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Tennessee Daughters,

It is hard to believe we are almost two months into the year 2013. However, the Tennessee Division Officers have been working hard since the night of installation at the Clarksville Convention. Each officer has executed their duties in a fashionable, Southern, and professional way. They have sold numerous insignia pins, assisted and/or planned Lee-Jackson-Maury Luncheons and Dinners in each district, presented a Military Cross of Honor insignia for the Vietnam Conflict, planned district meetings, had numerous hours of fun with the Children of the Confederacy, typed and retyped lists of committees and minutes, worked on historical essays, reviewed and reinstated scholarships, written checks to pay division obligations, maintained our meetings are conducted according to the bylaws, reviewed applications for membership and supplemental, and provided us with prayers and words of sympathy.

But the real excitement begins with the events slated for sesquicentennial

activities to remember and bring honor to the brave Confederate soldier and the women who gave their talents for the Cause in the War Between the States. As a daughter born with Confederate blood running through our veins, we have been blessed with a time in history to educate the misinformed public about our heritage with monument dedications and rededications, memorials, and other events that will honor the bravery and valor shown throughout the years of the War.

As General Robert E. Lee said, "I am but doing my duty, and with me in small matters as well as in large ones, duty must come before pleasure."

Therefore, it is our duty to fill our calendars with Southern celebrations in memory to our ancestors, and the brave men who fought along beside them. So many Southern men were willing to give their all for their love of the Southland, we can do no less.

So, Tennessee Daughters, as we work together to meet the objectives of our

great Southern organization, let us remember to praise and ask the Lord to guide us. For as General Thomas Jonathan “Stonewall” Jackson stated so reverently, “I never raise a glass of water to my lips without lifting my heart to God in thanks and prayer for water of Life.”

I challenge each Daughter and each Chapter to seize the opportunity that arises to take a proud stand as a Southern daughter to remember our Confederate roots, for we are by the Grace of God truly blessed to be born Southern.

Southernly yours,

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Officer Reports

1st Vice President – Matilda Speck

The order form for the Remembrance of 150 Years pin is now posted on the TN Division website. This pin is only to be worn off your insignia and may be worn at any time. Over half the pins have been sold. The proceeds from the sale of this pin go into the TN Division UDC Monument Restoration Fund. What a great way to remember the UDC ladies, from so long ago, that worked so hard to have these monuments erected honoring their/our Confederate ancestors. I will

have the Remembrance and the TN Division pins at the District meetings.

Chapter Vice Presidents, I am asking that no insignia orders be held. Checks over two months will not be accepted by General. I suggest that members do not date their checks. If I receive a check that is close to 60 days old I will return the check directly to the member with an explanation and request a new check. The order will be held in a pending file until the new check is received. Please, double check all insignia orders, checks, and attach proof when required.

Did you know that the only UDC approved pin with the Confederate Battle Flag is the Real Daughter pin?

If you have a question, please contact me at tnhighland@twlakes.net. If I don't know the answer, I will make every effort to obtain the information.

See you at the District Meetings.

Matilda Speck

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2nd Vice President – Lisa Thomas

I hope everyone is off to a great start to the New Year. The March 15th deadline is fast approaching to send your scholarship applications. Please double check them to make sure everything on the checklist is included in the envelope. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

All four of our Tennessee Division scholarship winners met their requirements to receive the money for their spring semester. They are Jamie Sparkman, Thomas Milan, Renee Neuenschwander, and Hallie Harris. Please consider as you file your Annual Reports to add a little extra to the

Division Scholarship Fund. There are many awards at convention that you can receive for the most money given. There is no greater investment that we can do for our heritage than to invest in its future through our students. I look forward to seeing everyone at the District Meetings.

Mrs. Lisa Thomas
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Registrar – Cindy R. Waters

Happy New Year! As we begin the new year, here are some reminders. On the back of your applications and supplemental, the names of the Presidents should appear as follows: Linda Stokes Fritz (Division President) and Jamie E. Likins (President General). Use the checklist. It will help you to complete your paperwork correctly. Be sure to red line your proofs and note the generation connections. I have received several new applications and many supplemental. Tennessee chapters have been busy getting new members and completing supplemental to honor more of our ancestors who fought for the Cause. I am looking forward to meeting many of you at our upcoming Division meetings.

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Recorder of Military Service Awards – Jeanell Kutterer

Tennessee Daughters, I am grateful to you for electing me to this office. I will endeavor to do my best and to assist you in any way possible during my tenure as Recorder of Military Service Awards.

There are a few reminders for you as we begin our journey together for the next two years. First, do

seek out our men and women whom you know to be veterans and who may be lineal descendants of Confederate soldiers, sailors, and/or Marines. Help them with their Memoranda of Fact (MoF). If you need help or have a question about eligibility, come first to me and if I cannot solve the problem, I will contact the Recorder General.

Secondly, there are two proofs which must accompany each MoF. First, you must send the DD214 (Vietnam, Korea, and Global War on Terror) or Honorable Discharge (WWII). The other proof required is the Confederate soldier or sailor's proof of service. The lineage proof is to be held at the Chapter level.

Jeanell Kutterer
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Committee Reports

Great Granddaughters Club – Jeannell Kutterer

There has been some confusion as to the price of the Great-Granddaughter pin and the yearly amount of our dues. At the last Division Convention, we found it necessary to raise our dues to \$3 because the General GGD Club dues are now \$2. This \$1 is used by the Club to support projects of the Tennessee Division. Dues should be paid to the Great-Granddaughter Treasurer: Ms. Robin Ramsey, 600 Sycamore Drive, Cleveland, TN 37312

We had to order a new supply of Great-Granddaughter pins. Due to the increase of cost, the members present at the 2012 General Convention voted to change the cost from \$35 to \$40. This price increase is printed on the pin application form found on the General website. Please send pin orders to: Mrs. Cindy Waters, 207 Sunny Acre Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122.

Jeanell Kutterer
Chairman

Website – Laura R. McCallister

Happy New Year ladies! It's always exciting to start a new year filled with great new projects and goals. As part of your Chapter goals for 2013, I'd like to encourage you to think about creating a website for your Chapter if you don't already have one. This year, the TN Division Website Committee will be offering an award for the "Best New Chapter Website (1st & 2nd Place)" and "Best Chapter Website (1st & 2nd Place)". This will give both Chapters creating a new website this year and chapters that already have a website created and approved, a chance to be recognized for their work! Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions about creating a website for your Chapter.

I also want to remind all our Chapter Presidents to check the "List of Chapters & Contact Info" section on the TN Division website to ensure the information for your Chapter is up-to-date. If the contact info and/or website address needs to be updated, please let me know. If your Chapter does not have a contact email listed, notify me and I will be happy to assist you with that as well.

Last, but not least, I am always interested in your thoughts concerning our Division website. Feel free to share your suggestions, "wish lists," etc. with me by clicking the "Contact the TN Division" button at the bottom of any webpage on the website. Please keep in mind that changes, revisions, and/or additions to the website are not my sole decision but all comments are read and considered. Have a wonderful month ladies!

In UDC service,

Laura R. McCallister
Chairman

CofC Catechism - Ask Miss Jennie

Dear UDC Chapter Presidents:

I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to Division President Linda Fritz for appointing me chairman of this committee. My love the CofC started in 1994 and continues to this day!

One of the most valuable tools we have to each other and our future generations is the CofC *Catechism*. Some of you may not be familiar with it. A bit of background information is provided below:

- Our very own Mrs. Harry D. Allen of Memphis organized facts about the Confederacy, the CofC, and UDC into a booklet of questions and answers to make it a little more fun to learn the truths of history. This is the *Catechism* that we hope you will purchase and use at your UDC meetings.
- A few years ago, the *Junior Catechism* and *Pre-Junior Catechism* books were developed for elementary and primary children.

Now for your Assignment:

1. Please purchase at least one *Catechism* for your chapter. The order form is attached to the newsletter.
2. Give a brief *Catechism* quiz at each UDC chapter meeting. (Rules are also attached.) Give small prizes, such as candy or chocolate, to the winner each time to make it even more fun!
3. Include *Catechism* quizzes/questions in newsletters.
4. Host *Catechism* quizzes at education venues such as schools or events.
5. Fill out the attached report form and send it to me no later than **July 1st**.
6. Select one member to represent your chapter at the TN Division Convention next **October at the UDC Division Catechism Quiz!** Go for it!

Some of these quizzes can get really competitive. If you were at the Tennessee Division Convention, you know how much fun these quizzes can be and how much everyone can learn about the War Between the States! Have fun with them, learn from them, and **be ready for the Division Catechism Quiz** again this year at Division Convention! I look forward to having many contestants in 2013! Call or email me for more information.

Miss Jennie E. Harper

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Chapter Reports

Abner Baker Chapter 1404, Knoxville, TN

Pvt. Andrew L. Robinson, a soldier in the Confederate army, received a military stone on November 3, 2013, 88 years after his death. Robinson's second great-niece, Rhonda Cookenhour Turner, revived his story and history with a Confederate grave marker and dedication ceremony at the Arcadia United Methodist Church Cemetery in Kingsport, TN. Robinson's Confederate grave marker was dedicated with full military honors. The Sons of Confederate Veterans provided the Color Guard and the American Legion Hammond Post No. 3 of

Kingsport and Post No. 205 of Gate City fired volleys in salute and played taps. Bagpiper, Gary Melvin, Jericho Shriners of Kingsport, played Amazing Grace and other songs. After the unveiling, the flag was folded by members of the SCV honor guard and Lynn Hammond of the Bradford Rose Camp #1638 then presented it to Turner's uncle, Phillip Wayne Robinson. Phillip Wayne Robinson was a Sergeant and served two terms in Vietnam.

During an emotional part of the service, Turner spoke the following:

"Private Andrew L. Robinson, your tombstone stands brand new among the rest. Your name, dates, and rank are chiseled out on polished, marble stone. It reaches out to all who care. It is too late to mourn. You did not know that I exist. You died and I was born. Yet each of us, your family, is cells of you in flesh, in blood, in bone. Our blood contracts and beats a pulse entirely not our own. Dear ancestor, the place you filled 88 years ago spreads out among the ones you left who would have loved you so. I wonder if you knew that someday I would find this spot and come to visit you, your second great-niece, Rhonda, who was born exactly 124 years later to the date November 2. With all our love, we are here for you today. Darlene Hammond, Chapter President, was the program narrator, Commander Rick Morrell led the invocation, and Bishop Hagan Webb did the benediction.

Confederate soldier receives grave marker 88 years after death

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Andrew L. Robinson fought in the Civil War. When the war ended he returned home and lived out the rest of his life in Sullivan County—dying in 1924, his story destined to be forgotten.

Nearly 90 years later, Robinson's second great-grand niece, Rhonda Cookenhour Turner, revived his story and his history with the placement





Photo by Ronda Cookenour Turner

Darlene Hammond and Ronda Cookenour stand at the gravestone of Pvt. Andrew L. Robinson.

President General of CofC – and sister to Mary Lauren – presented the award to her on behalf of Sharon. Also pictured is their mother, Betty Anderson.



Nothing fills me with deeper sadness than to see a Southern man apologizing for the defense we made of our inheritance.
~President Jefferson Davis

Not forgotten



Not Jilton II — c1870-1875
Lynn Hammond holds the flag just removed from the grave marker of Pvt. Andrew L. Robinson during a service Saturday at Arcadia United Methodist Church Cemetery. At top, Hammond escorts Ola Dell Robinson after she unveiled the Confederate marker on Robinson's grave. Below, Rhonda Cookenour Turner places a Confederate flag on Robinson's grave. Turner did the research to locate Robinson and have the marker placed on his grave.

Confederate Gray Chapter 2681

The highlight for the month of January is the Lee, Maury, Jackson Luncheon sponsored by the Nashville Affiliated Chapters. The Confederate Gray chapter members always look forward to this event. We enjoyed visiting with friends, meeting new daughters, the special music, and the learning about Harriet Virginia Maxwell Overton. Mr. Thomas Lee Clark spoke to the group about this remarkable woman and her involvement with Traveler's Rest.

Capt. John H. Culp Chapter 2577

Mary Lauren Anderson received the Robert E. Lee Award from the Tennessee Division CofC on October 13, 2012, but she wasn't at the meeting! Thanks to Sharon Cain, past-Division Director, we were able to present it to her in January at our UDC meeting. Jennie Harper, ex-

Pictured with Tennessee Division President Linda Fritz, bottom right, are from left to right in back are, Jeanell Kutterer, Linda Fritz, Johnnia Elkins, Elizabeth Bouldin-Payor, Laura Hayes, Joyce Hildenbrandt, and Kathryn Kozlinski.



Immediately upon receiving the information concerning the Memphis Parks, the Confederate Gray Chapter decided we must do our small part. A donation was mailed the next day to help save Forrest Park, Confederate Park, and Jefferson Davis Park. We want to challenge each UDC Chapter in the Tennessee Division to support this cause by sending \$1 per chapter member.

Paris Chapter 2521, Paris, TN

Paris Chapter 2521 United Daughters of the Confederacy unveiled the original membership certificate of Mrs. Ellen J. Walker at the Lee-Jackson Dinner on January 19, 2013. Mrs. Walker joined the 46th Regiment Chapter in 1907. She was the wife of a Confederate Veteran. Her husband, Robert Walker, was a Private in the 46th TN Infantry, Co. K. The certificate was donated to the chapter by a

descendant of Mrs. Walker's, Ms. Traci Pillow. Below, Chapter President Julie Wilson holds Mrs. Walker's certificate.



The Stars and Bars

*Dedicated to Orren Randolph Smith of North Carolina,
as the designer of the first Confederate flag.
By Will D. Muse*

*Its rippling folds are as pure as the star
That shines down the white Milky Way;
While the crimson and white of its
shimmering bar
Flaunt their colors by night and by day
And its folds ever seem to be whispering of
love.*

*When the iron hoof of war had ravaged the
earth
And the ashes of ruin turned to gray;
When the hope of God's people again had its
birth
In the dawn of a wonderful day
Then this glorious flag spread its folds to the
stars,
And the soft Southern winds kissed its stars
and its bars.*

*May it spread its rich robes to the blue
Southern skies,
Till the twilight of life tints the West;
And its thrill ever fills us with laughter and
sighs
Bringing joy evermore to each breast
May it ripple its folds to the winds of the earth
O'er a people whose blood gave Freedom its
birth.*