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President's Message

By Patricia C. Parrish

It is summer! Many Chapter members are taking vacations. This is supposed to be our quiet time. If you have been working on your reports, you think otherwise. Speaking of those reports, I am amazed at the work being done in the Chapters. I am getting boxes containing reports. It has taken boxes to hold all the information about your activities. I am thrilled. I just wish I could have been with you for all the trips, activities, and ceremonies. MS

Division UDC is a working, active Division. I am so proud of all of you. Remember your deadlines for turning in your reports. I need them soon.

Recently, I was invited by the D. T. Beall Chapter to a little place with such a powerful message. It is called Blackland Methodist Church. It is serene. It is nostalgic. It is a place to find your true soul. I had nothing prepared to say the day I spoke. The spirit of the church gave me the words. I want to return to Blackland for the peace and serenity found there. Thank you Patsy Johnson for saving this special place. The blessings are there, and it is all because of you. What a wonderful UDC sister! Thank you.

Honoring our veterans is a duty we have. This was done with solemnity and humility by the Gen. M. P. Lowrey Chapter of Blue Mountain. They awarded seven Crosses of Military Service at a recent ceremony. The pride in the eyes of the veterans tells us what the awarding of crosses means to them. Well done ladies. Thank you for doing this. There is a veteran in every community. Find them and honor them.

It will soon be convention time. I hope you have made your reservations. I want to see you there. There will be some fun things

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Division Officers

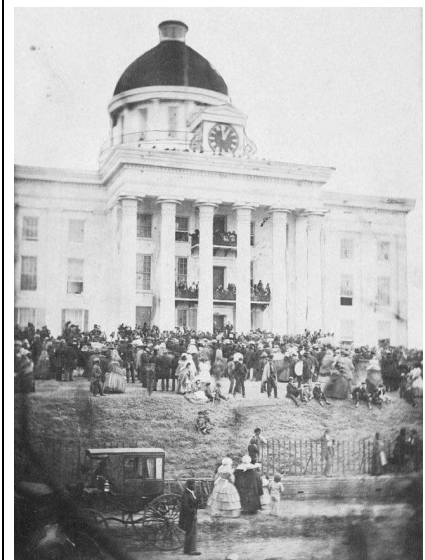
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Inauguration of Jefferson Davis November 6, 1861



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President's Message, cont.

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happening. There will be some serious, meaningful moments. Memories will be made to enjoy for years to come. Don't miss out!

You have met the challenges presented to you this year. The challenge of increasing our membership remains. We never know when we issue an invitation who might be waiting to join us. Reach out and encourage people to become members. They not only honor their ancestors, but they reap the benefit of establishing long lasting friendships through their membership. Isn't this what our ancestors did? They never forgot the man who fought beside them. We never forget our sisters who work beside us.

Our newest Chapter, Brice's Crossroads, held a wonderful service at Bethany Cemetery. Flags were dedicated and flown at the site of a mass grave of the soldiers who gave their lives in the Battle of Brice's Crossroads. Much work and love went into this ceremony. The flags of Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Kentucky now fly in the cemetery in memory of the fallen Confederate soldiers. Thank you, Brice's Crossroads.

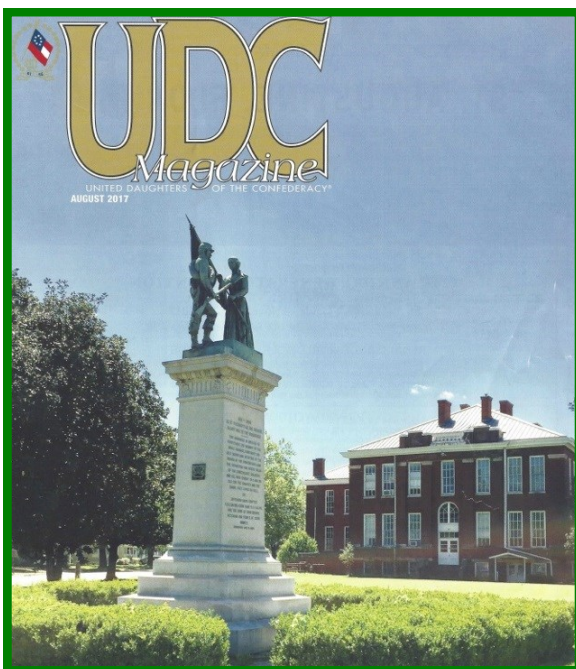
You all received a message from the UDC President General. Read the letter carefully. Adhere to her admonitions. To summarize, think twice before you speak and act. You are not just you. You are the UDC. Keep this in mind to always represent the organization well.



July 15, 2017

Brices Crossroads Battlefield

L to R: Ex-Vice President Genera Ruth Allbritton, MS Division Editor Sharon Tallman, MS Division President Patricia Parrish, and MS Division Historian Sylvia Purvis



UDC Magazine

August 2017 Issue

Thank you all for the advertisements in the *UDC Magazine*. You all made me so proud. I do not have e-mail addresses for all that contributed. Chapter Presidents and friends of those who contributed, please let them know how much I appreciate their effort and acknowledgement of their ancestors.

The magazine was beautiful. It was all due to your efforts.

Patricia C. Parrish



Division Officers

Vice President

Pam Mauldin

It has been hot here in North Mississippi. You are keeping me busy, but that is good!

I am happy to announce that Meridian Winnie Davis has a beautiful new Chapter pin approved to wear on their official insignia. *Woohoo!* Way to go Winnie Davis! Our Division has done a good job ordering insignia this year, so keep up the good work. I do not shut down for summer, so keep those orders coming!

I would like to remind ladies that the insignia is not to be worn on period clothing. It is common sense that our insignia was not around in the War Between the States. If you wear period clothing, you want it to be authentic. Our UDC Insignia should not be worn with costume dress of any kind. I realize that each lady is the owner of her insignia, and she can do as she pleases with it, but I also ask



you to respect the organization. Wear your insignia proudly in the time and place it is appropriate and with the appropriate attire.

Also I want to remind you that on the engraved 1 and engraved 2 order forms you order only 1 item per form and submit 1 check per form. I have had to return several for ordering multiple items on the engraved forms. On the non-engraved form, you may order as many items as you want with only one check.

If you want the plain bar with your Chapter name engraved to wear at the top of your ribbon instead of the 61-65 bar, mark 1A badge set but mark 1A option and fill in what you want engraved on it.

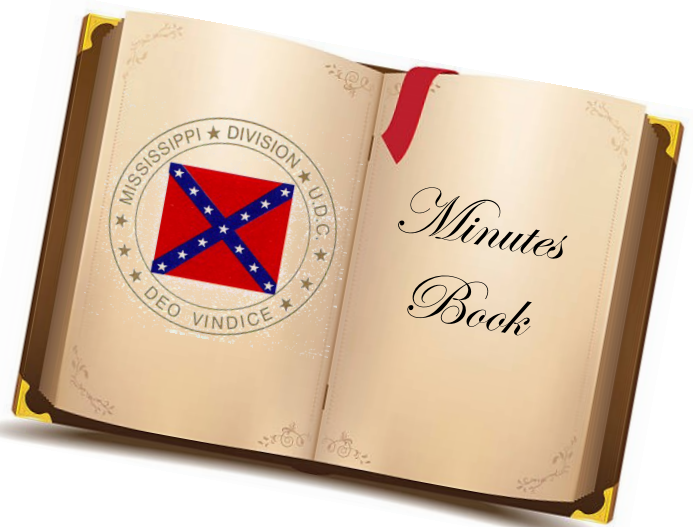
Give me a call, and I will happy to help in any way and walk you through filling out your forms. You could also invite me to come do a workshop for you, and I will be happy to!

Recording Secretary

Tonya Mott

Hello Ladies!

The deadline for reports is approaching, so get those reports in to the President and don't forget your friendly Recording Secretary. I am working on putting our 2017 Minutes Book together already. Please remember when getting your packages ready for the President, don't forget to email me your list of Chapter Officers and your President's Narrative as well.



Thank you all so much for your help in this matter as it makes this daunting job a lot easier. I will see you all in September.

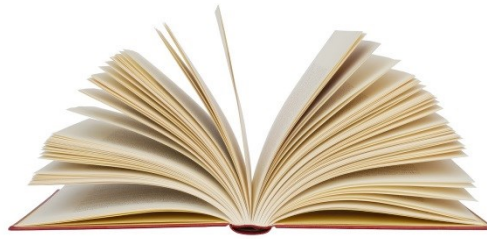


Division Officers

2nd Vice President

Lynda McKinney

Here it is once again time to get the year end reports to our MS Division President. I find myself wondering how the year could have passed by so quickly. Fall means that Chapters are starting to make plans for the new UDC year. I encourage Chapters to remember to include measurable goals for educational activities.



Suggestions for educational activities include supporting UDC scholarships, reading books, developing games, and presenting programs to other groups in addition to your own Chapter. A good source for new ideas will be the reports you hear during

Division Convention. I hope everyone is making plans on attending the MS Division Convention on the Beautiful Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Registrar

Susan Dunn

Remember that fees for Original Applications will increase on September 1, 2017.

The Registrar General has stated she will not accept “skimpy” documentation on the last generation. This includes the veteran’s wife. You must include an acceptable proof for documentation when stating dates and places. Yes, you may use parenthesis, but if you use too many it will be rejected for lack of proof.

When using Find-a-Grave, remember the only acceptable proof is the information that is visible on the grave marker. All of the genealogical information on Find-a-Grave is unacceptable proof.

Make sure the marker is legible when you print it out. Don’t forget to include the name and location of the cemetery on the photo.

I am still receiving applications with incomplete Service Records. Double check that you have all the pages, it slows down the process when I have to request the rest. Read all of the Service Record pages carefully. The bottom of the first card has a line that reads “See also:_____.” If anything is written there, you must include those records.

Chaplain

Dorothy Herron

Deaths to report at this time:

W.D. Holder Chapter 458 (Jackson)

Laura Willoughby Horton Higgins

Deceased 4/6/2017

Great-granddaughter of John W. Coker, Pvt. Co. H, 7th MS Infantry

H.D. Money 350 (Carrollton)

Wessie Nell Ellzey Gee

Deceased 6/28/2017

Great-granddaughter of Lewis N. Ellzey, Co. E, 33rd MS Infantry

I’d like to remind Chapters to go online and get a report form for Deceased Members at this link: <http://www.hqudc.org/member-resources/>.

Please especially tell how the deceased member was related to their ancestor, the unit ancestor was in, the state, and next of kin if you know. This sure will be helpful to me.



We Remember...

Laura Higgins

Laura Willoughby Horton Higgins, 84 years, died Thursday, April 6th, 2017, at home. She was born in Jackson, MS. She graduated from Duke University with a BA degree in Music and English, and received her Masters Degree in education from Morehead State University as well as a Masters Degree in church music from Episcopal Theological Seminary in Lexington, Kentucky.

Laura was always active in the community, volunteering and holding many offices. She was president of the Friends of Terry. She raised thousands of dollars to restore the train depot and convert it to a regional arts center for the community. She was a founding member of the Mt. Sterling, Kentucky Little Theater and served as the musical director and accompanist.

She was a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy on the record of her great-grandfather

Private John W. Coker, Co. H, 7th MS Infantry. Laura was also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Scottish Rites.

As a child, Laura won the International Piano Competition in Jackson, Mississippi. She taught piano for many years and was a music teacher in the Montgomery County, Kentucky school system. She was never happier than when sitting at a piano, sharing her amazing gift for music.



Wessie Gee

Wessie Nell Ellzey Gee, 89, of Carrollton passed away in Carrollton on Wednesday, June 28, 2017. She was born in Tylertown, Mississippi on March 23, 1928. She made her home in Carrollton for 69 years having come to Carrollton as an elementary teacher in 1948 and serving as an educator in Carroll County for 38 years until her retirement in 1997. She was a member of the H. D. Money Chapter 350 having joined on the record of her great-grandfather Lewis N. Ellzey, Co. E, 33rd MS Infantry. He died of typhoid fever on January 13, 1865, in a Yankee prison called "Camp Douglas."

Mrs. Gee's passions in life were education, historic preservation, and forestry conservation. She was a founding member of the Carroll County Society for the Preservation of Antiquities, and was an active participant of the Carrollton Pilgrimage since its reorganization in 1961. She served on the Carrollton Preservation Commission and was influential in the restoration of several historic homes in Carrollton which are on the National Register of Historic



Wessie Gee and Teoc Mayor Charles Connell, 2008

Places. She has been the recipient of several awards recognizing her commitment and devotion to historic preservation, including the Judah P. Benjamin Award given by the UDC, the Historic Preservation Medal from the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, commendation by the Mississippi Senate and House of Representatives in their Concurrent Resolution No. 528, and a resolution by the Town of Carrollton honoring her commitment to preserving the town.



Division Officers

Recorder of Military Service Awards

Cynthia Blalock

I would like to commend and recognize the two Chapters that have already held Ceremonies of Bestowal of Military Service Awards: Attala County 2592 and General M.P. Lowrey 1608. Winston Guards 2643 Bestowal Ceremony is scheduled for later this month.

Send all required forms in the correct number required to expedite the application process. Forms are located on the UDC General website, Member area, Forms link-top bar, scroll down to Recorder of Military Service or down to Meritorious Service Awards in the Committee section further down. There are also manuals available for both to download to help you.

Military Service Awards (Title on Form / As listed on Website)

- One Copy of Forms
 - Military Service Awards Checklist for Memorandum of Fact / Page by Page for MoF
 - Military Service Awards Order Form 36 Checklist for Dates / Checklist for Military Service Awards
 - Military Service Awards Order Form 36 / same name
- Three copies of Form (one on acid free paper)
 - Memorandum of Fact-Military Service Award / Application
- One Copy
 - DD-214
 - Complete Service Record of Confederate Ancestor—Readable

Meritorious Service Awards (Title on Form / As listed on Website)

- One Copy of Forms
 - 2016 Checklist for Meritorious Service Awards / Meritorious Service Award Checklist
 - Meritorious Service Awards Order Form MS101-rev20131 / Meritorious Service Awards Order Form
- Three copies of Form (one on acid free paper)
 - Meritorious Service Award Application / same name

I am here to help you to Honor Our Men and Women for their Service. Please contact me at your earliest convenience for my aid.

Honoring Our Ancestors,
Cynthia H. Blalock
cynthiahblalock@yahoo.com





Division Officers

Historian

Sylvia Purvis

Just a reminder that all articles for placement in the Mississippi Division scrapbook are due to me NO LATER than AUGUST 31st. Throughout this last year I have acquired several items from some of the Chapters and as our Division President has traveled around this great state, she has brought back lots of interesting memorabilia.



Historical Evening is coming together at the Division Convention in September. Our Division President's cousin, Joshua Taylor Peoples, will sing the "Star-Spangled Banner" in Choctaw. Also, our speaker for the evening will be

Jim Woodrick, Director of the MDAH Historic Preservation Division. He is a frequent speaker highlighting Mississippi's role in the War. It's shaping up to be a great Convention!

Editor

Sharon Tallman

ON July 30, Mississippi lost a remarkable 93-year-old veteran, **Lawrence "Rabbit" Kennedy**. Rabbit was born and raised in poverty in Amory, Mississippi. As a 16-year-old boy in 1940, he walked the 2-day journey from Amory to Tupelo to join the Army. In order to meet the weight requirement for enlistment, his recruiter instructed him to fill his belly with water and eat a dozen bananas. The trick worked, and Rabbit's combat military career spanned World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam Conflict. During the Battle of the Bulge, Rabbit shared a foxhole for 9 days with a dead German soldier. With temperatures in the zeroes and snow falling, he said to himself, "*God bless America!*" His patriotism, bravery, and leadership were legendary, and he rose to the highest non-commissioned officer rank of Command Sergeant Major. He commanded over 500,000 men and is the most highly decorated NCO in the history of the Army.

CSM Kennedy's example reminds me of our Confederate ancestors' motivation, dedication, and determination. Many of them came from poor circumstances, left farms and families behind, and struck out on foot to join the fight for the Cause they held so dear. In doing so, their wives and mothers were also "enlisted" and sacrificed much on the

home front during their absence.

I wonder how many of us if called upon would have the motivation, dedication, and determination to serve as our ancestors and veterans have done. It is our privilege to honor our Confederate ancestors as we work to fulfill the objects of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and serve the needs of others. I am thankful for that privilege and thankful for the UDC sisters who march that path with me. Many of them most certainly have the motivation, dedication, and determination of the ancestors they represent, and I am grateful for their example.



Commander Sergeant Major
Lawrence "Rabbit" Kennedy

THANK YOU!



Committee Activities

McGavock Confederate Cemetery Project

Ruth Allbritton, Chairman

As of 28 July 2017, a total of 109 graves have been adopted for Mississippians buried in McGavock Confederate Cemetery. There are a total of 424 graves in McGavock Confederate Cemetery of Mississippi Confederates who fell at the Battle of Franklin. With 109 having been adopted, that leaves many still needing a sponsor. You may view the database and learn more about the McGavock Confederate Cemetery Project at our MS Division website, http://www.msudc.org/McGavock_Cemetery.html. If you need any help logging onto the website or would like more information about this project, contact Ruth Allbritton at ruth.evergreenfarm@gmail.com.

Civic Committee

Tonya Mott, Chairman

I am so humbled and impressed with all the wonderful Civic work you ladies are doing. Keep up the good work, and keep me informed on what you wonderful group of ladies are doing. You are all an inspiration and make me want to work harder and do more!



Ex-MS Division President Janice Strohm at McGavock Confederate

Mrs. NVR Fund

Sandy Gaddis, Chairman

There are two address changes for our Real Daughters (Mrs. Aiken and Mrs. Jordan). There is the addition of Mrs. Gainey. If you need addresses, let me know. We have a total of eight Real Daughters and one Mrs. NVR Fund recipient.

Thanks for your continued support of our Daughters.

In UDC Service,
Sandy Gaddis
Msandyg2561@gmail.com

Real Daughters' Birthdays by Month

April

- 15 Mrs. Lucyle Bishop Arata
- 21 Mrs. Leontine Duplessis

May

- 09 Mrs. Iva Lee Benson Gainey
- 26 Mrs. Reba Bishop Scott

August

- 02 Mrs. Rachel South

September

- 23 Mrs. Sammy Harrison (Real Granddaughter)

October

- 01 Mrs. Myrtice Sims Powell
- 02 Mrs. Willie Ruth Aiken
- 20 Mrs. Iris Lee Gay Jordan



District Events

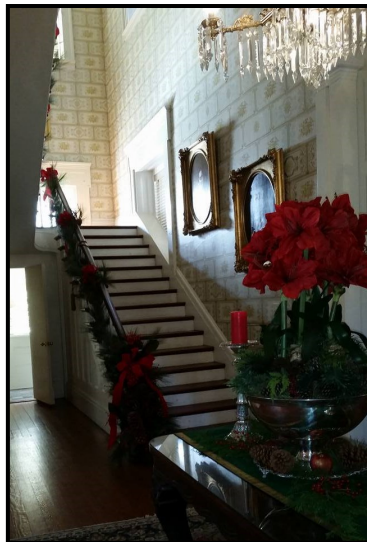
DISTRICT I MEETING

June 3, 2017

The District I meeting originally scheduled for March 18th in Kosciusko was postponed due to severe weather and was held on June 3rd at the Ethel Baptist Church in Ethel. Host Chapter was Attala County 2592, who did a beautiful job decorating and preparing a delicious luncheon.



The program was presented by the curator for the Stephen D. Lee Home & Museum in Columbus, Carolyn Kaye. After her very interesting presentation, she invited members of MS Division to hold future meetings in the Lee Home. She will waive any admission fees for all UDC members to tour the home and museum (although she did admit that they would be happy to accept any donations).



Stephen D. Lee Home & Museum

Many items of business were discussed, including a silent auction fundraiser at the upcoming MS Division Convention at Gulfport in September for the McGavock Confederate Cemetery Project.



At the conclusion of the meeting, all attendees went home with a

beautiful cup and saucer flower arrangement adorned with cotton bolls, which were created by Attala County Chapter president and members.

Next District I meeting will be hosted by Winston Guards Chapter 2643 of Louisville, and all were cordially invited by Chapter President Frances Woodruff to attend that event in 2018.





Chapter Events

BALDWYN

Brice's Crossroads 2714

More than 150 spectators attended the Dedication of Flags Ceremony held at the Confederate Mass Grave at Brices Crossroads Battlefield on July 15, 2017. The event was hosted by The Bethany Historic Cemetery Board, Brice's Crossroads Chapter 2714 UDC, and Mississippi's Final Stands Battlefield and Interpretive Center.

Funding for the flag poles and flags raised to honor the soldiers from the states of Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee was made possible by each state's Sons of Confederate Veterans organizations. A pole erected to fly the Second National Flag of the Confederate States of America and General Nathan Bedford Forrest's battle flag was funded by the Society of the Order of the Southern Cross. The society is a philanthropic organization whose purpose is the preservation of our Southern heritage and its history.

Mallie Fitzgerald, chairman of the Bethany Historic Cemetery Board and president of UDC Chapter 2714, welcomed the large crowd and the invocation was given by Larry Taylor, pastor of the Bethany A.R.P. Church.

Brice's Crossroads Chapter Second Vice President and Director of the Center, Edwina Carpenter, shared about the funding provided by the Order of the Southern Cross over the past three years.



Representatives of the SCV camps in Kentucky, Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee spoke of the fallen soldiers who gave the ultimate sacrifice at the Battle of Brices Crossroads on June 10, 1864.

Bugler James Embry of Corinth played Assembly, "To the Colors," and Taps. Musicians Dave Stevens and Pat Arinder performed Amazing Grace and Dixie, as well as other entertainment. Members of the Mechanized Cavalry Sons of Confederate Veterans assisted in funding and in organization and planning of the event.

Special UDC guests included Patricia C. Parrish, MS Division President; Ruth Allbritton, Ex-Vice President General and Ex-MS Division President; Sylvia Purvis, MS Division Historian; and Sharon Tallman, MS Division Editor.

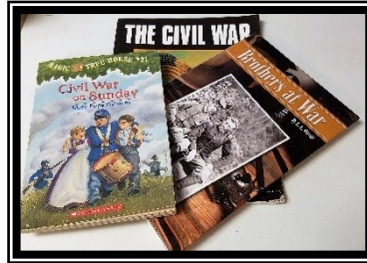
Special thanks to the SCV, UDC, and Mitch Caver, friend of the Battlefield, for preparing the site for the event.



Chapter Events

BILOXI Biloxi Beauvoir 623

Our Chapter has been reading a few books and doing some period crafting (two bonnets and two more wreaths). The wreath on the right is the one going on auction at Division Convention in September. Get your money ready! It has red, white, and blue flowers with yellow forsythia for remembering, cotton bolls from the trip back from Division Convention last year, and a small burlap bird for beautiful music.



Chapter President Tina B. Johnston made a trip to Woodville to visit family veterans in Evergreen Cemetery (Robert Thorburn, Jr. – Lee’s uncle, and Louis Plitt, her great-great grandfather and the ancestor she came into the UDC under).

Tina met with Wilkinson County Chapter 1875 at their June 24th meeting. It was held at Sherry Johnson’s home in Doloroso, Mississippi. They had a wonderful meal of brisket, pulled pork sliders, potato salad, banana pudding, lemon squares, and almond cake. They had a great presentation about the native plants and history of the area around Wilkinson County.



Tina B. Johnston, Chapter President of Biloxi Beauvoir 623, and Mabel Clark, Chapter President of Wilkinson County 1875 (and Ex-MS Division President and Honorary President of General)

L to R back row: Dennis Lominaco, Leah Webster (Tina’s 1st cousin), Sherry Johnson, Gail Webster (Tina’s aunt), Chapter President Mabel Clark, Jeanette & Wayne McCarstle, and WV “Sonny” Carter. L to R front row: Robert and Gwen Dunn, Carolyn, “Smoky Joe” Frank – speaker



Chapter Events

BOONEVILLE

D. T. Beall 1185

At our June 2017 meeting, MS Division President Patricia C. Parrish of Carthage spoke to members of Booneville's D. T. Beall 1185 Chapter UDC. It was held at the "Little Blackland Church," which is owned by our Chapter member Patsy Johnson. During that meeting, Chapter members commemorated the birthday of Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States of America.



Pictured above right are Janice Robinson, Chapter President; Pat Parrish, MS Division President; Pam Mauldin of Walnut, MS Division VP; and Ruth Allbritton of Ripley, Ex-Division President who is currently serving as Chairman of the MS Division McGavock Confederate Cemetery Committee. Members of MS Division are working to restore this cemetery in Franklin, Tennessee, where 424 Mississippians who fell in service to the Confederacy at the Battle of Franklin are buried.



During the June luncheon meeting of Booneville's D.T. Beall Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Lana Harrelson, Chapter Chaplain, conducted a service memorializing Chapter member Rita Godwin. Godwin passed away during the past year. Pictured with Harrelson in the photo on the left are Godwin's daughter Liane (R) and her husband James Crowe (L). Also during the meeting held at "The Little Blackland Church," members commemorated the June birthday of Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States of America.

The D. T. Beall Chapter meets the second Wednesday of each month June through September at the George Ed Allen Library in Booneville.



Chapter Events

BLUE MOUNTAIN General M.P. Lowrey 1608



L to R front row: Ruth Allbritton, Frances Woodruff, Patricia Parrish. L to R back row: Pam Mauldin, Cynthia Blalock, Lynda McKinney, Sharon Tallman, Susan Dunn, and Sylvia Purvis

General M.P. Lowrey Chapter held their annual Military Service Awards and Memorial Service on June 17, 2017, at North Ripley Baptist Church.

Pictured L to R: Patty Young, Chapter RMSA; Golden Crum Barkley, the WWII cross of Military Service; Fred Cruse, Vietnam Cross; Nancy Mitchinson, WWII posthumously for her father Arthur Street; Pam Mauldin, Chapter President. Standing at the back are Joe Street, Vietnam Cross; and Dwight Johnson, National Defense Medal. Also awarded but unable to attend were Randall Street and Robert Mitchinson, both of whom received National Defense Medals.

Following the ceremony, there was a reception held in honor of the recipients. The service and reception were well attended.

General MP Lowrey Chapter 1608 at the Re-dedication of the UDC Women's Monument

Taken May 21, 2017, at Shiloh National Military Park

Pictured L to R: Phyllis Brown, Gen. M.P. Lowrey; Mrs. Frances Woodruff, Vice President General; Jeanne Reed, Gen. M.P. Lowrey, Blue Mountain



“Never be haughty to the humble or humble to the haughty.”

~ Jefferson Davis



Chapter Events

CARROLLTON

H. D. Money 350

H. D. Money 350 held their annual yard sale the first weekend in May. We raised enough money to sponsor twenty-two grave markers in the McGavock Confederate Cemetery in Franklin, Tennessee, for veterans that were from Carroll County. We also donated \$408.00 to the Masonic Lodge in Carrollton for the upkeep and maintenance of their beautiful building.

The McGavock Cemetery Project has been a major part of Susan Dunn's life for the past couple of months. She has researched, studied, and compiled a database for the cemetery. I would personally like to thank her for all her hard work and dedication to this very worthwhile project. Susan is personally sponsoring six ancestors' markers with names Dunn, Mobley, and Longino. She has also reached out to her neighbors for donations. Keith Spence has adopted his ancestor, Owen Carpenter. Bill Lord has adopted Henderson M. Melton. River B. Sims has adopted W. H. McLarty from Choctaw County. Linda McGregor has adopted H. H. Nabors from Carroll County.

Two members of the H. D. Money Chapter took three members and one prospective member of the Carroll Rifles CofC Chapter to the CofC Division Convention on the Coast June 8-9, 2017. The boys were able to visit Beauvoir and Ship Island. While at Beauvoir, the boys went to the Confederate

Cemetery and located Susan Dunn's ancestor. The boys enjoyed the tour of Fort Massachusetts. After the tour, the boys enjoyed the rest of the day in the water and sun. When they returned from Ship Island, the CofC held their memorial service at the Iron Lighthouse. Friday afternoon's finale was a pizza and swim party at the motel, which everyone enjoyed. Saturday was the CofC business meeting. The children conducted business and made tray favors for veterans in Biloxi and Jackson veterans homes. Everyone participated and had a great time with the fun and fellowship. I would like to thank Margaret, Ruthie Murdock, and their UDC Chapter for hosting a great CofC Division Convention.

H. D Money is happy to announce that the MS Division CofC President for 2017-2018 is Tilor Chapman. We are also proud of Chris Chapman for stepping up to take the Division Chaplain job. We know you will take your jobs seriously and do an outstanding job. Congratulation boys! We are very PROUD of you!

H. D. Money and the Carroll Rifles are proud to announce that they will be hosting the Division CofC Convention next year. We have already started making plans and are excited about the Convention. H. D. Money is looking forward to a new and exciting year ahead.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! I would like to express my heartfelt thanks for all the messages, texts, cards, calls, and especially the prayers for my husband and I while he was in the hospital. He is home and recovering from his triple bypass.

Lynda McKinney
Chapter President



Pictured left to right: Lynda McKinney, Chris Chapman, Aidan Chapman, Tilor Chapman, Bobby Truelove, and Susan Dunn



Chapter Events

HORN LAKE

Varina Howell Davis 2559

At our May meeting, we had a birthday party for our namesake Varina Howell Davis. Her birthday is May 20. After a short business meeting, we split into teams and played a “Civil War” trivia game. What a learning experience! Afterwards, we celebrated with snacks and birthday cake.



We presented a Jr. ROTC Medal at the Horn Lake High School Awards ceremony in May.

The 154th Anniversary of the Battle of Hernando was celebrated May 19-21, 2017. We provided tours of the historic home and also had a booth. Our biggest seller was White Beans and Cornbread!



Front L to R: Christine Rhoda, Dorothy Herron, and JoAnn Smith. Back L to R: Linda McGan, Phyllis Holder, Janie McDonald, and Susanna Jones

Four of our Chapter members have been busy over the last 10 months clocking in over 250 hours volunteering with N. B. Forrest SCV Camp 215, Gayoso UDC Chapter 1194, and General Forrest UDC Chapter 1194. We assisted with paperwork, registration, and attended the 2017 National SCV Reunion held July 18-23, 2017 in Memphis, Tennessee.

The highlight of the reunion weekend was the Confederate Ball where we watched as Susanna Jones was presented as a Debutante at the Ball on Saturday evening! She is a true Southern Lady and a great asset to our Chapter.



L to R – Linda McGan, Katherine Blalock, Susanna Jones, Cynthia Blalock, and Phyllis Holder



L to R – Emily Hicks (Bedford Forrest 448), Brian Hicks, Susanna Jones, Duncan Ing (NB Forrest SCV Camp 215)



July 9 – Bedford Forrest Birthday Celebration. L to R: Cynthia Blalock, Shannon Hamilton, Katherine Blalock



Chapter Events

LOUISVILLE Winston Guards 2643



Winston Guards 2643

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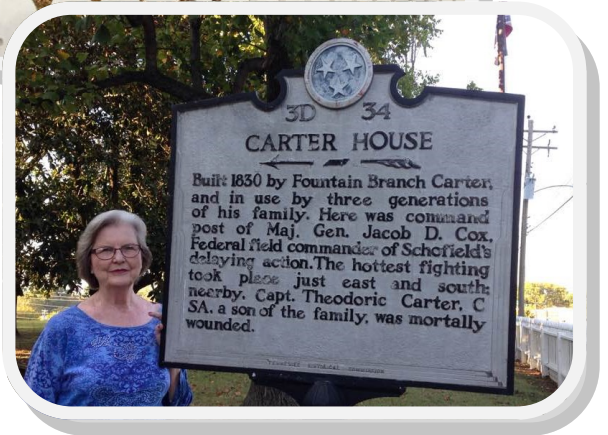
Invites you to join them for their
Cross of Military Service Awards Ceremony

Saturday, August 26, 2017

At 2:00 PM

Flower Ridge United Methodist Church
4562 Highway 15 South in Louisville

For more information, contact
Chapter President Frances Woodruff at
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Winston Guards 2643 Chapter member Earline Stewart poses in front of the historic Carter House in Franklin, Tennessee.

In that house on November 30, 1864, the Carter family hid in the basement waiting for the second Battle of Franklin to end. Fountain Branch Carter completed construction of the house in 1830. The house has hundreds of bullet holes from the battle still visible. The middle son of Fountain Branch Carter, Tod Carter, was mortally wounded in the battle. He came home for the first time in over three years when he fought at the Battle of Franklin in the 20th Tennessee Infantry. He was still alive the morning after the battle when he was found and brought to the house. There he lived for several more hours, surrounded by his distraught family. Tod Carter died in the house of his wounds December 2, 1864, and was buried north of town.



Left to right: Beth Hemphill, Frances Woodruff, Connie Estes, Theresa Bridges, Earline Stewart, Susan Jones and Judy Goodin at MS Division Workshop in Louisville, MS



Chapter Events

McCOMB Brent Rifles 2137

Brent Rifles Chapter 2137 UDC met May 25, 2017, at the historic Brentwood House in McComb for an afternoon soiree with a light meal. Members held a memorial recognition for longtime member Sandra McKay, and the Chapter made a donation to the McComb Library's genealogy department in her honor. The Chapter also chose the Salvation Army's Christmas Tree Angel project as the recipient of the month's benevolent gift.



Tammy Strickland presents donations to Salvation Army social worker Laverne Quinn, left, for the organization's Christmas Angel Tree Project.



L to R front row: Patsy Pressler, Charline Ryan, Verna Swinney, Doris Millican, Wanda Lambuth, and Chapter President Tammy Strickland; second row, Betty Penick, Gloria McKinzie, Connie Lambuth, Susan Faulkner, and Barbara Wills; third row, Mildred Fountain, and Rita Brister; and back row, Peggy McCullough, Sonja Johnson, Margaret McGee, and Johnnie Lea.



Rededication of Shiloh UDC Women's Monument

The Tennessee Daughters rededicated the UDC Women's Monument at Shiloh National Military Park on May 21, 2017.

VP General Frances Woodruff represented UDC General, accompanied by Linda Edwards, Treasurer General.



Chapter Events

MERIDIAN

Robert E. Lee 2561



Our Chapter may be small but we have big hearts! Cards and gifts have been sent to our Real Daughters and the Mrs. Norman V. Randolph Relief recipient. A member purchased her UDC badge set with her ancestor's bar.

The District III meeting was hosted by Robert E. Lee 2561 and Winnie Davis 24. We gave each member who attended a goody bag with a few surprises in it. We held our annual Confederate memorial service at Marion Confederate States Cemetery with Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest 1649 SCV. A \$100.00 contribution was given to the Confederate Museum in Greenwood. A benevolent donation was made to the Christmas boxes which are sent to children at Christmas. Also a \$50 was donated to Operation Christmas Child to help with mailing and other gifts.

An article about our Chapter and pictures were sent to *UDC Magazine* which was printed in the August



Confederate Graves

Friendship Cemetery in Columbus, Mississippi



2017 Officers and members of Robert E. Lee 2561

Jennifer Jackson, Treasurer; Sandy Gaddis, President; and Melinda McKee, Rec. Secretary

issue. We have two members who are serving on a Division Committee. Canned food was donated to Wesley House Food Bank.

We purchased four grave markers to replace deteriorated soldiers' markers from Lauderdale County in the McGavock Cemetery in Franklin, Tennessee. In September 2016, we placed a VA Confederate marker for Hugh W. Ivy, great-great grandfather of Sandy Gaddis, in the Friendship Cemetery in Columbus. He served in Co. C, 36th MS Inf. and died on July 4, 1862, in Columbus, Mississippi. He did not have a marker but does now, so the family can visit and pay homage to him.

We had a special meeting in June at the Bridge Street Grill in Enterprise. We took a tour of the Faggert home which contains many War Between the States memorabilia and artifacts. Food and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

We continue to remember and honor our ancestors by following our UDC Objectives: Historical, Benevolent, Educational, Patriotic, and Memorial.





Chapter Events

MERIDIAN Winnie Davis 24



Tonya Mott

I has been extremely busy trying to keep up with all of the challenges that our wonderful and sweet MS Division President Patricia Parrish has been sending our way. If all goes well by September 1st, our Chapter will have met each.

Chapter member Tonya Mott has submitted the following poem for us this month. It sums each of our lives perfectly. Hope everyone is having a wonderful, fun-filled southern summer!

Bunnie Tisdale

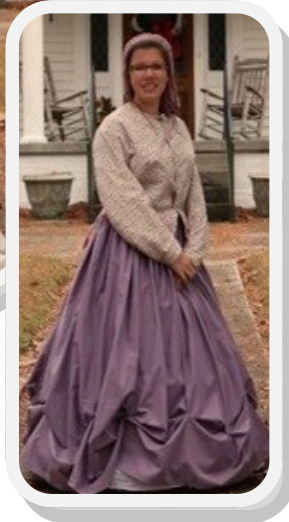
Chapter President



Jeana Brooks



Becky Tomerlin




Prospective Member

Kayla Mott



South Life

If you want a glimpse of Southern Life,
Come close and walk with me;
I'll tell you all the simple things,
That you are sure to see.
You'll see mockingbirds and bumblebees,
Magnolia blossoms and dogwood trees,
Caterpillars on the step,
Wooden porches cleanly swept;
Watermelons on the vine, 
Strong majestic Georgia pines;
Rocking chairs and front yard swings,
June bugs flying on a string;
Turnip greens and hot cornbread,
Coleslaw and barbecue;
Fried okra, fried corn, fried green tomatoes,
Fried Pies and pickles too.
There's ice cold tea that's syrupy sweet,
Catfish nipping in the lake,
And fresh young boys on the make.
You'll see all these things
And much, much more,
In a way of life, that I adore.

Patricia Neely Dorsey ©2008
Reflections of a Mississippi Magnolia
A Life in Poems





Chapter Events

PURVIS

Mary Ann Randolph Custis Lee 2583

MARCL Top Chef 2017 Chosen!



Top Chef 2017 was chosen at our 4th Annual Top Chef 1860s Style Contest held at the Purvis Voting Precinct. Our winner this year was **Linda Hudson!** Linda is in the center of the photo on the left. Flanking Linda on the left is Beth Johnson 2015 Top Chef, and right, Carol Smith the 2014 winner. Lynda McKinney at far left, Division 2nd VP, and Susan Dunn at far right, Division Registrar, were our judges.

(Not pictured is Joey Rayburn who claimed the 2016 Top Chef title.)



Black Eyed Pea Cornbread

1 pound pork sausage
 1 onion chopped
 ½ cup chopped bell pepper
 Your recipe for large corn bread pone
 or 3 packages of corn bread mix
 ¾ cup of creamed corn
 8 ounces of grated cheese
 1 (15 ounce) can or 2 cups of black eyed peas (drain most of the liquid)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Grease a 9 x 13 inch casserole dish.

Brown sausage, onion, and bell pepper. Drain.

Make corn bread by your recipe or make corn bread mix

according to package directions. Add sausage mixture, corn, cheese, and peas to corn bread.

Bake for 50-55 minutes.



Taken from The Confederate Cook Book: Family Favorites from the Sons of Confederate Veterans
 Edited by Lynda Moreau, Pelican Publishing Company, 2000



Chapter Events

TUPELO

John J. Hart 2443

Our Chapter does not rest during the summer!

We met at Tupelo Country Club on June 6, 2017, to celebrate the birthday of Confederate President Jefferson Davis. We had a trivia game about him, a program on how laundry was done in the 1860s, and ate birthday cake made for us by Kay Nelson, who served as our hostess. The door prize was a bar of Amish soap that works GREAT as a stain remover!

On July 11, 2017, we were privileged to have an Insignia Workshop put on by our MS Division Vice President Pam Mauldin. She brought insignia for us to inspect, forms to fill out, and instructed and assisted us in filling in the forms. When the workshop concluded, Pam had several order forms completed and checks in hand for insignia orders from our Chapter!



One of the biggest annual events our Chapter celebrates is the anniversary of our August 13, 1981 charter. On August 15, 2017, we celebrated 36 years and it was the best anniversary party yet! We met at Tupelo Country Club, and those who attended were Von Coombs, Pam Mauldin, Pat Parrish, Frances Woodruff, Sylvia Thornton, Connie Estes, Sherry Ray and her daughter Bebe Lollar and grandson Heston Lollar, Kay Nelson, Ruth Allbritton, Sandra Knight, Pat Hass, Gabrielle Cooper, and Sharon Tallman. Ruth and Sherry were the “hostesses with the mostess,” and the room was decorated beautifully. Sherry brought one of her famous decorated cakes that was delicious. We presented our Polly Ladshaw Memorial Chapter Scholarship to Heston Lollar, who spoke to us about his goals and future career plans, and he shared with us the characteristics he most admired in Jefferson Davis. During a beautiful and reverent memorial service, we paid tribute to our Confederate ancestors and to two of our deceased Chapter members (Sara Ann Gunter and Jeanette West). After a rousing game of Confederate Bingo, we adjourned with “Blest Be the Tie” and our Mizpah.

CONVENTION CALL—121st ANNUAL DIVISION CONVENTION

Thursday, September 28 – Saturday, September 30, 2017

Wingate by Wyndham Hotel ~ Gulfport, Mississippi

Patricia Parrish, Division President

Mississippi Division

United Daughters of the Confederacy[®]**200 Years and Counting
A Celebration of Mississippi's Bicentennial**

HEADQUARTERS for the 121st Annual Mississippi Division UDC Convention will be the Wingate by Wyndham Hotel in Gulfport, Mississippi. The Convention Chairman is Rebecca Fairchild, and the Convention Vice Chairman is Margaret Murdock. For additional information, please contact Margaret by e-mail (preferred) at memsixtwelve@gmail.com, or telephone at 228-596-4828.

ROOM RESERVATIONS must be made directly with the Wingate by Wyndham Hotel, 4302 West Beach Boulevard, Gulfport, Mississippi 39501; telephone 1-228-214-0010 (reservations in the convention block may NOT be made online or via the Wyndham 1-800 number). When making reservations, ask for the block reserved for "CGMUDC" to obtain the convention rate. Convention room rate is \$91.00 (plus 12% tax) for up to four persons per room and is available only for the nights of September 27-30, 2017. All reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card. **You will be charged for any room reservation not cancelled 72 hours (3 days) before scheduled arrival. Rooms must be reserved by Sunday, August 27, 2017**, to assure rate and availability. Each person is responsible for making her own reservation. It is recommended that you make your reservations as soon as possible. The hotel offers free parking, free wi-fi, and a complimentary breakfast buffet.

REGISTRATION AND TICKET RESERVATION FORM should be completed and sent to Convention Registration Chairman Ruth Murdock, 11816 Lorraine Road, Gulfport, MS 39503-3902, postmarked by September 8, 2017. All attending must pay the \$10.00 registration fee. Advance reservations must be made for tour and all meal events. Checks should be made payable to *Beauvoir 621 - Convention*. Any dietary restrictions must be noted on the *Ticket Reservation Form*.

REPORTS of Chapter Presidents, Officers and Committee Chairmen must be sent to the Division President by August 1, 2017. (Report forms and instructions are included in the President's Packet.)

NAMES OF ELECTED DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES and **NAMES OF ALL ATTENDING** the convention must be sent by Monday, September 18, 2017, by the Chapter President to the Credentials Committee Chairman, Von Coombs, 3100 Highway 2, Blue Mountain, MS 38610, telephone (home) 662-685-4246, (cell) 662-837-0667, e-mail voncoombs@bellsouth.net.

MEMBERS OF THE CONVENTION, per Division Bylaws, shall be the elected Division Officers, Appointive Officers, ex Division Presidents, Honorary Division Presidents, Chairmen of Division Standing and Special Committees, District Chairmen, Chapter Presidents, and duly elected Delegates. For voting in Business Sessions on any and all business, Personal votes and Chapter Delegate votes are cast only by those present; no person may cast more than one personal vote. Each Chapter shall be entitled to one Delegate for the first seven members and one for each additional ten members; a Chapter may name as many Alternates as it desires.

NAMES OF DECEASED MEMBERS must be sent by August 31, 2017, to the Division Chaplain, Dorothy Herron, 6395 Janice Drive, Southaven, MS 39671-9437, e-mail lynanddotherron@yahoo.com, telephone (home) 662-349-3390, (cell) 901-828-6606. Memorials at the Convention will include any deaths that occurred between September 1, 2016 and August 31, 2017.

NAMES OF PAGES AND AIDES must be sent by August 31, 2017, to Chairman of Pages, Tina B. Johnston, 11412 Old Fort Bayou Road, Vancleave, MS 39565-8489, e-mail kc5zlv@gmail.com, telephone (228)238-1864. Pages must wear white attire, including shoes and gloves.

SALE ITEMS, SILENT AUCTION ITEMS, RAFFLE ITEMS: Chapters/groups/individuals that require a table shall pay a \$15.00 fee payable to *Beauvoir 621 - Convention*. Request for table and check must be sent by September 8, 2017, to Registration Chairman Ruth Murdock, 11816 Lorraine Road, Gulfport, MS 39503-3902. Tables will be available on Saturday ONLY at the Great Southern Club.

200 Years and Counting

A Celebration of Mississippi's Bicentennial

- Condensed Program -

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2017

- 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Registration* – Lobby Meeting Room, Wingate by Wyndham Hotel
(<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/wingate/gulfport-mississippi/wingate-by-Wyndham-gulfport-ms/overview>)
- 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Wine and Cheese gathering – Lobby Meeting Room, Wingate by Wyndham Hotel Compliments of Beauvoir Chapter 621, Gulfport
- As scheduled Executive Committee and Finance Committee meetings

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2017

- 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM Registration* – Lobby Meeting Room, Wingate by Wyndham Hotel
- 8:30 AM - 12:00 Noon Tour of the Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum (maritimemuseum.org) and Gulfport's Centennial Plaza (centennialplazams.com) and (<http://www.historicalsocietyofgulfport.org/the-centennial-plaza-story.html>). Tour cost includes admission fee, transportation and snack/drink.
- 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM Registration* - Lobby Meeting Room, Wingate by Wyndham Hotel
- LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
- 2:00 PM Memorial Service – St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church (stpetersbts.org)
1909 15th Street, Gulfport – directions will be provided
- 2:45 PM Reception – Courtyard of St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church
- 3:15 PM - 4:30 PM Opening Business Meeting - St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church
- 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM Registration* – Lobby Meeting Room, Wingate by Wyndham Hotel
- 5:00 PM – 5:45 PM Great Great Granddaughters Club meeting - Lobby Meeting Room, Wingate by Wyndham Hotel
- DINNER ON YOUR OWN
- 7:00 PM Welcome and Historical Evening – Great Southern Club (greatsouthernclub.com)
2510 14th Street, Gulfport (Top floor of the Hancock Bank Building) – directions will be provided – free parking available on street and in adjacent parking garage

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

- 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Registration – Great Southern Club
- 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Second Business Meeting – Great Southern Club
- 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM 200 Years and Counting Luncheon – Great Southern Club
- 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM Third Business Meeting – Great Southern Club
- Immediately following
the close of business Great Granddaughters and Great Great Great Granddaughters Club meetings –
Lobby Meeting Room, Wingate by Wyndham Hotel
- 7:00 PM Chapter Presidents Banquet – Great Southern Club
- Immediately following Chapter Presidents Evening – Great Southern Club

*Scrapbooks & yearbooks should be submitted for judging at the Convention Registration Desk on Thursday or Friday by 5:30 PM.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION AND TICKET RESERVATION FORM
121st ANNUAL MISSISSIPPI DIVISION UDC CONVENTION

The CONVENTION REGISTRATION AND TICKET RESERVATION FORM should be completed and postmarked by September 8, 2017, and sent to Registration/Reservation Chairman Ruth Murdock, 11816 Lorraine Road, Gulfport, MS 39503-3902. **Please complete a separate form for each person attending.** Room reservations are made directly with the hotel. Please refer to Convention Call and Condensed Program for additional information.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Name			
Address			
Home telephone		Cell phone	
E-mail			
UDC Chapter name, number, location			
Current Chapter office			
Current Division office or Committee Chairmanship			
Current General office or Committee Chairmanship			
If ex Mississippi Division President, state year			
If current or ex General Officer, state office and year			
Mark all the following boxes that apply:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Delegate	<input type="checkbox"/> Alternate	<input type="checkbox"/> UDC member	<input type="checkbox"/> District Chairman
<input type="checkbox"/> SCV member	<input type="checkbox"/> CofC member	<input type="checkbox"/> Guest	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

TICKET RESERVATION FORM (separate form per person)

Make check payable to Beauvoir 621 - Convention. Insert cost to indicate meal preference. **Any dietary restrictions (allergies, vegetarian, etc), MUST be noted on this form.**

Thursday, September 28, 2017		
• Wine & Cheese gathering	FREE	Circle here if attending
• Tour to Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum and Centennial Plaza (includes admission, transportation and snack/drink)	\$35.00	
Saturday, September 30, 2017		
• Luncheon (Seafood Gumbo, Grilled Chicken Salad, rolls, coffee, tea, dessert)	\$21.00	
• Chapter Presidents Banquet Buffet (Mushroom Brie Soup, Salads, Lemon Butter Snapper, Marinated Flank Steak, Steamed Asparagus, Honey Dill Carrots, Spinach Madelyn, Roasted Red Potatoes, dessert selection, bread basket, coffee and tea)	\$39.00	
Registration	\$10.00	\$10.00
	TOTAL	\$

SALES/RAFFLE/AUCTION

Completed form and \$15.00 fee (if you want to reserve a SALES table) payable to Beauvoir 621 - Convention must be sent by September 8, 2017, to Registration Chairman Ruth Murdock, 11816 Lorraine Road, Gulfport, MS 39503-3902.

Name		
Address		
Description of item and sale/auction/raffle; group it will benefit		

CREDENTIALS REPORT

121st MS Division Convention
September 28-30, 2017
Wingate by Wyndham Hotel
Gulfport MS

TO ALL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

It's time to send in your Credentials Report. Remember, I have to have this report no later than September 15, 2017, in order for your Chapter to vote and be recognized at Division Convention.

Von Coombs
Credentials Chairman

Mail to: Von Coombs
3100 Highway 2
Blue Mountain, MS 38610
Email: voncoombs@bellsouth.net

FORM MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 15, 2017

Chapter Name, Number, and Location _____ Number in Chapter _____

The voting members shall be the elected Division Officers, ex-Division Presidents, Honorary Division Presidents, Chairmen of Division Standing and Special Committees, District Chairmen, Chapter Presidents and duly elected Delegates. A member may not cast more than one personal vote.

Chapter representation shall be one Delegate for the first seven members and one delegate for each additional ten members.

DELEGATES

1. _____ 4. _____

2. _____ 5. _____

3. _____ 6. _____

ALTERNATE DELEGATES

1. _____ 4. _____

2. _____ 5. _____

3. _____ 6. _____

Signature _____
Chapter President



Mississippi Division



Upcoming Events



DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
Saturday August 26 @ 2 pm	Cross of Military Service Awards Ceremony Winston Guards 2643 Flower Ridge United Methodist Church, Louisville MS	Frances Woodruff
August 31	End of 2016-2017 UDC Year	
September 1	Beginning of 2017-2018 UDC Year	
September 10	<i>Day of Observance: Founders Day</i>	
September 16	<i>Day of Observance: Admiral Franklin Buchanan</i>	
September 27	<i>Day of Observance: Admiral Raphael Semmes</i>	
September 28-30	MS Division Convention in Gulfport, Mississippi	R. Fairchild M. Murdock
November 2-6	124th Annual General Convention in St. Augustine, Florida "Discover Your Youth & Let the Sun Shine on the UDC!" Renaissance World Golf Village Resort	Patricia Parrish

From the Editor: There may be other calendar events within our Division that have not been announced. If you know of upcoming Chapter, Division, or General activities that need to be added to our calendar, please contact me at msudc.editor@gmail.com. Thank you!



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