



# Our Heritage

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## Mississippi Division United Daughters of the Confederacy®

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## President's Message

August, September, and October have been every busy for us UDC Daughters. Ending a year and beginning a year involves lots of paperwork. As the 2014-2015 Chapter reports began to fill up my mailbox, the sorting and stacking started. Then the mailing of the committee reports to the respective Chairmen and awaiting their reports took place. By the time the Division Convention rolled around, all of these reports had been gone over, statistics tallied, and certificates filled out. Thank all of you for each and every activity in which you individually and as a Chapter participated.

I would like to personally thank the 150<sup>th</sup> Council for hosting the Division Convention, and especially, Convention Chairman Margaret Murdock. For those of you who have been a Convention Chairman, you know of the many decisions that go into making a successful Convention – especially when as “adjusting Daughters” we have to make adjustments – even on the day of the activities! Special thanks to Ex-President Ruth Allbritton for not only serving on the Committee, moving

MS Division President  
Janice Strohm



us along by serving as the Convention Marshal, but to stand by me as the news reporter asked me questions! As a new activity this year, attendees enjoyed the pre-Convention day trip to Vicksburg. Although we couldn't stop at every monument on the battlefield, we did get to get out and stretch our legs at the Tennessee and Mississippi monuments and at the Cairo. We also “hoofed” it through some of Soldiers' Rest.

The weekend following our Mississippi Division Convention, I was a guest at the Tennessee Convention. Many of you know that I started out as a member of the Tennessee Division forty years

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Janice Strohm  
Confederate Monument  
Amory, MS

## President's Message, cont.

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ago and was a member of Chapters in Nashville and Memphis. It was a privilege to meet Sammy Harrison, a Real Granddaughter and a recipient of the Mrs. Norman V. Randolph Relief Fund.

The great highlight of this past month was attending the unveiling of the Mississippi Monument at Shiloh! Thank you, Mississippi Daughters, for your attendance there. I wish we could have rounded up everybody who attended for that group picture, but there are lots and lots of individual pictures out there. Although I could not speak during the ceremony, I was privileged to sit on the dais and represent you. Special thanks go out to many Mississippi Daughters, but special thanks go to Ex-President Celeste Young, who served on the Shiloh Committee, and to Division Registrar Pam Mauldin, who served on the Committee and spearheaded the purchase of those delicious cakes for the SCV/UDC luncheon following the ceremony.

Although it seems I've been everywhere recently attending football games, Conventions, and ceremonies, I did manage to sneak in a few cemetery and monument visits. September 2, found us on a visit to Raymond, MS and a tour around the square and the courthouse grounds. If you've not had the opportunity to go there, I suggest a side trip one day. The Battle of Raymond was a part of the Vicksburg Campaign. On September 4, I stood at the burial site of Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest and his wife in Memphis, TN. As many of you know, this monument has been in danger of being removed and their bodies disinterred.

While in Jackson for our Convention, Larry and I visited Greenwood Cemetery, touring the area of 450 Confederate graves. Following the Convention, the memorial wreath was placed at the monument. We found the grave of W.D. Holder, the Jackson Chapter's namesake.

On our way to Shiloh, we took a side trip to Columbus to visit Friendship Cemetery. There are graves of hundreds of unknown Confederate soldiers and hundreds of marked graves. There are two Confederate monuments, one marking where one of the first Memorial Day activities took place in 1866. The Confederate monument on the courthouse grounds is massive. Driving on up Highways 45 and 25, our van braked in Amory and Iuka. Pictures were taken of monuments and grave markers. In Brookhaven on October 16, a stop was made at the Rose Hill Cemetery for a photo op at the Confederate monument, first erected in 1896 in memory of Elias Bowsky. This 20-foot monument now stands guard over the unknown Confederate soldiers buried in that cemetery. Brookhaven also has a Jefferson Davis Highway Marker at the intersection of Hwy. 51 and 184.

Now, as this issue of *Our Heritage* is being prepared to go to press, Daughters from all over the United States will have gathered in Raleigh, NC for the General Convention. Honor will be given to you as I stand before this gathering and report on what you Mississippi Daughters have done this past year.



MS-Division President Janice Strohm  
Major General Harold Cross (ret.)  
Mississippi Monument Dedication  
Shiloh, October 10, 2015

*Janice Strohm*

Mississippi Division President  
United Daughters of the Confederacy



# MS Division Convention

## CELEBRATE MISSISSIPPI!

The MS Division Convention kicked off with a bus tour of Vicksburg on Thursday, 09-24-15. Convention events took place on Friday and Saturday, 09-26 to 09-26-2015 and were held in Jackson at the Downtown Marriott Hotel and the historic Old Capitol Building, with the Memorial Service held in St. Andrew Episcopal Church. The events and activities were planned and beautifully executed by the Convention—150th Council Committee. We're already looking forward to next year in Greenwood!



Janice Strohm



Tina B. Johnston



Presentation of Awards by Pat Parrish at Business Meeting



Rosalind Holt



Frances Woodruff and Susan Jones



Our Vicksburg Tour Guide, Mary Louise Nossler



Mable Clark and Lynda McKinney



Beth Koostra



# Mississippi Monument Dedication at Shiloh



**O**n October 10, 2015, the Mississippi Monument was dedicated on Rhea Field at Shiloh, which is the site of one of the bloodiest battles of the War Between the States. As we assembled on that field for the dedication, it was sobering to realize that the 6th Mississippi suffered 75% casualties in its assaults across Rhea Field on the morning of April 6, 1862. Sadly, it took 153 years before a monument would be erected at Shiloh in honor of them.

We are proud, humbled, and grateful for the brave men who fought and died on that bloody field so long ago and for this monument that now stands as a memorial to them. As Major General Harold Cross (ret.) said in his speech on the day of the dedication, *“Let this grand monument proudly stand for them – all 6,000 Mississippians who fought here. Let it stand forever for the hundreds of Mississippians who poured out their life’s blood at Shiloh – cut down in their prime. Let this monument also forever remind us of our fellow Mississippians who were wounded here.”*

October 10, 2015, was a day of celebration and a day of gratitude — gratitude for those who suffered and gave their lives so long ago, and gratitude for those who work so hard now to keep them in remembrance.



Janice Strohm and Celeste Young



Janie Riley McDonald



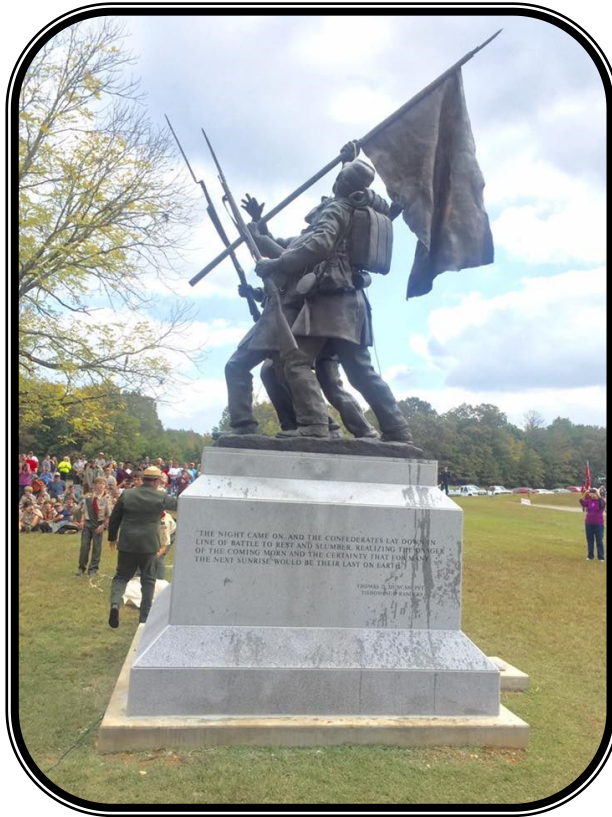
Janice Strohm “trying to behave herself” on the Dais with Major General Harold Cross (Ret.)



# Mississippi Monument Dedication at Shiloh



Dorothy Herron



Kat Blalock



Cynthia Blalock



Ruthie and Ron Wade





# UDC General Convention

**N**ine Mississippi Daughters attended UDC General Convention in Raleigh, North Carolina in November 2015! They were President Janice Strohm, Beth Koostra, Pam Mauldin, Pat Parrish, Susan Jones, Lynda McKinney, Frances Woodruff, Kat Blalock, and Cynthia Blalock. Pam Mauldin reported:

“Ladies, what a wonderful General Convention you missed in Raleigh. It was the BEST ever I have attended! We were showered with hospitality and gifts from the moment we arrived until the moment we left the hotel, literally!

There was a fabulous Hospitality Room that was open daily and the best receptions you can imagine! The North Carolina Ladies did a wonderful job, and it was obvious that much planning and work went into it... I want to give thanks as well to Division President Janice Strohm. She represented us with grace and beauty and made us very proud. Thanks to our First Dude Larry for the extras he did for us, as well!”

**Look for more on the UDC General Convention in the February issue of *Our Heritage* newsletter.**

## *“Voices From the Past”*

*Submitted by MS Division Historian Lynda McKinney*

**A**s we read over the applications of older members of Mississippi UDC, we often find compelling stories. The stories which follow are taken from applications for **Stephen D. Lee Chapter 34** in Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi.

- ◆ Taken from the application of Mrs. W. W. Westmoreland dated 1928 on the service of her father, COL J. F. Jones of Missouri. Mrs. Westmoreland was born in Fulton, Calloway County, Missouri.

*“My father received his commission from Gen. Price, but he was taken prisoner before he reached Price’s army. He spent most of his time during the war in Gratiot Street Military Prison, being sometimes released on short paroles. I well remember when our entire family was seized and taken to prison. My father, mother, their nine children and governess. Our home and all our property was confiscated, stock stolen, and in our absence the vandals had everything advertised for sale. A full account of my father’s war record is published in Frost’s Camp and Prisoner Journal.”*

- ◆ Taken from application of Blanche Lewis Wood, daughter of Capt. T. F. J. Lewis, Company A, 19<sup>th</sup> Tennessee. She was born October 1866 at Lake Village, Arkansas.

*“Capt. Lewis had charge of the ammunition and ambulance train and furnished the ambulance that carried Gen. Albert Sydney Johnston from the battlefield of Shiloh.”*



# Division Officers

## Vice President

### Susan Easter

It is truly a wonderful fall with all the colors and cooler temperatures. We had a great convention in Jackson in September, and it was nice to visit with old friends and make new ones.



Susan Easter and friends at MS Division Convention 2015 in Jackson, MS  
L to R: Susan Jones, Rosalind Holt, Von Coombs, Susan, Peggy McCullough, and Rita Brister

Our insignia orders have been coming in from all over the state and it is great to receive so many. I process them and get them on their way the next day if possible. Keep them coming! It is truly an honor to wear the names of our ancestors, to recognize their service and to show the badges of your hard work and accomplishments within your Chapter, your Division, and General. Keep up the good work!

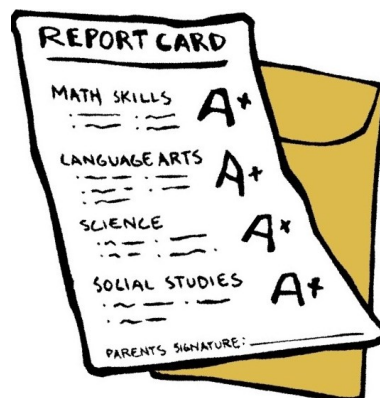
## Second Vice President

### Rebecca F.

Division convention is over, and I was honored to be able to present the report of the excellent educational activities occurring in the MS-Division during the 2014-2015 year. I want to thank everyone who helped grow the principle of the Rebecca Hamner Memorial Scholarship. Nearly two thousand dollars were raised during the Division convention through donations, the silent auction, and the live auction of hats and gift baskets. Although the scholarship will not be awarded until the principle has reached \$25,000, the fund has nearly reached an amount that can be invested and begin to earn interest.

Scholarship rules and a Division Scholarship application form were adopted by the delegates to the convention. These will be sent via email to

Chapter Vice-Presidents soon. In the future, the scholarship rules will be readily available in the Division Minutes. Remember, the scholarship application process for both Division and General scholarships begin at the Chapter level. However, if you need assistance or have questions, please contact me.



It is not too early to begin assisting potential applicants with the application process. To be complete, the application packet must contain an official transcript of the fall semester grades. However, applicants can be requesting letters of recommendation from the appropriate individuals.

Thank you again for your support of educational activities at the Chapter, Division, and General Organization levels. I am looking forward to another successful year.



# Division Officers

## Recording Secretary

**Sandy Gaddis**



**T**he Recording Secretary office is a great responsibility and cannot be accomplished without the help of our Division Officers, Chapter Presidents, Committee Chairman, Club Presidents, CofC, and anyone who contributes to the *Minutes*. I appreciate the time and effort of everyone involved.

I have a few suggestions that will help me to assemble the individual Minutes' reports and anything that is included in the *Minutes*. First, send all your reports by electronic means, preferably by email to my email address. If I have to retype these reports mistakes can be made, and copying it from email is quicker. Second, send all your reports in a

Microsoft Word program format or a compatible document. Please do not send in PDF format, because I can't edit it to get in the correct format to be printed. Third, please check your word count of your report and do not go over the limit. This information is available in Article XVI, Section 2 of our Bylaws, which states: "*Length of reports to be printed is limited as follows: Division President, 800 words; Division Officers, 500 words; Committee Chairmen, 300 words; District reports, 300 words; Chapter reports, 400 words; Clubs, 250 words.*"

Fourth, the deadline for annual reports is August 31. If anyone has a question or a concern please contact me.

## Treasurer

**Mary Landin**

I have filed and had all of Mississippi Division's 990 e-Postcards accepted.

Next thing coming up for treasurers, in December I will send out your per capita forms (have not gotten from General yet), and they will be due in January with your checks for dues and any donations your chapter wants to make. We are about \$500 short of our goal of \$10,000 for the Rebecca Hamner Scholarship, if any Chapter or Club wants to remember that one in your donations. Also on donations, remember that you can give as little as a dollar per request on the form, so that your

Chapter will be covered for all. And contributions for the maintenance of Memorial Hall in Richmond are always welcomed and needed.

If you are having trouble collecting your Chapter's dues, please make an extraordinary effort to do this on time. Last year, we had Chapters not remind delinquent members, and as a result those members wound up being dropped by General.







# Division Officers

## Registrar

### Pam Mauldin

**R**egarding changes to new member applications and the current Registrar Manual:

There probably won't be a new Registrar Manual, but there will be a new CD with the new applications and directions on it. However, it is not ready yet. It might be at General Convention in North Carolina, but it might be Spring Board in March before it is ready. I will know when I get to General Convention in November. I will keep everyone advised, but until then, the new applications can all be found on the General web site under resources. There have been some issues getting the new applications downloaded from the General Website. If you need me to print you a few applications off, I will be glad to do so. Just drop me an email at [pgmauldin@comcast.net](mailto:pgmauldin@comcast.net). I am here to help in any way possible.



## Editor of Our Heritage

### Sharon Tallman

**T**his issue of *Our Heritage* is the fifth one that I have compiled since my appointment by President Janice Strohm as MS-Division Editor one year ago. It has been an honor to serve as Editor of *Our Heritage*, webmaster of the MS Division Website, and administrator of the emailing list on Rootsweb during the past year.

I would like to thank all of you for your support and participation in the newsletter, website, and emailing list. Photos, articles, and suggestions that are submitted to me have been tremendously appreciated and greatly enhance the quality and scope of our newsletter and website.

More importantly, dear Sisters, please accept my gratitude to each of you who



strives so hard to build up and strengthen our beloved UDC within your own Chapter, District, Club, and Committee. It is hard to hold back the tears sometimes while compiling the newsletter, because I see how hard you work to uphold the objectives of our Organization and how compassionate you are in the communities in which you live. The members of MS-Division are making a real difference in many lives, and I am so grateful to be your Editor and see it firsthand.

Just so you know, we are limited in providing contact information in *Our Heritage* due to security constraints. If you would like to contact anyone regarding the information they are posting in the newsletter, send an email to me at [msudc.editor@gmail.com](mailto:msudc.editor@gmail.com), and I will help you contact the individual you need to get in touch with.



# Division Officers

## Historian

Lynda McKinney

**W**hat a GREAT time we had at the MS Division Convention in downtown Jackson! If you were unable to attend you really missed a treat! I had the pleasure of giving out 51 awards in 22 categories. Ladies, you did an outstanding job this past UDC year. Keep up the good work!

I would like to thank everyone that worked so hard on your Chapter scrapbooks this year! It is definitely a labor of love, hard work, and long hours. If you have never done a scrapbook before, you may not be aware of how long it takes to get everything in order and into the book.

This year I am going to have to put a deadline on receiving information for the MS Division Scrapbook. This past UDC year I was still receiving material for the Division Scrapbook the week of the MS Division Convention. **The dead line for the Scrapbook this UDC year will be August 31, 2016.** Ladies please go ahead and send in your photos, and information for the scrapbook as soon as your chapter does something. You do not have to wait till the end of the year to send me your information.

Just a few things I would like to touch on regarding the photos you send for the scrapbook. First, when sending pictures for the scrapbook you must include **the name of each person in the photo, date of photo, where the photo was taken, and the name of the event.** Second, please do not send pictures on regular paper. The pictures do not look as sharp and crisp



as the ones printed on photo paper. The last thing I would like to mention is newspaper clippings. You need to underline **in RED** the UDC Chapter and the person or persons that are listed in the article that are UDC members. I also need to have the header of the newspaper to go with your article.



The topic for the Junior High Essay this year is “**A Soldiers Life.**” The Senior High Essay topic is “**African Americans in the War Between the States.**” Please help get the word out to all of our children so they can start working on the essay for this year. The deadline for the School Essay will be April 15, 2016. As soon as I get the Essay Topics for the Members I will have them posted on the MS Division Website.

I look forward to receiving your monthly newsletters and items for the Division scrapbook. Please let me know when your Chapter is having a special meeting this year. I would love to attend and visit more Chapters. Let’s have a great year preserving our history!!





# Division Officers

## Recorder of Military Service Awards

**Carole Gospodnetich**

It has been a true honor to serve as the MS Division Recorder of Military Service Awards. Six Chapters presented the following 22 awards during 2014-2015:

- 1 World War I Cross
- 8 World War II Crosses
- 2 Korean Crosses
- 4 Vietnam Crosses
- 2 Global War on Terror Crosses
- 1 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for Asia Southern Watch
- 2 National Defense Medals for Vietnam
- 2 National Defense Medals for Global War on Terror



## Chaplain

**Beth Koostra**

**In Loving Memory**



With sadness, I report the death of the following MS Division members.

At the end of August 2015, I received notice of a death that occurred in November 2014:

**Betty Joyce Hough Davis**, widow of Charles Davis  
Great Granddaughter of Henry Clay Hough, Co. I, 3rd LA Infantry  
Vicksburg Chapter 77 in Vicksburg

Sadly, we also lost another MS-Division member on September 25, 2015:

**Kathryn Irene Blalock Ginn**  
Great Granddaughter of Thomas McDonald, Co. D, 11th MS Cavalry  
Brent Rifles Chapter 2137 in McComb



# Committee Activities

## Convention—150th Council

Margaret Murdock and Ruth Allbritton, Chairmen

# THANK YOU!



Planning meeting of the Convention Committee — 150th Council, L to R: Peggy McCullough, Pam Mauldin, Ruth Allbritton, Margaret Murdock, Janice Strohm, Cynthia Blaylock, and Susan Dunn

The MS Division Convention “**CELEBRATE MISSISSIPPI!**” held in September 2015 in Jackson, Mississippi, was uplifting, inspiring, informative, and a huge success! Many thanks go out to Chairmen **Margaret Murdock** and **Ruth Allbritton** and to all those who served with them. These hard-working ladies put together a Convention that would be enjoyed and remembered by all who attended, and it seemed like attention to every detail was given. (Well, except for the “fun” wedding reception next door to our meeting room on Saturday — but even that worked out beautifully!)

The bus tour of Vicksburg was a time for getting better acquainted with each other and building a deeper appreciation for what our Confederate ancestors went through. What a thrill it was to attend the first Business Meeting, which took place in the House Chamber of the historic Old Capitol Building — the very room where the vote for Mississippi Secession was made on January 9, 1861. Listening to the angelic voice of Tina B. Johnston during the Memorial Service brought tears to many of us. During the Convention, hats and gloves and *bling* were in full swing. As we walked to the church for the Memorial Service, we actually stopped traffic and turned many admiring heads!

The 150th Council provided a podium drape as a gift to MS Division, which was accepted by President Janice Strohm during the Convention. They also offered a gift to every member who attended Convention — a beautiful pearl bracelet.

**GREAT JOB, LADIES! THANK YOU!**

Janice Strohm  
Brookhaven, MS

At the intersection of Hwy 51 and 184







# Committee Activities

## Mrs. Norman V. Randolph Relief

**Sandy Gaddis, Chairman**

**MRS. SAMMY HYNDS HARRISON,  
MRS. NORMAN V. RANDOLPH FUND  
RECIPIENT**

Mrs. Sammy Hynds Harrison (on the left in both photos) is the granddaughter of Robert Henry Hynds, Co., E 39th Tennessee Mounted Infantry. Miss Sammy has a son, a daughter, four grandchildren and a great granddaughter. She is active in her church where she serves on the Mission Committee and sings in the choir. Miss Sammy was caught in a layoff and before she could locate another job, fell and broke the ball from her upper left arm. She had two



surgeries, but there is nerve damage resulting in only partial use of the arm. She is active in a local genealogical society and plans to work on a Supplemental for her great grandfather, Captain Charles James Miller, Co. E 18th Arkansas Infantry Regiment who had members of the Crockett family serving under him. Mrs. Harrison is a Mrs. Norman V. Randolph Relief Fund recipient thru the United Daughters of the Confederacy®. She is member of the Tennessee Division UDC and attended the UDC Tennessee Convention in 2015. She seems to be in good health. The Mississippi Division President, Mrs. Janice Strohm (on the right in both photos), had the opportunity to visit and sit with her at the dinner meal.



# Committee Activities

## Records of Interments of Confederate Veterans

Pat Parrish, Chairman

### UDC GENERAL RECORDS OF INTERMENTS

The interment database is once again online at the UDC General website. As you enter the website, go to resources. Click on resources, and scroll to the bottom of the page. You can do a find to search the database. If you have any questions, please contact me.

### MS DIVISION HISTORICAL RECORDS DATABASE

Five thousand applications have been entered into the database. These may be viewed at the Mississippi Division website.

At present, I am working on the Stephen D. Lee Chapter 34, Columbus, Mississippi. There are some interesting stories in these applications. Also, the treasure of treasures is the Varina Jefferson Davis Beauvoir Chapter 1744, Beauvoir. These applications are those of the wives of Confederates living at the Beauvoir Confederate Home. Many of these ladies and their husbands are buried in the Beauvoir Cemetery. These will be posted in the next group.



## UDC Room

Pat Parrish, Chairman



The 2015 Mississippi Division Convention attendees voted to purchase a filing cabinet for the UDC room. It has been purchased for half the cost expected. The filing cabinet is in place and being used.

This is such a great relief to have this filing cabinet. No longer are the files jammed so tightly. Safety aspects are no longer a concern. The files had become so heavy pulling a drawer out resulted in the drawer falling out of the cabinet. All of these concerns are no longer a problem. The files have been spread out through two filing cabinets eliminating the safety concern.

Thank you all who supported the decision to make this purchase.





# Committee Activities

## UDC Magazine and Advertising

**Susan Dunn, Chairman**

Ladies, I have read some of your Chapter's newsletters and you are doing wonderful things.

When you send out your newsletters, think about writing a Chapter News article for the *UDC Magazine*. Some of you could submit an article for every *UDC Magazine* issue. We don't have to wait and have everything in the August issue.

Chapter News articles may be submitted free of charge without photos. If you submit photos with your article, there is a charge. Please use the

submission form in the Magazine Handbook, and don't forget to send me a copy.

I have created a new form (below) to report your Chapter's Magazine subscriptions on. When your Treasurer sends in the renewals to General, please fill out the form and send it to me. If your members send in their own renewals, some time during the year, please get a count of how many in your Chapter subscribe so you will be able to submit the form to me. You do not have to wait until the end of the year to submit the form; you can send it in now.

### Magazine Subscription Report

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Name of Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Chapter Members: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Number of members who subscribe: \_\_\_\_\_

2. 100% Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

3. Number of Libraries giving subscriptions to: \_\_\_\_\_

This report can be submitted when subscriptions are renewed or with the President's reports.

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# District Events

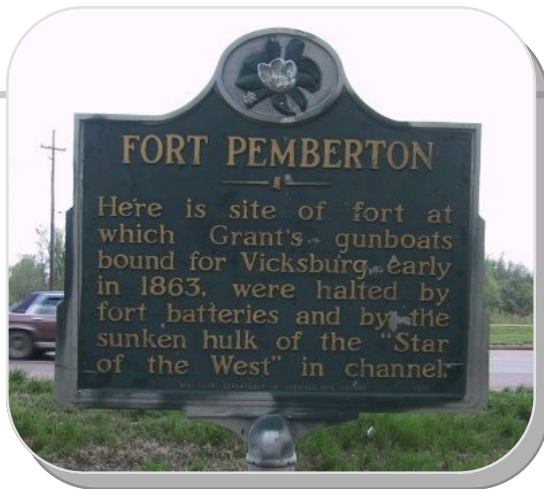
## District II

## District II Will Host "Camp Pemberton & Star of the West" MS Division Convention 2016!

District II is excited to be hosting the MS Division Convention next year in Greenwood, Mississippi! The theme of the convention is "Camp Pemberton and the Star of the West." The Convention Committee has already met a couple of times and is working very hard to make sure we have a GREAT Convention in 2016. Our next meeting will be after the first of the year.

*Lynda McKinney*

District II President



### THE BATTLE

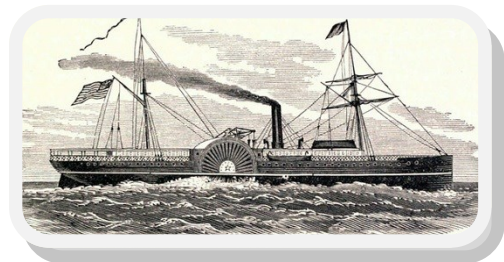
Three miles west of Greenwood lies Fort Pemberton, the only fort on the Yazoo River to resist the attack of Union forces during the Civil War. A model of the March 1863, battle at Fort Pemberton can be found at Greenwood's Museum of the Mississippi Delta.

### BATTLE FACTS

Interesting facts about the battle at Fort Pemberton:  
The fort's hasty construction of cotton bales covered

with earth was ordered by Confederate General John C. Pemberton to block General Ulysses S. Grant's effort to send a fleet to Vicksburg from the rear. It was located on the embankment stretching approximately 300 yards from the Tallahatchie River to the Yazoo River and its outline can still be seen. To further impede the enemy, Major General William W. Loring ordered the famous steamship "Star of the West" — which received the first shots of the Civil War at Fort Sumter on January 9, 1861 — to be sunk in a channel of the Tallahatchie.

The Star of the West can still be seen in the river when the waters are low. Union forces retreated to the Mississippi River.



~Above information taken from The City of Greenwood website:  
<http://www.greenwoodms.com/index.aspx?NID=326>





# UDC Club Events

## Great Granddaughters Club

President: Mary Landin  
 Secretary: Pat Parrish  
 Treasurer: Pam Mauldin



## Great Great Granddaughters Club

President: Frances Woodruff  
 Vice President: Cassandra Griswold  
 Secretary: Lynda McKinney  
 Treasurer: Tina Johnston



The Great Great Granddaughters Club met Saturday, September 25, 2015, in Jackson, Mississippi. President Frances Woodruff called the meeting to order. Janice Strohm made a motion to give a \$50 donation to the Rebecca Hamner Scholarship. Susan Easter seconded the motion, and motion was carried. Susan Easter made a motion to send \$25 to the President General's Patriotic Project. There was some discussion on the amount to send. Susan Easter amended her motion to send \$50 to the President General's Patriotic Project. Susan Jones seconded the motion, and motion was carried. Tina Johnston made a motion to make Great Great Granddaughters Club membership cards. Janice Strohm seconded the motion, and motion carried.

If you have not paid your dues please send them to our treasurer Tina Johnston. President Frances Woodruff asked all the Great Great Granddaughter members to help with the Monument Committee to locate and record all Confederate monuments in Mississippi.

Submitted by Lynda McKinney, Secretary

## Great Great Great Granddaughters Club

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



**For information on how to join one of these 3 lineal clubs in the UDC, contact one of the officers of the club you qualify for. If you need their contact information, email the Our Heritage editor at: [msudc.editor@gmail.com](mailto:msudc.editor@gmail.com)**



# Chapter Events

## BILOXI

### Biloxi Beauvoir 623

Biloxi Beauvoir #623 has been busy since the last edition of *Our Heritage*!

August 8, 2015 found us enjoying a Ladies' Tea at Beauvoir. Chapter President Tina B. Johnston provided the entertainment by singing "Bonnie Blue," "Goober Peas," and "Dixie." The ladies furnished the treats for the event and set each table with their own style and tea sets. Ruthie Wade set her table with hot chocolate. The event was enjoyed so much that our chapter is planning on sponsoring another one in the spring. Those in our chapter who attended were: Donna Cox, Mary Boles, Ruthie Wade, Chapter president Tina B. Johnston, prospective member Zandra Walker, Vivian Dailey, and Cassandra Griswold (*order in the picture upper right*). That evening we attended a Ball at Beauvoir at which dances were taught and performed, and a good time was had by all.

On Sept. 8, 2015, Tina gave a music program at the Sam Davis SCV Camp meeting. She gave a little history on the songs "Bonnie Blue," "Goober Peas," and "Dixie" before singing each one for the gentlemen.



On Sept. 18, 2015, Tina portrayed Eva Rowell McDaniel in Beauvoir's Voices from the Past Cemetery Tour. Eva was quite a lady. She purchased and sold land, had the first photography studio in Gulfport, and was one of the 6 Charter



members who started the First Baptist Church in Gulfport, which is still in service.

The end of September was all about the 119<sup>th</sup> MS Division Convention in Jackson. The trip to Vicksburg was great. We went through the Vicksburg Battlefield, to the Lower MS River Museum, the Depot and Soldier's Rest where we found the MS Monument and Douglas the Camel's grave. A wonderful dinner at "Rusty's" closed our time in Vicksburg. Janice Strohm (Division Pres.) was there, of course, along with Susan Easter (Division VP), Courtney Hodge (Division 3<sup>rd</sup> VP), Rosalind Holt (Division Parliamentarian), Tina B. Johnston (Aide to Division President & Division Corresponding Secretary), and Hilda Wade. Rosalind gave us a scare when she fell on the escalator, but she is recuperating and almost back to herself. Tina was privileged to sing "Ave Maria" in German at the MS Division Memorial Service. We



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# Chapter Events

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are very proud to say we won 15 awards during the convention, including the Holloman Cup and Superior Chapter. Our ladies worked hard this past year and are already working this year!

October found us traveling 725 miles round trip to Shiloh for the MS Monument Dedication on October 10, 2015. The speaker, Major General Harold Cross (ret.), was wonderful. He is quite the storyteller and supporter of history. The monument is one of the most beautiful seen, said one of the state representatives who was there. Janice Strohm and "First Dude" Larry, Ruthie Wade and husband Ron, and Tina B. Johnston and husband Lee were there for the unveiling. We are so proud to finally have a Mississippi Monument there that shows we will never forget those who sacrificed for our state's rights. What an honor to be a part of it!



Tina Johnston, Janice Strohm,  
and Ruthie Wade

## CONGRATULATIONS, VIVIAN!

We are happy to announce that Biloxi Beauvoir 623 Chapter member Vivian Dailey was inducted into the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Hall of Fame on October 22 and received her medal on October 24, 2015.

Vivian has achieved much in her life: Associates core curriculum from MGCCC, Bachelor of Science from University of Southern Mississippi, taught in Moss Point and Ocean Springs, received her Masters in Sociology from University of Houston and educational leadership, post graduate work at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks. She was a principal in Houston and Alaska. She is currently a consultant with Education Resources, LLC, a member of the Gautier Historic Preservation Commission, Jackson County Historical & Genealogical Society, Gautier Election Commission, Gautier Library Advisory Board, and secretary for the Gautier Mullet and Music Festival. She was president of the Anola Club in 2014, Gautier Civitan Club and Gautier Garden Club, and vice president of the Mississippi Federation of Republican Women in 2015. I'm proud to say she is currently the Vice President of the Biloxi Beauvoir #623 Chapter. We are proud of her and all her achievements.



Vivian Dailey



# Chapter Events

## BOONEVILLE

### D. T. Beall 1185

## Up, up, and away!

**M**embers of the D. T. Beall chapter 1185 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy resumed their monthly meetings in September with a



meeting at the George Ed Allen Library. Donna Geno, chapter secretary, presented a program entitled "Up, Up and Away: Aeronauts and Their Balloons" about the use of hot air balloons during the

War Between the States. Serving as hostesses were Carolyn Sullins and Peggy Wroten. Pictured (l-r) are Carolyn Sullins, Vice President; Barbara Shackelford, President; Peggy Wroten, and Donna Geno. The chapter meets monthly on the second Wednesday September through June.



## CANTON

### Captain Samuel J. Ridley 2430

## Welcome to Our New Member!

Captain Samuel J. Ridley 2430 of Canton welcomes a new member! At the October 27 Chapter meeting, hosted in the lovely home of Miss Sarah Mary Garrison in Jackson, the Capt. Samuel J. Ridley Chapter was so very proud to present membership papers to Miss Sarah Mary Garrison into the Mississippi Division UDC. Sarah transferred from the South Carolina Division and will not only be an asset to the Canton Chapter, but to the Division as well.



**Congratulations, Sarah! Mississippi Welcomes You!**

(L to R), Chapter Registrar Nancy M. Stewart, Sarah Garrison, and Chapter President Myra Sandidge





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## HERNANDO Bedford Forrest 448

**C**ongratulations to Bedford Forrest Chapter 448 on winning so many hard-earned awards at MS Division Convention in Jackson, Mississippi in September 2015! Chapter President Saranne Emerson proudly displays the award certificates at their October Chapter meeting. Great job! MS Division is proud of y'all!



I JUST HAVE TO SAY...

"I know I haven't made many meetings, but I just have to say how I feel after last night: My batteries are recharged. I sang all the way home in the car. I am so glad I got to spend the time with such wonderful people. My heart has been lightened and my spirits lifted. I can return to [work] with renewed energy. Y'all are such a blessing to me."

~Margaret Hicks of Bedford Forrest Chapter 448 after attending her October 2015 Chapter

### BEDFORD FORREST 448 BENEVOLENT PROJECT

Bedford Forrest 448 made a monetary contribution AND some 70 pounds of candy to "Ship to Shore Regions Beyond International." This is a ministry focusing on sailors who come to our State on the Gulf Coast. They get a Bible in their language via jump drive, phone cards, and candy.



This is Marc and Diana Thompson. Marc spoke at the October Bedford Forrest 448 Chapter meeting on the effects of the Morrill Tariff Act on average families. "The Morrill Tariff Act was a smoldering issue of unjust taxation that enriched Northern manufacturing states and exploited the agricultural South and was fanned to a furious blaze in 1860. It was the Morrill Tariff that stirred the smoldering embers of regional mistrust and ignited the fires of Secession in the South." (*Understanding the Causes of the Uncivil War—A Brief Explanation of the Impact of the Morrill Tariff* by Mike Scruggs for the Tribune Papers)



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## HORN LAKE

### Varina Howell Davis 2559



MS Division President Janice Strohm posed with the lovely ladies of Varina Howell Davis Chapter 2559, who were dressed in their finery at the Mississippi Monument Dedication at Shiloh on October 10, 2015. Left to right: Linda McGan, Jennifer Smally, President Janice Strohm, Dorothy Herron, Janie McDonald, and Christine Rhoda

## TUPELO

### John J. Hart 2443

## Hat Day!



Back row left to right: Kay Nelson, Cheryl Moore, Alice Jennings, Sharon Tallman, Sandra Knight, Sherry Ray.  
Front row left to right: Pat Hass and Sylvia Thornton

The new UDC year began with our first meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 2015, at the Tupelo Country Club. It was designated "Hat Day," and we had so much fun with it that we decided to have another "Hat Day" at our Christmas meeting on December 1, 2015! Cheryl Moore and Sharon Tallman were able to attend MS Division Convention in Jackson, MS, in September, and they shared with the Chapter all they did and learned while at Convention. The door prize for the meeting was a Confederate Battle Flag necklace, and ex-Chapter president Sherry Ray was the lucky winner of that!





# Chapter Events

## PURVIS

### Mary Ann Randolph Custis Lee 2583 (MARCL)



**Congratulations to MARCL Chapter for reclaiming the coveted "Superior Chapter" and 25 other awards at MS Division Convention 2015!**

#### CHAPTER VISIT TO THE DEASON HOME IN OCTOBER 2015

The "MARCL" Chapter always has a good time together, and in October 2015 they visited the Deason Home. This home is said to be a haunted place where the War Between the States has not quite ended and dark secrets remain hidden!

Pictured above, L-R (Front) Carol Smith, Joey Rayburn, Sylvia Knight. (Back) Beth Johnson, Celeste Young, Karen Mims, Diane Milner, Barbara Lott

#### WORDS OF WISDOM FROM MARCL CHAPTER PRESIDENT AND EX-DIVISION PRESIDENT CELESTE YOUNG

**We** begin our new year with unrest across the Southland. The Confederate Battle Flag is front and center and is causing an uproar between those who support it and those who want it taken down and burn it. Those who want to keep the Battle Flag flying support their cause by saying, "It is honoring our Confederate Veterans. Taking it down dishonors their sacrifice."

This is how I, personally, honor my forefathers: Most of my ancestors had never seen slaves and probably never saw the Battle Flag as we see it today, although it is proclaimed as being the Soldier's Flag. Yes, I carry that flag in my heart, but I also carry the names of our Confederate heroes on my lips. I speak their names and tell their stories almost daily. I don't limit my honoring them to placing a flag on a grave once a year. To me, honoring them is a daily routine. *As long as his name is spoken, no man is forgotten.*



Pictured are Regina and Rachael Baker, prospective members; Sylvia Knight, Celeste Young, and little Rubye McDonald.



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