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MS Division President
Pamela Mauldin

From Our President

Summer is flying by! I hope all of you had a wonderful July 4th holiday and celebrated our nation's birth in your favorite way.

By the time this issue goes to press, I would hope you have all submitted your year-end Chapter reports to me and that I have sent them on to the Division officers and Committee chairmen. Thank you!

Massing of the Flags in Richmond was a pleasure to attend. We celebrated the birthday of Jefferson Davis and attended the Confederate Memorial Service in Arlington. It was a lovely service that was hosted by the Washington D. C. ladies. To see the beautiful UDC Confederate Monument in the Confederate section was quite moving. I was able to locate the grave of C. W. Jones and put flowers on the grave of some of our Mississippi Confederate soldiers interred there.

There were several Chapter Memorial Day services throughout the Division that I was invited to and able to attend. I hope that I can come to a function or a meeting of every Chapter over the course of my term. If you have not invited me yet, I hope you will do so. It is so enjoyable to visit the Chapters to see and hear about all the good work being done across our state.

The Children of the Confederacy Division Convention was held in Hattiesburg, and I was privileged to attend that. We had a wonderful tour of the Mississippi Armed Forces Museum at Camp Shelby, and that alone was worth the trip! The children held a meaningful memorial service at the 85th Infantry Division World War II Monument on the grounds, and I was certainly impressed with them. Our children never cease to amaze me with their willingness to step in and do the business of their Organization. Please consider supporting them. Let's train our children to take over for us, because they truly are the future of our Organization. Thanks goes out to MS Division 3rd Vice President M. Murdock for her work in making this a wonderful time for all who attended. I am sure there are a few surprises coming in the way of announcements, but I will leave that to her! On a personal note, if you have not eaten at Catfish Wagon in Purvis, you *MUST* do so!

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**Exciting CofC news
for our Division!
See page 12.**



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I was asked a few weeks ago to come and speak to a Civitan group about UDC. They had seen different things in the local newspaper that we were doing and wanted to know more about us. Ladies, keep working hard and get the word out about the good things that UDC does. Our diligence in serving those around us is so important for the betterment of our communities, and that service demonstrates that we are here to help in our communities and to honor our Confederate ancestors. If we do all we can to meet the objects of our Organization, good things will come from that!

Remember that Division Convention is fast approaching, so get those registrations in the mail! Be ready to come and visit Vicksburg and have a wonderful time making new friends and reconnecting with old ones. Remember to get those delegate sheets to me and our Credentials Chairman Jennifer Jackson. Convention Chairman Mary Landin is working hard to be sure we have an enjoyable time on our visit while seeing to the business of our Division. This is bylaws year, so I

hope all of you have gotten those submitted to the Bylaws Chairman. If you want to have a voice in the way your Division is run, then come to Convention and let your vote and your voice be heard.

As a reminder, due to some changes in MS Division we will be electing a nominating committee at Convention. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please read the section on the nominating committee and be aware of the changes and the rules that will be followed in this process. The job of the nominating committee is to receive and solicit a candidate for each Division Officer. (See Mississippi Division Minute Book, Sept 2018, Bylaws and Standing Rules, Article XI – Committees and Duties, Section 19, page 141.)

Have a great rest of the summer and stay cool in the dog days that are still to come. I look forward to seeing you all in Vicksburg...or before!

In UDC Love and Service,

Pamela Mauldin



The Confederate Monument at Arlington National Cemetery commemorates the Confederate dead and is rich in symbols representative of the South; the monument acknowledges the reconciliation between the North and South and depicts the effect of war on Southerners of all races. The monument consists of a female that represents peace standing atop a bronze base embossed with four urns symbolizing the four years of the War Between the States. Monument was funded by the UDC and was sculpted by Confederate veteran Moses Ezekiel. It was dedicated on June 4, 1914.



MS Division President Pamela Mauldin places flowers at the headstone of a Mississippi Confederate Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery on June 2nd as part of the UDC Memorial Service.



Recorder General Military Service Awards Patricia Parrish and MS Division President Pamela Mauldin at Massing of the Flags, June 1st, 2019, UDC Headquarters in Richmond, Virginia.



Division News & Events

Save the Dates!

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE	INFORMATION
Celebration of the 125th Anniversary of UDC	September 6-7	Nashville, Tennessee	Hosted by Tennessee Division. For registration form, **go to https://hqudc.org/calendar/
MS Division Convention	October 4-5	Vicksburg	Convention Chairman: Mary Landin Registration by: W. D. Holder Chapter <i>Convention Call and Registration Form are in this newsletter</i>
UDC General Convention	November 7-12	Atlanta, Georgia	For Convention Call & Registration form, **go to https://hqudc.org/calendar/
CofC Division Field Trip	*January 17-18, 2020	Meridian	Fairfield Inn & Suites in Meridian at 148 Hwy 11 & 80 (601) 453-3851 <u>Friday</u> : Pizza Supper & Pool Party <u>Saturday</u> : Tour of <i>MS Arts & Entertainment Experience</i> (ADVANCE NOTICE REQUIRED - Contact Margaret Murdock!) <i>*Bad weather date is Feb 14-15, 2020</i>
UDC General Spring Board	March 7, 2020	Richmond, Virginia	At UDC Memorial Building
CofC Division Convention	June 12-13, 2020	To be announced at a later date	To be announced at a later date
CofC General Convention	July 15-18, 2020	GULFPORT!	Theme: "Dive into History: Splish Splash 2020!" Programs will feature Ship Island, Beauvoir, and MS Aquarium. More info to come!

**** If you need help getting to and/or printing the forms from the UDC General website for the 125th Anniversary Celebration in Nashville, Tennessee, or for the UDC General Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, the Editor will be glad to assist you. Contact her by clicking on this link → [EDITOR HELP!](#) (or send email to her at msudc.editor@gmail.com)**



VICKSBURG, THE KEY TO THE SOUTH

MS Division Convention Registration

Name _____

Address _____

Office or Committee Chairman _____

Registration Fee \$10, (\$20 if after September 20) _____

Tour, Thursday afternoon 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. _____

Guided group bus tour (seats 40), \$7.00 each
(reservations needed by Sept. 20)

includes fees for Visitors Center, Cairo Museum,
tour of VNMP, National Cemetery, Soldiers Rest

Individual, on-your-own tour, \$15.00 (pay at VNMP)

Thursday night dinner on your own

Friday Lunch after business meeting, \$20.00 each _____

Friday guided bus tour to Old Courthouse Museum
and downtown, 1-5 p.m., \$7.00 _____

(Make reservations by September 20, includes entrance fee)

Friday Memorial Service at OCHM, 3:30 p.m., OCHM

Friday Historic Night, dinner on your own

Friday Historic Night, 7 p.m., refreshments after program

Saturday lunch during business meeting, \$20.00 each _____

Saturday banquet, 7 p.m., buffet, \$35.00 _____

TOTAL FEES _____

Send check made out to Vicksburg 77 Chapter UDC with completed registration form to:

Vicksburg 77 Chapter UDC
Mary C. Landin
3084 Tom Collins Road
Utica MS 39175-9045



VICKSBURG, THE KEY TO THE SOUTH

MISSISSIPPI DIVISION UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY

Convention Call
123rd Annual Division Convention
Thursday October 3 - Saturday October 5, 2019
Holiday Inn, Vicksburg MS
Pamela Mauldin, Division President

HEADQUARTERS for the 123rd Annual Mississippi UDC Convention will be the Holiday Inn of Vicksburg, 115 Cypress Center Blvd (off South Frontage Road) in Vicksburg MS. The Convention Chairman is Mary Landin, President of Vicksburg 77 UDC, 3084 Tom Collins Road, Utica MS 39175-9045, telephone 601-629-7655, e-mail landinmc@aol.com

ROOM RESERVATIONS must be made directly with the Holiday Inn, 115 Cypress Center Blvd, 601-630-4240. When making reservations, ask for the block reserved for Mississippi Division UDC to obtain the convention rate for \$99.95 for up to 4 persons per room, and is available for the nights of October 3, 4, and 5th. There will be a 8% tax on each room reserved. All reservations must be made with a major credit card. Rooms must be reserved by September 1, 2019, and you will be charged for any room reservation not cancelled 48 hours in advance. The block prices are only guaranteed to September 1, so be sure to make your reservations early. All rooms have refrigerators. Breakfast is available in the hotel for \$3.95. Early check-in by 3 p.m. and check-out by 11 a.m. We will leave from the hotel for a National Military Park Tour by 1 p.m. You might need to check in for your hotel rooms after you get back from the tour.

REGISTRATION AND TICKET RESERVATION FORM should be completed and sent to Mary Landin, 3084 Tom Collins Road, Utica MS 39175-9045, postmarked and mailed by September 20, 2019. All attending must pay the \$10 registration fee. If not paid by that date, registration fee is \$20. Reservations must be made in advance for all meal events. Checks should be made payable to "Vicksburg 77 Chapter UDC." Any dietary restrictions must be noted on the ticket reservation form.

NAMES OF ELECTED DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES attending the convention must be sent with your meeting reservation forms by the Chapter President to the Credentials Committee Chairman, Jennifer Jackson, 10776 Highway 493, Bailey MS 29320, 601-737-5362, and Jennifer's email address is jfj5777@gmail.com.

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 Committee, District Chairman, Chapter President, 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 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 to the Division Chaplain, Sherry Ray, 1059 County Road 410, Okalona MS 38860.

NAMES OF PAGES AND AIDES must be sent or called to Chairman of Pages, Susan Jones, 95 McDonald Road, Lena MS 39095, 601-668-8492, mmstumpy@bellsouth.net, by September 15, 2019. Pages must wear white attire, including dresses, skirts/coats, shoes, hats, and gloves (no slacks). Being a page is a good way to learn a lot about Mississippi Division UDC, and girls and young ladies are encouraged to serve as a page.

SALE ITEMS and RAFFLE ITEMS Chapters, Clubs, CofC, and individuals that want a table to sell their items will be required to pay a \$10.00 fee payable to “Vicksburg 77 Chapter UDC.” Requests for tables must be made by September 15, 2019, to Mary Landin, 3084 Tom Collins Road, Utica MS 39175-9045. If there is enough early interest, we will have silent auction space set up for everybody and will accept items for auction as they come into the Convention meeting area. Please bring only quality items related to the War Between the States, Mississippi, the South, or UDC/SCV that you think will sell well.

Directions to the Holiday Inn. Driving west towards Vicksburg on I-20, take the Halls Ferry Road/ERDC Exit and travel south (over bridge), turn left onto the South Frontage Road at the traffic light. Travel less than a half-mile and look to the right, as you drive around a sharp curve and down a steep hill, for the Holiday Inn on the right. Turn right at Cypress Center Blvd (not well marked) and turn right into the Holiday Inn parking lot. The Holiday Inn is visible from I-20.





MS DIVISION CONVENTION CREDENTIALS

Credentials forms were sent to all Chapter Presidents via US Postal Service by August 1st for the upcoming **Division Convention in Vicksburg**. **Please return your Credential forms to me by September 15**. If you did not receive a form from me in the mail, request one from me electronically.

My correct contact information is as follows:

Jennifer Jackson
 10776 Highway 493
 Bailey, MS 39320
 Phone: 601-737-5372
 Email: jfj5777@gmail.com

Forms that you may have received at the Division Workshop in Louisville will also be honored. Each Chapter President should submit a form from their Chapter. Individual delegates need not submit a form. I look forward to hearing from you and look forward to seeing you in Vicksburg! Thank you!

Jennifer Jackson



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND DRESS CODE

We are excited about the 125th celebration of our founding. We want everyone to have a great time and need to answer some frequently asked questions.

Registration is required for each person attending any event. Guests or husbands are welcome and should also register not only for the commemoration, but also for each event they wish to attend. The meal ticket is required for admittance for the evening entertainment or a tour, as seating will be limited to those who purchased meal tickets. A ticket is required for admission for every attendee to every event. Seating and entry is limited to persons who have purchased tickets.

Parking is limited or nonexistent in certain places on the tour so all attendees will need to have a ticket and ride the bus to gain entry for any of the tours, regardless of whether you want a meal. We will make every effort to accommodate special needs; however, tickets will be a necessity for each attendee at each event.

The clothing for Friday evening should be business casual. While the dress for Saturday is casual, there should be no shorts or tank tops. Please wear comfortable shoes with low heels as you may have to walk on grass or be on uneven terrain during the tour or at the cemetery. Unless you are participating in the memorial service, you may choose to wear to the memorial service what you have worn for the tours as we will not be going back to the hotel between the tours and the memorial service. The dress for Saturday evening should "after five" attire, long or short dresses, or evening pants.

The 125th Committee

MS DIVISION CONVENTION DEADLINE DATES

DEADLINE	DESCRIPTION
September 1	Reserve Hotel Room with Holiday Inn of Vicksburg at phone number 601-630-4240
September 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit names of pages to Susan Jones • Mail Credentials form to Jennifer Jackson • Mail \$15 table reservation for sales and raffles to Mary Landin.
September 20	Division Registration Due (It is \$10 prior to 9/20/19 and goes up to \$20 after that.)



SPECIAL PLEA FROM OUR MS DIVISION CHAPLAIN

The weight of the Division Chaplain office has pressed on my shoulders so much in the past three months. We have had many of our MS Division sisters pass away, as you will see in this issue of *Our Heritage*. I haven't seen the "memorial" pages in past issues of *Our Heritage* with this many deceased members. As a Division, we are mourning these special ladies' deaths, and I know that your individual Chapters are grieving and hurting even more.

There is a Deceased Members form that needs to be filled out and mailed or emailed to me when your Chapter experiences the death of one of your Chapter members. If this is delayed, I may not know about their passing and will not be able to submit the information in a timely manner to the Chaplain General, the *UDC Magazine*, and the next issue of MS Division's *Our Heritage* newsletter. The form can be found on the next page of this newsletter. I plead with you to please fill it out and mail it as soon as possible after the death of any of your Chapter members. Thank you so much for your help with this very important matter.

God bless the families and loved ones of these wonderful UDC sisters.

Sherrell Lynn Ray

MS Division Chaplain 2018-2020



United Daughters of the Confederacy®

DECEASED MEMBER FORM

Period September 1 until August 31

Please complete this for each daughter in your Chapter who passed away between September 1 and August 31. Return the form to the Division Chaplain immediately so they may be acknowledged and included in the Division Memorial Service. The Division Chaplain will report all deaths to the Chaplain of General and the UDC Magazine.

Full Name: _____
Husband's Name: _____
Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____
Date of Death: _____

Chapter Name/#: _____
Chapter City/State: _____
Division or Chapter Where No Division: _____

Chapter President: _____

Status at Time of Death:

- _____ Real Daughter
- _____ Honorary President of General
- _____ Honorary President of Division
- _____ General Officer, current or past, years of term, _____
- _____ Division President or Officer, years of term, _____
- _____ Chapter Officer or Member, years of term, _____

Name of Confederate Ancestor: _____
Ancestor's Company or Assignment: _____

Name of Next of Kin: _____
Address: _____

Relation to Member: _____

Send to: **Division or CWND Chaplain**
Name: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____

For Chaplain Use Only: Date sent to *UDC Magazine* _____

Revised December 2018

(Form may be photocopied)



DIVISION CHAPLAIN Sherry Ray

We send our love, prayers, and condolences
to each Chapter and the families of our
beloved UDC sisters
who have passed away .



**Lillie Louise Lassiter
Brown** of Tennessee

passed away at age ninety-eight on May 20, 2019. She was a member of the Varina Howell Davis 2559 Chapter UDC of Horn Lake, Tennessee. She leaves behind a daughter, Edna Louise Brown Marshall of Bartlett, Tennessee. Her Confederate ancestor is Thomas John Blackwell, Co. C, 31st MS Infantry. ☪



**Agnes Pearl Rushing
Cothorn Strange**

passed away on May 25, 2019. She served as Honorary MS Division President and was a member of Brent Rifles 2137 of McComb for forty years. She leaves behind a daughter, Margie Roberts of McComb, Mississippi. Her Confederate ancestor is Fielding Bradford Morgan, Jr., of Co F, 14th Confederate Cavalry. ☪



**Nona Eloise Davis
Livingston** of Booneville,

Mississippi, passed away on June 16, 2019. She received her Master's Degree from the University of Alabama in Library Media Services and Supervision, and achieved many honors and awards during her long career. Mrs. Livingston was always an active member of each organization of which she was a member. She held

almost every office including president and as chairman on local, regional and state committees. She moved to Booneville in 2011 and was a member there of the D. T. Beall 1185 Chapter of UDC. She leaves behind a sister Moise Davis Jones of Booneville. Her Confederate ancestor is John Riley Davis, Co. F, 9th Cavalry, TN. ☪

**Frances Melinda Freeny
McKee**, 58, of Heidelberg

died August 10, 2019, in Meridian and was born July 22, 1961, in Carthage. She was a member of Shady Grove First Baptist Church of Heidelberg. She was a beloved member of her local community, dedicated to helping others and organizing events, programs, pageants, and shoebox ministry; an active member of Jasper County Genealogical Society; and a member of UDC. She joined UDC on the record of her ancestor Corporal Christopher Columbus Neal, Co. H, 36th Regt., MS Infantry, and was a member of the Robert E. Lee Chapter 2561 in Meridian. ☪



|| *Corinthians 1:3* ~ Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort.



Mary Kathryn Sarver, 76, Berlin, Pennsylvania, died April 28, 2019. She was born October 10, 1942. Mary was a homemaker; a member of Berlin Brethren Church, where she helped with the kitchen crew; Berlin VFD Ladies Auxiliary; the United Daughters of the

Mary Ellen 'Mimi' Cooper Brooks, 91, of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, passed away on March 24. She was born on March 31, 1927, in Byhalia, Mississippi. Her legacy was her strength, sense of humor, love of music (especially the



Confederacy; and Daughters of the American Revolution. She enjoyed cross stitching, cooking, gardening, canning, traveling, and spending time with her family. She was a member of the Varina Howell Davis 2559 Chapter of UDC on the record of her Confederate ancestor, William Harrison Mabry, Co D, 15th MS Infantry. ☪



Linda Faye Beasley Dixon, 74, passed away August 9, 2019, in McComb. She was born October 8, 1944, in Liberty, MS. Linda was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and

Blues), love for others, and generosity. She loved to cook and was world renowned for her chicken and dumplings and strawberry pie. She was a member of the Varina Howell Davis 2559 Chapter of UDC. She joined UDC on the record of her Confederate ancestor Captain Richard Henry Cooper, Co. I, 17th MS Infantry. ☪

great-grandmother. She was a member of Tangipahoa Baptist Church, Eastern Star, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She joined UDC on the record of her ancestor Thomas McDonald of Co. D, 14th MS, Consolidated Cavalry, and was a member of Brent Rifles 2137 Chapter in McComb. ☪

Ernestine Cody Layton, an associate member of John J. Hart 2443 of Tupelo passed away on July 3, 2019, in Jonesboro, Arkansas. She was a member of the James Wiseman Honnoll

2607 Chapter UDC in Jonesboro. She leaves behind many family and friends, including her niece Sherry Ray of Okolona, Mississippi. Sherry serves as 2nd Vice President of John J. Hart 2443 Chapter. Ernestine joined UDC thirty-three years ago on the record of her Confederate ancestor Thomas Edwin Cody, Sr., who served in Co. G, 16th Regiment, Alabama Infantry. ☪



Bethany Presbyterian Church. She enjoyed reading, gardening, and spending time with her family. Margaret joined the United Daughters of the Confederacy in 2016 on the record of her Confederate ancestor, Pvt T. M. Bryson, Co B, 32nd Inf MS. She was a charter member of Brice's Crossroads Chapter 2714 in Baldwin, Mississippi. ☪



Margaret Elizabeth Epting Roberts, 79, left this world to be with her Savior on Thursday, May 23, 2019, surrounded by her loving family. Margaret was a retired school teacher and member of



Division Officers

THIRD VICE PRESIDENT
M. Murdock



The 2018-2019 year was a reasonably successful one for the Mississippi Division CofC. While there were some areas of improvement, there are still areas where improvement is needed.

First, the good: the Division enjoyed a net increase in membership this year. Three CofC Chapters added new members or reinstated former members. For that accomplishment, I would congratulate The Carroll Rifles 265 of Carrollton, Margaret Davis Hayes 520 of Gulfport, and Beauregard Rifles 951 of Louisville, and their respective sponsoring UDC Chapters! The Division made contributions to the Mississippi Armed Forces Museum (\$72.00), Mississippi's Two Museums in Jackson (\$55.00), and CofC Chapters made contributions to all General CofC funds and to the Mississippi CofC's Division scholarship funds. About twenty CofC and UDC members participated in the CofC Division field trip in January/February – not bad for a first time event.

Two key areas of improvement that are needed: while we had new members this past CofC year and enjoyed a net increase in membership, we MUST increase the number of new members in order to grow, or, at the least, sustain the current membership level. Second, we need INCREASED CofC and UDC participation in CofC events. **The next upcoming event is the 2020 CofC Division Field Trip – Meridian – January 17-18,**

2020. Information on the Field Trip may be found on the next page of this issue of *Our Heritage*. Please join us!

A small but dedicated group of CofC and UDC gathered in Petal for the CofC's 2019 Division Convention. Fayth Michelle Hodge ended her term as Division President with great skill. The attendees toured the Mississippi Armed Forces Museum at Camp Shelby and held their memorial service on the grounds of the museum. Special memorials were given to the Mississippi Army National Guard and to 1st Lt. Gerald W. Johnston. Reports of Officers, Chapters, and Committees were given during Saturday's business meeting.

In addition to approving the donations noted herein, the Division approved a couple of important recommendations. One was a bylaw amendment to increase the registration fee for Division Convention from \$2.00 per person to \$3.00 per person – the first increase in that fee since the inception of the Mississippi CofC some sixty-eight years ago.

The other important recommendation was to authorize the Division to host the General Organization CofC to hold its 2020 Annual Convention in Mississippi in July of 2020. After discussion with various UDC present, the Convention will be held July 15-18, 2020, in Gulfport. Margaret Murdock will serve as UDC Convention Chairman with Courtney Hodge as Vice Chairman. Fayth Michelle Hodge will serve as CofC Convention Chairman. Janice Strohm has graciously agreed to serve as Registration Chairman. The Convention programming will feature Ship Island, Beauvoir, and the brand new Mississippi Aquarium. The theme is ***"Dive into History – Splish Splash 2020."*** There will be more about the Convention in the near future. We hope that each of you will elect to participate in the Convention in some meaningful way. This is a prime opportunity for Mississippi UDC to shine brightly on the General UDC stage!

Congratulations to the CofC's newly elected officers. We have a big year ahead of us as we enjoy some ***"Mississippi Madness!!!"*** 🇺🇸



MS Division CofC

MISSISSIPPI MADNESS

MS DIVISION CofC

FIELD TRIP

MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

JANUARY 17-18, 2020

SUGGESTED HOTEL:

We suggest staying at the Fairfield Inn & Suites - Meridian, 148 Highway 11 & 80, Meridian, MS 39301 (601-453-3851). Friday night Pizza Supper will be served at the hotel and...*drum roll*...they have an indoor pool! Rooms at the Fairfield come with a complimentary breakfast.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2020

6:00 PM Swimming and Pizza Supper, Fairfield Inn & Suites - Meridian

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2020

9:30 AM Gather at Mississippi's Arts and Entertainment Experience (2155 Front Street, Meridian, MS 39301) - tour museum

Noon Lunch on your own (many restaurants of diverse costs and offerings located near The MAX)

Head home when you complete the tour

COSTS:

\$5.00 per person – Pizza Supper on Friday night (pizza, drink, dessert)

\$8.00 per person – Group admission to The MAX (children 5 and under are free)

Bring cash or check (payable to Margaret Murdock) to Meridian with you. Any excess after costs are paid will be donated to Mississippi's Arts and Entertainment Experience in the name of the Mississippi CofC.

TO ATTEND:

Pizza Supper and Museum Tour: Advance notice REQUIRED. MUST notify Margaret Murdock if you and/or your Chapter will attend the Pizza Supper and let her know how many to expect so she can ensure she orders enough pizza and The MAX has an accurate count. Must know number by 3:00 PM on Thursday, January 16, 2020. Margaret will collect your admission fees and pay for the group as a whole – required by the museum to receive the group rate.

You may notify Margaret via phone (PLEASE leave voicemail) or text at 228-596-4828 or via e-mail at memsixtwelve@gmail.com. Parents, family, and friends are welcome to join us!



Division Officers

REGISTRAR
Debbie Cannon

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION FEE INCREASE

As many of you will remember, on Monday, November 5, 2018, during the Fourth Business Session of the 125th Annual UDC General Convention in Richmond, Virginia, the motion was presented by the General Executive Committee to increase per capita by \$1 per member, per year not to exceed three years. It was voted on, discussed, and passed. The \$1 increase is designated to replace the investments of the Memorial Building and Grounds Fund that were liquidated to provide initial funding for the HVAC replacement recently completed.

The \$1 increase in per capita begins 1 September 2019, and lasts for three years, ending 31 August 2022. This \$1 raise includes new member applications, as \$20 of the current \$40 new member fee is the new member's first year's per capita.

Therefore:

ALL NEW MEMBER UDC APPLICATIONS DATED AFTER 31 AUGUST 2019, AND THEREAFTER UNTIL 31 AUGUST 2022, MUST HAVE CHECKS FOR \$41 INCLUDED WITH THE APPLICATION SUBMISSION. ⚡

<u>New MS Division Members by Application</u>		
Linda McQuilliams Smith	John Marshall Stone #394	15 Feb 2019
Emma Jean Smith Works	John Marshall Stone #394	15 Feb 2019
Jane Bringle Owen Eason	Bedford Forrest #448	31 Mar 2019
Kim Granne Finch Edwards	Brent Rifles #2137	31 Mar 2019
Linda Dianne Gardner Roberts	Brice's Crossroads #2714	15 Apr 2019
Betty Carolyn Hancock Shaw	Beauvoir #621	15 Apr 2019
Connie Lawanda Huffman Goodman	W. D. Holder 3458	15 May 2019
Merry Ellen Burcham Overhold	Corinth #333	15 May 2019
Queen Nannie McKenzie Abbott	Corinth #333	15 May 2019
Jackie Sue McGee	D. T. Beall #1185	15 May 2019
Sandra Kay Brown Lobrano	Beauvoir #621	31 May 2019
Sue Fran Barton McVay Thomas	Gen. M. P. Lowrey #1608	31 May 2019
<u>CofC Transfers</u>		
Ladye Margaret Smith Townsend	W. D. Holder #458	16 May 2019





Division Officers



*IT'S TIME....
IT'S TIME.....*

RECORDING SECRETARY
Tonya Mott

It's time to send those reports in! Thank you so much to all the Chapter Presidents who have already emailed your narrative to me. Don't forget to send me your Officer List as well.

It has been a wonderful year. I will see you guys in Vicksburg!

EDITOR
Sharon Tallman



Not long after moving to Tupelo twenty-five years ago, I learned that I had a Confederate ancestor, **Ira Knight Waterman**, who died here in Tupelo in 1862. His unit had marched from northwest Arkansas to Shiloh and down through Tupelo. While in this area, he succumbed to typhoid fever.

Ira's death at thirty-one years of age left his little family destitute in Arkansas. He had a wife named **Lutitia Waterman** and two young daughters named **America** and **Nettie Arkansas Waterman**. Times were hard, and they were left to fend for themselves as best they could. I have found a few photos of Nettie as an adult. She died at age sixty-seven, but she looked twenty years older in all of them. Being a Confederate daughter who was poor and fatherless was a harsh existence. She married and with endurance and strength raised a fine family.

Most of us in MS Division have stories similar to this in our family histories. It is a blessing to have Confederate ancestors to look to as examples of endurance and strength. Your submissions to our newsletter testify to me that you are following those Confederate examples and passing that legacy down to your own posterity. Thank you for all you do and for allowing me to share your acts of service and honor in *Our Heritage!* 🌟

Confederate Daughter



Nettie Arkansas Waterman Smith



Committee Activities



MRS. NORMAN V. RANDOLPH RELIEF COMMITTEE Sandy Gaddis, Chairman



Myrtice Powell, Real Daughter, and
Hilda Jordan, Ms. Powell's daughter

REAL DAUGHTER MYRTICE POWELL

It saddens me to let you know Myrtice Powell, our Real Daughter, went home to be with the Lord on July 22, 2019, with her family by her side. Ms. Powell was 101 years old and loved deeply by many, especially her family. She will be missed by her Pensacola 298 UDC Chapter.

She was born October 1, 1917, to Isaac and Rodie Sims. Myrtice was survived by her son and daughter-in-law Floyd and Helen Brock, daughter and son-in-law Hilda and Julius Jordan, daughter Lewanda McKee, daughter-in-law Joan Powell, fourteen grandchildren, twenty-eight great-grandchildren, twelve great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, and other family members. Myrtice was preceded in death by her husband James Powell, her son Gene Powell, and three brothers.

She lived the past year at Specialty Health & Rehab Center on Pine Forest Road. Visitation and service were held on Friday, July 26, 2019, in Pensacola, Florida.



I hope everyone has had a great summer. It has been a hot one!

CONDOLENCES

Sympathy and condolences on the death of our Real Daughter Ms. Myrtice Powell may be sent to her daughter Hilda Jordan at 3211 Dunway Lane, Pensacola, Florida 32526-9325.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Remember our Daughters and Mrs. NVRF Fund recipient, Mrs. Sammy Harrison, whose birthday is September 23rd. Real Daughter Mrs. Willie Aiken has a birthday on October 2nd. If you need a list of all our Real Daughters, please contact me.

REMINDER

We have an updated Mrs. NVRF Fund report form. Please use it. If you didn't receive a copy in your President's Packet, the form is available on our MS Division website (www.msudc.org). It is also available on the UDC General website (hqudc.org) under Committees—Mrs. NVRF Fund—Forms.

Remember, you can send "thinking of you" cards, little happies, birthday cards, etc., for our Real Daughters and Mrs. NVRF Fund recipient. They do appreciate us thinking of them. Thank you for everything you do for our ladies! ♡

Sandy





Committee Activities



SOUTHERN CROSS OF HONOR Celeste Young, Chairman



At twenty-one years of age Cornelius Robinson Nesmith, a handsome young man of wealth, enlisted in the Claiborne Guards, Company K, 12th Mississippi Infantry Regiment in May of 1861. Corey, as he was known to family and friends, had been born into wealth and had already established himself as a planter with land valued at \$3,000. Little did the dashing young Southern gentleman know what lay ahead.



SGT. CORNELIUS ROBINSON NESMITH

Shortly after mustering in at Corinth, Mississippi, Nesmith was ordered to Virginia where the regiment saw action in the campaigns of the Army of Northern Virginia from Williamsburg to Cold Harbor. Between April 1864 and May 1865, at least twelve major engagements and hundreds of other minor skirmishes occurred near Petersburg. By the end of 1864, the 12th Mississippi had seen action at Weldon Railroad, the Crater, Darbytown Road, and Reams' Station.

Nesmith was wounded on Friday, August 21, 1864, while fighting at Weldon Railroad and was granted a fifty-day furlough. It was during this furlough that he married Martha Rosina Trevillion. He returned to his unit following furlough but was captured at the **Battle of Fort Gregg** on April 2, 1865, only a few days before the surrender at Appomattox Courthouse. During his four years at war, Nesmith earned the rank of sergeant.

Nesmith returned to Brandy Wine in Claiborne County where he continued his life as a planter. He died on November 10, 1917, at the age of seventy-seven. He is buried beside his wife in the Trevillion Cemetery in Claiborne County, Mississippi.

The location of the Southern Cross of Honor presented to Sgt. Cornelius Robinson Nesmith by the Claiborne County UDC is unknown. ❖

**BATTLE OF
FORT GREGG**



**APRIL 2,
1865**

Our Confederate History



Confederate Alamo: Battle of Fort Gregg

Outnumbered rebels staged a desperate defense at Petersburg's Fort Gregg on April 2, 1865

At the break of day on April 2, 1865, a lone blast from a Union cannon signaled the attack on Fort Gregg. Chilled and shivering Union soldiers pushed themselves off the ground and moved toward the Confederate line. Their predawn thrust quickly shattered the Confederate position. Private John Andrews, 14th Georgia, described the difficult scene at first light: "The whole country was blue with them as far as we could see, and I lost hope right then and there." Fear-stricken Georgians and North Carolinians bolted toward Fort Gregg.

Amid the chaos, Fort Gregg's south-wall gun crew continued to ram double charges of canister into the muzzle of their cannon. **Twenty-one-year-old rebel Private Lawrence Berry held one end of the lanyard in his sweaty, dirt-caked hands. Suddenly a group of Union soldiers appeared upon the parapet, leveled their guns at Berry and shouted, "Don't fire that gun; drop the lanyard or we'll shoot!" Berry hollered back, "Shoot and be damned!" and yanked the lanyard. Every Yankee in front of the gun was swept off the wall by the blast. Berry then fell dead, shot numerous times.** (See painting at top of page.)

Fierce fighting continued until that afternoon. A wounded Union general observed, "Now commenced one of the 'savagest' hand-to-hand, muzzle-to-muzzle fights which it was my lot to witness during the war."

Shortly after 3 p.m., the surviving Confederate

members of the Fort Gregg garrison dropped their weapons. An unforgettable scene greeted the Union soldiers who entered Fort Gregg—bodies and pools of blood everywhere. **These weary Union attackers from fifteen regiments must have wondered how much more fight the Southern survivors could give, because they encountered a stiff resolve among most of the cornered defenders.** A Union corporal shook his head at the gruesome carnage. "Union and rebel soldiers were found dead in each other's grasp," he would say. "Thirteen rebels were found inside the fort killed by bayonet thrusts, and scores were wounded by the same weapon."

Fort Gregg's Confederate defenders sacrificed themselves, but they gave General Robert E. Lee the time for reinforcements to reach Petersburg and shore up the inner line. The garrison's desperate last stand blocked easy access to Petersburg for Grant, thus robbing him of time, energy, and soldiers. **Without this heroic effort, Lee might have had his army trapped inside Petersburg.** The Army of Northern Virginia escaped that night under the cover of darkness. This momentary reprieve enabled Lee's grizzled veterans to fight again until the inevitable showdown and surrender one week later at another famous Virginia site—Appomattox Court House. 🇺🇸

Information obtained from:

<https://www.historynet.com/confederate-alamo-outnumbered-rebels-petersburg.htm>

"CONFEDERATE ALAMO: OUTNUMBERED REBELS AT PETERSBURG"



Chapter Events

BALDWIN

Brice's Crossroads Chapter 2714

Little Blackland Church



June 12, 2019, luncheon with Baldwin, Booneville, and Rienzi UDC Chapter members outside Little Blackland Church. In photo (L-R) Brice's Crossroads Chapter was represented by Edwina Carpenter, Diane Mears, Jane Hopkins, and Chapter President Linda Crawford. Pictured in the center is Pam Mauldin, MS Division President. ♣



BILOXI

Biloxi-Beauvoir 623

On June 2nd, a beautiful Sunday afternoon, the Nashville Affiliated Chapters held a Confederate Memorial Day Service at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Nashville, Tennessee. Biloxi Beauvoir 623 President Janice Strohm was asked to sing some musical selections. She is pictured by the wreath at the Confederate Monument with her sister, Betty Brown, who is currently President of the Kate Litton Hickman Chapter 597, the Chapter that Janice joined in 1976. Many Confederate generals and several hundred soldiers are buried in this cemetery. ♣



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Chapter Events

BLUE MOUNTAIN General M.P. Lowrey 1608



Scholarship Fundraiser

FOR GENERAL M. P. LOWREY SCHOLARSHIP FUND
TO BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE
SPONSORED BY GENERAL M.P. LOWREY 1608 UDC

The General M. P. Lowrey Scholarship is available to a descendent of a Confederate soldier, Material Aid, or Civil Service. Scholarship is to Blue Mountain College. Since the college was founded by Gen. Lowrey and we bear his name, we thought it was fitting.

We have presented a number of scholarships since the founding, ranging from \$500 to \$1000 per school year. All recipients have received it at least two years as most of them transferred from a junior college.

The drawing will be held at the close of Division Convention in October. Jeanne Reed is in charge of this project. Both prints are beautifully framed. The winner does not have to be present.

To enter, complete the form to the right and send with check or money order to: Jeanne Reed, 375 Howell Lane, Pocahontas TN 38061. For more information, her email address is mytnbelle@gmail.com. ☺



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Chapter Events

Booneville D. T. Beall 1185

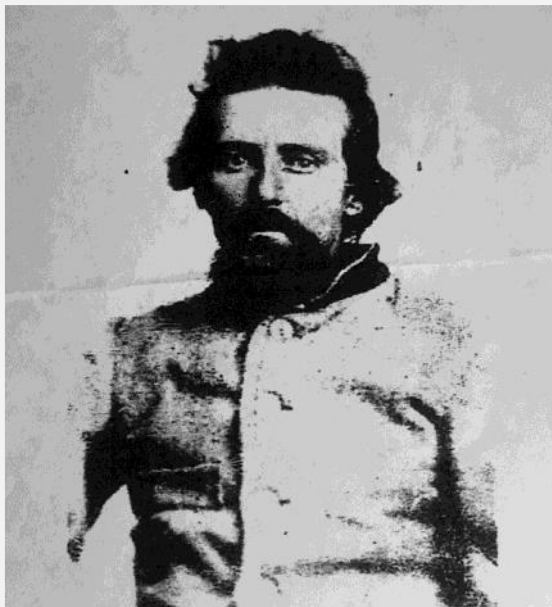
D. T. BEALL CHAPTER OF UDC HOLDS JUNE MEETING AT BLACKLAND CHURCH

Booneville's D.T. Beall Chapter of UDC held their June meeting at the Little Blackland Church, which is owned by Chapter members Patsy Johnson and Mitzy Johnson-Mills. The Chapter's June meeting is held annually as a celebration of the birthday of Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States of America.



Newest Chapter member, Jackie Sue McGee, was welcomed. Members of Brice's Crossroads UDC Chapter in Baldwyn were invited to attend. Pictured above are front row (L-R) Patsy Johnson; Patricia Parrish, Recorder General of Military Service Awards; Pam Mauldin, Mississippi Division President; Donna Geno, D. T. Beall Chapter President; and Jane Hopkins of Brice's Crossroads Chapter. Back row (L-R) includes Jackie Sue McGee; Barbara Shackelford; Mary Rhodes, guest; Edwina Carpenter; Dianne Mears; Linda Crawford; Myrtle Mayo, guest; and Kay Crow.

At this Chapter meeting, member Barbara Shackelford presented a program on **Reverend Joseph M. Wells**. He established the Blackland Methodist Episcopal Church South in 1857 and held membership there for 40 years.



Corporal William Mills Prince

Partisan Ranger
and 7th Missouri Cavalry

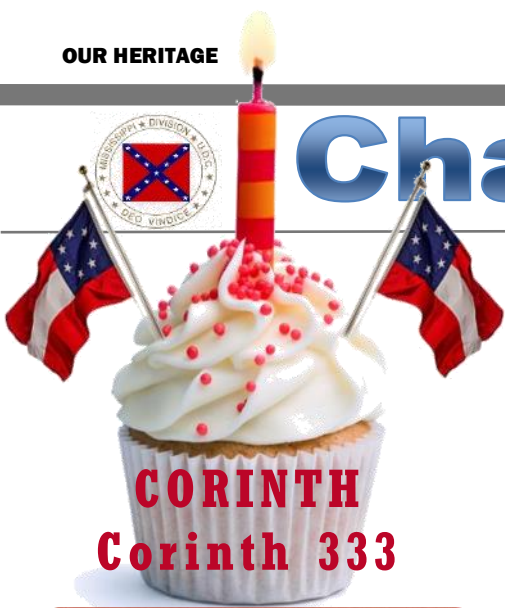
When sectional differences arose, he opposed secession. When war was inevitable and his country called for volunteers, he was one of the first to respond. Wells organized the "Blackland Gideonites," which formed a part of the 23rd Mississippi Regiment. They were mustered into service on June 8, 1861, by F. M. Boone. Captain Wells was soon promoted to colonel at the Battle of Fort Donelson. Wells tragically lost three of his five sons to the War. When he died on February 9, 1896, approximately 1500 people attended a memorial service to show their respects for this great leader. ☪

CONFEDERATE PRISONER OF WAR

Corporal William Mills Prince was born in 1830. He married Mary Patton, and they had six children. He enlisted on August 1, 1862, as a Partisan Ranger and later served with the 7th MS Cavalry. He was taken prisoner at Selma, Alabama, on April 2, 1865, and released a week later on April 9. He died July 13, 1872.

William is the great-grandfather of Sandra Hamblin, member of D.T. Beall Chapter 1185 UDC in Booneville, Mississippi. ☪

Chapter Events



Linda Hines and Rosa Spencer laying wreath with Chapter President Patty Young at Confederate Memorial Service on April 28 at Corinth Confederate Monument.



Headstone for Capt. William J. Tate that Corinth 333 had ordered was installed and then dedicated on April 20, 2019.

June 5th Corinth 333 UDC held their annual Jefferson Davis birthday celebration at Smith Restaurant. Chapter President Patty Young served birthday cake to all in attendance.



At their Military Awards & Memorial Service on June 22, six awards were presented: to Judge Fred Wicker; posthumously to Mike Mauldin and Sue Wilbanks and Sandy Smith for their fathers and husband; to Davis Barton; and to Todd Parker.



Chapter Member Receives Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal!

GULFPORT Beauvoir 621

Beauvoir Chapter 621 of Gulfport awarded the Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal to Bobby Sue Koch at the June 1st Chapter meeting. Bobby Sue wrote, illustrated, and self-published a booklet entitled "Early Education American History: Civil War 1861-1865." It is for early elementary school age children. She is a member of the Chapter and is the current Chapter Historian. The presentation was a surprise for her. Fortunately, she had a commitment and missed a Chapter meeting at which the membership was able to vote to apply for the medal for presentation to her! The June 1st meeting was held in the Jefferson Davis Presidential Library on the grounds of Beauvoir. The members celebrated the June 3rd birthday of Confederate President Jefferson Davis and sang a rousing "Happy Birthday" to him prior to eating the birthday cake! "Pass the Basket" collected \$71.00 to give to the Margaret Davis Hayes Chapter 520 CofC which is sponsored by the Chapter. Registrar Juanita Griffith announced that approved papers for new member Betty Shaw have been received.



During the 2018-2020 term, the Chapter is studying "Stories on Stone: Beauvoir Confederate Cemetery" by Jane K. Sullivan. The June program noted those with last names beginning with the letter "D" who are buried in the cemetery. Included in the presentation was Samuel Davis, father of Jefferson Davis and a Revolutionary War veteran. Samuel Davis' remains were moved to the Beauvoir Cemetery when his original interment site at Hurricane Plantation was being eroded by the Mississippi River. ☺



Chapter Events



HORN LAKE

Varina Howell Davis 2559

Members of Varina Howell Davis Chapter joined members of the Samuel A Hughey Camp 1452 to celebrate Confederate Memorial Day on April 28th at Hernando Memorial Cemetery in Hernando, Mississippi.



Hernando A'Fair - L to R - Fair Guest, Dorothy Herron, Christine Rhoda, Lynn Herron, Fair Guest.

On May 18th, members participated in the A'Fair in Hernando selling baked goods and Lemonade to benefit the Chapter's Scholarship fund. Dorothy Herron sang "Dixieland" and "National Anthem" at the opening ceremonies. Attendees love to see our ladies dressed in period outfits, and we enjoy having pictures taken and share information about our heritage and the UDC Organization.



Hernando Memorial Cemetery - L to R - Dorothy Herron, Christine Rhoda, Shannon Hamilton, Susanna Jones, Linda McGan, Cynthia Blalock. In back - Phyllis Holder

June was busy with a tour of Elmwood Cemetery in Memphis, Tennessee, on Saturday the 1st and attending a Memorial Service there at Elmwood on Sunday the 2nd.



Edmondson Cemetery - Chapter members with Venture Troop 262 9th MS Co. A. and Samuel Hughey SCV 1452 Camp.

We were happy to hold a Memorial Service at Edmondson Cemetery, Southaven, MS on June 15th complete with a rifle and cannon salute. The motorists on Stateline Road were alarmed hearing this!



Edmondson Cemetery - L to R - Diana Thompson, Phyllis Holder, Dorothy Herron, Cynthia Blalock, Linda McGan





Chapter Events



JACKSON W. D. Holder 458



Beth Herring of W. D. Holder Chapter and Korean Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient Ronald Rosser



Beth and Vietnam Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient Gary Witzel.



L to R: Beth Herring of W. D. Holder Chapter Veterans Affairs/ Veterans Services Chairman UDC; Debbie Cannon, W. D. Holder Chapter President UDC; PFC Brad Freeman, the first D-Day paratrooper; and Teri Gleason, and Ginger Cocke of MSSDAR

The W. D. Holder Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy

worked a booth at the **17th Annual Trail of Honor**. Members handed out lapel pins, bumper stickers, and stickers to Vietnam veterans. The event was held at the Harley Davidson Shop on I-55 South in Jackson, Mississippi. There were living historians at

encampments representing each American war from the French and Indian Wars to the current War on Terrorism. They conducted War Between the States, WWII, and Vietnam Conflict re-enactments. Attendees were able to meet active duty servicemen and women of the present War on Terror. Military heroes, such as Medal of Honor recipients, Navajo Code Talkers, Tuskegee Airmen; and Ex-POW's from WWII, Korean War, and the Vietnam Conflict were also there for attendees to meet. In addition, the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall was on display to view. 🌐



IUKA John Marshall Stone 394

The United Daughters of the Confederacy, John Marshall Stone 394, held a memorial service for UDC sister Ms. Eunell Skinner Handy, April 29th, 10 am., at the Iuka Public Library. She was the great-granddaughter of Pvt. W. H. Skinner, Co. A, Moreland's Cavalry of Alabama. Eunell had been a member of the UDC for twelve years, at the time of her death she was Chapter Treasurer and Registrar. She was a precious woman and was loved by all. Thank you to those that came to honor her memory.



install two new members. New members left to right are Jean Works, Gail Smith, and President Sharon Hairrell.

April 15, 2019, John Marshall Stone Chapter 394 held a special program to



We celebrated Confederate Memorial Day on April 29th by placing wreaths at the Confederate Tomb at Tishomingo County Archives and History Museum and Shady Grove Cemetery where 263 unknown Confederate soldiers are buried. In the group picture left to right are Gail Smith, Jean Works, President Mauldin, Vicky Durham, and Sharon Hairrell. We would like to express our gratitude to President Mauldin for attending our Confederate Day services and supporting us. 🌐



Chapter Events

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Attala County 2592



Attala County 2592 member Susan Jones organized a dedication service for a recently placed Confederate headstone in Good Hope Cemetery in Lena MS.

Pictured are great-great-grandsons Daniel and David Murphy and great-great-granddaughter Kaye Williams of Confederate soldier Corp. Thomas Owen McDonald.

Photo courtesy of Susan Jones



UDC ladies visited the Confederate section of Catholic Cemetery of Mobile, Alabama. Pictured L-R: W. D. Holder 458 Chapter members Robbie Lewis and Charla Lewis and Attala County 2592 Chapter member Susan C. Jones. They placed flags at the monument and around the cemetery. ☸

Photo courtesy of Susan Jones

LOUISVILLE

Winston Guards 2643



A Southern Heritage group in Alabama was formed last year, and their mission is to restore Confederate monuments on private land so no one can take them down. They had a contest on Facebook asking for pictures of people honoring their Confederate ancestors. Robin Black sent a picture of her and her husband Murrey at the grave of Asa Minor Laney in McGavock Confederate Cemetery, Franklin, Tennessee. Frances Woodruff, President of Winston Guards 2643, took this picture of them at the grave.

Robin and Murrey took some dirt from his parents' graves in Center Ridge United Methodist Church Cemetery in Louisville, Mississippi, to McGavock Confederate Cemetery and put it on Asa Minor Laney's grave. He was in the 5th Mississippi Infantry and killed at the Battle of Franklin near the Cotton Gin on November 30, 1864. Out of fifty-seven pictures submitted to the Facebook contest, this picture won, and the Blacks received a 2nd National Confederate Flag as the prize. ☸



Chapter Events

MERIDIAN
Winnie Davis 24

MERIDIAN
Robert E. Lee 2561

Winnie Davis 24 and Robert E. Lee 2561 gathered together to enjoy a social activity for the end of the UDC year at Chefski's in Quitman for food, fun, and fellowship. *These hardworking ladies deserved a carefree respite!* ☘



MACON
Noxubee 2221

Carol Floore and Ann Ingalls made a trip in June to visit Beauvoir, a Mississippi and National Historic Landmark. They had never been to the reconstructed presidential library and enjoyed the time spent browsing and viewing original, restored, and reproductions of items from that grand era. Touring the home and seeing workers repairing hurricane damage was inspiring!



Carol Floore and Ann Ingalls, members of Noxubee 2221



Workers were also busy at the Oyster Bayou Bridge as Carol and Ann crossed to the Confederate Soldiers' Home Cemetery. Flags slowly waved in the breeze as they read about the soldiers and wives interred there, and it was such an awesome sight to see! ☘



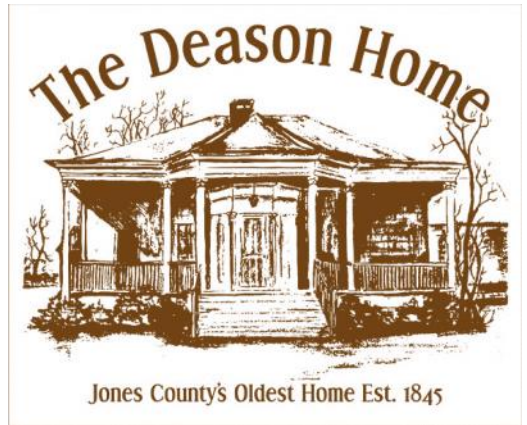
Chapter Events

PURVIS

Mary Ann Randolph Custis Lee 2583

RUGS, RUGS, RUGS!

Pictured are Geri Jefcoat and her husband Doug displaying the rug Geri made from plastic bags. She has made *fifty-plus* tent-sized rugs for use at historical reenactments across the South. Each has been presented to reenactors as a gift of appreciation for their efforts to preserve Confederate history. Geri has also made *hundreds* of small mats for reenactors and shut ins. Six of these mats were presented as door prizes at the July meeting of Mary Ann Randolph Custis Lee 2583.

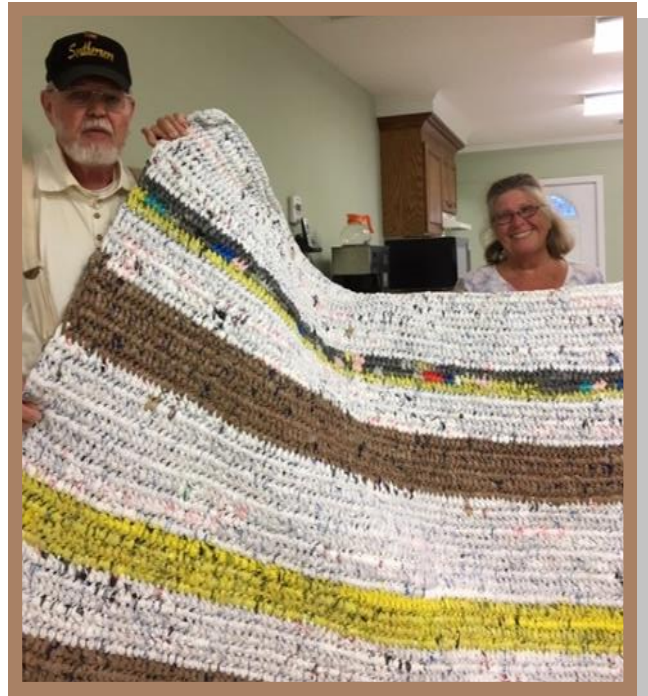


DINNER THEATER: "MURDER AT THE DEASON HOUSE"

At the July Chapter meeting, members also enjoyed a *UDC Dinner Theater* and a short play entitled *Murder at the Deason House*. Geri wrote the play telling the story of Newt Knight of the Free State of Jones murdering MAJ Amos McLemore as he sat studying his Bible in a bedroom at the Deason House. Doug portrayed MAJ McLemore, Billy Smith was Newt Knight, and Carol Smith played Mrs. Deason as she told the history of the house. Geri, as the mourning Mrs. McLemore, narrated the play.



The couples have reenacted Confederate history for years. Doug portrays MAJ McLemore at the annual Halloween reenactment of the murder at the House while Geri is the Lady in Mourning. Billy and Carol present cooking demonstrations on the grounds while tours of the house are being conducted. Thousands attend the annual two-day event at the home which is owned by the Tallahala Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.



WINNIE DAVIS AWARD

Yolanda Walters continuously serves the United Daughters of the Confederacy, especially Mary Ann Randolph Custis Lee 2583 of Purvis, through many selfless acts, all of which bring great honor and a positive community vision to the Organization. She was honored on June 17, 2019, when she received the Winnie Davis Award at a special ceremony held at First Baptist Church of Bellevue in Hattiesburg. The ceremony was made even more special when her daughter Anna, who is Chapter President, made the presentation. Pictured are Anna, Yolanda, and Vice President Sallie Roberts. ☺



Chapter Event



TUPELO

John J. Hart 2443

Chapter VP Nancy Moore

The last meeting of the UDC year for our Chapter is always our Charter Anniversary Celebration in August. We turned **thirty-eight** this month! Hostesses were Sandra Knight and Sharon Tallman. Associate member Ruth Allbritton led us in a touching candlelight ceremony honoring our Confederate ancestors. Pat Hass presented an original poem she wrote titled, "Shiloh's Dead." Sherry Ray led a beautiful and emotional memorial service for our three deceased Chapter members **Shirley Lumpkin Goodman, Opal Reynolds, and Ernestine Layton**. Nancy Moore presented a fun



Chapter Memorial Service for Shirley Goodman Opal Reynolds and Ernestine Layton August 6, 2019



Chapter President Sharon Tallman 2nd VP Sherry Ray and Associate Ruth Allbritton (photos above and below)



Chapter Secretary Sylvia Thornton



Chapter Treasurer Pat Hass

Confederate game. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of our meeting, which was a delicious carrot cake provided by Sandra. We look forward to many more activities together in the new 2019-2020 UDC year! 🌟





General News & Events

UDC GENERAL—BUSINESS OFFICE HAS A NEW STREET ADDRESS

The UDC Business Office in Richmond, Virginia, recently had a change of street name. The boulevard has been renamed *Arthur Ashe Boulevard* so new address is:

UDC Business Office
328 N. Arthur Ashe Blvd.
Richmond, VA 23220-4009

Please update your address books, phones, and Rolodex!

(Wait — does anyone even have a Rolodex these days?)



UDC BUSINESS OFFICE—RECEPTIONIST ANNETTE CARROLL

Annette Carroll, the receptionist at our UDC Business Office has passed away. She had been placed in hospice care and was living with her son, Richie Carroll. Richie called to say that his mother passed away on Sunday, August 11, 2019, and that services will be held on or around September 21. You can send cards of condolence to Richie and family at:



Mr. Richie Carroll and Family
114 Grayrock Drive
Crozet, VA 22932

It is very sad to lose this special lady, a wonderful mother and grandmother. She was always so nice and willing to help, so devoted and kind. Please remember her and ask for prayers for her family.

~Patricia H. Gasson—Chaplain of General

All honor to God, for it is His boundless mercy that has given us the hope of eternal life, because Christ rose again from the dead. ~1 Peter 1:3

Mississippi
Division
Convention

SPECIAL UDC GENERAL GUEST AT VICKSBURG!

“President General **Nelma Crutcher** WILL be in attendance at our MS Division Convention in Vicksburg the first weekend of October! Let’s all make this a **wonderful** and enjoyable time for her.” ~MS Division President Pam Mauldin



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