



# UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY

## TENNESSEE DIVISION

### SESQUICENTENNIAL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Tennessee Daughters,

The flowers and fruit from the Tennessee Division were beautiful! Thank you so much. It is hard for me to find the words to tell you all how much your cards and prayers have meant to me. They have helped me through this unbearable loss in our family. Please continue to remember me as I recover from surgery and deal with the loss of my son. I know this is going to take awhile but I am getting stronger every day. I love this quote that I recently saw: "You were given this life because you were strong enough to live it." Please pray that I am strong enough.

God bless you all.  
In Southern Love,

*Nancy Todd*

Immediate Past TN Division President

#### **Barbara Parsons, Division President**

The Tennessee Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy held their 115<sup>th</sup> convention at the Pickwick Landing State Park in Pickwick Dam, Tennessee, October 6-8, 2011, and it was an exciting Sesquicentennial journey to the Shiloh Battlefield area. I'm sending a report of the many once-in-a-lifetime occasions we shared at this convention.

Thursday was a tour of historic Savannah, Tennessee, including several historic sites, Taylor House, Ross House, White Elephant, Irwin House and First Presbyterian Church, as well as the River City Museum, where a reception was held for the members. The division officers were guests at Cherry Mansion for dinner. Watching the sunset over the Tennessee River on the back porch of the home you could not help but think of

how Union General U.S. Grant must have felt as he watched his men and supplies flowing down the River to Pittsburgh Landing at the battlefield. Two Union Generals died in Cherry Mansion, headquarters of Gen. Grant at the battle of Shiloh. The mansion is now a private home, where we were privileged to visit by invitation of the owners.

Friday morning we boarded two private bus coaches with Park Rangers of the National Park Service for tours of the Shiloh Battlefield. At noon we had lunch at Hagy's Catfish Hotel and were stuffed when we left there. The Memorial Service, where we remember all deceased members from the past year, was held in the Shiloh Methodist Church, located at the site of the original church, which gave the name to the battle of Shiloh. The service was made even more memorable when world-famous author of "We Are Standing On Holy Ground," Geron Davis, a native of Savannah, Tennessee, played and sang this and other songs he wrote and composed as part of the service.

We again boarded our busses and went to the UDC Confederate Monument, the largest Confederate monument on Shiloh Battlefield. The centerpiece of the TN Division UDC 150<sup>th</sup> logo and pin, is "Victory Defeated By Death & Night," the main feature of this UDC Confederate monument in Shiloh. We went to the Tennessee Confederate Monument, and one of the five marked Confederate Mass Burial pits. The TN UDC placed wreaths of remembrance at all of these locations in the Park.

When the officers were having dinner at Cherry Mansion, I could not help but think of the hundreds of wives, sisters, mothers, fathers, and other family members who had gone there to ask General Grant for permission to locate and bury their men. All were denied. Today there is a beautiful

Union soldier cemetery at Shiloh, with every soldier who could be identified from papers on their bodies, marked with their name. The Confederate soldiers were stripped of anything that could identify them and the identification was burned. Then anything they had on that could be used by the Union army was stripped from their dead bodies and they were thrown into mass burial pits and covered over. If your ancestor was a Confederate who died at the Battle of Shiloh, they will never have an identified grave.

Friday evening was the formal opening ceremony, highlighted by men in Confederate uniform from the Battle of Shiloh Camp 1454, who held crossed swords as the UDC Vice President General, the UDC Third Vice President General, the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and the Tennessee Division UDC President passed under them in procession. The speakers for the evening were Mrs. Ruth Allbritton, UDC Vice President General, of Blue Mountain, Mississippi, and Mr. R. Michael Givens, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, who had driven fifteen hours to our convention from a speaking engagement in Pennsylvania.

CIC Givens presented TN Division President, Barbara Parsons, with the Commander-in-Chief Ladies Appreciation Medal for aiding the SCV in carrying out its mission on the national level. Mrs. Matilda Speck of Livingston, Mrs. Brenda McDonald of Kingston, and Mrs. Dore Dorris of Southaven, MS, were presented the Winnie Davis Medal for outstanding service to UDC. One Vietnam Cross of Military Service and two National Defense Medals were presented for service during Korea and the Persian Gulf conflicts. A service remembering all military persons from Tennessee who died in combat in the past year was conducted by TN Division Chaplain, Jo Hill.

The Saturday meetings were business meetings including bylaw changes, chapter presidents and committee chairmen reports, and presentation of awards for the past year's work. Thanks to the hard work of convention co-chairs, Mrs. Bettye Stanley and Mrs. Patsy Weatherington, and the assistance of the Shiloh #371, Capt. Nathaniel A. Wesson #2396, Joe Wheeler

#1077, and Elizabeth Bate Williams #1911 chapters, it was a most successful and memorable 115<sup>th</sup> annual convention, which will stay in our hearts and memories forever. THANK YOU all for your hard work on behalf of the members of the Tennessee Division UDC.



*Barbara Parsons*  
President, 2010-2012

## CONVENTION NOTICES

Due to her health issues, Mrs. Namuni Young has resigned as Division Historian effective at the end of this convention. All duties of the office for the term of 2010-2011, were completed by Namuni in a correct and timely manner. The Executive Board has voted Mrs. Namuni Hale Young as an Honorary President of the Tennessee Division UDC, due to the death of Mrs. Sanford Leake.

Mrs. Katie Walker has accepted and been duly installed to complete the office of TN Division Historian for 2011-2012. Her contact information is in the Minute Book under Johnson City #754 chapter. For privacy issues it is not listed in this newsletter.

Mrs. Phyllis P. Wilson has accepted the position of Benevolent Activities chairman for the 2011-2012 term. Her contact information will be given at our district meetings. Should you need this sooner, please contact me. Phyllis is also a member of the Johnson City #754 chapter. She and Katie Walker will be traveling companions for the next year.

I failed to present the chapter newsletter awards given by the Division Historian at the convention, and am very sorry for this oversight. You will be receiving your award certificates shortly. The winners were:

**East Tennessee:** Capt. W.Y.C. Hannum 1881  
**Middle Tennessee (tie)** Capt. James Madison Sparkman 2363, Capt. Sally Tompkins 2123  
**West Tennessee:** General Forrest 1194

The committee of Membership Development was approved by the members. Mrs. Gail Story has been doing this for me as there was no money involved. I was forwarding the prospective members from General Headquarters and our TN Division Website to Gail and she was sending them on to the various chapters and keeping a list of names. We are now adding to this job that this person will assist chapters with ten (10) or fewer members in the application process for new prospects only. This will require the mailing and duplication costs of other committees, so it was added to the committee list by vote of the full membership in session at this convention.

The committee of TN Division Archivist was approved by the members as a committee for life, as is the Poet Laureate committee. This committee will bring a further report as soon as research is completed. This will in no way change the way the records of the division are handled at this time, but will provide for safe storage of records such as the information gathered for the 150<sup>th</sup> book publication. Access will be available to the Archivist, the TN Division President, and the chairman of the Finance Committee, so that if something should happen to one person, others would be able to access the stored records.

## OTHER NOTICES

There are 14 TN Division 150th pins left. If you wish to purchase one, send a check for \$45 payable to the TN Division UDC, to the Division President. When these are sold out the Vice President will be handling all future sales.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. Donna Hamilton has compiled a list of approved bylaw changes so you can make these changes in your bylaws in the back of the 2008-2010 Minute Books. Thank you, Donna, for your hard work to get this listing ready on such

short notice. (See attachment)

## OFFICER NOTES

**Erin Manning, Second Vice President**

**Important Notice: Address Change!**

The new address for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President may be obtained from her or the Division President and will be sent in a private email. Please make note to change this when you receive the email information. New scholarship packets will be available January 1<sup>st</sup>. When requesting a packet please let me know whether you need a Division, General, or both packets. Packets are to be returned no later than March 15<sup>th</sup>. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

*Erin Manning*

**Josephine Hill, Division Chaplain**

Please remind chapters that when they send me death notices to please include family contact information if known, as I would like to send sympathy cards from the Division.

*Josephine Hill*

**Betty H. Brown, Division Treasurer**

Each chapter or club treasurer must complete a 501(c) 3 (Financial Statement). She also needs to file an ePostcard online. A copy of the ePostcard confirmation and the 501(c) 3 form need to be sent to me by October 31, 2011. If you have any questions, call (931) 680-1689 or email me at [bettyhbrown@charter.net](mailto:bettyhbrown@charter.net).

*Betty H. Brown*

**Beverly Boyd, Division Registrar**

I want all of the Registrars for the TN Chapters to know how much I have enjoyed your friendship and patience during this past year. I would like to thank all of the Registrars for all of your hard work, and tell you that I look forward to working with you during the next half of this term. I would also like to caution you to make sure your checks

for fees are correct; some of them still are not up-to-date on current fees. The fees for new applications are \$35 to General and \$7 to TN Division. The fees for supplementals are \$25 to General and \$3 to TN Division. Also, I can't accept checks that are written over 90 days. Registrars, please make sure that your information is correct and proven before you send your applications to me. I truly appreciate all of your hard work and dedication for the furtherance of membership in our Tennessee Division.

*Beverly Boyd*

## Committee Notices

### Remembrance of 150 Years Committee Chairman

It is gratifying to report to all Tennessee UDC daughters that our 150<sup>th</sup> quilt top is complete and ready to be presented for quilting. Many of you were able to see the top on display at our 115<sup>th</sup> division convention, and were excited to see your work presented as a body. We have been given permission to have our quilt top shown in full color on the cover of the May, 2012 UDC Magazine, pending the sale of enough advertising revenue in the issue to assure a color cover. We have received a firm pre-completion bid of \$1,000 for the quilt. The 150<sup>th</sup> committee will have more to report on how you can place a higher bid in the next newsletter. THANK YOU to everyone who had a part in this Sesquicentennial project.

A small photo of the center of the quilt top, lying down, is included just to give you an idea of what the quilt top looks like. This is not a photo that will be used for the UDC magazine.

*Brenda Hall McDonald*

Chairman



### Magazine Advertising Committee

Attention All Chapters:

At the 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Tennessee Division Convention, President Barbara Parsons issued a NEW challenge to all chapters. The inside front cover of the May 2012 UDC magazine has been reserved for the Tennessee Division and this year we want our ad to be in FULL COLOR. President Parsons has challenged every chapter to contribute \$20 to help cover the costs of this ad. Last year, 35 Tennessee Division chapters contributed to this project. Contributing to the cost of the division ad is a wonderful way for smaller chapters to be featured in the UDC magazine and will receive recognition at next year's Tennessee Division Convention.

The May, 2012 UDC Magazine Ad will feature a color photo of the TN Division UDC members in front of the UDC monument at Shiloh Battlefield, which was made at this 115<sup>th</sup> convention! When everybody does a little, together we can accomplish a lot.

Please send your chapters \$20 contribution (checks made payable to TN Division UDC) to Rebecca Sardella. My contact information is in the Minutes Book. All contributions must be received by Saturday, January 7, 2012. Feel free to contact me directly at (865) 382-1979 or email [rksardella@aol.com](mailto:rksardella@aol.com) if you have any questions about this project.

*Rebecca Sardella*

Chairman

## **Patriotic Activities Chairman**

### **VETERANS DAY**

On November 11<sup>th</sup>, many of you will celebrate Veterans Day by attending parades and other local activities in your community. Other suggestions to honor our veterans are to fly your flag, visit veterans in a nursing home, say "thank you" to an active military person and to all veterans.

#### **Honor our Military**

Let's honor our military,  
Let's support and defend our soldiers,  
The men and women who serve,  
Whose Hardships are brutal and cruel,  
Whose dedication to our country,  
Whose discipline we can't imagine,  
Does not falter, halt or swerve.  
Who follow each order and rule.  
Let's respect them for their courage;  
Here's to those who choose to be  
They're ready to do what's right to warriors  
Keep America safe,  
And their helpers good and true;  
So we can sleep better at night.  
They're fighting for American values;  
They're fighting for me and you.

By Joanna Fuchs

I am excited to inform you that the Tennessee Division has a UDC representative at each Veterans Facility in the state. These ladies will be able to assist you with your chapter patriotic activities in the category of veterans. Their responsibility is to attend quarterly meetings at their designated facility and then be able to inform you about the facilities needs. Your service may be needed in the canteen, to play bingo, attend funerals, serve snacks, work in the carnival, or sit and chat with a veteran. These ladies will also have a list of items needed by the facility in your area. The list sometimes changes quarterly, so contact them often or get on their email list for quarterly updates.

#### **East Tennessee Middle Tennessee**

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You may contact me for these ladies addresses.

*Jeanell Kutterer*

Patriotic Chairman