp, she asked for Captain Dickinson and told him the Yankees were coming and that the troop from St. Augustine would go out foraging to the South. Leaving camp, Lola rode for her life. She knew she must not be missed from home. Giving the picket his horse back, she crossed the ferry again, hitched her waiting

horse and high-tailed it for home. She dismounted away from the house, turned her horse loose, and got home in time for supper. It was very dangerous for Lola to do what she did, because the Yankees knew information had been coming from that house.



The next Sunday morning, the Yankee gunboats went up the St. Johns to surprise the Confederates. However, the Yankees were the ones surprised! The Confederates were ready for them, disabled a gunboat, and captured a transport along with many prisoners.

Time and again these Latina daughters of the Confederacy aided and abetted the Southern cause. Sometime after this incident, a pontoon was captured and renamed "The Three Sisters" in honor of these brave young women.

Eugenia and her daughter were members of the Anna Drummet Chapter UDC in St. Augustine. The granddaughters of Lola and Panchita were members of the St. Augustine Chapter of the Children of the Confederacy, which was named in honor of Gen. W. W. Loring. At the FL Division Convention in 1909, the granddaughters served as pages.

There is a plaque in the UDC building that bears the names of the Sanchez sisters as heroines of the Confederacy.

Submitted by Lani Rinkel
Bedford Forrest 448
Taken from Women of the Confederacy
by J. L. Underwood 1906
and *Confederate Veteran Magazine*
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Committee Activities

Mississippi Division McGavock Confederate Cemetery Project

Congratulations and THANK YOU to the members of MS Division UDC and our friends who have stepped up to remember the MS Confederates killed at the Battle of Franklin and buried in the McGavock Confederate Cemetery. All 424 Mississippians buried in the cemetery have been adopted and have not, and will not, be forgotten. Your generous contributions have furnished new markers for these men who made the ultimate sacrifice. MS Daughters and friends have walked in the footsteps of our predecessors by ensuring these men's graves have been re-marked.

The McGavock Confederate Cemetery Corp. has ordered the markers and will soon begin to place them. The MS Division collected a total of \$9,667.00 with \$297.00 sent directly to the bank by two Chapters. A total of the two is \$9,964.00, the

amount required for re-marking of the 424 MS gravesites.

The MS Division McGavock Cemetery Project Committee commends you for the completion of this project in only eight months. We encourage you to visit the cemetery and pay your respects to these Mississippians who rest forever away from home.

A special thank you to Susan Dunn for the weekly updated database and to Sharon Tallman, Editor, for posting each update on our MS Division website.

Pat Parrish, MS Division President
Ruth Allbritton, Committee Chairman

Susan Dunn
Lynda McKinney
Celeste Young



Dear Ms. Allbritton and the Ladies of the Mississippi Division UDC:

The trustees of the McGavock Confederate Cemetery Corporation would like to thank you for your recent donation of \$9,667.00 toward our restoration project for the purchase of 6 x 6-inch granite "cornerstones". This donation along with previous donations from several Mississippi UDC Chapters completely pays for the cornerstones for the 424 Mississippi Confederates who died in the Battle of Franklin and are buried in the McGavock Confederate Cemetery. Our project to purchase approximately 1,250 cornerstones to place in front of each of the present gravestones will aid visitors to the cemetery in their quest to locate their ancestor, as many names on the current limestone markers are unreadable. The new granite cornerstones contain the same information as the original limestone markers, many of which have been in place for more than 125 years. All of the cornerstones have now been ordered, several of the sections have been completed and we hope to have them all in place by spring, 2018. Your efforts to raise the money to pay for the entire Mississippi section is to be commended.

Marlene W. Holmes

Marlene W. Holmes, Treasurer



Committee Activities

Mrs. NVRN Fund

Sandy Gaddis, Chairman

We have lost so many Daughters, and now we are down to six Real Daughters and a Real Granddaughter recipient of the Mrs. Norman V. Randolph Fund. If you know about any Real Daughters or Granddaughters that might qualify for the Mrs. NVRN fund, please let me know.

Mrs. Vail, General Chairman of the Mrs. NVRN fund, is writing a biography on each Daughter that is published in the *UDC Magazine* beginning August 2017 through April 2018 until all biographies are completed. Make sure you are receiving the magazine so you can read about their lives.

We have one birthday in April and two in May. Remember cards, gifts, or just thinking of you cards for all our ladies. If you need an updated list of the Daughters addresses, please let me know. I need your email address so I can email it. Thanks for all your thoughts and concerns for our Daughters.

Real Daughters' Birthdays by Month

April

15 Mrs. Lucyle Bishop Arata (Father: John Bishop, Co F 1st Hagood's Regt. NC)

May

09 Mrs. Iva Lee Benson Gainey (Father: Charles H. Benson, Co I 24th Regt Inf NC)

26 Mrs. Reba Bishop Scott (Father: John Bishop, Co F 1st Hagood's Regt NC)

August

02 Mrs. Rachel South (Father: John Bailey Blackwell, 5th Batt Lt Artillery, VA)

September

23 Mrs. Sammy Harrison (Grandfather: Robert Henry Hynds II, Co E 31st Inf TN)
Ms. Harrison is our only Mrs. NVRN Fund recipient.

October

01 Mrs. Myrtice Sims Powell (Father: Isaac Sims, Co F Inf FL)

Publicity Committee

Sherrell Ray, Chairman

I would like to remind all of you that articles, pictures, and cutlines can be mailed to me at:

1059 CR 410
Okolona, MS 38860

Please cut out the name of the newspaper, date published, article, cutline, and picture. Please underline in red ink the name of your Chapter, Chapter number, and the date of the publication.

I hope all Chapters will put articles in local newspapers, so we can put them in our Division Press Book!





District Events

DISTRICT I REPORT

As the result of a change in Division bylaws, all Districts will be eliminated effective August 31, 2018. For this reason, District I will hold their final meeting next month on March 24, 2018. We will meet in Louisville at **Lake Tiak-O'Khata**, and our host Chapter will be the Winston Guards. It will be a good meeting in a good location with *really good people* to host the event. The registration form is located within this newsletter. Please send it to Winston Guards host Chapter as soon as possible. I look forward to seeing all our District I ladies in Louisville!

Sharon Tallman

District I Chairman



DISTRICT II REPORT

District II held their annual Christmas Party on December 9, 2017, at the Court Street Café in Batesville. We enjoyed good food, fun, and fellowship with each other. Some of the Christmas games we played were "Christmas Bingo" and "12 Days of Christmas Exchange Game," which everyone really seemed to enjoy. I would like to thank everyone that attended. We missed the ones that could not make it this year. I pray everyone has a safe and productive 2018.

Lynda McKinney

District II Chairman



DISTRICT II CHRISTMAS PARTY

Around the table, L to R:

Dorothy Herron
 Susanna Jones
 Janie McDonald
 Lynda McKinney
 Billie Breedlove
 Judy Byars
 Connie Williamson
 Marie Claye
 Phyllis Holder
 Linda McGan
 Susan Dunn
 Pat Parrish
 Cynthia Blalock
 Jane Montgomery





District I Business Meeting

Lake Tiak O'Khata
213 Smyth Lake Road
Louisville, MS 39339

Saturday, March 24, 2018
10:00 a.m.

REGISTRATION FORM

TO INSURE A CORRECT HEAD COUNT FOR LUNCH, ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MARCH 20, 2018.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

CHAPTER NAME & NUMBER _____

CHAPTER CITY _____

CHAPTER OFFICE YOU HOLD _____

DISTRICT OFFICE YOU HOLD _____

DIVISION OFFICE YOU HOLD _____

GENERAL OFFICE YOU HOLD _____

CHOOSE ONE : MEMBER _____ GUEST _____

REGISTRATION FEE: \$ 7.50

LUNCHEON FEE: \$13.50
Includes tax & tip

TOTAL.....\$21.00

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Mail to: Earline Stewart
P. O. Box 676
Louisville, MS 39339-0676
Phone: 662-773-2964
Email: earlinestewart@aol.com

DIRECTIONS: Highway 15 South, a large sign is at the intersection of Smyth Lake Road and Highway 15.



United Daughters of the Confederacy®

2018 District II Meeting
March 31, 2018

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 24 March 2018.

Name (ONE PERSON PER REGISTRATION FORM PLEASE)

Address

City State Zip+4

Home Phone Cell Phone

E-mail

Chapter Name and Number

City

Office you hold Assoc. Member Member Guest

Highest Office Held

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Rows: Registration Fee \$ 7.50, Lunch/Refreshments \$ 10.00, TOTAL \$ 17.50. Includes note: Coffee and refreshments will be available after you register. Meet 'n' Greet from 8:00 am until 9 am.

Make checks payable to District II Workshop and mail to: Bedford Forrest 448 Saranne O. Emerson, 2931 Ainsworth Lane Southaven, MS 38672-7029. For more information please contact: Saranne Emerson 662-392-2164 soe1946@concast.net

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8:00 AM. MEETING BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 9 AM.

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

This year we will be discussing the District II Scholarship and electing a person to be on the nominating committee.



UDC Club Events

Great-Granddaughters Club

Pam Mauldin, Treasurer

Ladies those of you who belong



to the Great-Granddaughters Club, please note that your **\$3.00** club dues are due to me by April 15, 2018. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me before that time. Thank you!



General Convention

St. Augustine, Florida in November 2017



Division Pres Pat Parrish with Pres Aide Karen Chrisman



Div Pres Pat Parrish and Div VP Pam Mauldin



Hitchin' a ride to Convention!



GO, MISSISSIPPI!

States may sing their songs of praise
With waving flags and hip-hoo-rays,
Let cymbals crash and let bells ring
'Cause here's one song I'm proud to sing.

Go, Mississippi, keep rolling along,
Go, Mississippi, you cannot go wrong,
Go, Mississippi, we're singing your song,
M-I-S-S-I-S-S-I-P-P-I !





Chapter Events

BALDWIN Brice's Crossroads 2714

An 1860's Christmas open house was hosted by the



Christmas Open House

Mississippi's Final Stands Interpretive Center on December 12, with members of Brice's Crossroads Chapter UDC 2714 serving as hostesses and docents. Two traditional live cedar trees were adorned with 1860s era ornaments made by local school children in art classes at East Union Attendance Center, Baldwin schools, and the Honey Tree Preschool. Staff from the center presented programs at the schools about how the 1860s ornaments were made. They also prepared a toy and children's exhibit for the open house.



Jane Hopkins, Linda Crawford, and Sarah Lindley



Refreshments were served, and tours for school children, parents, and the public were provided by UDC members who also decorated the Interpretive Center.

The Chapter wishes to thank all members who participated in this project, especially Sarah Lindley who serves as social chairman for the Chapter.

The Interpretive Center offers both permanent and temporary exhibits that are interactive, and movies, maps, and photos of the battles of Brice's Crossroads and Tupelo/Harrisburg. The Center is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Phyllis Scott and Edwina Carpenter



Chapter Events

BILOXI

Biloxi Beauvoir 623

We had a great meeting on December 9, 2017. It was held at Patio 44 with excellent food and an excellent program! Laurie Rosetti who works for the city of Biloxi gave a program on the past eleven years of the cemetery tour at Old Biloxi Cemetery. She brought ornaments from the Biloxi Visitor Center and the tenth tour handbook. Tina won the handbook that has all the history on each character portrayed in the tour.

At our January 13, 2018, meeting at Beauvoir the program was "The Boyhood of Thomas Jonathan Jackson." We welcomed four prospective members, and members were reminded to observe the birthdays of Commander Matthew Fontaine Maury, General Robert E. Lee, and General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson.

The February 10 meeting was held at Beauvoir in the library, and program was given by our sponsored CofC Chapter, Bessie Hunt Dantzler 14. We also plan to participate in the 2nd annual pilgrimage of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Beauvoir on February 17.

Vivian Dailey visited Gettysburg National Military Park, Antietam National Battlefield, and Virginia Museum of the Civil War in September 2017.

Sidney Brown, member since July 2017, volunteered on November 4, 2017, with the Crusaders for Veterans and walked at the "Mississippi Gulfport Coast 22 Until No More" to bring awareness to the twenty-two veterans that commit suicide every day.

Janice Strohm spoke for Biloxi Beauvoir 623 and Ruthie Wade spoke for OCR 20 Ladies of Beauvoir at the laying of the wreaths at Beauvoir cemetery on December 2, 2017. Several members participated in wreath laying in December and picking wreaths up in January.

Those who attended the Lee/Jackson Banquet with Sam Davis Camp 596 in Biloxi on January 20, 2017, were Donna Cox, Carla Harbin, Ruthie Wade, guest speaker James Ronald Kennedy, Janice Strohm; and prospective members Janice Stegonga and daughter Tammy Henzen.





Chapter Events

BLUE MOUNTAIN General M. P. Lowrey 1608

On September 15, 2017, our Chapter meeting included a program presented by Mr. Larry Murley who is the author of After Bloody Shiloh.



L to R: Mr. Larry Murley; Chapter members Deborah Byrd and Sarah Baker

On January 11, 2018, our Chapter sponsored a hospitality basket as a benevolent project to the ICU waiting room of Baptist Hospital in New Albany.

Chapter meeting on January 20, 2018, was held at the Tippah Co. Historical Museum in Ripley. Hostesses were Imogene Hardon, Anita Decker, and Sarah Baker. Historian Ruth Allbritton presented the Historian General's program "*Boyhood of Thomas Jonathon Jackson.*"



Chapter President Sarah Baker with hospitality basket donated to the ICU waiting room



Hostesses Imogene Hardon and Anita Decker (not pictured: Sarah Baker)



Historian Ruth Allbritton

Fond Farewell



On January 27, 2018, General M.P. Lowrey members attended the funeral service for member Daisy Estelee Barham Reed at Shackelford Funeral Home in Selmer, Tennessee.

Those attending were (L to R) Ruth Allbritton, President Sarah Baker, Jeanne Reed, Von Coombs, and Phyllis Brown.



Chapter Events

BOONEVILLE

D. T. Beall 1185

*R*etired teacher and museum educator Doug Fleury of Holyoke, Massachusetts, was guest speaker at the October meeting of the D. T. Beall Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

A native of Massachusetts, Fleury has ties to the area. In 1978, he worked with Margaret Rogers in Corinth to develop a regional museum centered in Corinth and was involved in establishing tourism promotion efforts. He also worked closely with Prentiss County residents, including UDC member Patsy Johnson, to promote tourism through the development of the W. M. Browning Fossil Park at Frankstown. He discussed the significance of the Battle of Blackland and efforts to have Blackland designated a part of the Mississippi Confederate Trail with the placement of a historical designation marker.

Pictured above right at the meeting are (L to R) Carolyn Sullins, hostess for the meeting; Patsy Johnson, who worked closely with Fleury on the Fossil Park and the Blackland project; hostess Peggy Wroten; Donna Geno, program chair for the meeting; Fleury; and UDC President Janice Robinson.



Members of the D.T. Beall Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Natchez Trace Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution joined together at the George Ed Allen Library for their December meetings to celebrate the Christmas season. A program of Christmas stories and games was led by UDC member Moise Jones.

Pictured at the Christmas gathering are (L to R) Janice Robinson, Chapter President; Moise Jones, program chairman; Donna Geno and Barbara McCoy, hostesses; and Rebecca West, DAR Regent.

The D. T. Beall Chapter meets on the second Wednesday of each month September through June at Booneville's George Ed Allen Library.

Photos and article submitted by: Barbara Shackelford, Ex-Chapter President



Chapter Events

COLUMBUS

Stephen D. Lee 34

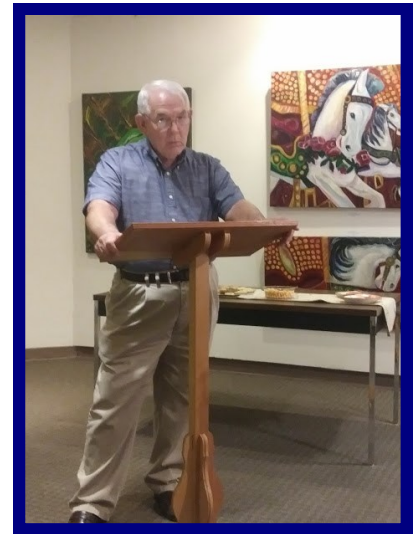
Stephen D. Lee Chapter 34 and Camp 2140 - Lee's Caledonia Rifles SCV dedicated a new Confederate monument in Rowan Cemetery in Caledonia. Photos submitted by Alanna Hatfield.



CORINTH Corinth 333

Teaching Our Children

On Wednesday, October 4, 2017, the Farmington Mayor Dale Fortenberry spoke to Corinth 333 Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy at the Corinth Library. Mayor Fortenberry talked about the importance of teaching our heritage to those that don't know the history, especially to our children.



On Friday December 8, 2017, Corinth 333 members Pam Mauldin and Rosa Spencer talked to 560 students at Burnsville School about the causes of the War Between the States and the fashions worn by citizens of that time.



This event was held as part of the celebration of the 200th Birthday of Mississippi. There were different booths educating the students of the time from the birth of Mississippi to now and how things have changed over the course of the years. They were also treated to 204 cupcakes in the shape of the Mississippi state flag.



Chapter Events

HERNANDO Bedford Forrest 448

The Daughters of Bedford Forrest 448 made 160 wheel chair lap throws for all the veterans of Oxford Veterans Home in Oxford, Mississippi. We created a design to provide warmth for our precious veterans not only for their wheelchairs but also as a throw across their bed. The design was an original created by the Daughters of Bedford Forrest. We purchased the materials from proceeds we made from a garage sale and working "Southern Lights" at Christmas. All the designing, purchasing, cutting, pinning, sewing, folding, wrapping and delivery was done by the Daughters. This project took a year of intensive diligent labor, and it cost \$1,120.00. We worked continually with the desire to share our appreciation to the men and women who sacrificed for us.



This lap throw is a gift
for you, our hero,
To say "thank you for your service!"
May God bless you.
Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year!

Bedford Forrest #448 UDC
Hernando, Mississippi





Chapter Events

HORN LAKE Varina Howell Davis 2559

Chapter members have been busy the past few months! We began with a field trip on November 18 to Brices Crossroads to visit the museum and take a tour of the battlefield. We also enjoyed lunch that day with UDC sisters from Tupelo's John J. Hart 2443 and Baldwin's Brices Crossroads 2714.



L to R – Susanna Jones, Christine Rhoda, Cynthia Blalock, Dorothy Herron, Linda McGan, and Connie Williamson

We worked our annual fundraiser at Southern Lights in Southaven. We participated in the Horn Lake "Christmas in the Park" festival and won the spirit award for our display in conjunction with the SCV Venture Troop from Samuel A Hughey SCV Camp.



Horn Lake Christmas in the Park
L to R – Dorothy Herron, Linda McGan, Cynthia Blalock

The highlights of our holiday season were the District II Christmas gathering in Batesville, our Chapter Christmas party at the Mussacunna Plantation in Hernando, and volunteering at "Project Package" at the MS National Guard in Southaven. We also assisted the Samuel A. Hughey 1452 SCV in hosting the annual Lee/Jackson dinner on January 20, 2018, in Southaven.



Final Stands Interpretive Center on November 18, 2017

L to R: Connie Williamson, Christine Rhoda, Linda McGan, Dorothy Herron, Cynthia Blalock, Susanna Jones, and Sharon Tallman



Accepting the Spirit Award at Horn Lake City Hall.

L to R – Cynthia Blalock, Marc Thompson, Katie Thompson, Diana Thompson, Dorothy Herron



Chapter Events

JACKSON W. D. Holder 458

The prestigious Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal award of the UDC was presented to Paulette French, a member of the W. D. Holder Chapter, for her book The

10th Mississippi Infantry Regiment, A Record of the Marches, Battles, Skirmishes, and the Men of the 10th.



Pictures L to R: Pat Dampier, Sondra Roberts, Kay Gex, Patsy Day, Melanie Benton, Margaret Collier, Vicki Pekich, Nancy Nordon, and Debbie Cannon, Chapter President.



Pictured L to R: Paulette French and Chapter president Debbie Cannon

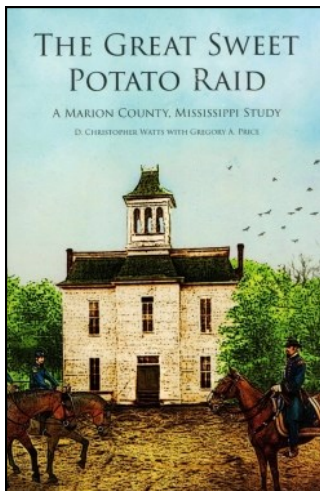
The W. D. Holder Chapter and the Jefferson Davis Camp SCV held a joint Confederate Heroes luncheon on Saturday, January 6, 2018. The group met at Amerigo

Restaurant for food and fellowship. The guest speaker was Anne McKee, who presented a program on “Sherman’s Forgotten Campaign.”

KOSCIUSKO Attala County 2592

Generals Robert E. Lee and Thomas Jonathan “Stonewall” Jackson were honored at our second annual Lee-Jackson banquet. This event was held on Saturday, January 20, 2018, at Ethel Baptist Church and was co-sponsored by H. D. Money 350.

Our speaker for the evening was David Proctor formerly of Ethel and now residing in Columbia, Mississippi. He is a re-enactor with the 15th Mississippi and an avid student and collector of all things pertaining to the War Between the States. Having recently read the book The Great Sweet Potato Raid, David spoke at our banquet of the events surrounding the Great Sweet Potato Raid of 1864.



During the winter of 1864, the Federal Cavalry cut a swath from Baton Rouge to Pascagoula. They were bent on destroying everything in their path. As the Union troops made their way through Marion County, everything was stripped bare. The sweet potatoes that had been banked for the winter were taken.

Following the war, the Southern Claims Commission was formed to reimburse the Southerners for lost livestock and crops. Rarely were any of the Southern farmers reimbursed for their losses.

Following Proctor’s speech, the banquet attendees honored their ancestors by lighting candles. With all overhead lights turned off, the room glowed from approximately 100 candles. As each person called out their ancestor’s name, a flame was extinguished. This ceremony was very moving as we remembered our soldiers and the hardships they faced in defending the Southland long ago.



Chapter Events

LOUISVILLE Winston Guards 2643

Winston Guards held their annual Lee-Jackson banquet on February 10, 2018. During the program, guest speaker Al Arnold was presented with the Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal by Chapter President Frances Woodruff, assisted by Patricia C. Parrish, MS Division President.



L to R: Patricia Parrish, MS Div President; Frances Woodruff, Winston Guards Chapter President; Al Arnold; Franklin Woodruff, Commander of Louisville Camp 384, Captain John M. Bradley; and Conor Bond, Lieutenant Commander MS SCV



Patricia C. Parrish, Frances Woodruff, Mr. Arnold

Mr. Arnold told the fascinating story of his great-great-grandfather, Turner Hall, who was a black Confederate and served as an orderly for General Robert E. Lee. He has written a book titled Robert E. Lee's Orderly: A Modern Black Man's Confederate Journey about his ancestor.



L to R: Karen Chrisman, Al Arnold, and Mr. Chrisman



L to R: Frances Woodruff, Conor Bond, Al Arnold, Franklin Woodruff



L to R: Larry Strohm, Al Arnold, and Ex-Division President Janice Strohm

In researching his ancestor, Mr. Arnold discovered that Turner Hall was a free man of color before the War Between the States. He was twenty-one years old in 1860 and decided to serve in the Confederate Army. Arnold said Hall was at Appomattox when Lee surrendered to Grant. After the War, Hall came back to Okolona. Later he ended up in Hugo, Oklahoma. Turner Hall died at the age of 102 years old, and he was returned to Mississippi for burial.



Chapter Events

McCOMB Brent Rifles 2137

Sweet Tea and Magnolias



On December 7, 2017, Brent Rifles UDC Chapter 2137 met at Brentwood Memories mansion for their annual Christmas luncheon. This historic home was built as a manor house in 1912 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

It is said that *"it's like Downton Abbey set in the South, with sweet tea and magnolias."*

In the tradition of

Southern ladies, hats were donned. Brentwood Memories was decorated in an old Christmas style fashion throughout the mansion.

The lunch began with seasonal mandarin pecan chicken spectacular served with sweet potato crunch casserole, green beans, buttered biscuit, and sweet tea as the main course. Pecan and classic lemon meringue pie with apple cider or specially brewed coffee were the choices for dessert.



Seated: Verna Swinney, Sonya Johnson, Betty Penick, Patty Breckenridge, Standing: Tammy Strickland, Barbara Willis, Margaret McGee, Johnnie Lea, Gloria McKenzie, Cherrie Randall, Gail Spinnato, Rita Brister, Linda Dixon



Verna Swinney, Margaret McGee, Gail Spinnato



Gloria McKenzie, Patty Breckenridge, Cherrie Randall, Doris Millican

Betty Penick, Linda Dixon



Cherrie Randall



Sonya Johnson, Tammy Strickland, Rita Brister





Chapter Events

MERIDIAN Robert E. Lee 2561

We have had a great start for this year! In December we had a Christmas gathering with the Winnie Davis 24 Chapter at the Bridge Street Grill in Enterprise. We gave gifts to each other.

The Lee-Jackson Banquet was wonderful with an attendance of about forty-five to fifty UDC and SCV members. Our speaker was Larry McCluney who portrayed Gen. P.T. Beauregard. Larry also announced he will run for the Lt. Commander-in-Chief of the SCV. Adele read a poem about Robert E. Lee. Jennifer Jackson gave a report on McGavock cemetery. We purchased a total of ten grave markers to replace deteriorated soldiers' markers from the Mississippi section of the McGavock Confederate Cemetery in Franklin, Tennessee. We also honored our Confederate soldiers by lighting a candle for each one.

Christmas Cards and gifts have been sent to our Real Daughters and the Mrs. Norman V. Randolph Relief recipient. We donated canned food to Wesley House Food Bank.

We have started the year with a bang, and I hope we will continue this. Thanks to our members and all their contributions to our Chapter!



L to R: Adele Whitlock, Sandy Gaddis, and Jennifer Jackson at Lee-Jackson Jackson banquet



Rodney Turner & Scott McQuaig playing & singing at Lee Jackson banquet



Larry McCluney as General P. G. T. Beauregard



Photo taken by Sandy Gaddis January 2018



Chapter Events

MERIDIAN Winnie Davis 24



Several days last week I heard the birds singing. Can spring be far behind?

Our Chapter had a wonderful Christmas lunch at Western Sizzlin' in Meridian. We invited members of the Robert E. Lee Chapter to join us. Our table was decorated by Betina Hughes and Kathleen Lee. They did a beautiful job. After lunch, Christmas happies and wishes

were given to all present.

We had our Lee Jackson Banquet on January 9, 2018. This was in conjunction with the W. D. Cameron Camp SCV, Nathan Bradford Forrest Camp SCV, and Robert E. Lee UDC. The program presented General P. G. T. Beauregard, a.k.a. Larry Allen McCluney, Jr., of Greenwood. General Beauregard was a very interesting person. Just before Christmas, I had the opportunity to visit General Beauregard's home in New Orleans, where he lived from 1866 to 1868.

Submitted by Bunnie Tisdale, Chapter President

The Beauregard home in New Orleans



Lee-Jackson Banquet
Tonya Mott and Bunnie Tisdale



“Our cause is as just and sacred as ever animated men to take up arms, and if we are true to it and to ourselves, with the continued protection of the Almighty, we must and shall triumph.”

~P. G. T. Beauregard





Chapter Events

PURVIS

Mary Ann Randolph Custis Lee 2583



MARCL PLAYED SANTA CLAUS. (L to R above) Linda Hudson, Joey Rayburn, Beth Johnson, Karen Mims, and Linda Watts enjoyed lunch together after a Christmas shopping spree during which they bought gifts for [Homes of Hope for Children](#) in Purvis, Mississippi.

The mission of Homes of Hope for Children is to serve children in crisis throughout Mississippi by providing strong, Christian homes to every child that lives on campus while ensuring that each child is loved unconditionally and has their physical, spiritual, and emotional needs met. Homes of Hope for Children has two cottages for boys and one cottage for girls. Seven children live in each home with a set of full-time house parents. The house parents are committed, Christian couples who have been “called” into this special work.

Mary Ann Randolph Custis Lee 2583 of Purvis delivered toys, clothes, and other gift items totaling \$908.50 to the home on December 12, 2017.



MARCL CELEBRATES GENERALS' BIRTHDAYS. In the photo above, (L to R) Carol Smith, Beth Johnson, Karen Mims, Yolanda Walters, Kathy Ford, Joey Rayburn, Anna Walters, Barbara Lott, Linda Watts, Sylvia Knight, and Pat Smith gather

to celebrate. A battlefield birthday cake, baked and decorated by Joey Rayburn, was the highlight of the annual birthday celebration for Generals Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson. The Chapter historical program “*Stonewall Jackson’s Black Sunday School*” was presented by Chaplain Beth Johnson during which the group discussed the religious beliefs and lives of the Generals and how their history is being erased from today’s society.

The Chapter’s dulcimer group played and sang *How Firm a Foundation* and *Bonnie Blue Flag* and *Dixie* was sung. The book [Stonewall Jackson’s Black Sunday School](#) by Ricky Pittman was donated to the Lamar Christian School in honor of Chapter mascot Deacon Rayburn.



Chapter Events

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John J. Hart 2443

OUR MUSIC MOMENT

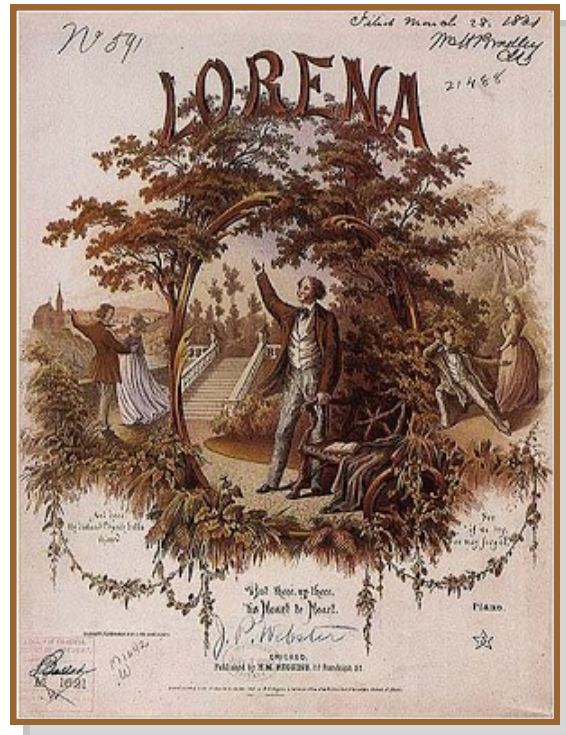
One of the highlights of our Chapter meetings for this year is the "Music Moment" we have added to our program. Our Ex-Chapter President Pat Hass brought a wonderful presentation for December. She chose to feature a song that was popular during the War Between the States called "Lorena." It was written by Rev. Henry De Lafayette Webster of Ohio before the War began and was published in 1856-57. During our meeting, we listened to the song and discussed the influence it must have had on soldiers around the campfire. An online reference explained:

"Lorena' – when sung well – could make a young soldier up, leave camp and walk all the way home to his sweetheart. Feared and also loved by their commanders, sometimes it was banned from campfire songfests because of its poignant power over good fighting morale."

<http://civilwarscholars.com/.../video-lorena-the-civil-wars-.../>

BENEVOLENT

Over Christmas, John J. Hart 2443 sisters donated ten large gift bags that were filled to the brim with toiletry, clothing, and food items. These bags were given to veterans of Magnolia Manor assisted living facility in Tupelo. Monthly, we also collected donations of toiletry, personal hygiene, and food items and delivered them to our local NICU for their "Wee Care" project, which benefits family members of long-term neonatal intensive care unit babies.



LOVE STORY

In February, our Valentine-themed meeting was hosted and beautifully decorated by Ruth Allbritton. She also presented a love-story with musical accompaniment based on Jefferson Davis and his first wife and true love *Sarah Knox Taylor*.





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Editor quiz answers: 6-B, 5-C, 4-A, 3-A, 2-A, 1-C