



Tennessee Division News



Dear Tennessee Daughters:

Spring is just around the corner and that means Spring Board Meeting in Richmond and our own District Meetings here in Tennessee. I hope some of you are planning to attend the meeting in Richmond on March 14. I am looking forward to it; seeing old friends, making new ones and attending workshops. I will try to get as much information from all the officers as I can and will share this with everyone at our District Meetings.

DISTRICT MEETINGS:

East District: March 21 at Glenwood Baptist Church, 7212 Central Ave. Pike, Knoxville Cost: \$20

Send reservations to: Teresa Smith, 924 E. Beaver Creek, Knoxville TN 37918

Middle District: March 28 at the Renaissance Center, 855 Hwy 46 South, Dickson Cost: \$17.50

Send reservations to: Bonnie Crutcher, 159 Crutcher Rd, Dover, TN 37058

West District: April 4 at The Premier Place (The Pinnacle Building), 2644 Highland Ave, Jackson Cost: \$22

Send reservations to: Sarolyn Dawson, 32 LaPlace, Jackson, TN 38305

I encourage all members to attend at least one District Meeting. The Division Officers will conduct workshops that will be very informative and helpful. If you are not a chapter officer, you may attend any workshop you wish. You can get any questions you may have answered and learn about new projects and plans for the Division.

The 2006-2008 Minutes Books will be distributed at all the District Meetings. Each Chapter President, Chapter Treasurer and Division Committee Chairmen will receive a copy. Members may purchase a copy from the Division Secretary.

DIVISION CONVENTION: Erin Manning, Convention Chairman, and her committee are busy working on the upcoming Division Convention. The convention is hosted this year by the following chapters: Capt. John S. Donelson #2608, Kate Litton Hickman #597, Murfreesboro #91, Peter Turney #1927 and Gen. William B. Bate #245. The date is Oct 2-3, 2009 and the location is the Clarion Inn & Suites in Murfreesboro. We will have the reservation information for everyone at the District Meeting. (Another reason you need to attend the District Meetings!)

ALL MIDDLE TENNESSEE CHAPTERS are to send \$1 per member to the convention treasurer. (Per Standing Rules) Make the check to "Convention Treasurer" and send to Lynda Logan, 1318 Poplar Ave., Murfreesboro, TN 37129

Ex-President General: I regret to report the death of Ex-President General Mrs. Dan Bragg Cook. She died Feb. 24, 2009. Memorials may be sent to Alabama Charter Chapter #36 at 16149 Highway 10

East, Pineapple, Alabama, to establish the Mrs. Dan Bragg Cook (Mildred) Memorial Scholarship at the University of Montevallo at Montevallo, Alabama, where she attended.

I am also saddened to report the death of Mrs. Julia Mestemacher on Feb. 9. Julia was a member of Gayoso Chapter #2423, had served as Division Recorder of Military Service Awards, chairman of several Division Committees and was active with the Great Granddaughters Club.

40th Anniversary: Capt. James Madison Sparkman celebrated their 40th Anniversary on Feb. 28, 2009 with a beautiful Tea. It was held in the antebellum Mayes-Frierson-Fuston Home in Columbia. I am sorry to say that the snow storm that hit our area kept me from attending but I have heard from several that it was wonderful. The home was gorgeous and the food magnificent. The highlight of the day was the awarding of the Judah P. Benjamin Award to Mrs. Virginia Alexander. *Congratulations to Mrs. Virginia and all the Capt. James Madison Sparkman Chapter members!*

April is Confederate History Month. Don't forget to report your chapter's special activities to this committee chairman, Mrs. Joy Bland.

Division Bylaws: If you have suggestions for any Bylaw changes, the form will be in the President's packets. Suggested Bylaw changes MUST be put on this form and mailed to the Committee Chairman, Mrs. Bonnie Crutcher.

Get Well Wishes to Mrs. Shirley Rouse. Shirley has been very sick and in the hospital. But I hear that she is progressing in her recovery and we hope to see her at meetings again soon.

In Southern Love,

Nancy

NEWS FROM YOUR DIVISION OFFICERS

Vice President:

Dear Daughters,

Thank you for keeping me so busy with your insignia orders. Keep them coming! I have received word from the Vice-President General that the reorder of the Lee-Davis Bicentennial pin has arrived at the Business Office and they are in the process of mailing those out to everyone who ordered them prior to the December 31 deadline. There are no extras available. The Business Office is still awaiting the reorder of the 10-year membership pin, so please continue to be patient until they are received.

Everyone is doing a great job completing their insignia order forms. A few things to keep in mind, however. When ordering a No. 1 Badge Set, the ancestor name must match the way it is written on your membership certificate. The only exception is if, because of space limitations of the engraver, you have to abbreviate a first or middle name. Please keep in mind when abbreviating, you cannot abbreviate "William" to "Wm." I have also received several questions about the 10-year membership pin. Prior to submitting your non-engraved insignia order to me, you must call the Business Office and request a

proof of 10-year membership letter. The Business Office will send you a proof letter with a red stamped verification. Enclose this proof letter with your insignia order form to me.

At the District meetings I will be selling TN Division pins for \$25 each. Checks should be made payable to TN Division Treasurer and include your chapter name in the check's memo line.

I hope to see you all at each of the upcoming District Meetings. I will share with you new forms and also some great tips I have received from the Vice-President General. As always, please let me know if you have any questions.

Christina

Isbell

Second Vice President:

Remember, applications for Division and/or General Scholarships are to be sent to me by March 15. I hope to see many of you at the West District Meeting. The Decatur Tigers Chapter #2519 of Bath Springs is hosting the meeting April 4 at Premier Place (Pinnacle Building) in Jackson. This building is only half a mile from I-40. I really appreciate all the chapter's efforts in planning this event. I'm sure it will be very enjoyable and successful.

Gail Story

Third Vice President:

Ladies, in less than four weeks we will begin our District Meetings, and I very much am looking forward to seeing all of you, especially the Directors of the Children of the Confederacy in our Tennessee Division. We are going to add the Captain Sally Tompkins 2123 Chapter as a sponsor of a Children of the Confederacy Chapter, and maybe your chapter is considering the same exciting step to help our young people understand the importance of their heritage and to help the UDC with future members that will perpetuate our objectives in decades to come.

Also, I want to take this opportunity in the newsletter, to say, if you have a child or a grandchild that exhibits an interest in our southern history/heritage and would like to become a member of the Children of the Confederacy, then please, let them join one of our fine CofC Chapters. Our Tennessee Division Children of the Confederacy Chapters will be happy to entertain visitors, who may ultimately become members. Please think about this additional interest in the maturation of your children and grandchildren. I look forward to seeing you at our District Meetings.

Jennie Jo Hardison

Recording Secretary:

Division Officers and Committee Chairmen, please remember that I need your report forms and anything you want included in the President's packets by March 6th. Also, if you or one of your committee members is not able to attend all the District Meetings, please send me a copy of your report

and I will read it for you. If you or one of your committee members is giving a report, please remember to have an extra copy along to give to me after the report is given. Thanks and I look forward to seeing you at the District Meetings!

Sarah Vise

Treasurer:

A big THANK YOU AGAIN to our chapter treasurers! All per capita reports were received in time to mail them to the Business Office by March 1st! You are doing a great job!

As you know, all chapters and divisions are required to have the same fiscal/tax year as the General Organization. In a few days, each chapter treasurer will receive a letter containing instructions on how to get your membership year and tax year to be 9/1-8/31. This will not be an overnight process, as we have said before, but we must do it to abide by the rules of the UDC General Organization and the IRS. We stand ready to help you during it all.

Please try to attend the Treasurer Workshop at your District Meeting. I look forward to seeing you!

Betty Anderson

Registrar:

If you do not live near an Archives that has Confederate military records on microfilm, I would urge you to look at the Confederate military records that are available to you without ever leaving your home. Look at www.footnote.com. It is an online service that does require a subscription; however, you will save the expenditure of gasoline, postage and time required to go get records or to request that copies be sent to you.

Most of the Confederate records for most states are available on "footnote" in an indexed, searchable format. At your convenience you may search or browse military units or simply search for your ancestor's name. I am happy to report that the Registrar General will accept records downloaded from "footnote" if they are clear and legible. What a gift for those of us who enjoy research or who are Registrars!

I look forward to seeing each of you at the District Meetings.

Brenda Hall McDonald

Historian:

Ladies',

I have the list of Tennessee and General essays ready and will include them in the president's packets that will be passed out during District meetings. If you are interested in getting them sooner please let me know and I can email or mail them to you.

One award that the Historian is responsible for is the Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal. To date I have had no applications. This award is for either a **Non UDC or UDC member. The award is for Confederate period Historical work such as** Compiling biographies of Confederate settlers, creating and publishing a database of Confederates buried in a certain locale, or transcribing letters from Confederate soldiers.

Another category could be writing articles for the *UDC Magazine*; publishing in genealogical society quarterlies about Confederate research; publishing a history or writing books on the Confederate period. **Also included in this could be Declamation:** Giving first-person presentations for history groups, over a period, or giving recitations of Confederate poetry to various groups on a regular basis.

Other points of special attainment: Coordinating efforts to fundraise for cleaning a Confederate statue and saving it from being moved; arranging all aspects of the reburial of unearthed Confederate remains from a church yard under renovation/ reconstruction.

Educational work/research may include presenting a Confederate cooking demonstration to various groups, lecturing on the life of Confederate women, preparing library displays on Confederate women, or giving speeches on Confederate women.

Enclosed proof must be included. For more information see the UDC website or contact me.

Karen Emerson-McPeak

Recorder of Military Service Awards:

Hello again dear Tennessee Sisters! I am so pleased at the number of Military Service Award Applications I have received from chapters all over the state. It has been wonderful getting to know my UDC sisters better & helping our local chapters honor those who have sacrificed for our country.

I look forward to meeting many of you at the upcoming District Meetings. I encourage you to attend these meetings – they are great opportunities to meet your Division officers & other UDC members in your district. I will have copies of the Military Service Award Applications & all related forms available at the District Meetings – be sure to pick one up while you are there!

While reviewing the Military Service Award Applications, I have found a couple of common mistakes – below are tips to ensure the speedy approval of your application.

1. Always list a specific proposed date of bestowal (ex. 4 April 2009 not Spring 2009) & make sure you allow 6-8 weeks for the approval process and to receive the award from General.
2. Do not staple pages together – always use paper clips.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (865) 382-1979 (9am – 9pm ET) or email me at rksardella@aol.com. It is my pleasure to serve you – thank you again for this opportunity.

God Bless You & God Save the South!!

Rebecca Sardella

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTES:

Military Funeral for Captain Marmaduke Norfleet Cox

Sunday, March 8, 2009, 2:30 pm at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Nashville. The Joseph E. Johnston Camp # 28, SCV will be conducting this special ceremony. Captain Cox's body has been in an unmarked grave since he died at Johnson's Island Prison Camp. After 145 years he will receive the proper military funeral he deserves.

Dedication of the Confederate Monument in Benton

Sunday, April 26, 2009, 2:00 PM. Polk County Courthouse Square in Benton, Tennessee on Highway 411. Contact Sharon Cain, 423/338-2291, e-mail: tedcain@bellsouth.net. Period dress encouraged

Texas Marker Dedication at Tullahoma Cemetery

Saturday, June 27, 2009, 10:00 am, 724 Maplewood Ave., Tullahoma TN. Hosted by Tullahoma Confederate Cemetery Association, Kirby-Smith Chapter #327, UDC, Maj Gen. B.F. Cheatham Camp 72, SCV and the Texas Division, Mrs. Shirley Woodlock, President

I would like to thank Nancy Todd for giving me my first experience being chairman of a division committee.

I would like to encourage each chapter to become more knowledgeable about the Correct Use of our beloved flag. There is a copy of it on the UDC web site for everyone to read and copy. It seems that every time I read it I see something I missed before. The UDC office also has nice folded brochures for .50 cents each.

Remember it is the CORRECT use.

If I can be of any assistance to any of you please contact me.

Fran Murphy

Chairman- **Correct Use of Confederate Flag Committee.**
