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# Mississippi Division United Daughters of the Confederacy ®

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Major General Patrick Cleburne "If we are to die, let us die like men." Attala County Chapter 2592 learned about this brave Confederate general. See page 15 to read about it.

### President's Message By Janice Strohm

hew! I'm getting behind on nearly everything. Surely y'all didn't expect me have those over 1,000 Santas put away yet. Spending sixteen nights in January away from home put us behind. We were behind getting everything out because of an unplanned trip over the Thanksgiving weekend. This did give me an opportunity to meet on Dec. 2 with the Tupelo Chapter. Larry and I enjoyed helping pack the goody sacks going to the nursing home patients and playing Confederate bingo! My other UDC activity was on December 6 when I attended the joint meeting of the Biloxi Beauvoir 623 and Gulfport 621 Christmas luncheon at the Gulfport Yacht Club.

January activities included attending the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the Mary Ann Randolph Custis Lee Chapter 2583 on January 24 and the Lee-Jackson Banquet in Louisville on January 24. General Grant's speech, relating his knowledge of both Gen. Lee and Gen. Jackson was most informative. Don't worry. We didn't have a Yankee speak to us! Gen. Grant, a.k.a. Dr. Curt Fields, lives in Memphis and is a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.



On January 30, I met with the 150<sup>th</sup> Council at the Marriott in Jackson. The members attending and I were shown the spacious rooms in which we will register and hold Granddaughter meetings, have our luncheon and banquet, and hold our meetings on Saturday. Convention Chairman Margaret Murdock is getting everything in order. We are kicking off the Convention on Thursday with a bus trip to Vicksburg. Please everybody make plans to attend this event - even if you've toured Vicksburg in the past. There is always something new to learn. Our opening business session will be special. I urge all Division officers and others to don their best suits or dresses, hats, and gloves! Being that this is the last (Continued on page 2)

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# **President's Message, cont.** (Continued from page 1)

official event of the 150<sup>th</sup> commemoration of the War, I am pushing for an attendance of 150 members and guests! Our Presidents Evening will be outstanding. Bring on those fancy dresses!!

My January activities ended with the presentation of Military Service Awards on Jan. 31 for Bedford Forrest 448 in Hernando. It was an honor to present two posthumous World War II Crosses and two National Defense Medals. I encourage all Chapters to try to present at least one Medal this year.

I want everybody who can, whether they are officers in their Chapters or not, to come to Jackson on March 14 to attend the Division Workshop. In addition to the Presidents receiving their packets and 2014 Division Minutes books, members will get to meet and greet and learn from other members. Details are included in this issue.

As I prepare for the Division Workshop, I will be attending the General Spring Board meeting in Richmond on March 7. I look forward to meeting with the other Division Presidents at a meal on Friday

evening and then with the other Executive Board members on Saturday in the UDC Memorial Building.

I know that I can't attend each and every meeting your Chapters have, but I would like to try to attend at least most of them. If you could let me know where and when your Chapter meets, I will try to arrange my schedule. So far, I have met with Gulfport 621, Tupelo 2443, and Mary Ann Randolph Custis Lee 2583. I am sorry that I could

This is the oldest Confederate monument in Florida.



not attend the Lee-Jackson Banquet in Meridian due to a scheduling conflict.

While on a personal trip to Florida, we made a short sidetrip into the town of DeFuniak Springs to find the oldest Confederate monument. You will find pictures of the

> monument and the historical marker in this issue. If you are ever tooling down I-10 in Florida, between Pensacola and Marianna, it's worth a stop to go find the monument on the corner of the county courthouse grounds on Highway 90.

While in Jackson for the Convention meeting, I made a trip to the UDC Room. We walked over to the south grounds of the Old Capitol Building to find the Confederate monument there and take pictures.

While in the Southaven area, we took the short trip up U.S. 51 into Tennessee, just to turn around to come back to the Jefferson Davis Highway marker, just south of the state line! And then down in Hernando, we found the old section of the cemetery. There is a Confederate marker and a burial trench in the back of the cemetery. I know that many of you are out there scouting out these monuments and markers and taking pictures. Keep up the good work.

Keep up the good work that I know that each and everybody does. Record all those books you read, volunteer hours, patriotic and benevolent activities, etc. I want Mississippi Daughters to shine!!

. Janice Strohm

MS Division President



Marker for Florida's First Confederate Monument



Burial trench names in Hernando, Mississippi



Burial trench in Hernando

February 2015





Confederate Monument Jackson MS Janice Strohm



Jefferson Davis Hwy Marker Hwy 51 in Southaven MS Janice Strohm



Confederate Monument Hernando MS Janice Strohm



- March 14: MS Division Workshop See registration form within this newsletter.
- March 15: Application deadline for UDC scholarships Contact Rebecca B. Fairchild, MS Division 2nd Vice President.
- March 15: MS Division Essay deadline Contact Lynda McKinney, MS Division Historian.
- May 1: UDC Magazine submission deadline for August Mississippi issue is May 1, 2015.
- May 1: MS Division Bylaws proposed changes must be received by Ruth Murdock, MS Division Bylaws Committee Chairman.
- June 12 & 13: MS Division CofC Convention "Shelling Out Confederate History" will be held at the Division Convention at Beauvoir.
- July 15-18: CofC General Convention will be held in Lynchburg, Virginia.
- Sep 24-26: MS Division Convention "Celebrate Mississippi" will be held at the Downtown Marriott ~ 200 East Amite Street, Jackson, MS. See registration form and more information within this newsletter.

### **2nd Vice President**



This is the time of the year when high school seniors typically begin to finalize plans for their first year in college. As acceptance letters begin to appear in students' mailboxes, the search for financial assistance has typically already begun. Full financial aid is rarely offered by colleges today. This means scholarships offered by other organizations such as the United Daughters of the Confederacy are highly

desired.

The Mississippi Division United Daughters of the Confederacy currently offers two undergraduate scholarships. Both the Margaret Howell Hayes Davis Scholarship and the Blanche Abels Burrell Scholarship are awarded from interest accrued on permanently designated funds. 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. An applicant must have a 3.0 GPA to apply for a scholarship, and if awarded, the applicant must maintain a 3.0 GPA to reapply. The scholarship may be awarded for up to four years. New applications must be received by the Division Second Vice-President by <u>March 15</u>. Current scholarship recipients may reapply by notifying the Division Second Vice-President in writing and sending an official transcript no later than June 1.

UDC Chapters wishing to sponsor an applicant should obtain the scholarship forms from the UDC General website under the members' only section or by contacting the Division Second Vice-President. The forms are the same for the Division and General scholarships. It is important that all of the forms are complete and that five sets (one original and four copies) are submitted to the Division Second Vice President. Incomplete applications cannot be considered for a Mississippi scholarship or be forwarded to the Second Vice-President General.

Not only does the application need to be complete, it needs to stand out. The rubric for evaluating scholarship applications communicates exactly what information should be emphasized by the applicant and in the reference letters. When properly utilized by the sponsoring UDC Chapter and the applicant, this valuable document can serve as a tool for formulating an outstanding application. The rubric can be found on the General UDC website.

Yes, assisting a student with the application process will require effort and time from the sponsoring UDC Chapter, and the deadline is rapidly approaching. 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. I look forward to receiving the applications from your Chapter.

Rebecca R. Fairchild

MS Division 2nd Vice President

## From Our Chaplain

#### IN MEMORY OF FRANCES ESTELLE BURKETT HALE-BOND

Frances Estelle Burkett Hale-Bond died 19 January 2015. She was a member of the Nathan Bedford Forrest Chapter 422 in Hattiesburg. She joined the UDC on the record of her Great Grandfather Adam Sims Brinson, Company 1, 12th MS Infantry Regiment.

Beth Koostva



MS Division Chaplain

### **3rd Vice President**



Wow! This year has started off with a BANG! I have been in touch with several people interested in joining The Children of the Confederacy and chartering/reactivating Chapters. I encourage you to enroll your grandkids, great grandkids, nieces, nephews, anybody! If we don't teach the children our heritage, WHO WILL?

If you have any questions,

please let me know. I am still learning, so if I don't have the answer I will find it out!

I also want to encourage you to help with the President General CofC goal, which is to fully fund the Diamond Jubilee Scholarship. I challenge you to collect change at CofC and UDC. All money will be collected by Chapters. (If each Chapter raises \$200, this will fund the \$30,000 Diamond Jubilee Scholarship.)

#### CofC Dates to Remember

- June 12 & 13 we will be "Shelling out Confederate History" at the Division Convention at Beauvoir. Hosted by the Bessie Hunt Dantzler CofC #14 and The Biloxi Beauvoir Chapter UDC #623, I promise this is going to be one you don't want to miss! I am working with the wonderful volunteers at Beauvoir and the SCV to make this convention FABULOUS!
- July 15-18 is the CofC General Convention Lynchburg, Virginia and is the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Appomattox.

Courtney Hodge,

MS Division 3rd Vice President

# Registrar

Hello ladies! Just a reminder that the supplemental fee at General will increase March 15 from 25 dollars to 30 dollars. If you send one before March 1 use the 25 rate, after that it must be 30. The Asst. Reg. General will accept any postmarked March 15, therefore I must have them before then and get them processed to mail to her then.

Ladies, please underline in **red** on each piece of proof exactly what you want us to see so we don't have to look for it. In the top right corner write what the piece of proof is, for instance Gen 3 F DC, is Generation 3 Female Death Certificate, that way we don't have to determine who it is for. Makes my job much easier as well as the job of the Registrar General.

If doing a supplemental, the date the supplemental is Chapter approved is not the date the original membership application was approved. It is the date of the supplemental approval. For example, Mary Jane Doe Smith's original application was approved on 6 June 2001. She filed a supplemental on 18 Mar 2003, and that is the Chapter approval date.

On supplemental applications the Asst. Registrar does NOT want the pages stapled together, and has specified that. Please do not leave lines blank — show something. If the person is living, write "living" and on the where line show where they live, such as Corinth, Alcorn County, Mississippi. On marriage dates look at the certificates and list the date the minister or justice of the peace performed the marriage — not the date the license was issued.

I am very excited about all the hard

work being done by Chapters and look forward to lots of work in the future. I am here to help in any way I can. Don't hesitate to call if I can help in any way.

Pam Mauldin, MS Division Registrar

## Historian GUIDELINES FOR MS DIVISION ESSAY CONTESTS

Essays must be received before March 15, 2015.

These are the subjects for the Eleanor Shands Essay Contest for 2015:

- \* Junior High (grades 6-8): "Civil War A Soldiers Life"
- \* Senior High (grades 9-12): "Collapse of the Confederacy from 1864 to 1865"

Each essay must be at least 400 words and up to 600 words. It must be typed and doubled spaced. Footnotes documenting sources are required, as well as a complete bibliography. Direct quotes must be in quotation marks. The term "Civil War" should not be used **EXCEPT** in direct quotes. Use the term "War between the States." Make sure that your name, age, school, and grade is at the top of

the paper. Entries may be emailed as an attachment to mslyn1204@gmail.com, or mailed to Lynda McKinney, Historian MS Division UDC, 1633 Hwy 51 N, Winona, MS 38967.

Qynda McKinney

MS Division Historian

## **Division Growth**

Since the September Convention, we have had twelve new members, six supplementals, and one in-state transfer approved! It gives me great pleasure in signing each one of these certificates!

. Janice Strohm



## Jefferson Davis Foundation Project: Jefferson Davis Paintings



I know that many of you travel to historical places and always have your cameras or phones handy. We as UDC members now have a special project --photographing all the known paintings of Jefferson Davis.

Bertram Hayes-Davis, great-great-grandson of our beloved President Jefferson Davis, has asked whether we would assist in the Jefferson Davis Foundation's project of digitizing all of the known paintings. Our former President General Jamie Likins published this information in the October 2014 issue of the *UDC Magazine*. With permission of the proprietors, take a picture of the portraits and email a high-resolution file of the photo, along with the location of the painting and a contact person and their contact information, to: bhayesdavis@att.net.

Thank all of you in advance for any help you can give to this project.

Ianice Strohm

# **General Preservation of Historic Sites Committee**

I am happy to announce that President General Pam Trammell has asked me to chair the General Preservation of Historic Sites Committee.

Several years ago while researching Confederate sites across the Nation, I realized how important it is to preserve our monuments and markers to insure that future generations can know and understand their significance to our Confederate Heritage. The President General has granted me permission to revise our current report form in an effort to make reporting your visits to important Confederate sites easier. The revision is subject to her approval and will be available hopefully by our 2015 Division Workshop to be held in March 2015.

Celeste Young



General Preservation of Historic Sites Committee New Chairman

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MS Division Chairman of Interments Pat Parrish was featured on PBS TV's **Genealogy Roadshow**, which aired on January 13, 2015. The mystery of who murdered her ancestor was researched and unveiled on the show!

## From the 150th Council



### MS Division UDC 150th Anniversary Pin

The Mississippi Division 150th Anniversary Pin, approved to wear on the Official UDC Ribbon, is still available for purchase. However, **only 8 pins remain**, and when they are gone will not be reordered. For information, there is a link on the Mississippi Division website for the order form, or call Ruth Allbritton at 662-685-4907.

## **Benevolent Activities Committee**

Ladies, awesome — simply awesome — is the only way I can describe the havoc nature unleashed on Columbia back before Christmas. I passed through there on my way to my meeting with Mary Ann Randolph Custis Lee (MARCL) Chapter on the 19th along Hwy 98, and even without going to the subdivisions, there is enough destruction to see. It seems to start around my favorite shopping place ----Walmart, and continues to the outskirts of town. You see twisted and broken structures, trees snapped as though they were match sticks with bits of clothing plastered to the trunks and sections of tin roofs hanging from the branches like ornaments. The Columbia Cemetery won't have a tree standing when all the damaged trees are removed. That was a beautiful cemetery.

But life goes on. COLUMBIA STRONG. That is the word, for Columbia is strong. Already glass has been replaced, twisted and damaged awnings repaired, and the roads are lined with debris and trees cut down waiting to be picked up. The rebuilding will continue for some time to come.

Columbia needs all the help it can get. A web site has been set up at http://columbiastrong.org/. The Greater

Pinebelt Community Foundation has been set up to help with rebuilding. Contributions can be sent to Columbia Strong Fund, 1507 Hardy Street, Suite 208, Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Their phone number is 601-803-2667. To donate items, call 601-441-8481. Let Celeste Young of MARCL know of your contribution so we can thank you for your generosity.

I need to tell you of the ladies of the Texas Division UDC. They heard of Columbia's misfortune and wished to contribute to the recovery. I have been in touch with Lois Lowe, the Benevolent Activities Chairman for Texas, and also with Doris Emshoff concerning contributions the Texas ladies wish to make. More about that later. We wish to thank the Texas ladies for thinking of Columbia in its time of need.

In UDC love.

Sallie G. Roberts

MS Division Benevolent Activities Committee Chairman

## Magazine Committee

Ladies, the General Magazine Committee Chairman Eva Long has given us an update on the current status of the UDC magazine.



Everyone should have their December issue and the January issue should be mailed January 15<sup>th</sup>. The February issue is in production and should be at the printer by January 19<sup>th</sup>. The March issue should be in production by the end of January. This means the magazine should be back on schedule.

The deadlines for the March, April, and May issues have passed. The deadline for the August Mississippi issue is May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please think about submitting an ad for your Chapter. If everyone in the Chapter goes together, the cost wouldn't be much individually. Prices for ads are listed in the Magazine Manual, which can be found on the General website.

Submissions should be mailed to Magazine Coordinator as a digital file with jpeg pictures. Hard copies of submissions and checks should be mailed to the Business Office. The Chairman suggested that if the Divisions had a Magazine Chairman, all submissions could go through the Division Chairman, and she could submit everything together. I think that would be for the best. That way, I would have the information I needed for year-end reports.

Susan Dunn

MS Division Magazine Committee Chairman

# **Interments Database Update**

#### **New Information**

This information was received from the General Chairman of Interments, Matilda Speck.

"The database being used is out of date and was not designed to handle the volume of information we now have. We are working with President General Trammell to update the database and interment website.

We are updating the interment form and have created a form for corrections only. As soon as these forms are completed and approved they will be posted on the website. Please, continue to use the form on the website for now. As of now I would suggest you do not submit online interment records. There is no way to know if the form submitted has been received or not. This is a problem we are trying to resolve."

This should explain some questions Mississippi Division members have had. As for now, continue to use the form you have. Forward those forms to me, Pat Parrish.

In UDC service,

Pat Parrish

MS Division Chairman of Interments

# **Division Bylaws Committee**

is the year for amendments to the Division Bylaws! All proposed changes must be received by the Committee Chairman by May 1 to be considered by the Committee. They may be sent electronically-and the sooner the better! Please don't wait until the May 1 deadline!

The Committee would like your opinions/feedback on the Executive Committee recommendation made at the 2014 Division Convention to abolish the Districts. Please send any opinions/thoughts to the Bylaws Committee. Input from all the Districts and Chapters would be appreciated.

In addition, the Division Bylaws Committee is charged with approving Chapter Bylaws. Please send a copy (electronic version quite acceptable) to the Committee Chairman. We would hope to make a file of Bylaws of every Chapter in the Division. Per Division Bylaws, should you be proposing any changes to your Chapter Bylaws, they should be presented to the Committee prior to presentation to the Chapter membership for action.

Ruth Murdock, Chairman, Ruth Allbritton, Member, and Genie Nussbaum, Member

(Contact Ruth Murdock at brmmurdock@aol.com)

# **Minutes Books**

Ladies,

Minutes Books ordered by each Chapter when paying per capita will be distributed at the March Annual Division Workshop. Chapter Presidents, if you are unable to attend, would you please have an attending member to pick up your Chapter's books. Thanks,

, Jo Ann Yale

Recording Secretary, '12 - '14

### Mrs. Norman V. Randolph Relief Fund

#### Ladies,

We do not have a Birthday this month of February but Valentine's is on February 14 and I know the ladies would love to receive Valentine cards and maybe a little extra in the cards, i.e., stamps, gift cards (a little you can afford), cash is always welcome, calendars (this a new year!), calendar book, bookmarks, restaurant gift card for 4 if possible, etc. *Suggestion:* Chapter members might take a collection at meeting and buy a restaurant gift card for Valentine's for a Daughter. We want our Daughters to know we care and remember them. Thanks for all y'all do.

The message below was forwarded to me from Linda Curtiss, Mrs. NVRR Fund Committee Chairman of General. She says that Mrs. Harrison is enjoying her cards & letters from the UDC ladies. Y'all are doing a great job. Remember the month of February is a great opportunity to recognize all our ladies for Valentine's Day.

In UDC Service,

Sandy Gaddis

MS Division Committee Chairman Mrs. Norman V Randolph Relief Fund

Subject: Granddaughter Mrs. Sammy Hynds Harrison From: Linda Curtiss



Hello Ladies,

A note of appreciation from Mrs. Harrison. She is ever so delighted with the cards and gifts she has been receiving. The Chapter had a Christmas party and sent her a huge box of goodies. Before Christmas her son had asked her, "Mom, do you have another birthday that I don't know about? You're getting all this stuff in the mail!"

Thank you for the cards and gifts. You are very special to our Daughters and Granddaughters.

In UDC Service, Linda Curtiss Mrs. NVRR Fund Committee Chairman of General

### **DISTRICT I**

Von Coombs, Chairman Kay Henry, Vice Chairman Frances Woodruff, Secretary Linda Womack, Chaplain

District I will have their annual meeting April 11, 2015 at the George E. Allen Library in Booneville, Mississippi. D. T. Beall #1185 will be hosting this meeting. Registration begins at 10:00 AM and the business session will begin at 10:30. Registration is \$15.00 (this includes lunch).

Guest speaker for the meeting will be Dianne

Garvin of Booneville. She is retired from Itawamba Community College (ICC), president of Prentiss County Historical Society, teaches classes on genealogical research for ICC, and has compiled two volumes on cemeteries of Prentiss County.

You can find the registration form for this annual District I meeting on page 25 of this newsletter. COME JOIN US!

Von Coombs, District I Chairman

### **DISTRICT II**

Lynda McKinney, Chairman Linda McGan, Vice Chairman Liz Arnold, Treasurer Judy Correro, Recording Secretary

Ladies of District II had a great time December 13, 2014 at the Cracker Barrel in Batesville. (See page 12!) District II will hold their business meeting on March 28, 2015. (The registration form for this meeting may be found on page 26 of this issue.)

Lynda McKinney, District II Chairman

### **GREAT GREAT GREAT GRANDDAUGHTERS CLUB**

Pam Mauldin—President Lani Rinkel—Vice President Peggy McCullough—Secretary Sallie Roberts– Treasurer



Dues for the G-G-G-Granddaughters Club are now due. I would like to receive them before May 20th so I can get the paperwork in by June 1st. If you are unsure of your dues, please contact me at 601-888-6827 or sallielroberts53@yahoo.com.

Sallie Roberts

GGG Granddaughters Club Treasurer

### **District II Christmas Luncheon**

Ladies of District II had a great time December 13, 2014 at the Cracker Barrel in Batesville. We had five of our six Chapters represented at the luncheon. We had a wonderful time of fellowship and getting to know each other a little better. At the end of the luncheon we had a Christmas ornament exchange, which was a lot of fun. Some of the ladies made their ornaments to exchange. Boy, do we have some talented UDC Sisters!

Submitted by Lynda McKinney MS Division District II Chairman



Front row: Liz Arnold, Linda McGan, Kathy Eubanks, and Jane Montgomery. Back row: Lynda McKinney, Connie Williamson, Susan Dunn, and Cynthia Blalock.



## Lee-Jackson Birthday Banquet Robert E. Lee Chapter 2561 & Winnie Davis Chapter 24

Generals Robert E. Lee and Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson were honored with a birthday dinner followed by the cutting of a birthday cake Saturday January 24, 2015. The speaker Walter "Donnie" Kennedy coauthor of <u>The South Was</u> <u>Right</u> spoke passionately about why the South was right! Entertainment was provided by Scott McQuaig and Britt Gully, including a



L-R: Sandy Gaddis, Carolyn Jones, Adele Whitlock, Melinda McKee, and Jennifer Jackson

rousing rendition of "Dixie" with everyone participating. In a candle light memorial, attendees honored Confederate ancestors. The event was sponsored by Robert E. Lee 2561, UDC; Winnie Davis 24, UDC; General Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp 1649, SCV; and W.D. Cameron Camp 1221, SCV.

Submitted by Adele Whitlock



Sandy Gaddis & Donnie Kennedy



Donnie Kennedy, speaker



Adele Whitlock

# Gen. M. P. Lowery 1608 Patriotic Activities



On December 16, 2014, Pam Mauldin visited the Veterans Home in Oxford and delivered lounge pants, pajamas, and lap robes to veterans who would not have received a Christmas gift. Thirty-eight cards were delivered, as well. In November, the Chapter delivered a Veterans Day card to every resident and 4 maintenance workers. Pictured is Chapter Patriotic Chairman Pam Mauldin and Veterans' Home Activities Director Regina Tutor.

Submitted by Pam Mauldin

## H. D. Money Chapter 350

On April 19, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. H. D. Money Chapter 350 will observe Confederate Memorial Day on the Carrollton Courthouse lawn. This service will be held jointly with Major General E. C. Walthall Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 211. We cordially invite you to this event and would love to have our UDC Sisters join us.

For more information, contact Susan Dunn at 662-237-6936 or email srd6936@gmail.com.

# John J. Hart Chapter 2443



L to R: Cheryl Moore, Sherry Ray, MS Division President Janice Strohm, Chapter President Pat Hass, Nancy Moore, Sandra Knight, Alice Jennings, and Sharon Tallman.

John J. Hart 2443 was very pleased to welcome MS Division President Janice Strohm and her husband Larry Strohm to their Christmas Chapter meeting held on Dec. 2, 2014 at the Tupelo Country Club. They assembled goody bags for veterans and a Christmas wreath for Ex-Chapter President Jeannette West, who all reside at Magnolia Manor Nursing Home in Tupelo. Meeting ended with a fun game of Confederate Bingo!

# Lee-Jackson Birthday Banquet - Attala County 2592

Saturday evening, January 17, 2015, following a Salute to Colors and invocation, several members of Attala County 2592 enjoyed a delicious buffet featuring pulled pork with all the trimmings at a banquet honoring Generals Lee and Jackson. While this was the seventeenth year for Major General E C Walthall SCV Camp 211 to host this event in Elliott, Mississippi, this was the third time for members of our Chapter to attend. Musical entertainment was provided by Forrest Clark playing the bagpipes. Mr. Clark was dressed in full Scottish regalia by wearing a kilt. He played several selections including *Amazing Grace*.

The keynote speaker for the evening, Mr. Ron Kelly, shared stories of the SCV Camp 135 – Seven Generals Camp, in Helena, Arkansas. Mr. Kelly is employed by the Delta Heritage Center and shared a wealth of information regarding the seven generals of Helena. As he presented a slide show, he produced photos of each of the seven generals: Patrick R. Cleburne (known as Stonewall of the West); Thomas Hindman; Lucius E. Polk; Daniel C.



Govan; Archibald Dobbins; James C. Tappan; and Charles W. Adams. Also included in his presentation were facts regarding skirmishes in and around Helena. Mr. Kelly noted that our soldiers exhibited Bravery, Courage, and Patriotism." Unbridled He stated that General Cleburne's last words were "If we die. let us die like men" and were spoken to General

Daniel C. Govan. Mr. Kelly concluded his presentation by inviting all in attendance to visit the Delta Heritage Center

in Helena, Arkansas, as well as a Memorial for Cleburne on March 14, 2015.

The evening concluded by everyone in attendance participating in the Ancestor Roll Call. This was achieved

by everyone listing their ancestors names. ranks. regiments and other information to be read aloud. Tea lights were lit for each ancestor to be honored as well as three larger candles on a table in front. Overhead lights were extinguished so only the tea lights were glowing. As each name was read aloud, a tea light was extinguished. Finally, the three larger ones were all that remained lit. General Jackson's and General Lee's were extinguished leaving the single light the center. in representing the South, and may Her light never be extinguished.

Members of Attala County 2592 in attendance were Tammy Bell, Terry Jones, Patricia Parrish and her

husband, Wayne, Patricia Proctor, Sylvia Purvis, and prospective new members Lindsay Fitts and Vickie George. Also attending were David Proctor and Wade Purvis, members of the Yellow Jacket SCV Camp in Kosciusko.

> Submitted by Sylvia Purvis Attala County 2592 Chapter President

# Arch at Beauvoir and Brick Walk

Photo submitted by Janice Strohm



# **Bedford Forrest Chapter 448**

### New members of Great Granddaughter and Great-Great Granddaughter Clubs



Receiving membership certificates from the Granddaughters Clubs they have joined. Mrs. Jo, the mother, is a great granddaughter. Sisters Martha and Linda are great-great granddaughters. Left to right:

1. Saranne Emerson, President of Bedford Forrest 448, Hernando, MS.

- 2. Linda Doddridge (sister)
- 3. Jo Doddridge (mother)
- 4. Martha Doddridge, (sister)

### **New Chapter Members**

On January 20, 2015, three new members were given their original approved membership certificates for the Bedford Forrest 448 Chapter of Hernando.

> Left to right: Saranne O. Emerson, Chapter President Janice Dixon, new member Nancy Danley, new member Andrea Williams, new member



### Supplemental Certificates Presented - 154 Confederate Ancestors!



Chapter President Saranne Emerson was proud to present Bethellen Nicholson and Lani Rinkel with their Supplemental Certificates. Frances DeLashmit is on far right. Mrs. Nicholson and Mrs. Rinkel have received certificates on additional Confederate Ancestors they have proven. Mrs. Rinkel has discovered 154 Confederate Ancestors, including two women and one Uncle who became the Governor of Tennessee!

### MS Division Winnie Davis Certificate and Pin Awarded

Miss Martha Doddridge received a Division Winnie Davis Certificate and pin for the many projects she has completed, which included painted faces and hair on round wooden doll heads; repaired and glued "Rebel the Donkey" mascot of Past MS Division President, Celeste Young; purchased, painted and gave away 85 pennant pins that had a forget-me-not flower painted on the face of the pin and a statement that said "Forget them Not." Miss Doddridge is a great asset to the Bedford Forrest 448 Chapter of Hernando, Mississippi!



# Bedford Forrest Chapter 448 Cross of Military Service Awards Ceremony Hernando, Mississippi

Bedford Forrest Chapter 448 in Hernando, Mississippi held their Cross of Military Service Awards Saturday night January 31, 2015.



The members of the Bedford Forrest Chapter 448 gathered around the Chapter Charter for a group picture after the Cross of Military Service Award Presentations.

Left to right:

- Kay Hentz accepted WWII Cross in memory of her father, Clarence Lamar Hentz.
- Bethellen Nicholson and Kellie Tyler accepted WWII Cross in memory of Bethellen's father and Kellie's Grandfather, Lon Wright Lowe, Jr.
- **Mr. Donald Ingram** accepted the National Defense Medal for his service in Korean War.
- **Mr. Clay Barnett, Sr.**, accepted the National Defense Medal for his service in the Persian Gulf War.



# Bedford Forrest Chapter 448 Cross of Military Service Awards Ceremony Hernando, Mississippi



MS Division Historian, Lynda McKinney; MS Division President, Janice Strohm; and MS Division Registrar, Pam Mauldin were members of the Executive Board who attended the Cross of Military Service Awards given by Bedford Forrest 448, Hernando, Mississippi.



MS Division President Janice Strohm checks out the military awards before the presentation at the Bedford Forrest Chapter 448 awards ceremony on January 31st.



# Mary Ann Randolph Custis Lee Chapter 2583 Cavalry Challenge Update

Members of Mary Ann Randolph Custis Lee 2583, Purvis, have challenged each other in the *Cavalry Challenge*. The member with the most recorded sites at the end of the 2014-2015 membership year will receive a cash prize for her efforts! Each member carries her trusty steed wherever she goes, just waiting for an opportunity to record history.

In photo to the right: While attending a wedding recently in Magnolia, Mississippi, **Jean Hyatt** and *King Phillip* paid respects to Brigadier General Evander McNair, prosperous antebellum merchant in Mississippi and respected Confederate Commander. He died in Hattiesburg, MS on November 13, 1902 and is buried next to his wife Hannah in Magnolia at the Magnolia Cemetery.



Submitted by Chapter President Celeste Young

# Mary Ann Randolph Custis Lee Chapter 2583 Turns 20!



Pictured right are **Jean Hyatt**, **Becky Carr**, and **Myrna Lazenby**. These three charter members of Mary Ann Randolph Custis Lee 2583 of Purvis were honored at the Twentieth Anniversary Celebration of the Chapter Charter held January 24, 2015 at Bellevue Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Joining in the celebration were UDC Division President Janice Strohm, SCV Division Commander Allen Terrell, Ex-Division President and Ex-Vice President General Ruth Allbritton.

### **Beauvoir Chapter 621**

President and Mrs. Jefferson Davis were special guests at the February 7, 2015, meeting of Beauvoir 621 UDC of Gulfport. Nowadays known as Miss Anna Walters and Mr. Wes Teel, President and Mrs. Davis related the hardships of their lives and

the strength that allowed them to continue to move forward. The stories they related both brought tears to the eyes of members as well as chuckles. A contribution to Varina's Gardens on the grounds of Beauvoir will be made in their honor.

Hosted by Linda Bridges and Cindy Freeman at the



President & Mrs. Jefferson Davis (Wes Teel and Anna Walters)

Freeman home in D'Iberville, members were treated to shrimp salad, fresh fruit, and assorted cheeses prior to the meeting. And, following the meeting,

> Valentine themed cupcakes and coffee was served to the 22 members and guests in attendance.

Chapter President Jo Ann O'Neal conducted the business meeting. A budget was adopted, yearbooks for 2014-16 were distributed, the Mississippi Division data base was discussed, Certificates of Membership were presented to new member Rebecca Anderson and transfer member Rebecca Fairchild.

# Varina Howell Davis Chapter 2559 "Project Package"

Members shown here are preparing Valentine Day Cards to be sent to Soldiers overseas as part of Project Package. Chapter members provided over 300 Christmas Cards and volunteered 57 hours in



3 different sessions in this worthwhile project during the Holiday Season. Members assisted other volunteers in organizing and packaging items, Christmas Cards, etc. for the Soldiers.

**Project Package** is a non-profit, all volunteer organization that sends a monthly care package to our local mid-south service members. To find out more about this group of volunteers, please visit their website at: http://msprojectpackage.org/

> Submitted by Linda McGan Chapter President

#### Varina Howell Davis Chapter 2559

Left to right: Jennifer Smally, Dorothy Herron, Jessica Smally, and Linda McGan. Not pictured: JoAnn Smith and Sandra Stafford

# Winston Guards Chapter 2643 Lee-Jackson Banquet

On January 24, 2015, the Winston Guards 2643, Captain John M. Bradley Camp 384 SCV, and the Beauregard Rifles 951 CofC Chapter held their annual Lee-Jackson-Maury Banquet at Lake Tiak O'Khata in Louisville, MS. The speaker was Dr. E. C. Fields of



"Mrs. Grant" Lena Moody; Janice Strohm, MS Division President; and "Gen. Grant" Dr. E. C. Fields.



Memphis, TN. Dr. Fields appeared as General U. S. Grant and gave Grant's recollections and views of Generals Lee and Jackson to a gathering of 49 members and guests. He told of the times with Gen. Lee, Gen. Jackson, and Gen. Grant at West Point and talked of them meeting on the field of battle.

In the photo above (left to right) are Lena Moody as Julia Grant; Franklin Woodruff, Lt. Commander of the Captain John M. Bradley Camp; Frances Woodruff, President of Winston Guards; and Dr. E. C. Fields as General Grant.

# Gulfport 621 and Biloxi Beauvoir 623 Christmas Luncheon

Rebecca Fairchild, Second Vice President; Janice Strohm, Division President; Margaret Murdock, 150th

Council member and 2015 Convention Chairman enjoyed a visit during the Gulfport 621-Biloxi Beauvoir 623 Christmas luncheon on December 6 at the Gulfport Yacht Club.

# **Biloxi Beauvoir 623**



Cliff Lancon of C.J.'s Seafood in Ocean Springs shared his knowledge of "First Families" of the MS Gulf Coast.

Biloxi Beauvoir #623 had a great meeting in January. We met at C.J.'s Seafood in Ocean Springs to share a lovely meal with award winning "choke oysters" prepared by the proprietor, Cliff Lancon. Cliff was also our speaker for the meeting. He shared his research and knowledge on the 'First Families' of the MS Gulf Coast. Several of our members found they were related to them. It has sparked new interest in family research. What fun! What will we learn about our new finds?

In the photo below, the man who is standing at the top left is Cliff Lancon, restaurant proprietor, speaker, and amateur genealogist/researcher. Starting on left closest to camera is Hilda Wade, Vivian Dailey, Rosalind Holt, Anna Walters, and Cassandra Griswold. At the end of the table is Tina B. Johnston. Coming around the corner is Lynda Gray, Kay and Don Johnson, Leica Holland, and Courtney Hodge. Mary Boles is sitting at the table to the right in the red. Prospective member Charlotte Randazzo was also there. Ruthie Wade attended and took meeting photos. Husband of Leica Holland, Donald Holland, also attended the



meeting. Courtney Hodge brought CofC Chapter members Fayth Hodge, Gabby Brown, and Claire Brown.

Thanks,

Tina B. Johnston

President, Biloxi Beauvoir 623 kc5zlv@gmail.com

# **General M.P. Lowrey 1608**

In November 2013, General M.P. Lowrey 1608 donated 52 pounds of pull tabs to St. Jude Children's Hospital in honor of Cade Jones. Pictured is Sarah Baker, Chairman Benevolent Activities with the bagged pull tabs.



# **MS Division Workshop Registration Form**

#### United Daughters of the Confederacy®

2015 Division Workshop – March 14, 2015 – 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.

War Memorial Building, 120 South State Street, Jackson Mississippi

#### **Registration Form**

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Office/s you hold			

E-mail Division Vice President Kay Henry at <u>khenry0247@aol.com</u> by **MARCH 7** with your registration information or mail the form to her by **MARCH 7**: Kay Henry, 10923 MS Hwy. 12W, Starkville, MS 39759-6036. A \$3 fee for refreshments will be collected during registration, beginning at 8:30 A.M. Coffee, juice, and a variety of breads and fruits will be served. For more information, please contact Kay at 662-324-1251 or Division President Janice E. Strohm at 228-832-7629 or 228-697-9936.

It is of utmost importance that Chapter Presidents 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 September. 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.

A block of ten rooms has been reserved at the BAYMONT INN AND SUITES, 434 Riverwind Drive, Pearl, MS 39209. Call 601-932-6030. Room Cost is \$70 for up to four ladies to a room, plus a free breakfast. Ask for the block of rooms reserved for the United Daughters of the Confederacy<sup>®</sup>. Deadline for reservations is March 1, 2015.

# **Mississippi Museum of Art "Civil War Drawings" Exhibit**



he Mississippi Museum of Art in Jackson, Mississippi is presenting an exhibit of hand-drawn sketches created during the War Between the States. These incredible drawings were made by artists who witnessed the War firsthand and documented what they saw through their artwork. This exhibit will be on display during the time of the MS Division Workshop on March 14, 2015 in Jackson. Many of those who plan to attend the MS Division Workshop may be interested in scheduling some time to view this exhibit as well. The following information is taken from the Mississippi Museum of Art website:

"Civil War Drawings from the Becker **Collection** is the first opportunity for many to see important works only recently documented as those of Joseph Becker and his fellow artists who were Frank Leslie's Illustrated employed bv **Newspaper** in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. The exhibition explores the role artists played as reporters, documentarians, and creators who translated with pencil and pad both the chaos and daily life of war. These artworks profoundly influenced the mass media and news outlets of the day at a time when photography was in its relative infancy."

"The first-hand drawings selected for this exhibition, most of which have never been published, document in lively and specific ways key developments in the history of America as it struggled to establish its national identity. The exhibition contains over 85 original drawings, many made on battlefields and barracks amidst the maelstrom of the Civil War. It is accompanied by an exhibition catalogue published by the University of Chicago Press. The Museum's presentation of these important works commemorates the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War, emancipation, and the steps toward reunification of the nation. Cost: \$10 adults. \$8 seniors. \$5 students. FREE children 5 and under, FREE Museum members."

For more information, please visit the Museum of Mississippi website: <u>http://www.msmuseumart.org/</u> index.php/exhibitions/exhibition/civil-war-eradrawings-from-the-becker-collection

# **District I Business Meeting Registration Form**

### United Daughters of the Confederacy®

### **District I Business Meeting**

Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 10:30 AM George E. Allen Library, 500 Church St., Booneville, MS 38829

#### **REGISTRATION FORM**

IN ORDER TO INSURE CORRECT COUNT FOR LUNCH, ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN April 8, 2015.

Name	
Address	·
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Home Phone	Cell Phone
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Chapter Name & Number	
City	
Chapter or District Office you Hold	
Member Guest	_ (Check One)
Registration Fee\$ 7.50	Make checks payable to: D.T. Beall 1185
Lunch\$ 7.50	Mail to: Barbara Shackelford 662-720-9259
TOTAL\$15.00	200 Hidden Hills Booneville, MS 38829

#### Directions

If traveling on Highway 45, exit east at the Blackland/West College exit (Blackland is west). Travel on College St. until you reach Highway 145 (Second Street), turn left (north), travel to first four-way stop and George Ed Allen Library will be on the northwest corner (left).

If traveling on Highway 30, follow 30 (East Church St.) through town to Highway 145 (Second St.). When you reach Second St., Library will be on the north west corner.

If driving in on Highway 4, stay on 4 until you reach light at Hwy. 4 and 145; turn right on 145 (Second Street). Travel South through 5 stop lights. At third four-way stop (Church Street) Library will be on right. Parking behind library.

# **District II Business Meeting Registration Form**



## United Daughters of the Confederacy<sup>©</sup>

**District II 2015 Spring Workshop** 

Saturday, March 28, 2015 Cleveland Country Club, Cleveland, Mississippi Registration: 9:00 AM to 9:45 AM (light refreshments) Meeting Begins 10:00 AM

**DIRECTIONS:** At intersection of Hwy 61 and Hwy 8, go west on Hwy 8 (Sunflower Rd.) Go through three traffic lights (do <u>not</u> count Hwy 8 & 61 light). Pass school on right. At next street, turn RIGHT (north) onto Fayette Davis Ave. Proceed approximately .5 (five tenths) of a mile. Country Club and its tennis courts are off to the left.

Overnight lodging is available at or Hampton Inn (662-846-2915) or Holiday Inn Express (662-843-9300); or Comfort Inn (662-846-1525)

Make check payable to: Bolivar Troop 1067 District II Workshop

Registration Fee: ..... \$4.00 Luncheon: ..... <u>\$11.00</u> Total: ..... \$15.00

#### Mailing & Contact address:

Linda G. Bassie 110 Thomas St. Cleveland, MS 38732-2430

Phone: 662-846-1498 (home) 662-588-0756 (cell) Email: bassitec@tecinfo.com

ONE FORM PER PERSON (Return Prior to March 10, 2015)

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# **MS Division Convention in September!**

### **CELEBRATE MISSISSIPPI**

### One Hundred Nineteenth Annual Division Convention Thursday, September 24 – Saturday, September 26, 2015 Downtown Marriott ~ 200 East Amite Street, Jackson, Mississippi

Reservations for our 119<sup>th</sup> Annual Division Convention may be made by contacting Marriott Hotels directly at 1-800-228-9290 (provide our code of "UDC" to obtain the convention rate). All reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card. The deadline for reservations is August 20, 2015. The rate for a room is \$109.00 per night for 1-4 in a room. Join Marriott Rewards to enjoy *FREE* Wi-Fi at the hotel during the convention!

Thursday, September 24, 2015	Friday, September 25, 2015	Saturday, September 26, 2015
11:00 AM - departure for bus	9:00-11:30 AM - First Business	9:00-11:30 AM - Second Business
tour to Vicksburg	Meeting - House Chamber of the	Meeting - at Marriott
	Old Capitol Building	
7:00 PM - return to hotel		11:30 AM-1:30 PM - Luncheon at
	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN	Marriott
UDC Book/Wine "Club" gather-		
ing	2:00 PM - Memorial Service	1:30 PM-4:00 PM - Third Business
		Meeting at Marriott
Executive and Finance Commit-	Afternoon - club meetings	
tee meetings		6:30 PM – Banquet at Marriott
	DINNER ON YOUR OWN	
		8:00 PM – Presidents Evening at
	7:00 PM - Welcome/Historical	Marriott
	Evening - War Memorial Building	

### Convention Highlights

We will open the convention with a bus tour to Vicksburg - seats are limited so you will want to be the FIRST to get your tickets purchased for the tour once convention registration is opened! We will have a box lunch en route to Vicksburg, followed by time at the Vicksburg National Military Park, the Lower Mississippi River Museum, the Depot Museum, Soldiers Rest and a good old catfish supper! Yes, we've all been to Vicksburg, but this is a chance to "do" the historic city with YOUR UDC friends! We will CELEBRATE MISSISSIPPI's past!

In keeping with our Division President's book reading project, we will hold a book/wine "club" gathering for all registered Daughters on Thursday evening, September 24. Compliments of the members of your 150<sup>th</sup> Council, the gathering will feature wine and cheese, and we invite you to bring

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# **MS Division Convention in September, cont.**

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books that you have read so that we can exchange titles for future reading! We will CELE-BRATE MISSISSIPPI friendships that evening!

Our Opening Business Meeting will be in the House Chamber of the Old Capitol Building - come dressed in your best hat and gloves as we recognize the dignity of this space with our presence there. Welcome and Historical Evening, where we will CELE-BRATE MISSISSIPPIans, will be held at the War Memorial Building and will include cross presentations and a speaker all will enjoy. We will wrap up the evening with a reception.

And, your 150<sup>th</sup> Council has a surprise gift for all Daughters who REGISTER and AT-TEND the convention! Don't miss your chance to receive a limited edition gift from your 150<sup>th</sup> Council! See you in Jackson in September!

More details, including registration information, to follow! Direct questions to Convention Chairman Margaret Murdock at memsixtwelve@gmail.com.



Meeting of the 150th Council, January 30, 2015, planning the upcoming MS Division Convention to be held in September 2015. Left to right:

- $\Diamond$ Peggy McCullough, Dist. III
- Pam Mauldin, Dist. I  $\Diamond$
- Ruth Allbritton, Dist. I  $\Diamond$
- Margaret Murdock, former Dist. IV  $\Diamond$
- $\Diamond$ Janice Strohm, Division President
- $\Diamond$ Cynthia Blaylock, Dist. II
- Susan Dunn, Dist. II  $\Diamond$



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Save the Date! MS Division Workshop, March 14, 2015 All details inside this issue!