



Tennessee Division News



Dear Tennessee Daughters:

Since the last newsletter I attended the General Convention in Richmond. I was so proud to present our beautiful Tennessee flag at the Opening Session. Janet Johnson was my page and she did a wonderful job carrying in the flag. We had 26 registered from Tennessee. The convention next year (Nov 5-10, 2009) will be hosted by our sister state of Mississippi and held on the Gulf Coast at the Beau Rivage in Biloxi. I hope many of you will make plans to attend. If you have never attended a General Convention you will make many new friends with Daughters from across the states and if you have been to past conventions then I know you look forward to seeing old friends. The following awards were won by Tennessee:

- Division 801-1800 members registering the most new members
- Division 801-1800 members securing the greatest number of new subscriptions on a percentage basis
- Tucker-Buchanan Banner to the Division in Category B reporting the best overall historical work
- Division 801-1800 Best report of Correct Use of the Confederate Flag
- Best Pressbook – Category B
- Best Scrapbook – Category B-D
- Best Benevolent Project Publicity – Category B
- Division 801-1800 purchasing the greatest number of No.2 pin
- Patriotic Activities – “Let’s Phone Our Thanks”
- \$25 Most New Members- Category B
- \$15 Most service hours to veterans
- \$20 Category B – collecting most total weight of food in the “We CAN” initiative
- \$25 Category B donating the most money to General Scholarship



TENNESSEE DAUGHTERS AT GENERAL CONVENTION

CORRECTIONS: In the last newsletter I included the Division Officers and Committee Chairmen contact information. Since then, some changes have been made. Please make a note of these.

- Vice President Christina Isbell’s email address has changed: cisbell@ba-boult.com
- Registrar Brenda McDonald’s correct address is: **416 Foremast Rd.**, Kingston TN 37763
- Historian Karen Emerson-McPeak has a new email address: Kem2limbo@att.net
- The Finance Committee Chairman is: Mrs. Betty Hughes, 394 Old Hickory Blvd., Jackson TN 38305 731-267-0463 bandbhughes@webtv.net
- Binding Committee Chairman Harriet Maloney’s correct address: **5619 Trousdale Dr.**, Brentwood, TN 37027

UDC VAVS: At the General Convention a pin was approved to be worn on our ribbon by UDC VAVS Representatives and Deputy Representatives. Also approved was the application form for the pin. A UDC member must have served as a Representative or a Deputy for a minimum of two years. The Voluntary Service Chief will complete a portion of the

application attesting to the fact that the UDC Deputy or UDC Representative has served. At this date, we don't know when the pin will be available, but do know that it is being processed.

If you have a hospital near you find out if they need a UDC Representative or a UDC Deputy Representative. You'll be amazed at the good feeling you will get from helping, attending the VAVS Meetings and knowing what your local hospital or clinic is accomplishing. There are so many ways we can be helpful and in the process creating good PR for our organization. The Patriotic Activities General Chairman is the UDC Certifying Officer and as such would write the necessary letter of appointment

CHAPTER BYLAWS: I recently became aware that some Chapters have become very negligent about keeping their Bylaws up to date. It is so important for a Chapter to have current Bylaws and use these Bylaws to conduct the business of the Chapter. Remember that your Chapter Bylaws may not be in conflict with the Division and General Bylaws. If your Chapter Bylaws have not been updated in the last couple of years, it would be a good project for 2009 to appoint a Bylaw Committee. Remember that your revisions must be submitted to the Division Bylaw Committee for approval.

DIVISION WEBSITE: As I reminded you in the last newsletter, check the Division website often as we will be adding things to it. If your chapter has an upcoming event that you want to share with the Division, send the info to our webmaster, Millie Floyd at ladyreb24@hotmail.com. We also have a section for "items for sale." Send a brief description of items that your chapter may have for sale. www.geocities.com/tnudc/index.html

DIVISION SCRAPBOOK: Please send articles, programs and photos to *Division Scrapbook Chairman Stacie Shelton, 7950 Tennis Court Dr. #20, Cordova TN 38016*. Be sure to list the names of all in the photos, along with the date and occasion.

DIVISION OFFICERS: Just a reminder that your Division Officers are just a phone call or email away. They are there to serve you and to help with any questions or concerns you might have. Don't forget to invite us to your chapter events. We would love to visit with as many chapters as possible.

SPEAKING OF CHAPTER MEETINGS: If your chapter holds your meetings in public places, remember to be courteous to those around you. How you are perceived by the public reflects on the entire organization. Remember your Southern heritage and always act like ladies.

REMEMBRANCE OF 150 YEARS: Committee Chairman Barbara Parsons has an exciting project in the works for the Division. I have attached her letter of explanation at the end of this newsletter. She will discuss this more at the District Meetings.

TN ISSUE OF UDC MAGAZINE: May is the Tennessee issue of the *UDC Magazine*, so it is time to send in your ads, articles and photos if you want them to appear in our issue. I would love to see the Magazine bursting with Tennessee news. Grave markings, marker dedications, luncheons, special speakers are just a few of the things you could write a short article about and send to the Magazine. What better way to let everyone know about all the exciting these the Tennessee chapters are doing! Send your ads to Magazine Advertising Chairman Sharon Cain.

This month we celebrate the birthdays of General Robert E. Lee, General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson and Commodore Matthew Fontaine Maury, among others. As we remember and honor them let us also say thanks to our modern day heroes. I have attached a copy of the ROBERT E. LEE DAY PROCLAMATION from the Governor.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE! LET'S MAKE UDC SHINE IN 2009!

In Southern Love,

Nancy

NEWS FROM YOUR DIVISION OFFICERS

Vice President:

I trust you all had a very Merry Christmas and are enjoying the New Year. Thank you for keeping me busy with all your insignia orders! I have been in contact with our new Vice-President General, Jamie Likins, who has reassured me that anyone purchasing a Lee-Davis commemorative pin prior to December 31, 2008, will indeed receive it. The Lee-Davis pins are currently on back order so it may take a while to receive it, but you will get it. The 10-year membership pins are also on back order, so you will see a delay in receiving those as well. Hopefully we will get everyone's orders caught up soon. Please let me know if you have any questions and I look forward to seeing you all at the District Meetings in the Spring. Keep the insignia orders coming!

Please also note that effective immediately, my email address has changed. It is now cisbell@ba-boult.com
Christina Isbell

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT:

January and February are months to send applications for Division Scholarships as well as General Scholarships. At present we have four students receiving \$1000 (\$500 per semester) Division Scholarships. If these four students continue to maintain their 3.0 grade requirement, these scholarships will probably be re-awarded, and there will probably not be a vacant scholarship. However, this is not to discourage anyone from applying for Division or General scholarships, since we never know what might happen. The Division Second Vice-President's in-hand deadline for the applications is March 15. Remember, the General Scholarship applications are also to come to me by March 15. I am to check and forward these documents to the Second Vice-President General. If you need applications, please call after 3:00 P.M. at 731-852-4537 or email at rgstory@netease.net. Gail Story

Third Vice President:

The Tennessee Division, Children of the Confederacy has exciting news to report. The **Bonnie Blues 956** of Tellico Plains held their chartering ceremony on December 13, 2008. Tellico Iron Works 2636, their sponsoring chapter, hosted a memorable reception following an impressive ceremony for the chartering. I was honored to be there and assist with the certificates.

The CofC Tennessee Division is looking forward to the participation of all Chapters at the Tennessee Division CofC Convention to be held on the 19th and 20th of June 2009 in Johnson City, Tennessee. The Jonathan Waverly Bachman 21 Chapter CofC and the Martin Justus 2661 UDC are hosting a fun filled convention with events of interest and excitement. I do hope all our CofC Chapters can plan to attend.

Yes, we do have a CofC Registrar of General appointed, so please continue to process and mail me your new member applications. The Lt. Napoleon F. Hawkins 873 CofC Chapter in Waynesboro has two new members. They are to be congratulated! Ladies, please help our young people in their chapters to achieve a growth in membership. Thanks to all. Jennie Jo Hardison

Recording Secretary:

I hope that all of you Southern ladies of the United Daughters of the Confederacy experience a happy and healthy new year in 2009. May we all work together to accomplish the goals of our beloved organization!

Please remember to send any changes in addresses or e-mails to myself or Nancy so that we may be able to contact you regarding UDC information.

Committee Chairmen please submit to me, by March 6, 2009, your report forms that you would like included in the chapter packets to be passed out at the District Meetings.

Please let me know if I can be of help to you at anytime.

Sarah Vise

Treasurer:

A big **THANK YOU** to all Chapter Treasurers and Presidents for responding so well and so quickly to meeting the deadline for the 501c3 financial reports and IRS filings! The reports arrived at the Business Office before the November 1st deadline, and a copy of our TN Division Form 990 was filed on time with the IRS, the Business Office, and the Treasurer General.

E-Postcard Error Messages: The Business Office is aware of the problem some chapters had in filing the E-Postcard. This officer will work with the B.O. in correcting the problem; however, it will be an ongoing process. We hope to have more information about it for the District Meetings.

Tax Year: Our Chapters and the TN Division must have the same tax-filing year as the UDC General Organization. It is 9/1-8/31. The Treasurer General and Business Office have suggested that we work with the IRS to get this done. Upon contacting the IRS, this officer found that it might be something our CPA could help us with. We hope to have more information about how to get everyone "on the same page" for the District Meetings also.

Per Capita Reports due February 1st! Please remember to mail your checks and reports to me to arrive no later than February 1st. If you need help or have questions, remember, I am as close as the computer or phone!

Betty Anderson, TN Division Treasurer

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Registrar:

Some angel helped you become a member of UDC. I remember my UDC angel and am grateful to her every day. Now it is time for each of us to pay it forward and help someone else become a member of UDC. New members are critical to UDC and to the preservation of our heritage. It does not matter which chapter the new member decides to join---the goal is new members---and the recruiting member gets credit regardless!

Below are the critical parts of an article in the June/July, 2008 issue on page 6 of the "UDC Magazine" authored by then Vice-President General Martha R. Van Schaick about member for member credit. In pertinent part, Mrs. Van Schaick related:

MEMBER FOR MEMBER PIN

The member recruiting, providing the research assistance and completion of the prospective member's application may receive credit.

The Chapter Registrar may not claim credit for any prospective member she assists, unless she has recruited that member and provided the assistance as required of any of the member.

A member will receive credit regardless of the Chapter the prospective member joins.

The member is eligible to purchase the pin after the applications for three (3) members have been approved by the Registrar General.

The member is eligible to purchase a star when three (3) additional members are recruited and applications have been approved by the Registrar General.

The Chapter Registrar must maintain a record of the number of members assisted by each member.

The following notation shall be added at the bottom of Page 1 of the Application for Membership form:

Member for Member Sponsor _____

This can be typed, handwritten, or a stamp can be purchased by the Chapter and used for this addition to the application.

The Chapter Registrar, upon request from the member shall provide a copy of pages 1 and 4 of the approved membership application.

Copies of three approved membership applications shall be attached to the Non-Engraved Insignia Order form and submitted through the Chapter Vice President to Division Vice President to Vice President General.

Only one member may submit for a Member for Member Pin for a new member. (Two people cannot claim the same member.)

The pin and star cannot be earned for assisting with supplemental applications, CofC transfers or UDC reinstatements—NEW MEMBERS ONLY!

This pin may be worn on or off the UDC ribbon.

Applications approved by the Registrar General on or after June 1, 2008 will qualify toward your Member for Member Pin.

Once you have recruited three new members, assisted with their research, completion of their application, and the application is approved by the Registrar General, you are eligible to purchase your Member for Member Pin. *Martha R. Van Schaick*

Remember the excitement and pride you felt when you found your first Confederate Ancestor and help someone else have that pride when she becomes a Member of UDC.

Brenda Hall McDonald, Tennessee Division Registrar

Historian:

ESSAY CONTEST: Please consider donating money for an essay. Only Nashville #1 had contributed as of yet. This is really an important part of our heritage. When you're researching an essay you learn so much about the War Between the States. By donating money you'll allow others to write. Even if your chapter members like to write the essays it's important for your chapter to donate. It's also possible to donate one as an individual. Even a few chapters in a city or county could all contribute \$5 each and you'll have \$20 before you know it.

Also remember to send me your newsletters. If you'd like, email them to me at kem2limbo@att.net

On another note: Please send your magazine subscription information to Linda Fritz.

Karen Emerson-McPeak

Recorder of Military Service Awards:

I have thoroughly enjoyed my tenure thus far as your Recorder of Military Service Awards. I have had the pleasure of processing many Military Service Award Applications and several of those have been approved by the Recorder General. Honoring our military service men & women are one of the easiest and most rewarding projects a chapter can undertake so keep those applications coming!

As we attend General Robert E Lee & General Tomas 'Stonewall' Jackson celebrations in the month of January, let us all take a moment to say a little prayer for all of those men & women who are currently serving in defense of our country.

I am honored to serve the Tennessee Division. If your chapter needs a copy of the Military Service Award Application or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me!

Rebecca Sardella (865) 382-1979 (9am - 9pm ET) rksardella@aol.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTES:

The Great Granddaughter Club pin order form may be found on the General UDC web page under CLUBS. Orders are to be placed through your GGC Division Vice President. The cost is \$35.00 and your check should be made to the Treasurer General GGC. Non-members wishing to join the club will also find a membership application form on the same web page. If you need help in getting one of these forms or have further questions, please contact me at:

Jeanell Kutterer, TN Vice President of GGC

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As we begin to plan our chapter projects for this year, I would like to encourage all TN Division Chapters to actively seek out and report as many **Southern Crosses of Honor** as possible. We need to document them and, if the owner is interested, assist in making arrangements to place the Cross in a museum collection.

If you are not familiar with the Southern Cross of Honor, take some time to research this subject. It's very interesting and you may be surprised to learn that the Crosses of Military Service medals are an outgrowth of the Southern Cross of Honor.

If I can assist you in any way with the Southern Cross of Honor reporting activities for your Chapter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please ensure that all reports are submitted to me no later than July 1, 2009. Updated reports will be available in the upcoming President's packs.

The Tennessee Division Chapter submitting the most Southern Cross of Honor reports for the 2008-2009 period will receive recognition in the UDC Magazine (*reports must be accurate and complete to qualify*).

Laura McCallister wkgraphics@comcast.net

Chairman, Southern Cross of Honor Committee, Tennessee Division

Check the January, 2009 issue of the *UDC Magazine* (page 11) for information and registration forms for

GENERAL SPRING BOARD MEETING and LUNCHEON ~~ Everyone is Invited ~~ General Officers will hold Workshops

\$5.00 Registration Fee (Fee will be \$10 at the door) Box Lunch: \$14

Saturday, March 14, 2009 ~~~ UDC Memorial Building ~~~

A block of rooms will be held at the Omni Hotel until Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009