



Tennessee Division News

Nancy C. Todd, Division President

Dear Daughters:

What better way to start a new year than by celebrating the birthdays of some of our Confederate Heroes. Luncheons and Dinners were held across the state to honor Robert E. Lee, Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson and Matthew Fontaine Maury. I attended the luncheon in Memphis sponsored by the Memphis & Shelby County Council. Alan Doyle of the N. B. Forrest Camp 215, SCV gave a very interesting talk on Matthew Fontaine Maury and we were entertained by the 52nd Regimental String Band. The next weekend I traveled to Nashville and joined the members of the Nashville Affiliated Chapters for their luncheon. Gene Andrews of the Sam Davis Camp, SCV was the speaker along with a wonderful vocal treat from Lisa Meyers.

Following the Nashville Luncheon, your Division Officers held an Executive Committee Meeting. Among other business, plans were made for the upcoming **District Meetings**. I WANT TO ENCOURAGE EACH OF YOU TO ATTEND YOUR DISTRICT MEETING. Presidents Packets will be distributed then and these packets contain vital information for your chapter business. Please don't wait until July to open your packets! The Vice Presidents from each District will soon be sending out information to all chapters that will include locations, price and reservation info. But please mark your calendars with these dates.

West District Meeting: March 20 in Parsons

Middle District Meeting: March 27 in Nashville

East District Meeting: April 10 in Cleveland

If you are a **Division Committee Chairman** it is very important that you attend these meetings and present your report. If you are not able to attend, please ask one of your committee members to give your report.

April is Confederate History Month. Every chapter should have a project to celebrate this month. Some ideas.....mark a Confederate grave, clean a cemetery, place a book in a library, put a display in a local library, and/or talk to a group of school children.

I am very sorry to report to you that Southern Cross Chapter 2578 in Nashville has disbanded. We are proud of their record of projects and events, one of the most successful of which was the commissioning and selling of the Forrest Boyhood Home print. Through their efforts much of the Forrest Boyhood Home renovations were made possible.

I am reminding you once again about preordering our "**150 Years of Remembrance**" book that the Division has compiled. This one-of-a-kind book is available only by presale, so don't be left out! I am requesting that each chapter buy at least two copies, one for the chapter and one to donate to a local library. (Good idea for April Confederate History Month project!!) Please send in your orders ASAP as the publisher is wanting to move up the publication date.

Other news regarding the **Sesquicentennial**:

A website that you might want to save in your "Favorites" and visit often in the upcoming years is www.tncivilwar150.com This is for the Tennessee Sesquicentennial celebrating the 150 Year Anniversary of the War Between The States coming up in 2011. The website is still under construction but up and running.

The specialty license plate that is the official state license plate for Tennessee's 150th Civil War commemoration can now be ordered online at TCWPA's website: www.tcwpa.org/license-plate-form. It only takes moments, and those who order will be on the list to receive the first batch of plates issued. No need to send money now – no **check** is needed

to reserve a plate. They will ask for payment only after the plate is ready to be fabricated. Remember each plate ordered will fund \$15.62 in the effort to save Tennessee's hallowed Civil War battlefields and part of the proceeds will go back to your county to support the Civil War Trails program.

If you need copies of the Division's **Currency and Stamps** book to sell, just contact Nelma Crutcher (crutcher@aol.com) She will be glad to bring you a nice, large supply to any of the District Meetings! Don't forget....there will be a **CASH AWARD** at Convention to the Chapter selling the most books.

I want to say thanks to so many of you for the cards and well wishes after I had knee surgery in December. They truly brightened my day! I was sorry that I had to decline your invitations during my recovery, one of which was the Charter Ceremony for the Division's newest Children of the Confederacy Chapter, Colonel Sidney Smith Stanton Chapter 96 2. I know we are going to see great things from these children!

I look forward to seeing each of you at the District Meetings. Don't forget, if I can assist you in any way, please let me know.

*In Southern Love,
Nancy*



*Tennessee Division Officers
Attending Lee Luncheon
Nashville, Jan 23, 2010*

News From Your Division Officers.....

From the Division Vice President:

Daughters,

I trust everyone is staying inside and keeping warm. Please remember when submitting your engraved orders to use the new January 2010 revised forms. The prices have increased, so I cannot accept old forms. The Vice-President General has also informed that the engraver is once again, quite behind in completing orders. Please continue to be patient. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming district meetings.
Christina Isbell

From the Division Second Vice President:

Hello Ladies,

I hope the New Year is bringing each of you good health and happiness, and I hope your UDC Chapter is prospering.

Remember, I am still in the Scholarship Business. One of the scholarship recipients will be “aging out” at the end of the spring, opening a Division scholarship for the fall. So, if you know of a student that is interested in a scholarship, please call (731-852-4537) or email me (rgstory@netease.net) for Division applications and/or General applications and rules (must use the 2009 revised application). The student must be sponsored by a UDC Chapter, must follow guidelines, and must have the application to me by March 15.

Plans are being made for the West District Meeting. It is scheduled for March 20 and will be hosted by the Captain Nathaniel A. Wesson Chapter #2396 of Parsons. Please mark your calendars and make plans to join us in West Tennessee on the first day of spring! Further details will be arriving soon.

Gail Story

From the Division Third Vice President:



Ladies, in our December Tennessee Division Newsletter, I was congratulating the Captain Sally Tompkins 2123 UDC Chapter for chartering the newest Tennessee Division Children of the Confederacy Chapter named Colonel Sidney Smith Stanton 962. These UDC ladies “jumped into action”, and on January 10, 2010, they held the most impressive Chartering ceremony for their 23 CofC members. There were over 100 in attendance on that Sunday afternoon, and I am sure that everyone felt their Confederate pride as their children, grand children, and friends were taking part in such a historic ceremony and the lovely reception that followed. Again, congratulations to President, Martha Sue Broyles, and all her ladies of the Captain Sally Tompkins 2123 UDC Chapter.

Our Tennessee Division CofC has another new chapter forming in the Nashville area by the Capt. John S. Donelson 2608 ladies under the Directorship of Christina Isbell. Presently, there are 50 UDC Chapters in the Tennessee Division of which eleven, and soon to be twelve, sponsor Children of the Confederacy Chapters. Ladies, I am very sure that any of our CofC Chapters would welcome your children, your grandchildren, and their friends into their Chapter. The cost of becoming a member is \$14.00, and the yearly dues are \$9.00 plus Chapter dues. This is a small investment in preserving our southern heritage! I plan to bring new member application forms to our District Meetings, and I will be very happy to help with the completion of these forms.

The Tennessee Division Children of the Confederacy Convention will be held on June 18 and 19, 2010, with tours in Franklin on Friday, a cookout at Elm Springs, the International Headquarters of the SCV in Columbia on Friday evening, and the Saturday business meeting to be held at Saint Peter’s Episcopal Church in Columbia. A detailed itinerary of the CofC Convention will be given to you at the District Meetings. I look forward to seeing all of you at our Tennessee Division UDC District Meetings in March and April.

Jennie Jo Hardison

From the Division Recording Secretary:

I hope that 2010 has started out to be full of anticipation of great things to come in this New Year for all of us! 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 matters.

Committee Chairmen please submit to me, by March 5, 2010, your report forms that you would like included in the chapter packets to be passed out at the District Meetings this Spring.

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

Sarah Vise

From the Division Treasurer:

Dear Chapter Treasurers and Presidents:

A huge THANK YOU to all the chapter treasurers that sent in their per capita reports ON TIME! It does prevent gray hairs (on me, anyway!). If you have not sent yours in, please do so immediately.

As this is an election year (for division officers), it is important to think about how many votes your chapter will have at the division convention. Please keep this information handy:

- If you have a member that did not pay her **2010** per capita by February 1st, I can accept it until **June 15th** to be counted on this year's credentials. Simply send me her name, address, phone number, and two checks: one to Treasurer General for \$15 and one to Division Treasurer for \$7 **by June 15th**. I must get it to General by July 1st or she will not be counted on your voting strength.
- If you have a former member that did not pay **2009** per capita, she will need to be reinstated. It's so easy! Just send me a letter with the former member's name—including her maiden name, her address, and phone number-- asking that she be reinstated. Include one check to Treasurer General for \$25 and one check to Division Treasurer for \$8. **I must receive this no later than June 15th**, as General must receive it by July 1st. If it is received after this date, she will not be counted on your chapter's voting strength.
- Remember to refer all transfers, etc., to your chapter registrar.

Thanks again and keep up the good work! Feel free to call on me at any time.

Betty Anderson

From the Division Registrar:

Hello Ladies,

Winter months are perfect for researching supplemental applications or helping a prospective member with her application. In our enthusiasm, the following reminders will expedite approval:

Census records

As we document relationships and dates, remember that census records provide valuable information. In addition to the age of the person and the place of birth, many other things can be learned or documented from a review of all the columns of the actual census records. A good example is the 1900 census, which lists the number of years that the individuals have been married. As a result, it is easy to extrapolate a "circa" marriage date for your ancestors from the 1900 census; or better yet, you have a starting year to look for their actual marriage record.

To be acceptable proof, we must submit a photocopy of the entire **microfilm** page from the National Archives branches, state archives, library, or internet source (Ancestry.com, Heritage Quest, etc.). Census records from internet sources are acceptable **only if** they are a scanned copy of the original. Regardless of the source, the page of the census record must clearly show the year, county and state. Be sure all the columns are shown. Note that the required proof is a copy of the actual page, not a transcription. Please do not submit: your handwritten transcript, hand-transcribed census records or pre-printed census sheets that have been hand transcribed from any source, or the summary page from the internet source. We must submit a copy of the actual picture of the entire census record. If the record is in a book, the title page and appropriate pages must be photocopied and submitted.

Approval of applications is slowed if I must either look up and print the census record so that I can send the complete record with the application to General (which I have been happy to do when time allowed), or (if time doesn't permit), I have to ask you to look it up, print it, and send it to me.

Please remember that we are recording history and that accuracy is important to the efficacy of our UDC records. Our Confederate ancestors deserve our best; and our children and grandchildren deserve a legacy of integrity.
Brenda Hall McDonald

From the Division Historian:

Ladies,

It's past time for the new essay titles. To date, however, we have had no chapters or individuals submit any new titles. Please send me new essay titles. This is so important for us to encourage our members to write about the War Between the States as part of our continuing education. And remember the chapter submitting the most money gets an award at a convention. I will wait until **Feb 15** for new essays. And then I have to close out this year's new titles so I can publish the ones that we do have from previous years.

Also, please read your instructions and rules for Historian awards, report, scrapbooks, newsletters, and yearbooks if you want your chapter to excel at convention and win awards.
Karen Emerson-McPeak

From the Division Recorder of Military Service Awards:

I send my congratulations to all of the Tennessee chapters that have already submitted Military Service Award applications for 2010. I have already been invited to one presentation this spring - I look forward to processing many more applications.

Here are a few reminders of basic guidelines for submitting a Military Service Award application:

- DO NOT staple anything together - paper clips only!
- Please enclose a separate check for every application submitted.
- The recipient's Confederate ancestor **must** be a grandfather (lineal ancestor) to be eligible for a Military Service Award.
- If the recipient is a direct relative of a UDC member (uncle, brother, son, daughter, mother), the only required lineage proof is a copy of that UDC member's approved application for membership OR their membership certificate.

And finally...

Please do not submit your Military Service Award applications more than 2 months before the intended presentation date. Submitting your application early does not mean you will receive it back as early as you might anticipate. The Recorder General files all applications received based upon their presentation date and only processes as the listed date approaches. Just remember we need 6-8 weeks to process an application & get the medals and certificates back to the presenting chapter.

As always, it is my honour and pleasure to serve the Tennessee Division. If your chapter is interested in presenting a Military Service Award but aren't sure where to start, please contact me - that is what I am here for!!! I look forward to receiving your phone calls, emails & processing your Military Service Award applications!!!

Rebecca Sardella

From the Division Chaplain:

Please remember to notify me of any deaths or illness in the chapters so a note can be sent from the Division. If you need a copy of the Chaplain's form, just email me and I will get one to you.

Nelma Crutcher

News From Your Division Committee Chairmen.....

Judah P. Benjamin Award

The Judah P. Benjamin Award is awarded to individuals for outstanding endeavors not necessarily related to the Confederacy in the following fields: civic/community service, conservation, education, the environment, humanitarian efforts, and patriotic service. Recipients shall have given service above and beyond the requirement of their profession or the requirements for membership in a service or benevolent organization. Their service shall show a high regard for the community. This award is not to be considered an honorarium for a guest speaker nor is it a way to show appreciation for those who have helped UDC efforts. It is specifically for individuals who have made a significant contribution to society along the lines of the fields of endeavor listed above. The award ceremony should be a special occasion. The award may be given posthumously only if the recipient was living at the time the application was approved by General.

Judy Lee, Division Chairman

Announcements & Notes

MARKER DEDICATION:

The Kirby-Smith #327 UDC Chapter along with the Mississippi UDC Division will have a Bronze Marker Dedication in honor and memory of 48 Mississippi Confederate Soldiers buried at Tullahoma Confederate Cemetery, 724 Maplewood Ave, May 22, 2010 @11: a.m.

For more information contact Joyce Wilkinson (931) 571-7311 or joycew012@lighttube.net.

Chapter's News

The **Winnie Davis 447** and the **Confederate Grays 2681** of the United Daughters of the Confederacy held their first joint meeting 12 December at the Heritage Bank in Columbia, Tennessee. Thirteen members attended with guests Lou Durham, Jesse Parker, and speaker Cindy Waters. The room was red from the hue of the poinsettias donated by Curt Lewis, brother of Jone Lewis. Cindy Waters, guest speaker and member of the Captain John S. Donelson 2608, presented "Christmas Music of the Confederacy". Johnnia Elkins of the Confederate Grays won the two-foot tall poinsettia door prize.



Members and guests present were Johnnia Elkins, Betty Barber, Winnie Davis President Sue Thompson, Joyce Johnson, Confederate Gray President Jeanell Kutterer, Jone Lewis, Sherry Sorrells, Jesse Parker, Sandra Rowell, Cindy Waters, Sharon Bell, Elaine Bates, Lou Durham, Jane Lange, Laura Watt, and Martha Watt.

Not pictured were Joyce Hildenbrandt and Laura Hayes



A **Judah P. Benjamin Award** was presented by **Gayoso Chapter 2423**, Memphis, to Mrs. Diane Hight. Mrs. Hight founded the Forever Young Senior Wish Organization in 2006 to honor senior citizens by helping them fulfill their dreams and to give them hope for the future. Forever Young's purpose is to grant wishes for senior citizens, 65 years or older with special attention to Veterans. In October 2009 she took 26 WWII veterans to Washington DC to visit the WWII Memorial. The award was presented at the annual Lee, Jackson, Maury Luncheon sponsored by The Memphis & Shelby County Council, UDC held at Chickasaw Country Club.

Pictured: Front: Janet Johnson Past TN Division President and Nancy Todd, TN Division President
Back : Judy Lee, TN Division Chairman Judah P. Benjamin Award Committee, Cathy Doyle, Mrs. Hight, Dore Dorris, Gayoso Chapter President, Paula Lincoln, Stacie Shelton.

Editor's note: The Forever Young Senior Wish Organization is a wonderful way for Chapter's to honor their local veterans. Visit their website www.foreveryoungseniorwish.org to make a donation.)

