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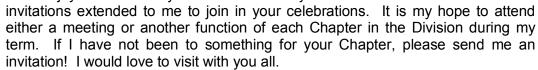
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# From Our President

Happy New Year!

The holidays are over, and I trust that all of us had a joyful season. I know I did! As we start off a new year, let us all focus now on doing some great work for our Organization.

I thank those Chapters who recently held Lee-Jackson lunches and dinners. I was able to attend several of them and enjoyed them very much. Thank you for the



The Division Workshop has been set for Saturday, March 21, at Lake Tiak-O'Khata in Louisville. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., and the workshop will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. You can read more about it in this newsletter. I hope many of you will attend. This is a workshop -- no business will be conducted. Vice President Lynda McKinney has been working hard to set this up, and I hope to see you there.

Please remember that the Children of the Confederacy General Convention is being planned for July on the beautiful Mississippi Gulf Coast. There is more about that in this newsletter, as well. I am looking forward to the Convention. Third Vice President Murdock is working hard to put together a fun time for the children and adults who attend.

I will attend Spring Board at the Business Office next month. If your Chapter needs any supplies let me know, and I will be happy to pick them up for you while I am there. If you ordered General Minutes, I can pick those up also, and I will bring them to our Workshop.

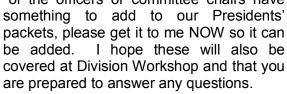


I also want to remind all of you that this is an election year. If you are interested in running for Division Office, please get those nominations to the Nominating Committee. There is still a lot of time, but it is never too early to start. I encourage all ladies that have not served in a Division Office to consider it. (Continued on page 2)

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There is much to learn and also much joy in serving the Mississippi Division.

Time is running short, but if any of the officers or committee chairs have



I am always here to help if I can. Please call me with questions or concerns. I am happy to serve you all!



In UDC Love and Service,

### Pamela Mauldin



### General Convention Awards!

Ladies, another General Convention has come and gone. It was my last one to represent you all as Division President. I was honored to stand and accept nine awards for MS Division! They are:

- 1. Most chapters in Category C with 100% Magazine Subscription.
- 2. Division in Category C purchasing greatest number of Membership Pins.
- 3. Division in Category C registering greatest number of new members.
- 4. Division in Category C bestowing greatest number of Military Service Awards.
- 5. Division in Category C bestowing greatest number of Lapel Pins.
- 6. Division in Category C recording most Veterans History Projects.
- 7. Division in Category C with Best Press Book.
- 8. Division with Best Newsletter among <u>all</u> Divisions.
- 9. Individual Chapter Award Chapter in Category C bestowing greatest number of Military Service Awards Corinth 333 of MS Division.

Congratulations on your hard work!

President Pam Mauldin





# Division News & Events

# **Save the Dates!**

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE	INFORMATION
UDC General Spring Board	March 7, 2020	Richmond, Virginia	At UDC Memorial Building
The Wall That Heals	March 12-15	Ashland MS	The Wall That Heals mobile exhibit is a replica of The Wall in Washington, D.C. On Saturday, March 14 at 10:00 a.m., there will be a ceremony to recognize all Vietnam veterans — the ones on The Wall and the ones attending.  (On March 10, a motorcycle escort will begin at 2:30 in Pontotoc and will travel up MS 15 through Ecru, New Albany, Blue Mountain, Ripley and Falkner. At Falkner, the escort will take MS 370 to Ashland.)
MS Division Workshop	March 21, 2020	Louisville	Registration form available on the last page of this newsletter
Confederate Memorial Service	April 5, 2020	Marion Confederate States Cemetery	Sponsored by Robert E. Lee 2561 and Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest 1649 SCV
Confederate Memorial Service	April 26, 2020 At 3 pm	Lauderdale Springs Confederate Cemetery	Sponsored by Winnie Davis 24 UDC and WD Cameron 1221 SCV
CofC Division Convention  and CofC General Convention	July 15-18, 2020	GULFPORT!	Theme: "Anchors Aweigh!" Programs will feature Ship Island, Beauvoir, and MS Aquarium.
124th MS Division Convention	Sept 24-26, 2020	Meridian	Hosted by Winnie Davis 24



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### VICE PRESIDENT Lynda McKinney

The Mississippi Division Workshop for this year will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2020. We will meet at Lake Tiak-O'Khata on Smyth Road in Louisville, Mississippi. Workshop registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., and the Workshop will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.



The registration form for the Workshop is on the last page of this newsletter.

We have a block of rooms reserved for anyone who wishes to arrive the day before (Friday, 3/20). The rates are \$89.00 plus tax -- the total being \$97.01. You may request a king or double bed room. Call directly to reserve your room at 662-773-7853 or toll free at 888-845-6151. *Please ask for the "UDC block of rooms."* Check-in is at 4:00 p.m. and check-out is at 11:00 a.m. Internet is provided in all motel rooms, the main restaurant, and the lobby area.

We also plan to hold a silent auction at the Workshop. I would like to ask each Chapter to donate at least one item for it. The money raised from the auction will go to the MS Division Disaster Relief Fund.

Please pass this information on to your Chapter members. We need to know your plans by February 28, as I must give Lake Tiak-O'Khata a final head count. Hope to see you at the lake!

# THIRD VICE PRESIDENT M. Murdock

Busy times for Mississippi's Children of the Confederacy are upcoming! The CofC Division and General Conventions are approaching. Convention details for each will be available via many means and platforms shortly. Mark your calendars!



July 15-18, 2020	General CofC Convention
July 16, 2020	MS Division CofC

Both Conventions are in Gulfport at Centennial Plaza. Please plan to attend both. Volunteer opportunities for the General Convention will also be made available shortly. We need your help. I can assure you that working with the CofC is rewarding in many, many ways! •



# Division Officers

### HISTORIAN Bunnie Tisdale



There is more work for us in the coming year on reporting our southern heritage and history. I am somewhat of a history buff and enjoy checking out historical markers and learning more history of the area and homes. You learn state counties and where each is located in that state. It is a great learning experience!

#### **UDC MAGAZINE**

On the genealogy side, I was flipping through December 2019 issue of *UDC Magazine*, and an article 'Proudly Honors Its Ancestors" popped out at me. It listed a number of ancestors being honored. Just at a glance I saw the name Moore, Delton Cobb. I have a relative that is my fifth cousin on my father's (Cobb) side and also have a fourth great grandmother on my mother's (Moore) side. It is strange to say, at the least! This will cause a lot more genealogy work, but I feel sure there is a connection. The combination of Moore and Cobb caught my attention. I may not read my magazine from cover to cover all of the time, but it does pay to at least flip through our *UDC Magazine* and see what we can find. We never know what might be between the pages!

### **AWARDS!**

I am proud our Mississippi Division on our scrapbook and other historical work we turned in. I may be repeating the awards we won, but it is worth our seeing the results.

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### **General and Division Essay Contests!**

Ladies, the titles of the essays that the **Historian General** is offering to all members of UDC in 2020 are listed on the next page of this newsletter. The winner of the best essays will receive awards! Take a look at the titles and see if there is an essay you would be interested in writing. You just *might* win!

Our 2020 **MS Division essay contest** for junior and senior high school students is also beginning. Please encourage the youth that you know to participate. Monetary awards will be given, which might be good motivation for them! See page seven in this newsletter for more information.

### **Historian General 2020 Cash Awards for Essays**

FOR UDC MEMBERS

Mrs. Gail Stamps Brosk, Recorder General of Military Service Awards 2016-2018, offers \$25 in honor of Mrs. Suzie Snyder, Historian General 2016-2018; and the 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the UDC to the UDC member submitting the best essay on "The United Daughters of the Confederacy – Its Goals and Achievements, Against All Odds."

Mrs. Corinne Hoch, Historian General 2018-2020, offers \$25 in honor of Ms. Nelma Crutcher, President General 2018-2020, to the UDC member submitting the best essay on "Grant and His Ladies: Miss Julia and Black Julia."

Mrs. Corinne Hoch, Historian General 2018-2020, offers \$25 in honor of Ms. Elaine Mitchell, New York Chapter 103 President, to the UDC member submitting the best essay on "March, March, March: The Hardships of the CSA Soldier."

Mrs. Patricia C. Parrish, Recorder General of Military Service Awards 2018-2020, offers \$25 in honor of the Choctaw Tribe of Mississippi, to the UDC member in Category C submitting the best essay on "The Choctaw Indians of Mississippi Service in the War Between the States."

Mrs. Susan McCrobie, Kentucky Division President 2018-2020, offers \$25 in honor of Ms. Nelma Crutcher, President General 2018-2020, to the UDC member submitting the best essay on "Water Valley, Kentucky's Valley Forge."

The Southern Cross Chapter 2001, West Virginia Division, offers \$25 in honor of Mrs. Linda Whaley, West Virginia Division President 2014-2020, to the UDC member submitting the best essay on "The Battles Fought in the West Virginia Campaign During the War Between the States."

Mrs. Paulette Koine Mauterer, Louisiana Division Registrar 2018-2020, offers \$25 to the UDC member in Category C submitting the best essay on "The History of Morgan City, Louisiana, and the Part It Played during the War Between the States."

Mrs. Paulette Koine Mauterer, Louisiana Division Registrar 2018-2020, offers \$25 to the UDC member in Category C submitting the best essay on "The History of Minden, Louisiana, and the Part It Played during Reconstruction."

Don't forget to consider submitting the best essay on "John C. Calhoun, Apostle of States Rights" to be eligible for consideration for the 2020 Adelia Dunovant Cup Award!



## Division Officers

# YOUTH ESSAY CONTEST

MS Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy is sponsoring an essay contest for junior high and high school students. All students may participate. There are no stipulations. There will be a \$50.00 award to the first place winner in the junior high division and \$50.00 in the high school division. The second place winners will receive \$25.00 and third place winners will receive \$15.00 in each division. All other participants will receive a certificate of appreciation.



### **Topics**

Grades 7-9: "Diets of Prisoners of War" (Food given to the prisoners)

Grades 10-12: "Battle Fought in Meridian, Mississippi, during the War Between the States"

### **Rules**

- 1. Essays must be handwritten or typed neatly on  $8-\frac{1}{2}$  x 11-inch paper.
- 2. Four hundred words is the limit. Write the number of words in upper right hand corner of page one.
- 3. Use "War Between the States" rather than "Civil War" unless quoting from a source.
- 4. Websites are acceptable, but at least one book must be used as a source of reference.
- 5. Use footnotes where needed.
- 6. Include a bibliography listing the reference material used to write the essay.
- 7. Sign essay with a fictitious name.
- 8. Include a title page with the title of essay, fictitious name, and grade in school.
- 9. Attach an envelope with the fictitious name and grade in school written on the outside of it. The real name, address, name of the school, grade in school, the fictitious name used, and the name of the UDC Chapter sponsoring the contest should be written on a card and placed inside the envelope.
- 10. Essays are to be in the hands of the sponsoring UDC Chapter by March 15, 2020, and in the Division Historian's hands by April 1, 2020.



If there are any questions regarding the essay contest, please contact me. Thank you and good luck!

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# Division Officers

**CHAPLAIN** Sherrell Ray

# Remembering... Wanda Mitchell Lambuth



Wanda Lambuth... so pretty in purple.

Wanda Mitchell Lambuth was born in Magnolia, Mississippi, on November 17, 1926. She passed away at the age of ninety-three in Denham Springs, Louisiana, on December 6, 2019. She had been an active member of Brent Rifles 2137 Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy for sixteen years and joined UDC on the record of her ancestor Richard M. Mitchell of the 29th MS Infantry, Co A.

In addition to UDC, Wanda was a faithful member of Centenary United Methodist Church and was very active in Cecilian Circle there. She belonged to numerous clubs and organizations, some of which included First Families of Mississippi, Daughters of the War of 1812, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Colonial Dames.



Wanda in her youthful days.



Wanda Lambuth seated front row left (wearing purple!) with her Chapter sisters Christmas 2018

Wanda graduated from Mississippi Southern with a bachelor's degree in education and taught home economics for many years.

Our thoughts and prayers are with her Brent Rifles Chapter members. family, and friends. 🖸





# Committee Activities

# VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT Sherrell Ray, Chairman

The
VETERANS
HISTORY
PROJECT
PRESERVING STORIES OF AMERICA'S VETERANS

Please accept my challenge for each Chapter to interview at least one veteran this year and turn it in to the Library of

Congress! The UDC year-end report form for the Veterans History Project can be found at the UDC General website in the Members Only section. Click on the "Forms" tab to find the form. There is also a Library of Congress website with tons of information for the Veterans History Project. It has great information on how to interview a veteran with sample questions such as:

- ⇒ Were you in a combat, combat support, or combat service support role?
- ⇒ How did your combat (wartime) experience change you?
- ⇒ What kinds of friendships and camaraderie did you form while serving, and with whom?
- ⇒ How did you stay in touch with family and friends?
- ⇒ What did you do for recreation when you were off duty?

The link for the Library of Congress Veterans History Project sample questions is <a href="https://www.loc.gov/vets/kit-generalquestions.html">https://www.loc.gov/vets/kit-generalquestions.html</a>. You may even read/listen to many of the interviews at their website. If you need assistance, I will be glad to help!

# our Confederate History

### Gathered Around Stonewall's Grave



Women gather around the grave of Confederate General Thomas 'Stonewall' Jackson in Lexington, Virginia, sometime about 1864 or 1865. After Jackson's death in 1863, there was an enormous public display of grief in the South. Church bells tolled, artillery shots were fired, a funeral procession moved through the streets of Richmond, and 20,000 mourners filed past his casket where he lay in repose in the Capitol. His body was then moved to Lexington; thereafter, his grave became a site of mourning and pride for the Confederate cause."

Original Author: Boude & McClelland, created: ca. 1864-1865, courtesy of The Museum of the Confederacy



### Committee Activities



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



Ladies, our **Real Daughter Mrs. Iva Lee Benson Gainey** had an accident and broke her leg at the end of 2019. She has been moved to full-care facility per her granddaughter. Another **Real Daughter, Mrs. Reba Scott**, had a fall recently, breaking her shoulder, nose, and arm. We are glad to report that Mrs. Scott is doing better and is back home recovering.

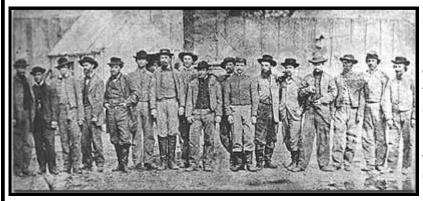
Please keep in these special ladies in your thoughts and prayers. Send them cheerful "thinking of you" and "get well" cards. I know they will appreciate it. If you need their mailing addresses, please contact me. Thank you for all you do for our Real Daughters.

### **OUR REAL DAUGHTER'S CONFEDERATE HISTORY**

### Iva Lee Benson Gainey

Mrs. Gainey is the youngest child of Charles H. "Charlie" Benson (1844-1929), a private in the 24th North Carolina Regiment, Company I, organized at the beginning of the war as the Smithfield Light Infantry. Benson enlisted at age twenty and served alongside his brother, Sgt. William C. Benson, in the Army of Northern Virginia under General Robert E. Lee. By the time the war ended, both men had been captured by the enemy and were confined in a **prisoner of war camp at Point Lookout, Maryland**. Months after Lee's surrender, they and scores of other Johnston County POWs were finally given their freedom in exchange for signing an oath of allegiance to the United States of America. Emaciated and clothed in rags, they returned on foot to the homes they had fought to defend.





Confederates in a prisoner of war camp at Point Lookout, Maryland <a href="https://dnr.maryland.gov/Pages/Spirits-of-Point-Lookout.aspx">https://dnr.maryland.gov/Pages/Spirits-of-Point-Lookout.aspx</a>

Charlie Benson lived to age eighty-four. He married twice and fathered fourteen children. Now, more than ninety years after his death, he will be remembered through his daughter. "It's fascinating to see 'Civil War' photographs and artifacts like the ones we have on display," says Heritage Center Director Todd Johnson, "but it's pretty remarkable to have someone in our midst who actually sat on the knee of a soldier and called him Papa."

Taken from the Johnston County Report website, https://jocoreport.com/local-woman-whose-father-fought-incivil-war-to-be-honored/



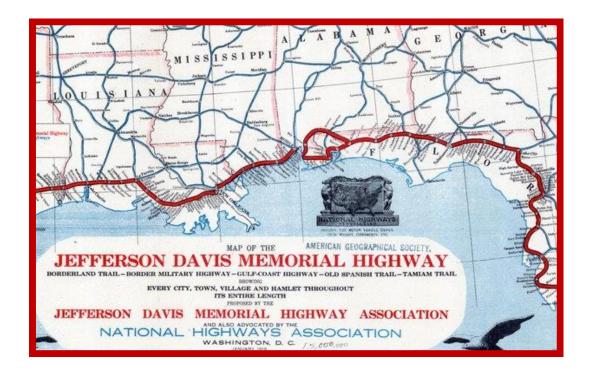
## Committee Activities

# JEFFERSON DAVIS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY Bunnie Tisdale, Chairman

I already have papers from Varina Howell Davis Chapter 2559 that I received too late for our last Division reporting. Ladies, we all have to get busy. They have a BIG running start on us. We did not win an award on our work for **Jefferson Davis Memorial Highway** at General Convention for 2019, but let us do better for 2020.

In case some of you are wondering where **JDM Highway** markers are located, ride up and down Mississippi Highway 51 from Tennessee to Brookhaven. There are others that run parallel to the Gulf Coast. Check on them. The map below shows part of the highway system where many more markers are possibly located. Georgia is full of markers. When you travel, keep our historic **JDM Highway** in mind.  $\bullet$ 





### ABOUT THE JEFFERSON DAVIS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

"With the need for new roads being so significant during the first quarter of the 1900s, dozens of new auto trails were begun. One such roadway was the **Jefferson Davis Highway**, which was sponsored by the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC). It was named for Jefferson Davis who was the President of the Confederate States, a United States senator, and the Secretary of War. The UDC planned the formation of the **JDM Highway** as a road that would start in Arlington, Virginia, and travel through the southern states until its terminus at San Diego, California. In addition to the planned transcontinental route, they also designated an auxiliary route running from Kentucky to Mississippi, as well as another that ran through Georgia. These ancillary routes were intended to commemorate important venues in Davis' life."

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jefferson Davis Highway



# **Chapter Events**

# BALDWYN Brice's Crossroads Chapter 2714

At Brice's Crossroads December 2019 meeting, we were entertained by the *Booneville Dulcimer Club*. They also taught us a little about how to play the dulcimer. The evening included a lovely Christmas supper!

#### **PHOTO DESCRIPTIONS**

- Photo #1 Kellie Conwill, Donna Johnson, and Carmon Horner
- Photo #2 Carmon Horner playing a dulcimer
- Photo #3- Diane Mears, Jane Hopkins, Olivia Miller, and Linda Roberts
- Photo #4 Peggy Searcy and Cynthia Mink
- Photo #5 Members of Brice's Crossroads 2714: Cynthia Mink, Diane Mears, Jane Hopkins, Carmon Horner, Kellie Conwill, Linda Roberts, Gale Sides, Edwina Carpenter, Phylllis Scott, and Linda Crawford.
- Photo of Chapter members at MS Division Convention in 2019 is on page twenty-one of this newsletter.











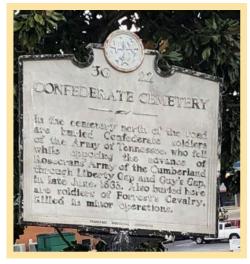


# **Chapter Events**

### BILOXI Biloxi-Beauvoir 623



Janice Strohm at the Confederate monument in Willow Mount Cemetery in Shelbyville TN.



Confederate Cemetery memorial plague in Willow Mount Cemetery reads: "In the cemetery north of the are buried Confederate road soldiers of the Army of Tennessee who fell while opposing the advance Rosecrans' Army of of Cumberland through Liberty Gap and Guy's Gap in late June 1863. Also buried here are soldiers of Forrest's Cavalry, killed in minor operations."



Biloxi Beauvoir 623 members attended the Sam Davis Camp Lee-Jackson banquet on January 25. L-R: Larry Strohm, Carla Harbin, Ruthie Wade, Janice Stegenga, Tammy Henzen, and Chapter President Janice Strohm.



Janice Strohm, Carla Harbin, Tammy Henzen, Ruthie Wade, and Janice Stegenga at Lee-Jackson banquet.



Carla, Ruthie, Janice, Tammy, and Janice honor their ancestors by saying their names at Lee-Jackson banquet.



# **Chapter Events**

### BLUE MOUNTAIN General M.P. Lowrey 1608



11/11/2019: Sarah Baker presents Knox Reed with his membership certificate to Sarah Holmes Lowrey 32 CofC.



Town of Blue Mountain Grandparents Food Boxes, 12/17/2019: Amanda Jeter, BM Town Clerk Sarah Baker, and Beth Beck



11/11/2019: Patriotic Chairman Kristy Gaillard presented Terry Wilson, resident of Tippah Co. Health & Rehab a gift basket from the Chapter.



Retired librarian and historian **Tommy Covington** pictured with the original Gen. M.P. Lowrey 1608 charter which he purchased at a flea market and presented to the current Chapter!



After the 11/16/2019 Chapter meeting, members gathered at Shirley's Restaurant for a Lee, Jackson, and Maury lunch. Phyllis Brown, Margie Potts, Jeanne Reed, Anita Decker, Sarah Baker, Jeanna Wagner, Ruth Allbritton, and Kristy Gaillard

Toys for Tippah Tots, 12/5/2019: Sarah Baker, Sheriff's Admin Leslie Meeks, Investigator Jeremy Rainey, Beth Beck, and JoAnn Yale



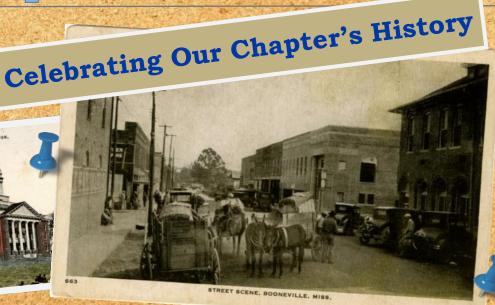


# Chapter Events

### Booneville D. T. Beall 1185

Members Booneville's T. Beall Chapter 1185 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy are celebrating the organization and charter of the Chapter.

Organized



January 27, 1909, with sixty charter members,

the Chapter was named for Captain D. T. Beall, a Confederate soldier with relatives in this area. Organizing members applied for a Chapter in January 1909 and the charter was issued February 27, 1909.

Mrs. Mollie Plaxico Allen, mother of George Ed Allen, was active in the organization when it was founded and served as temporary chairman. Mrs. Mamie Mitchell Cross was elected as first president of the Chapter.

During the years, the Chapter membership included several Real Daughters (fathers were members of the Confederate Army): Mamie Cross, Nora Cox, Eugenia Smith, Pearl Spain, Ora Greene, Nora Moore, Fannie Howser, Isabell McLearan, Della Bowdry, Clara Mitchell,

Willie Bolton, Stella Bell. Willie Amanda Cook, Huffman, Ella Huffman. Mary Moore. Luna Birdie Morton. and Rinehart, Minnie McBride.

In 1995, sisters Effie Nicholson Pharr and Nellie Nicholson Googe joined the Chapter as Real Daughters. Effie Pharr was the last Real Daughter of the D. T. Beall Chapter 1185, who passed away on March 9, 2010. Effie's daughter Mary Pharr Rhodes is currently preparing her own membership application.

At the present there are nineteen members, one associate member, and two prospective members.

Members pictured below with the Chapter's original charter are (L-R) Lana Harrelson, Moise Jones, Carolyn Sullins, Barbara Shackelford, Bettie Ray Akers, Janice Robinson, Patsy Johnson, MS Division President Pam Mauldin of Walnut, Chapter President Donna Geno, Mary Rhodes, and Jackie McGee.



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# Chapter Events Christmas in Dixie Mala

### COLUMBUS Stephen D. Lee 34

Stephen D. Lee Chapter 34 held their 10th annual "Christmas in Dixie Gala" at the home of Lt. General Stephen D. Lee in Columbus. MS Division President Pamela Mauldin was our quest. She had the honor of pinning Joe Young, the new



Commander of Lt. General Stephen D. Lee Camp 2140 SCV. The past Commander John Wiggins stands with Joe and Pam in the photo to the right. Everyone played "Dirty Santa" at the conclusion of the evening and had a great time. We enjoyed friendship, fellowship, and the best



food in the country. Thanks to everyone who made it a great celebration!

### GULFPORT Gulfport—Beauvoir 621

### **DECEMBER**

Chandler Tucker, President General CofC; Jackson Tucker, Chaplain General CofC; and their parents (who describe themselves as their children's "chauffeurs") Wendy and Tom Tucker were special guests at the December 7, 2019, meeting of Beauvoir 621 of Gulfport. The Tuckers were in Gulfport to make plans for the General CofC Convention, to view the Convention venue at Centennial Plaza, and to meet the local folks! The General CofC will be July 15-18, 2020. UDC Chairman for the 66th General CofC Convention is M. Murdock.

During the Chapter meeting, Pass the Basket collected \$250 for the Voluntary Services Department of the Biloxi VA Hospital. The money will be split between the Christmas Fund and the Needy Veteran Fund which is used throughout the year. The program given by Ruth Murdock included trivia, facts and fables about Mississippi, particularly the cities and towns along the Mississippi Coast.



"Pass the Basket money will be split between the Christmas Fund and the Needy Veteran Fund of the Biloxi Veterans Hospital."

### **FEBRUARY**

The February 1, 2020, meeting was held at the home of Cindy Freeman with Jo Ann O'Neal as the cohostess. The Chapter continued its study of *Stories on Stone: Beauvoir Memorial Cemetery*. The book by Chapter member Jane K. Sullivan is a compilation of information on each of the nearly 800 buried in the Beauvoir Memorial Cemetery on the grounds of Beauvoir. **Pass the Basket** collected \$50.00 for Feed My Sheep, a food kitchen in Gulfport.



# **Chapter Events**

# CORINTH Corinth 333

Corinth Chapter 333 has been hard at work! Here are a FEW of the things we have been up to.

Photo 1: Christmas Party at Vicari Restaurant

Photo 2: Delivering treats to Corinth Police Department

Photo 3: Linda Hines delivers gifts to Myrtle Personal Care Center

Photo 4: Pam Mauldin delivers 245 Christmas cards to four Corinth Nursing Homes

**Photo 5**: Linda Hines and Patty Young deliver t-shirts, handkerchiefs, socks, remotes and Christmas cards for all veterans at the State Veterans Home in Oxford for Christmas to Jim Garrett.

**Photo 6**: Linda Hines and Patty Young decorate the Lochinvar Mansion in Pontotoc for the Drs. Tutor, Janice and Forrest, who are great friends of the Corinth Chapter.









# **Chapter Events**

### HORN LAKE Varina Howell Davis 2559



L to R: Christine Rhoda, Linda McGan, Shirley Pruett, and Dorothy Herron.

The 32<sup>nd</sup> annual dinner honoring Generals Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson was held on January 18, 2020. It was hosted by Pvt. Samuel A Hughey

SCV Camp 1452 and President Jefferson Davis Chapter

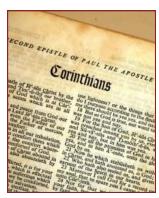
Military Order of the Stars and Bars. We were proud to be included in this important event.

Our Chapter meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup> was dedicated to Southern music. We sang along with Tennessee Ernie Ford to *Goober Peas*, *Bonnie Blue Flag* and *Dixie*. It was interesting to learn that Ford wisely decided to

record two albums – "Civil War Songs of the North" and "Civil War Songs of the South." For some reason, the album of Southern songs was more popular with the American people, selling more and for longer than the Northern counterpart!



Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson joined the Presbyterian Church in 1851, and it was his desire from that time forth to do his duty to God. "So great was his regard for the Sabbath that he would not even read a letter or mail one which he knew would be carried on that day."



His home state of Virginia seceded from the Union on April 17th, 1861. At daybreak on Sunday morning, April 21, 1861, an order came for him to deploy to Richmond and begin his military service in the War Between the States. "At eleven o'clock a.m., he went to his home to say goodbye to his wife. They retired to their own room, where he read the fifth chapter of Second Corinthians, which begins with these beautiful words: 'For we know, if our earthly house of this tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.'

"He then knelt and prayed for themselves and for their dear country, imploring God that it might be His holy will to avert war and bloodshed. He then said goodbye to his

wife and left his dear home, never more to return to it." Sadly, General Jackson was killed by friendly fire two years later, and he died as he had wished — on the Sabbath, May 10, 1863, with these last words: "Let us cross over the river and rest under the shade of the trees."



Source: The Life of General Thomas J. Jackson, in Easy Words for the Young by Mrs. M. L. Williamson, published in 1899



# **Chapter Events**

### JACKSON W. D. Holder 458



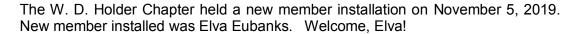
Pictured L to R: Beth Herring, Amy Michaud, and Paulette French

Members of the W. D. Holder Chapter participated in a monument cleaning day at historic Greenwood Cemetery in Jackson on Saturday, October 19, 2019. Still in use, it was established by a federal land grant on November 21, 1821. It was originally known simply as "The Graveyard" and later as "City Cemetery" before the present name was adopted in 1899. It is the final resting place of

Confederate generals, former governors of Mississippi, mayors of Jackson, as well as other

notable figures, the most recent of whom is internationally acclaimed author Eudora Welty. The graves of over 100 unknown Confederate soldiers are also located here. Greenwood Cemetery was listed on the National Register of Historic Places and as a Mississippi Landmark in 1984.

The "garden park" type cemetery contains the largest collection of ever-blooming "own root" (not grafted) antique and modern shrub roses in the country. There are several hundred shrubs representing over forty named cultivars, as well as numerous hardy bulbs and other flowering shrubs and trees.







Pictured L to R: Elva Eubanks and Debbie Cannon, Chapter President.

# Winnie Davis 24 Winnie Davis Chapter had a productive year! We have one new member and have several more working on documentation. We were involved in a few activities this year, and our Chapter won several awards at MS Division Convention! We appreciated special guests Susan Jones, Lynda McKinney, and Pat Parrish who attended our Christmas luncheon. Lynn Selman was welcomed as a new member and presented her UDC membership certificate. With the new year coming up, we hope to accomplish much more for our community and UDC. Happy New Year to everyone!



# **Chapter Events**

### KOSCIUSKO

### Attala County 2592









**VA Christmas Shoppe** 

UDC members participated in the VA *Christmas Shoppe for Veterans* at G. V. Sonny Montgomery on December 7, 2019. L-R: W. D. Holder 458 members Robbie Lewis and Charla Lewis, and Attala County 2592 member Susan C. Jones.

All photos by Susan C. Jones



Susan Jones took these two photos at the Confederate Cemetery at Ole Miss in Oxford, Mississippi, at the end of January 2020.



# **Chapter Events**

### **LOUISVILLE**

### **Winston Guards 2643**

Two of our members and their husbands took a trip to Franklin, Tennessee, in November for the annual candle service at Carnton Plantation. They visited several historic spots in the area.

At the December meeting of the Chapter we brought gifts for a boy and a girl to



Brandon Beck with Frances and Franklin Woodruff

donate to the Buffalo Soldiers Toy Drive. Used coats were collected for the Winston County Sheriff's Department to give to those in need, which was accepted by County Sheriff Jason Pugh. We had fun doing the left and right sock pass to "The Night Before Christmas" with lots laughing during the process.



Jason Pugh and Frances Woodruff



Frances with Div Pres Pam Mauldin

The annual Lee-Jackson Banquet hosted by Winston Guards and Captain John M. Bradley Camp SCV was held at Lake Tiak-O'Khata with Brandon Beck as our speaker. We welcomed sons and daughters from the Columbus area, MS Division President Pamela Mauldin, and her husband Mike Mauldin who joined us.

At the January meeting, Frances presented a PowerPoint presentation with pictures of some of the Confederate soldiers who served from Winston County or were ancestors of some of our Chapter members. •



# **Brice's Crossroads at MS Division Convention**

Members of Brice's Crossroads 2714 traveled to Vicksburg, Mississippi, for Division Convention in October 2019.

L-R: Jane Hopkins, MS Division President Pamela Mauldin, UDC General President Nelma Crutcher, Chapter President Linda Crawford, and Nancy Tilley. (Jane and Nancy are sisters!)



# **Chapter Events**

### MACON Noxubee County 2221

At the Noxubee 2221 November meeting, Vice President Carol Floore presented a most informative program about John C. Pemberton. Previously, she toured the Military Park in Vicksburg and heard a wonderful program by Terrence Winschel. Mr. Winschel is a former director of the Military Park and author of many books on the Battle of Vicksburg. After her experience, she decided to learn more about

John C. Pemberton.

The Chapter proudly welcomed Judith Outz Ewing as a new member. Judith has already been very helpful and a great addition to the Chapter.

In photo to the right, L to R: Chapter President Ann Ingalls, new member Judith Outz Ewing, and Chapter Registrar Martha Stennis



Carol Floore, VP, presenting program on John C. Pemberton

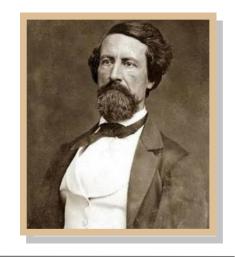
The 123rd annual MS Division Convention was attended by three members of the Noxubee 2221 Chapter, Macon, who are pictured far left. L to R: Ann Ingalls, President; **Judith** 

Ewing, new member; and Carol Floore, Vice President. We all learned a great deal, especially Judith. On the trip home, she commented on different aspects of the Confederacy she had not known until she saw presentations and went on tours offered as part of the Convention program. It was a wonderful Convention. Good job, organizers! •

### **JOHN CLIFFORD PEMBERTON**

John C. Pemberton (1814-1881) was a Confederate general during the War Between the States and remembered for his tenacious but ultimately unsuccessful defense of Vicksburg in 1863. Ordered by President Jefferson Davis to hold Vicksburg at all costs, Pemberton conducted a stubborn defense despite his lack of adequate food, ammunition, and manpower. General Grant laid siege on both land and water, and by early July 1863 the Confederate defenders were suffering from starvation and exhaustion. On July 4, Pemberton accepted Grant's terms for surrender. Shortly thereafter, he resigned his commission as lieutenant general and served out the balance of the war as an ordnance inspector with the rank of colonel.

Source: https://www.britannica.com/biography/John-Clifford-Pemberton





# **Chapter Events**

### MERIDIAN Robert E. Lee 2561



SCV MS Division Commander Conor Bond, Speaker



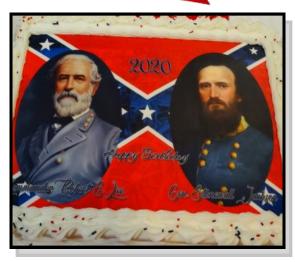
Entertainment for the evening was performed by Scott McQuaig and Britt Gully

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Robert E. Lee 2561 members and quests had a great time at our Lee-Jackson Birthday Banquet in Meridian January 14. It was co-hosted by Winnie Davis 24 UDC and SCV Camps: Nathan Bedford Forrest 1649 and W. D. Cameron 1221. The SCV MS Division Commander Conor Bond spoke on the great military leaders and devout Christians General Robert E. Lee and General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson. with the bad weather, we had about thirty-five to forty in We attendance. were entertained with music by Scott McQuaig and Britt Gully who sang and played their quitars. They always do a terrific job. The Lee and Jackson birthday was beautiful as well as delicious!

Just a reminder: we'll have our Confederate Memorial service at Marion Confederate States Cemetery on Sunday, April 5 at 2 p.m. Hope to see you there!

All photos courtesy of Knox Poole, Adjutant of W. D. Cameron 1221 SCV



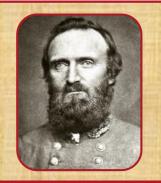
Beautifully decorated birthday cake for celebration



Sandy Gaddis and Bunnie Tisdale cutting birthday cake. Sandy is Chapter President for RE Lee 2561 and Bunnie is Chapter President for Winnie Davis 24

The patriot volunteer, fighting for country and his rights, makes the most reliable soldier on earth.

General Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson





# Chapter Events

### McCOMB Brent Rifles 2137







Some of our Chapter members who will be at Holmesville on February 29th.

The horrific photo above was taken on February 27, 1862, at the site of the Ponchatoula Train Wreck in Louisiana. All totaled, there were twenty-eight Confederate soldiers killed and eighteen others injured. The past two years our Chapter has marked the anniversary of the train wreck at the monument which stands in front of McComb City Hall. This year we chose to move our memorial service to Holmesville, the site where all troops mustered in and were sent off to the War Between the States.

~Article submitted by Sylvia Johnson, Chapter Historian

Well Done!

Holmesville Old Courthouse (Circuit Clerk's Office)

### TUPELO John J. Hart 2443

We are so happy for our Chapter Ex-President and Treasurer Patricia Hass who was awarded a certificate of recognition by MS Division for her entry in a UDC General poetry contest. She wrote "Shiloh's Dead" in honor of



brave our veterans of the War Between the States who fought and died and are buried at Shiloh. Pat enjoyed a very successful profession as an elementary school teacher for many years, and her creative skills are varied and many. We are so proud of her and honored to have her in John J. Hart 2443. Well done, Pat! 3

### SHILOH'S DEAD

Many brave men in blue sleeping here,
Each in his own special place.
Union stones marching row on row,
Soldiers honored and remembered.

Many brave men in gray sleeping here,
All together in this special place.
No Confederate stones marching row on row,
Soldiers honored and remembered.

Written by Patricia Moelder Hass John J. Hart 2443 Mississippi Division UDC



# **Chapter Events**

### VICKSBURG Vicksburg 77

C.S.S. Arkansas

### **Crew Memorial Dedication**

Bryan Skipworth of the MS Division SCV would like to thank all the members of MS Division UDC for the funds they raised at MS Division Convention in October to finish the purchase of Confederate headstones. They will be placed and dedicated at Soldiers Rest Cemetery in memory of the crew of the CSS Arkansas.

Mr. Skipworth says, "This dedication ceremony will take place on Sunday, May 3rd at 2 p.m. at Soldiers Rest in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Vicksburg, Mississippi. The event is open to the public and everyone is invited to attend. All reenactors are encouraged to dress out (twenty-four are needed) along with the ladies in their period mourning attire. There will be a special ceremony mentioning Pvt. T. A. Hicks, 27th LA Vol. Inf., Co. I. His headstone was unearthed, repaired, and reset, while setting the Arkansas Crew markers. Huge thanks to the MS Division SCV, MS Division UDC, and OCR (Conor, Pam, and Brandi) for helping to make this all happen. More details will be posted closer to date. Pass this along to your friends."

### C.S.S. ARKANSAS

In memory of the 23 brave men of the Confederate Ram Arkansas who were killed in action or died of wounds received in battle with the Union fleet above Vicksburg July 15-22 1862.

These Army, Navy and local volunteers served aboard this new iron-clad ram under the Command of Lt. Isaac N. Brown. Steaming from the Navy yard at Yazoo City, the ram, under heavy fire, battled through the Union fleet to dock at Vicksburg. Its presence effectively ended the first naval siege of the city.

The casualties from the four separate battles are named on the opposite side. These men are interred here in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Their gallant sacrifice will never be forgotten.

Vicksburg 77 Chapter

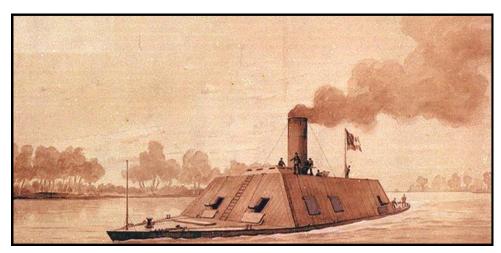
Plaque in Soldiers Rest Cemetery in Vicksburg, Mississippi

President Mary Landin says, "This is worth sharing with MS Division membership. Vicksburg 77 contributed a lot of money for gravestones for these guys, as did a lot of others."

For further information regarding this event, please contact MS Division President Pam Mauldin or Vicksburg 77 Chapter President Mary Landin. •



Confederate Sailors
"Dexter Palmer & the powder boy on the boat" from
Ronald S. Coddington's "Faces of the Civil War Navies."
Courtesy of Ronald S. Coddington



CSS Arkansas, Ironclad Ram of the Confederate States Navy

### 66th Annual General CofC Convention

July 15-18, 2020 Gulfport, Mississippi



# "Anchors Aweigh

It's "Anchors Aweigh!" as the Mississippi Division

CofC and UDC have invited the CofC and their guests to set sail with us at the CofC's 66th Annual General Convention to be held in Gulfport, Mississippi, July 15-18, 2020. We look forward to welcoming the CofC and UDC back to the Hospitality State and the "Secret Coast." Our "cruise directors" have wonderful things in store for our guests! Start planning your voyage to the Convention NOW!

CONVENTION HOTEL: The CSS CofC (i.e., the Convention) will be moored at THE resort destination of the Gulf South, Centennial Plaza. A forty-eight acre live oak filled beachfront campus, amazing views of the Mississippi Sound, a water park, and a 2400 square foot youth entertainment center await your arrival in The historic property was originally Gulfport. constructed just over 100 years ago as the home of the

Mississippi Centennial celebration. World War I intervened and cancelled the celebration. The property became a training ground for soldiers and, in the 1920's, a Veterans Administration Hospital. The hospital buildings were heavily damaged in Hurricane Katrina, and the property lay largely dormant from August 2005 until August 2019 when it was reborn as "Centennial Our "bunks" will be at the Oasis Hotel and our meetings will be in the chapel building just adjacent to the Oasis.

PRE-CONVENTION TOUR: We will hop aboard the Captain Pete and travel across the Mississippi Sound to Ship Island. There we will tour historic Fort Massachusetts and enjoy some free time on the beach on the south side of the island, so bring your sunscreen and come ready to get some sand between your toes!

CONVENTION TOUR: Beauvoir and the soon-toopen Mississippi Aquarium will be the featured stops on the Convention tour. Beauvoir is the last home of Confederate President Jefferson Davis. The property also houses the Jefferson Davis Presidential Library. Slated to open in the spring of 2020, the Mississippi Aguarium will focus on the aguatic wonders of the Gulf of Mexico. We will wrap up the evening with supper at the Gulfport Yacht Club.





# CofC General Convention



Ladies, the Mississippi Division CofC and UDC are the host Divisions for the CofC's 66<sup>th</sup> Annual General Convention. I am the UDC Convention Chairman with Courtney Wade Hodge as the Vice UDC Convention Chairman. Fayth

Michelle Hodge is the CofC Convention Chairman. Janice Strohm is Registration Chairman, and Knox Williams is Credentials Chairman. We look forward to working with you to give our guests an amazing experience in Gulfport next summer.

Before getting into any more details, I want to express my sincere appreciation to the members of the Mississippi Division UDC during Convention for your generous contribution to the General Convention fund. Every dollar raised will help improve the Convention experience for our guests. I was humbled by your support of the Convention. The Mississippi Division UDC will receive "top billing" on the thanks page of the Convention program – and deservedly so!

How else can you help? MONEY, MUNCHIES AND MANPOWER!

- General Convention work party Summer 2020 Gulfport – "The Stuffing of the Ditty Bags" and "The Compiling of the Program." Date/s to be announced later. Wine *may* be involved!
- Speaking of ditty bags if you want to "advertise" anything from your area, please let me know. I am "micro-managing" what goes in the bags so that the kids aren't overwhelmed with "stuff." We will be stuffing 200 or so bags and can add your items to the bags. I'll need your brochures or other items by June 1, 2020. Keep in mind that these are ditty bags for CHILDREN!
- Register for and attend the Convention!
   And bring the children in your family with you if they aren't yet in the CofC when they get there, they will WANT to be in the organization before they leave and will want to be active CofC members!

- Work at Convention assist with decorations or registration or ticket taking, help hostess our VIPs, be a "gopher," be welcoming and hospitable to our guests from out of state.
- We'll need cookies...lots and lots of cookies! If your Chapter is interested in baking cookies, let me know how many. I don't have a full idea of how many we'll need. We will have that firmed up in early 2020.
- Make monetary contributions either Chapters or individuals (donations are tax deductible.) General contributions are accepted. Or, if you want to discuss some type of specific sponsorship gift for special program recognition, touch base with me (i.e., your Chapter wants to cover the total cost of decorations for the banquet or brunch, your Chapter wants to help host refreshments for the Director General's gathering, your Chapter wants to sponsor or help sponsor the Convention bags or imprinted favors.) We can work out something that will bring your Chapter's name to the attention of all attending the Convention. These sponsorship opportunities will be committed on a "first come, first served" basis.

If you can offer something that I've not specifically listed, let me know! Help is needed in many areas... too many to note here. I'll have some more specific "things" in later communications.

The best way to get me is e-mail or text. E-mail: <a href="mailto:anchorsaweighgpt@yahoo.com">anchorsaweighgpt@yahoo.com</a>; phone or text at 228-596-4828. Please leave a message as I don't always return missed calls from numbers not saved in my phone.

"Anchors Aweigh!"



M. Murdock
CofC General Convention Chairman

# WS Division Workshop



### **MS Division UDC Workshop Registration**

Saturday March 21, 2020 Lake Tiak-O'Khata Smyth Road, Louisville MS 39339

Please return registration form to Lynda McKinney at 1633 Hwy 51 N, Winona, MS 38967. Email to <a href="mailto:mslyn1204@gmail.com">mslyn1204@gmail.com</a>. Completed form should be emailed or mailed by February 28, 2019.

### MEMBER INFORMATION

Name	_Chapter
Chapter Office	Division Office
Division Committee Chairman	
	\$14.00 per person, including drink, tax and gratuity. m or restaurant. Pre-pay please; ticket will be given ynda McKinney.
Registration fee Lunch fee Total	I Sent Check or Money order #
Workshop registration begins at 8:30 a.m. \	Vorkshop begins promptly at 9:00 a.m.
block." Room rates are \$89.00 plus tax with a t beds room. Call directly to reserve room at 662	nes to arrive on Friday 3/20. Please ask for the "UDC otal of \$97.01. You may request a king bed or double 2-773-7853 or toll free at 888-845-6151. Check-in is a is provided in all motel rooms, main restaurant, and
Please let me know your plans by February number.	28 as I must give Lake Tiak-O'Khata a final
Will you be having Lunch? Yes No	