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President's Message

Not since I wore the uniform of the United States Army have I felt such pride. When wearing the sash of the Mississippi Division President I realize the great responsibility I have of representing *you*, the members of our Division. Thank you so much for allowing me this honor.

We have traveled in leaps and bounds over the past four years. Ruth Allbritton taught us that *no one can do everything, but everyone can do something* and we were *busy as bees being all we could be* under Frances Woodruff's administration. This was all wrapped and tied with

a bow when President General Martha Van Schaick chose *because I care, about our past, about our present, about our future, about our heritage*" as her theme.



Our children will not know who they are if they do not know where they came from, therefore I am asking you to *Embrace Your Heritage* during my administration. To do this it will take Ruth's everyone doing something, Frances's

worker bees, and Martha's caring. When Mary Nowlin Moon wrote *Why I Am a Daughter of the Confederacy* in 1915, I feel she was embracing

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Vice President

Hello Daughters:

I humbly thank you for electing me your Division Vice President for the Mississippi UDC. I will do all I can to provide excellent service for our wonderful organization.

I've already been "put to work" by a number of you. Thank you for prompt service.

At the General Meetings in Richmond, VA, Mrs. Pam Trammell,

from Arkansas was elected the General Vice President. I have been in communications with Pam and I am looking forward to working with her for the next two years.

When your Chapter VP sends me an order, please remind her that I need two copies of everything sent. Keep up those orders, I love to "work"

Saranne Emerson, Vice President
Mississippi Division UDC

Treasurer

Ladies,

It is an honor to again serve the MS Division UDC as your Division Treasurer. I wanted to take this opportunity to advise you of the reports that are due now and in the near future.

Every chapter, district and club needs to file their financial reports; they were due the end of October. There are still several outstanding. Please try to get those to me as soon as you can. If you do not have the form, they may be downloaded from

the new members' website. The per Capita reports will be coming to you in the mail within the next few days with instructions included. They are due back to me by December 31st.

If you are a new treasurer and have questions about any of the reports, please don't hesitate to contact me. I will do all that I can to assist you.

I look forward to working with you over the next two years – together we will learn and accomplish a lot.

Susan Easter, Treasurer
Mississippi Division UDC

C of C

I want to express my appreciation to each of the Mississippi Division United Daughters of the Confederacy chapters who sponsor a Children of the Confederacy Chapter. We hope more of you will do so.

The new President General Seth Cook of Arkansas has adopted as his theme "We Can" and can be remembered by the acronym:

W – work to recruit new members into the Children of the Confederacy

E – endeavor to get C of C members actively involved

C – continue commemorating the Sesquicentennial

A – advance the objectives of our organization

N – never forget our wounded warriors

I want to see all of this happening in the

Mississippi Division also.

I have just joined the Mississippi National Guard where I will be training to become a combat medic this summer and plan to attend college starting the spring semester. I have chosen for our Division Project during my administration support of the Wounded Warriors Project.



Children of the Confederacy

Seth has challenged each C of C member to contribute \$1.50 each to this General Project. I think the Mississippi Division along with each of the Mississippi Division UDC chapters, whether you have a C of C chapter or not, can raise a lot more than \$1.50 each. I challenge each chapter to raise as much money as possible to contribute to this project before I leave office in June.

Nathan Hemphill, President
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MUSIC OF THE CONFEDERACY

It's hard for us to imagine not being able to turn on the radio and listen to our favorite songs – no matter what "decade" in which they were popular. Some of us even know how to download onto an iPod and use Pandora. But think back 150 years ago. Our ancestors had to rely on a "live" performance from traveling minstrels or have songs performed at family gatherings, passing these down through the generations.

As we gather at our meetings each month, we need to study the music that our ancestors enjoyed. If you can't sing them, read the lyrics; study the lives of the composers and lyricists; consider the conditions under which they produced their art; and seek the inspiration for the poetry and/or music.

Please keep in mind the following questions as you anticipate your yearly reports:

1. Number of meetings at which "Dixie's Land"

is used.

2. Number of meetings at which you sing "Go Mississippi."

3. Number of meetings at which other Southern music is used.

4. Number of meetings having an entire program on Southern music.

5. Number of music items purchased from the UDC Business Office.

6. Number of music items donated to other groups.

7. Is there a Chapter music library?

I look forward to some good reports at the end of our year. Research, use, sing, and enjoy our Southern tunes.

Janice E. Strohm, Chairman
Music of the Confederacy

Historian

As we mark the 150th Anniversary of the War Between the States, let us all do our part to encourage our young folks to learn more about our true history and heritage by submitting an entry to the Essay Contest. I look forward to reading lots of them.

These are the Subjects for the Eleanor Shands Essay Contest for 2013.

- ♦ Jr. High (6-8)- *The Role of the Female Soldier during the War Between the States.*
- ♦ High (9-12)- *Mississippi 1863, May, June & July- The Vicksburg Campaign.*

Essays must be at least 400 words and up to 600 words, must be typed and double spaced. Footnotes citing authorities are required. Direct quotes must be in quotation marks. A Bibliography must accompany Essay.

The term "Civil War" should not be used EXCEPT in direct quotes. Use the term "War Between the States".

Make sure that your name, age, school and grade is at the top of the paper.

Entries may be emailed as an attachment to pgmauldin@comcast.net, or mailed to:

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Dear MS Daughters,

I want to thank you again for allowing me to serve as your Division President for the past two years, what a wonderful experience.

There were lots of more ups than downs, of laughter and tears, losses and gains, long nights and early mornings but every minute was worth it.

Your support and friendship has meant so much to me and to Franklin. You have given me memories to last a lifetime.

Frances

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her heritage when she said, *"I am a Daughter of the Confederacy because I can no more help being a Daughter of the Confederacy than I can help being an American and I feel that I was greatly favored by inheriting a birthright for both."* Our challenge during the next two years is caring enough about true history to introduce it to the present.

As a U. S. Army Veteran I can tell you that **communication** is a vital part of successfully accomplishing a mission. I will use **Our Heritage** as the primary means of letting members know what is happening around the Division. I ask you to join me in spreading the good news by submitting monthly articles to our Editor Paula Harvey. Sharing ideas through our newsletter allows each chapter a glance into what others are doing and provides ideas on how to accomplish our mission, known to UDC members as **objectives**.

Fifteen Mississippi Daughters attended the 119th General Convention November 1-5, 2012 in Richmond, VA. Reports of activities are covered elsewhere in this issue; however, I do want to say that I was so proud to present the Mississippi State Flag at the opening ceremony. When I walked the aisle to present our flag to Vice President General Ruth Allbritton I was thinking, *"Mississippi Daughters, this is our first step on the journey we will take together during the next two years"*. Let's work side-by-side to insure that the Mississippi Division remains one of the very best in the General Organization.

I wish you a blessed Thanksgiving and a joyous, loved-filled Christmas Season with family, friends, and our Savior. I look forward to working with you during the upcoming two years. Always remember to.....

Embrace Your Heritage!

Celeste

Recorder of Military Service Awards

Ladies of the MS Division UDC:

I want to say a heartfelt THANK YOU for electing me to serve you as Recorder of Military Service Awards for another two years.

I challenge each of you and your chapters to award as many crosses to our true heroes possible. If it were not for each and every one of them we could not be afforded the luxury of living in this country.

For all their sacrifices and the sacrifices of their families we say "Thank you and God Bless America."

Judy Goodin, RMSA
Mississippi Division

NEW CofC MEMBER. Mary Ann Randolph Custis Lee 2583

Third Vice President Celeste Young is shown presenting a Certificate of Membership in the Children of the Confederacy to Laikyn Mims.

Laikyn is the newest member of the W. H. Fitzhugh Lee Chapter 926 and granddaughter of UDC member Karen Mims. The presentation was made at the November 19, 2012 meeting of the UDC at which the children were guests.

Looking on is Chapter President Sylvia Knight. All are wearing their *Christmas at Beauvoir* volunteer shirts. Laikyn volunteered as an Assistant House Ambassador

on November 10th and assisted with tours of the Beauvoir House.



MISSISSIPPI SONGBIRDS.

Mississippi is one of only a few, if not the only, Division who can claim that they have a choir. If you are interested in being part of the Mississippi Songbirds, please sign up by emailing Beth Koostra at greatlibrarydirector@live.com. She and Division Chaplain Beth Johnson will be working together to include the Songbirds in future Division Memorial Services. If you play a musical instrument and would like to be included as an accompanist, please feel free to join.

2012-2014 PRESIDENT'S PROJECT . . . BEAUVOIR

This past year when Bertram Hayes-Davis, the great-great grandson of Jefferson Davis, accepted the position as Director at Beauvoir it was only natural that his wife Carol stand beside him in his efforts to bring the house and grounds back to its original splendor.

As the Director of Programs and Events Carol has brought many new ideas and events to the effort beginning with the Festival of Trees set to kick off on November 8th with the lighting of 100 trees on the property. The event continues each night through January 3rd with activities for young and old to take place from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. each evening.

Newly elected Division President Celeste Young has chosen Beauvoir as her President's Project during the upcoming two years. The Beauvoir Hostess Committee consisting of Ex-Division Presidents Gloria Adcock, Ruth Allbritton, Mabel Clark, Myra Sandidge, Pauline Watkins, and Frances Woodruff is chaired by Cassandra Griswold.

President Young is asking each chapter in the Division to find a way to help. A few of the areas in which you might help are telling stories, portraying a

Southern character, teaching crafts, or being a House Ambassador. Perhaps you can join the entertainment by singing, playing a musical instrument or bringing your church choir. You may even want to join a group of carolers strolling about the grounds.

More information will be distributed through the Committee as more events are expected to be scheduled soon. For information or Volunteer Forms, please contact Cassandra Griswold at 228-374-1998 or e-mail mscamg@cablone.net.



Beauvoir Festival of Trees

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We are a UDC support group working with the SCV, Bertram and Carol Hayes-Davis, Beauvoir staff, and other volunteers. We have the opportunity to promote Beauvoir, tell her history and honor our southern heritage.

Future plans include finishing the Presidential Library, planting Varina's rose garden, citrus groves and other landscaping. The cemetery walkway will be finished entering thru our UDC arch.

Our new committee is off to a fast start. We are volunteering Thursdays thru Sundays until Dec 23rd for the Beauvoir Festival of Trees. The dulcimer group played last Saturday. They were a big hit.

The dress is late Victorian 1880's or 1860's hoops. They would prefer that we wear Victorian for most occasions. I bought a new Victorian outfit from recollections.biz. Ladies Emporium.com is another good site. A Victorian looking blouse, cameos and brooches, long skirts, and a shawl should work.



Wear comfortable shoes and a long cape if it's chilly. I have found long capes at Burkes Outlet, Cracker-barrel, and Ross for under \$20.00. I web surfed Victorian clothing and a lot of sites came up.

Some have patterns for those ladies that like to sew.

We plan to have in the future, afternoon teas where we can wear bonnets, gloves, carry our fans and umbrellas. There are other positions you can work that don't require period dress. There will be many occasions that we will be called upon to volunteer. Husbands are welcome to volunteer also.

Scheduling for UDC volunteers is done thru me. Please keep a list of dates, hours, position worked and mileage. Send copies to me for reports and for your chapter historian. I hope to see you there. It's been a lot of fun.

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MEMBERS ONLY WEBSITE ANNOUNCED. Members attending the 2012 General Convention were introduced to our Members Only Website. Although some information is open to the general public we now have a dropdown menu offering information to members only. You must have a userid and password to access this site. You may continue accessing our website at www.hqudc.org. To obtain your password call or email either Celeste Young, Division President, or Paula Harvey, Editor and Website Manager.

MISSISSIPPI DIVISION CLAIMS GENERAL AWARDS

The following awards were presented at the 2012 General Convention held November 1-6, 2012 in Richmond, VA. All are for the 2011-2012 Membership Year.

1. *The Page Sword* presented for having the most *First Time Pages* at the 2011 General Convention held in Ft. Worth, TX November 2-5, 2011.
2. *Best Southern Literature and Arts*, Division with Membership 251-800, Category C.
3. *Whittichen Trophy* for Best President's Report, Category C.
4. *Greatest Number of #2 Membership Pins Purchased*, Category C.
5. *Greatest Number of 9, 9A, (B, 10 Year Membership Pins Purchased*, Category C.
6. *Most New Members*, Category C.
7. *Greatest Number of National Defense Medals Presented*, Category C.
8. *Most Reports for Preservation of Records of Historic Sites*, Category C.
9. *For interest, effort, and love in preserving the Music of Southern Heritage*, Category C.
10. *Best Southern Cross of Honor Report*, Category C.
11. *Best Essay Activities Surrounding the Bestowal of the Southern Cross of Honor*, Celeste T. Young. Essay was sponsored by Confederate Gray Chapter 2681, Hohenwald, Tennessee in memory of our Confederate Ancestors.
12. *Best Essay My Confederate Ancestor, His Life Experiences in the War Between the States*, Celeste T. Young. Essay was sponsored by Marge Jane Jolly of the Louisiana Division in honor of Paulette Koine Mauterer, Louisiana Division Historian, 2010-2012

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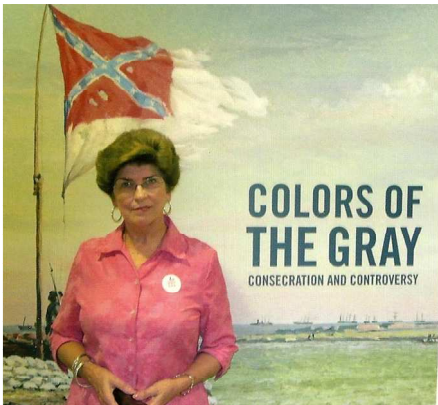
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The MUSEUM of the CONFEDERACY

The Museum of the Confederacy traces its origins to the years immediately after the Civil War. Its ancestral organization was the Ladies Hollywood Memorial Association which formed in 1866 to tend Confederate soldiers' graves in Richmond's Hollywood Cemetery.

In 1890, the LHMA rescued from proposed demolition the former Confederate executive mansion and turned it into a museum that opened in 1896. Founded 25 years after Appomattox, housed in an



Bettye Sue Johnson,
member General M. P. Lowrey

important building, and led by influential women from all of the former Confederate states, the Confederate Museum soon had a large collection of important artifacts.

Confronted with challenges in the early 1960s, the Museum's leadership announced bold new plans: to construct a new building for the collection (opened in 1976), restore the White House to its wartime appearance (opened in 1988), and change from being a Confederate shrine into a modern museum with exhibitions based on scholarship.

In the early 21st century, faced with new challenges, the Museum's leadership again announced a bold new plan: to grow from a single museum site to a multiple site museum system. The Museum of the Confederacy at Appomattox is the first phase of this latest chapter in a long and rich history.

APPOMATTOX

Appomattox is the place where General Robert E. Lee surrendered his Army of Northern Virginia to General Ulysses S. Grant on April 9, 1865.

The significance of Appomattox extended beyond the generals and the armies that met here that day. Appomattox marked the end of an army, but it was also the end of the nation whose survival had depended on that army. And it marked a new beginning for the United States.

Appomattox was significant for all Americans, white and black. We can only understand the meaning of Appomattox by looking at what it meant to different people—those who were actually involved in the surrender and those whose lives the surrender affected.

This exhibit uses The Museum of the Confederacy's rich collections to tell the story of Appomattox.

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Bettye and her husband vacationed here and shared with her chapter members. Submitted by Von Coombs

Christmas at Beauvoir

5pm-9pm
Thursday - Sunday
November 9th until January 6th

Members of Mary Ann Randolph Custis Lee #2583 served as house ambassadors on opening night of the inaugural "Festival of Lights" at Beauvoir. Pictured L to R: Anna Walters, Karen Mims, Celeste Young, MS Division President, and Sylvia Knight, President of Mary Ann Randolph Custis Lee Chapter.



Save these Dates.....

- ◆ District III meeting will be held on **March 30, 2013, Saturday**. Vicksburg 77 chapter will host meeting. More details later on location, fees, and time schedule.
- ◆ Mississippi Division C of C Convention will be held **June 14 and 15th 2013** in Blue Mountain. Watch for more information in the next edition



BEAUVOIR ARCH COMMITTEE.

The original UDC Beauvoir Arch was dedicated in 1919 where it stood guard over the last home of President Jefferson Davis for almost nine decades before 2005 when the ferocious winds of Hurricane Katrina reduced it to what some are saying is nothing but rubble.

Since the rededication of the new arch in 2010 questions have arisen as to what we, as owners of the remaining granite, should do with the pieces that remain on the estate grounds.

In convention at Starkville, MS on September 29, 2012 the Beauvoir Arch Committee was approved



L to R: Liza Cooper, Carol Hayes-Davis, Bertram Hayes-Davis, Beth Johnson, Karen Mims. Front C of C member Laikyn Mims

to determine ways the granite could be used. The committee, chaired by Ex-Division President Frances Woodruff, consists of representatives from each District. Committee members are Ruth Allbritton and Von Coombs (District I), Saranne Emerson and Bethellen Nicholson (District II), Mabel Clark and Pauline Watkins (District III) and Susan Easter (District IV).

Several suggestions such as building benches and working toward erecting Jefferson Davis Highway Markers have been made. The committee welcomes all comments and suggestions which may be submitted to the chairman at frwoodruff1944@yahoo.com

2012 ELEANOR SHANDS DIVISION ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS.

Garrett Young captured first place in the Mississippi Division Eleanor Shands Essay Contest for Junior School Students.

The subject of Garrett's essay was Vicksburg: Cave Life of the Courageous Southern People During the Siege of Vicksburg. The presentation was made on October 7, 2012 at the Historic Dixie Cabin in South Forrest County.

Garrett's older brother Hunter received the award for High

School Students by writing on the subject Corinth and Shiloh—Battles for the Rails During the War Between the State. Garrett is in the eighth grade at Dixie Attendance Center and Hunter attends Jones County Junior College in Ellisville. They are the sons of Scott and Amy Young of Dixie and were sponsored by Mary Ann Randolph Custis Lee 2583 of Purvis.

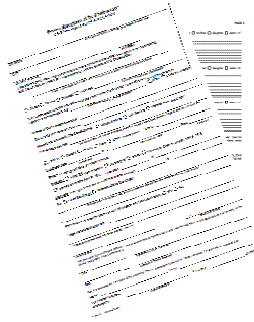
He is shown to the left receiving a check from Chapter

Historian Barbara Lott. Looking on are (left to right) Sylvia Knight, Chapter President and Susan Easter, Division Treasurer.



UDC ROOM

Ladies, have you scanned your chapter's application papers and made a CD for the UDC room and placed the papers in acid free sleeves?



If not, then we need to work on a date and time that will be convenient to both of us. Let's try and get this project completed during this administration.

Please contact me and let me know when it will be a convenient time for you. You may call me at 662.289.2894 or email me at wylodeane@yahoo.com. I look forward to working with you.

Wylodean Edwards,
Chairman UDC Room

Biloxi-Beauvoir 623



Members of Biloxi-Beauvoir 623 gathered at Mary Mahoney's on Saturday, Nov. 10 to celebrate their Chapter's 110 years! Mississippi Division President Celeste Young was in attendance!

The Captain Samuel J. Ridley Chapter 2430

The Captain Samuel J. Ridley Chapter 2430 re-dedicated a monument that had been built and dedicated to Willis Howcott, by William F. Howcott. Willis was the manservant of Mr. Howcott and he had in built in early 1900 as a memorial to Willis and other manservants who went to war with their masters - most in the Harvey Scout Troop from Madison County.

The monument had originally been a couple of blocks south of the old Madison County Jail property, but the Howcott family had it moved to the old City Cemetery adjacent to the Old Jail.

Many members of the Howcott family along with many UDC members were there to join in this special event. Elizabeth (Betty) Lacouture, granddaughter of Mr. Howcott, placed a wreath at the base of the monument with the assistance of her son, Richard.

We were especially proud to have our new Division President, Celeste Young, assist in the ceremony along with Honorary President of General Mabel Clark.

A reception was held in the Old Jail following the ceremony.



Following the Rededication Ceremony, Howcott family members joined UDC members and city officials for pictures at the base of the Howcott Monument in the City Cemetery in Canton, MS. The monument was rededicated by Captain Samuel J. Ridley Chapter 2430 on October 20, 2012

Submitted by Pauline Watkins



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