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This issue of *Our Heritage* is dedicated to the memory of

Kay Henry

Our MS Division Vice President
2014-2015

President's Message

By Janice Strohm

Where do I begin? The summer is almost over. Schools are getting back into session. Oh, and UDC reports are being/have been compiled and are arriving in my mailbox. I surely hope there is no company coming my way this week because the bed is covered! I look forward to looking over these reports and receiving amazing summaries from the respective Chairmen.

Our summer was darkened and saddened by the passing of our Division Vice President Kay Henry on July 2. Sympathy cards have been received from the Division Presidents of Arkansas and Texas. Kay's husband Jim and her sister Carole are much appreciative of all the outpouring of love and support from you UDC sisters during this time. Thank you to our Ex-Division President Ruth Allbritton for giving such a loving tribute to Kay during her funeral service. There were about twenty UDC members in attendance.

During Kay's illness, it was my responsibility to find someone who could assist her in carrying out her duties as our Vice President. While I did submit some of the insignia orders in June, we were overjoyed when former Division

MS Division President Janice Strohm at Massing of the Flags in Richmond, Virginia June 2015



Treasurer Susan Easter stepped up to the plate to accept the appointment as our new Division Vice President. She hit the pavement running with orders I personally handed to her. Thank you, Susan, for accepting this position.

Always on the lookout for Confederate sites, I was not disappointed on our trip to Austin, Texas in late May. Traveling through Huntsville, we stopped at the cemetery where Gen. Sam Houston is buried, along with many Confederate soldiers. I was also privileged to tour the Texas Capitol grounds to view the Confederate monument and one to John Bell Hood. On to the Texas

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State Cemetery, we found the grave of Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston and many other Confederates.

Early June found me in Richmond, Virginia attending the Forty-Ninth Massing of the Flags at the UDC Memorial Building. Wow! I was so proud to present the Mississippi flag, being second in line because Mississippi was the second state to secede! On Sunday June 7, we boarded a bus to go to Arlington to attend the 101st Memorial Service at the Confederate Monument. I placed daisies on the graves of several Confederate soldiers.

I do hope that many of you took advantage of this summer travel period to get out and see the U.S.A. in your Chevrolet – or whatever means of transportation you used. In late June, Larry and I boarded a big ol' bus with a group of thirty-something people and headed from Gulfport to Albuquerque, New Mexico. Oh, the places we saw that we had never seen before. Along the way, I looked for Confederate sites. The Old Town Plaza in Albuquerque did not disappoint with plaques about Confederate artillery Major Teel and the mountain howitzers and two replica howitzers. There was also a plaque about the Battle of Albuquerque. Let's pray that these plaques remain there. In Santa Fe we found a Federal monument erected in 1868. I know; I know. But it did have carved on one side that it was "to the heroes of the Federal army who fell at the Battle of Valverde fought with the Rebels on February 21, 1862.

You know that I couldn't let the summer go by without a trip or two to Tennessee. While there on July 14, I stopped in Chapel Hill to have my picture taken at

the Nathan Bedford Forrest monument. It just so happens that Gen. Forrest was born just up the road from my home town of Lewisburg.



UDC General President Pam Trammell
and MS Division President Janice Strohm
Massing of the Flags
Richmond VA June 6-7, 2015

With all that has happened this summer affecting our precious Confederate monuments and flags, please make sure that you are following the directions of our President General Pam Trammell and the directives of this great heritage organization, formed to preserve the memories of our Confederate ancestors and to defend the cause for which they fought.

A huge thank you goes to Susan Dunn, Division Chairman of the UDC Magazine. Our August issue is full of Chapter advertising, articles, and Chapter news! Let's try hard to top this for next year's issue. Remember that if your Chapter has a fantastic meeting or activity, you don't have to wait until the August issue to send in your news. It would be exciting to have news from Mississippi in every issue. This August issue also has the information and registration information for the 122nd Annual General Convention in Raleigh, North Carolina on November 5-9, 2015. It would be great to see a great number of Mississippi Daughters in attendance.

Please, please, please make your plans to attend the 119th Annual Mississippi Division UDC Convention in Jackson on September 24-26, 2015. Additional materials and registration materials are in this issue. Remember I'm hoping for 150 for the 150th!!!

Janice Strohm
Mississippi Division President

Save the Dates!

MS Division Convention

"Celebrate Mississippi"
September 24-26, 2015
Downtown Marriott
Jackson, MS
Convention call & registration form in this issue!

UDC General Convention

"Nothing Could Be Finer"
November 5-9, 2015
Sheraton Raleigh Hotel
Raleigh, NC
Website: www.ncudc.org/2015.html



"Nothing Could Be Finer"

November 5-9, 2015
Raleigh, North Carolina

The 122nd Annual General Convention will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Raleigh, NC. Watch the *UDC Magazine* for the Convention Call.

Make your Reservations NOW!
www.ncudc.org/2015



MISSISSIPPI MONUMENT AT SHILOH

Mississippi Confederate monument at Shiloh will be located near the site of the 6th Mississippi's famous assault at Shiloh, and will be dedicated on **Saturday, October 10, 2015.**

MISSISSIPPI DIVISION
UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY®
CONVENTION CALL—119th ANNUAL DIVISION CONVENTION
Thursday, September 24 – Saturday, September 26, 2015
Downtown Marriott ~ Jackson, Mississippi
Janice Strohm, Division President

“CELEBRATE MISSISSIPPI!”

HEADQUARTERS for the 119th Annual Mississippi Division UDC Convention will be the Downtown Marriott in Jackson, Mississippi. The Convention Chairmen are Ruth Allbritton (District I) and Margaret Murdock (150th Anniversary Council). For additional information, please contact Margaret by e-mail at memsixtwelve@gmail.com, or telephone at 228-596-4828.

ROOM RESERVATIONS must be made directly with the Downtown Marriott, 200 East Amite Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, telephone or 1-800-442-0887. When making reservations, ask for the block reserved for "UDC" to obtain the convention rate. Convention room rate is \$109 for up to four persons per room and is available only for the nights of September 23 - 27, 2015. All reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card. **You will be charged for any room reservation not cancelled 48 hours in advance. Rooms must be reserved by Thursday, August 20, 2015, to assure rate and availability.** All room rates are subject to 11% tax plus a \$.75 charge. Each person is responsible for making her own reservation. It is recommended that you make your reservations as soon as possible. Joint Marriott Rewards to enjoy FREE Wi-Fi at the hotel. There is a \$12.00 per day parking charge for use of the Marriott parking garage.

REGISTRATION AND TICKET RESERVATION FORM should be completed and sent to Convention Registration Chairman Ruth Murdock, 11816 Lorraine Road, Gulfport, MS 39503, postmarked by September 11, 2015. All attending must pay the \$10.00 registration fee. Advance reservations must be made for all meal events. Checks should be made payable to *Mississippi Division UDC - Convention*. Any dietary restrictions must be noted on the *Ticket Reservation Form*. Sandwich choice for box lunch on the Vicksburg tour must be noted on *Ticket Reservation Form*.

REPORTS of Chapter Presidents, officers and committee chairmen must be sent to the Division President by August 1, 2015. (Report forms and instructions are included in the President's Packet.)

NAMES OF ELECTED DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES and NAMES OF ALL ATTENDING the convention must be sent by the Chapter President to the Credentials Committee Chairman, Von Coombs, 3100 Highway 2, Blue Mountain, MS 38610, telephone 662-685-4246, e-mail voncoombs@bellsouth.net Monday, September 14, 2015.

MEMBERS OF THE CONVENTION, per Division Bylaws, shall be the elected Division Officers, Appointive Officers, ex Division Presidents, Honorary Division Presidents, Chairmen of Division Standing and Special Committees, District Chairmen, Chapter Presidents, and duly elected Delegates. For voting in Business Sessions on any and all business, Personal votes and Chapter Delegate votes are cast only by those present; no person may cast more than one personal vote. Each Chapter shall be entitled to one Delegate for the first seven members and one for each additional ten members; a Chapter may name as many Alternates as it desires.

NAMES OF DECEASED MEMBERS must be sent to the Division Chaplain, Beth Koostra, 309 Mountain Rd. SE, Fort Payne AL 35967-1859, by August 31, 2015. Memorials at the Convention will include any deaths that occurred between September 1, 2014 and August 31, 2015.

NAMES OF PAGES AND AIDES must be sent to Kat Blaylock, Chairman of Pages, 3316 West Rosita Circle, Memphis, TN 38116-3139, telephone 901-262-8002, email ladykatil@yahoo.com, by August 31, 2015. Pages must wear white attire, including shoes and gloves.

SALE ITEMS, SILENT AUCTION ITEMS, RAFFLE ITEMS: Chapters/groups/individuals that need a table will be required to pay a \$15.00 fee payable to *Mississippi Division UDC - Convention*. Request for table and check must be sent by September 11, 2015, to Registration Chairman Ruth Murdock, 11816 Lorraine Road, Gulfport, MS 39503.

**CONVENTION REGISTRATION AND TICKET RESERVATION FORM
119TH ANNUAL MISSISSIPPI DIVISION UDC CONVENTION**

The CONVENTION REGISTRATION and TICKET RESERVATION FORM should be completed and postmarked by September 11, 2015, and sent to Registration/Reservation Chairman Ruth Murdock, 11816 Lorraine Road, Gulfport, MS 39503. Please complete a separate form for each person attending. Room reservations are made directly with the hotel. Please refer to Convention Call and Condensed Program for additional information.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Name _____
 Address _____
 Home telephone _____ Cell telephone _____
 E-mail _____
 UDC Chapter name, number, location _____
 Current Chapter office _____
 Current Division office or Committee Chairmanship _____
 Current General office or Committee Chairmanship _____
 If ex Mississippi Division President, state year _____
 If current or ex General Officer, state office and year _____
 Mark all the following boxes that apply:
 Delegate Alternate UDC member District Chairman
 SCV member CofC member Guest Other

TICKET RESERVATION FORM (separate form per person)

Make check payable to Mississippi Division UDC - Convention. Insert cost to indicate meal preference. Any dietary restrictions (allergies, vegetarian, etc), must be noted on this form. Choose one sandwich for the Vicksburg tour (choice must be indicated on this form).

Registration	\$10.00	\$10.00
Thursday, September 24, 2015		
• Book/Wine gathering	FREE	Circle here if attending
• Tour to Vicksburg (box lunch (select sandwich below), bus transportation, Military Park Admission and guided tour, admission to two museums, catfish supper) Circle sandwich choice: ham turkey roast beef	\$67.00	
Saturday, September 26, 2015		
• Luncheon (Cold salads, roll, coffee, tea, dessert)	\$30.00	
• Chapter Presidents Banquet (pork loin, rice, vegetable, salad, rolls, dessert, coffee and tea)	\$40.00	
TOTAL		\$

SALES/RAFFLE/AUCTION

Completed form and \$15.00 fee payable to Mississippi Division UDC - Convention must be sent by September 11, 2015, to Registration Chairman Ruth Murdock, 11816 Lorraine Road, Gulfport, MS 39503.

Name _____
 Address _____
 Description of item and sale/auction/raffle; group it will benefit _____

Credentials Chairman

TO ALL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS:

It's time to send in your Credentials reports. I need them soon if not sooner! Remember, ***I have to have this report no later than September 14, 2015***, in order for your Chapter to vote and be recognized at Division Convention.

Von Coombs
Credentials

CREDENTIALS

Mail to: Von Coombs
3100 Highway 2
Blue Mountain, MS 38610
voncoombs@bellsouth.net

119th Mississippi Division Convention
September 24-26, 2015
Marriott Hotel
Jackson, Mississippi

FORM MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

Chapter Name, Number, and Location: _____ Number in Chapter _____

The voting members shall be the elected Division Officers, ex-Division Presidents, Honorary Division Presidents, Chairmen of Division Standing and Special Committees, District Chairmen, Chapter Presidents, and duly elected Delegates. A member may not cast more than one personal vote.

Chapter representation shall be one Delegate for the first seven members and one Delegate for each additional ten members.

DELEGATES

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| 1. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |

ALTERNATE DELEGATES

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| 1. _____ | 3. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 6. _____ |

Signature: _____
Chapter President

MS Division Convention Protocol for Newbies and Not-So-Newbies!



Mississippi Division Convention time is drawing near! It's time to get those outfits ready. Suits and dresses. Check. Hats and gloves. Check. Formals or semi-formals. Check. Dress shoes and pantyhose. Check. Insignia in good repair. Check. Snacks. Check. Well, you get the

picture. We want one and all to come, but there are "do's" and "don'ts" on Convention protocol.

For Business sessions, members are to wear nice dresses or suits, especially for the Friday morning session in the Old Capitol and at the Memorial Service. I would also encourage the wearing of hats and gloves during these two activities. Friday's Historical Evening and Saturday's Presidents' Evening events usually require either formal or semi-formal dress, especially if one is participating. Remember Division Officers, hats and gloves for the

Memorial Service. Chaplain Beth Koostra has directed the participants in the Memorial Service on their clothing choices. Remember those of you paging, you must wear white and need your shoulders covered! Any questions for Pages can be directed to Kat Blalock.

Saturday's business session can be a little less rigid than Friday, but we still expect nice business/church outfits. Remember, when wearing your insignia you should never be dressed in jeans and T-Shirts. Also, insignia is not to be worn on period outfits.

Those of you arriving early to take the bus trip to Vicksburg – casual is the word. And for registration and the book club activity, casual is fine.

Let's make this a fantastic Convention, showing that we are great Southern ladies with Southern manners and mannerisms. Oh, and don't forget those snacks!

Janice E. Strohm, MS Division President

We Need New Members

Keep up the good work on recruiting and getting new members. So far since taking the office of President last September, I have received over 70 inquiries for membership, most of them coming this summer. If I have sent your President or Chapter members these inquiries -- some as far away as Minneapolis, please make sure that you have followed up and contacted this person about becoming a member of our Organization.

Sometimes I've had to look at my Mississippi map and placed that person with the closest Chapter. Or I have contacted them and given them an option. I know at least two of these inquiries have become a member or transferred! Invite them to your meeting. Have your Registrar send them a worksheet.

I have received from General and sent on to the Chapters twenty-six new member certificates, one out-of-Division transfer, three in-Division transfers, and twenty-one supplementals!!! Let's keep Vice President Susan Easter busy!

Let's get to work and get those seventy-plus inquiries on our rolls! If you as a President think you might have mislaid what I sent you, please let me know. I've made a copy of those seventy-plus emails. That's not counting phone calls I receive.

Janice E. Strohm, MS Division President



Scouting Out Monuments



Janice Strohm at Monument of Gen Nathan Bedford Forrest



Janice Strohm at Grave of Gen Albert Sidney Johnston



Janice Strohm at Confederate Memorial Service at Arlington Cemetery holding flowers she put on the graves.



Janice Strohm Albuquerque, New Mexico Monument

President General Message

Reaffirmation of the Objectives of the
United Daughters of the Confederacy®
July 2, 2015

WHEREAS, The United Daughters of the Confederacy is deeply saddened by the events that occurred on June 17, 2015 in Charleston, South Carolina, AND

WHEREAS, The United Daughters of the Confederacy out of respect for the families of the nine members of the Emanuel AME Church have refrained from making any public statements regarding this tragedy and have instead chosen to pray for the families of these innocent victims during their time of individual mourning, AND

THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, that the United Daughters of the Confederacy stand with the families of the nine innocent lives that were tragically taken in Charleston, South Carolina and will continue to pray for them even after their period of mourning has ended, AND

THEREFORE, BE IT FOREVER KNOWN, that the United Daughters of the Confederacy upholds the proclamation adopted by the Organization in 2007 which states that we do not nor will we ever associate with or include in its official UDC functions and events, any individual, group or organization known as militant, unpatriotic, racist or subversive to the United States of America and its Flag.

Pam Trammell
President General, 2014-2016
United Daughters of the Confederacy



President General is Official Spokesman of the United Daughters of the Confederacy®

The General Officers have been working tirelessly on the distressing situations that have developed across the country. As we face these new challenges, please be aware that there will be situations we can intervene and/or offer advice, and situations that we will not be able to intervene based on the Bylaws of the General Organization and the rules governing Non Profit Organizations. The General Officers respectfully ask that all members be aware of the following:

UDC General Bylaws Article XXIII regarding Political Activity.

Article XXIII. Political Activities and Use of Roster

Section 1. Political Activities

It is prohibited for members, Chapters, or Divisions to participate in political activities in the name of the United Daughters of the Confederacy®. Membership in the UDC does not mean that you as an individual have lost your rights as a voting taxpayer of your County/Parish or State. You may participate in any political activity including lobbying (defined by IRS as attempting to influence legislation at any level of government) as an individual as is your legal right as a US Citizen. However, you may NOT do so as a representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy as stated above in the General Bylaws Article XXIII.

2. UDC General Bylaws Article V regarding duties of the President General.

Article V. General Officers

Section 6. President General

The President General shall:

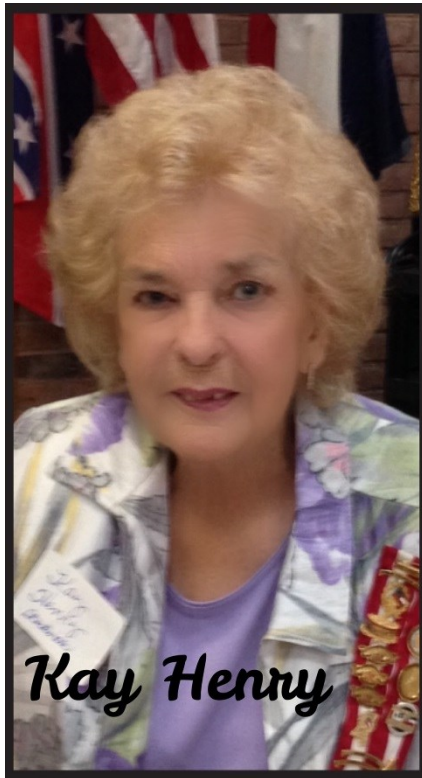
A. General.

1. Be the chief executive officer and the official spokesman of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. No member may speak for the United Daughters of the Confederacy except the President General as she is the Chief Executive Officer.

The General Executive Committee appreciates your cooperation in the two above stated matters.

Pam Trammell
President General, 2014-2016
United Daughters of the Confederacy

Vice President



Katherine "Kay" Henry

It is with sadness that we announce the death on July 2, 2015, of our dear member and MS Division Vice President, Katherine "Kay" Henry.

Kay was a dedicated member of The United Daughters of the Confederacy for many years and served in various positions at the Chapter, District, and Division level. She was currently serving as President of the Putnam Darden 2242 Chapter in Starkville, District I Vice Chairman, a Division committee chairman, and as MS Division Vice President. Her dedication and influence in UDC will certainly be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends at this time. Her sister Carole Gospodnetich also serves as our Division Recorder of Military Service Awards.

Ruth Allbritton wrote this tribute and presented it with a rose and candle at Kay's Memorial Service:

"Katherine Camille Myers Henry (Kay) Joined the Putnam Darden 2241 Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy on the service of her Great Grandfather James Franklin Benson, Co. H, 28th MS Cavalry, CSA, on Jan. 15, 2005. Her supplemental Confederate Ancestors are: GG Grandfather William Ellis Benson, G Grandfather Joseph A. Hargett, and GG Uncles Jason Hargett, General Lawrence Davis, Samuel M. Davis, and Cyrus Davis.

"Kay served her Chapter as president for nine years and held that office at the time of her passing. Kay served one term as District 1 Chairman and was serving as Assistant Chairman at the time of her passing. Kay served as MS Division Recording Secretary and was serving as MS Division Vice President at the time of her passing. She served as Chairman of several Division Committees.

"Those of us fortunate to know and work with Kay will never forget her dedication to whatever position she held. We will remember her laughter when telling a joke. We will miss her presence when we gather. We will miss Kay.

"To Kay we say:

"We are here to celebrate your life.
And every single life it touched, while you were here on this earth.
We wish to pay our last respects; that's why we are all here.
To thank you for your friendship and all the memories we hold dear.
It's been a privilege to have known you, we were family not just friends.
And we will carry you in spirit until we meet once again."



Obituary for Kay Henry

Katherine Camille (Myers) Henry was born in Starkville, Mississippi on January 8, 1938 to Clyde R. Myers and Edith Benson Myers. She passed from this life on Thursday July 2, 2015. Visitation was held at Welch's Funeral Home, 201 W. Lampkin Street, Starkville, Mississippi on Friday July 10, 2015 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The funeral was held at same location Saturday, July 11, 2015 at 10:00 am. Burial was held in Odd Fellows Cemetery with Brother Eddie Painter officiating at funeral and grave side prayers.

Kay and her family (mom, brother and sister) moved to California following the death of her father in 1942. She lived there until 2001 when she and her second husband Jim moved to Starkville. She is survived by her husband James D. Henry, her Daughter Darcy Hollinger and husband Rick of Canyon Lake, California; her son James G. Bollinger and wife Donna of Starkville; her step-son James W. Henry II of Huntington Beach, California; sisters Carole Gospodnetich of Starkville and Nancy Bisconer of Elma, Washington; brothers Clyde R. Myers Jr. and wife Barbara Sue of Long Beach, Mississippi; and Robert Knowles and wife Penny of Bishop, California. There are seven grandchildren: Christopher Bollinger, Nicholas Bollinger, Chelsea Hollinger, Nathan Nunnery, Natale Nunnery, Sarah Henry, and James D. Henry II, along with various nieces and nephews.

Kay gave her life to many volunteer organizations that will miss her greatly. She served on the Board of Directors to the Oktibbeha County Heritage Museum, where she held

the seat as Secretary. She was on the Executive Board of the Oktibbeha County Historical and Genealogical Society where she served as Co-president and Treasurer. Her love of genealogy was a lifelong effort that led to qualifications in the United Daughters of the Confederacy. All the years of research led her to many Confederate soldiers which warranted her many merits in the UDC. She was a 45-year member of the Itawamba Historical and Genealogical Society where her mother also held a membership. She also assisted in articles in the Itawamba Settler paper and Magazine. Kay and her husband were instrumental in establishing and running the Longview Opry for over 14 years. She was a Board member and Treasurer for the Southern Cruisers Car Club of Mississippi and even had her own car: a 1951 Mercury 4-door "custom." She loved to show and cruise her cars. She did volunteer work at the library in Starkville in the Genealogical Annex for special credits in the UDC.

She joined the United Daughters of the Confederacy in 2005. She was President of the Starkville Chapter, Putnam Darden 2242. She was the Mississippi Division Recording Secretary, District 1 Chairman, and at the time of her passing was serving as Mississippi Division Vice President.

Kay also had a special love for sewing, quilting, crocheting, knitting, and embroidery. She belonged to the Quilters Club in Starkville and showed many of her projects at street fairs, the Produce Barn, and County Annex Crafts Fair.

Ladies,

Words do not describe how I feel about all the support and best wishes Kay has received from all the "Daughters." You all have gone above and beyond in an effort to help Kay and her family. The UDC was a very, very important part of her life. I thank you for inviting both of us into your lives; it has been a blessing. A special thank you goes out to Ruth Allbritton (Kay's mentor) for performing an outstanding remembrance program at the funeral. I loved it, and so did many others. I don't know how long I can screen Kay's email site, so mine is jhenryjimhenry@aol.com. Please feel free to contact me any time, and maybe I'll see some of you at one of the conventions (??).

Love, *Jim Henry*

P. S. "Hurrah for the UDC" and excuse me if I missed your address please forward to all members.

Newly Appointed MS Division Vice President

With the approval of the Mississippi Division executive officers, **Susan Easter** has been appointed and has accepted the position of Vice President of the Mississippi Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Thank you, Susan, for accepting this position at this difficult time for our Division with the loss of our beloved Kay Henry. My thanks also to Carole Gospodnetich for forwarding to me the paperwork that was in Kay's hands so I could continue to fill orders for our members and send them on to Pat Bryson, our Vice President General. Mrs. Bryson and our President General Pam Trammell have been informed as to the change. Please direct any orders for insignia or awards to Susan Easter.

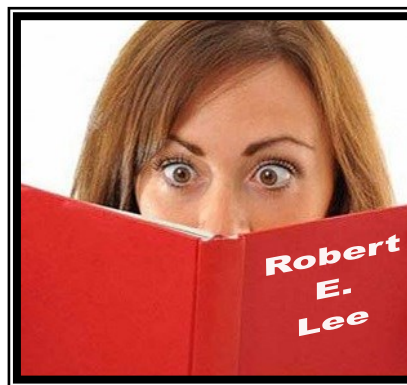
Janice E. Strohm
MS Division President



2nd Vice President

As I wonder if the 99 degree days will ever end, I also find myself wondering how the year could have passed by so quickly. Fall means that Chapters have been completing end-of-the year reports, and the plans for the new UDC year are beginning to be formulated. I encourage Chapters to remember to include measurable goals for educational activities. Suggestions for educational activities include supporting UDC scholarships, reading books, developing games, and presenting programs to other groups in addition to your own Chapter. A good source for new ideas will be the reports you hear during Division Convention.

I wish to encourage you to attend Division Convention this year. Not only will you hear great reports pertaining to the work of the UDC, there will be business to address. One of the most important points of business will be revision of the Division By-laws. Some of the suggested revisions will pertain to the office and duties of the Second Vice-President and our scholarships. I have worked with the By-laws Chairperson, Mrs. Ruthie Murdock, to



draft suggested revisions that will protect our scholarships. The document Chapters receive contain a column for rationale, but if you have questions after reading any of the suggested revisions pertaining to the Second Vice-President or the scholarships, please let me know.

I hope many of you plan to participate in the book review on Thursday night of the convention. I have read a great book about the later years of Robert E. Lee. I won't go into details in this message, but as a teaser, I want you to know that the information in the book has given me inspiration as I embarked on a new position in nursing administration. Yes, issues faced by Robert E. Lee still exist in higher education in 2015!

See you in September!

Remaining Yours,
Rebecca Fairchild, 2nd VP
MS Division

Chaplain

With sadness I report the deaths of the following MS Division members:

Vice President **Katherine Myers Henry** (Mrs. James David). She was the great granddaughter of James Franklin Benson, Co H, 28th MS Cavalry. At the time of her death, she was serving again as president of the Putnam Darden Chapter 2242 in Starkville, MS.

Mary Jane Kyzer Blackmon, great granddaughter of Joseph Maclin Boyett, Co. G, 30th MS Infantry. She was a member of the H.D. Money 350 Chapter in Carrollton, MS. Her date of death was 25 June 2015.

Mildred Elaine Lawrence Byrd, widow of William Wesley Byrd. She was the great granddaughter of John Lawrence, Co. D, 36th AL Infantry. She was a member of the Winnie Davis Chapter 24 in Meridian, MS. Her date of death was 10 March 2015

Sheila Thompson Peel (Mrs. Albert Hancock), great niece of Samuel Thompson, Co K, 28th AL Infantry. She was a member of the Winnie Davis Chapter 24 in Meridian, MS. Her date of death was 26 February 2015.

Beth Koostra
MS Division Chaplain



Picture submitted by Division President Janice Strohm. Confederate Memorial Service at Arlington Cemetery.



Division President Janice Strohm in front of the Confederate Monument on Capitol grounds in Austin, TX

Registrar



Hello Ladies,

I hope all are having a great summer and staying cool.

Remember January is coming!

There have been changes made to all UDC membership applications, and the new forms will be on

the UDC General Website soon. The old forms can be used currently, BUT the new forms must be used as of September 1, 2015, which is the start of the new UDC year. The husband has been removed from the member information on page 2, and the marriage information has been removed from all generations. Marriage, divorce, or not married is immaterial to membership. The bloodline must still be proven, and marriage records can be used if you need that for proof of the bloodline. This affects all applications whether original, supplemental, or CofC to UDC transfers.

There are some issues with spacing on the date lines from Generation 3 down. They are being addressed and hope to be corrected soon. You may need to enter dates without spaces, which the Registrar General is aware of.

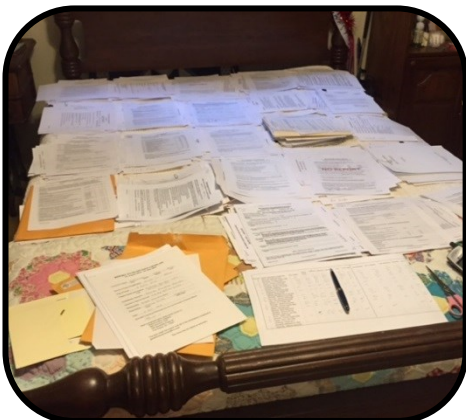
Also a reminder that all signatures must be original; you may fill in the application online and photocopy it, but signatures may NOT be copied.

Also, if you are using common proof, I only need one set of the proof, but each application must have its own checks. Remember the fees, and make those checks for the correct amount.

Please remember that the acid free copy of the applications MUST be front and back! I cannot send applications to the Registrar General or the Assistant Registrar General on 4 sheets. PLEASE save your Division Registrar a lot of work (and time). Thanks!

I am here to help in any way I can. Keep those papers coming!

In UDC Friendship,
Pam Mauldin,
MS Division Registrar



If you are the MS Division President at the end of the year, this is what your guest bed is piled up with — end of year reports!

(July 2015)



Everybody loves sweet Frances Woodruff!

(July 2015 in Starkville MS)



Left to right: MS Division President Janice Strohm, First Dude Larry Strohm, and Lani Rinkel enjoying good company and good conversation!

(July 2015 in Starkville MS)

Mrs. Norman V. Randolph Relief Fund

REAL DAUGHTERS REPORT

BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST:

- Mrs. Rachel Elaine Blackwell South, who will be 90 years young.
- Mrs. Floyd Lindsay Goodspeed

BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER:

- Mrs. Sammy Hynds Harrison DOB: September 23, 1935
Tennessee Division

Mrs. Sammy Hynds Harrison is the granddaughter of Robert Henry Hynds, Co., E 39th Tennessee Mounted Infantry. Miss Sammy has a son, a daughter, four grandchildren and a great granddaughter. She is active in her church where she serves on the Mission Committee and sings in the choir. Miss Sammy was caught in a layoff and before she could locate another job, fell and broke the ball from her upper left arm. She had two surgeries, but there is nerve damage resulting in only partial use of the arm. She is active in a local genealogical society and plans to work on a supplemental for her great grandfather, Captain Charles James Miller, Co. E 18th Arkansas Infantry Regiment who had members of the Crockett family serving under him. Mrs. Harrison is a Mrs. NVR Fund Recipient thru the United Daughters of the Confederacy®

- Mrs. Bernice Forehand Peacock DOB: Sept. 22, 1920
Florida Division

Velma Bernice Forehand Barbee Peacock is one of the UDC's newest Real Daughters, being "turned in" by her nephew Daniel Smith shortly before Christmas 2010. In September 1863, her father, Jonce A. Forehand, enlisted in the Grantham's Home Guard in Holmes Co., Florida. She wrote "he was 15 years old and stayed there until the end of the war. He guarded bridges and home front; that was a hard job". He died in 1939 at the age of 90; wife, Sarah, lived until Dec. 1981 when she was 97. Although they had only two daughters, Bernice and Perry Lee, each parent had children by previous marriages, so Miss Bernice grew up in a large family. She lives alone near her grandson, Jeff Barbee; the son of Phillip Barbee, whose father was her first husband. In 1949, she married Burl J. Peacock. Miss Bernice is very pleased to become a UDC member and sends as many responses as she can to members who correspond with her. She enjoys gardening, crocheting, reading, doing the find-a-word puzzles, and keeping her own house. She has a patch of collards growing in her yard that she tends every year. She said she would appreciate receiving stamps so she can easily respond to the cards and letters she receives. Miss Bernice is exceptionally sharp and alert at her age and a little hard of hearing but an absolute delight to talk with. She has a lot of pride in her ancestry.

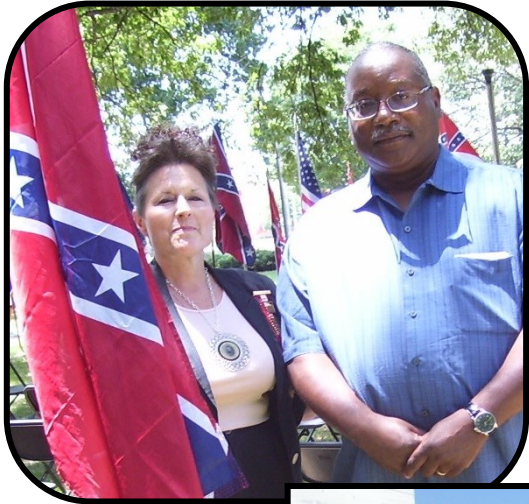
These four special ladies will appreciate your cards and gifts. For addresses contact Sandy Gaddis.

- **DEATH:** Sadly, James "Jim" Jordan, spouse of Real Daughter Mrs. Iris Gay Jordan has passed away. Keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Sandy Gaddis
MS Division Committee Chairman
Mrs. Norman V Randolph Relief Fund



Recognition of Black Confederates



Daughters, I have had some questions about filling out the Recognition of Black Confederates form. Please don't stress over it. There's really no "wrong way" to fill the form out. Just enter the information you know, and leave the rest blank or write "N/A" on the line. I can email anyone a form who needs one. Thanks for all your hard work in digging up these men whom history has dishonored. I know how much hard work it is.

Lani Rinkel
 Recognition of Black
 Confederates Chairman
 MS Division

Mr. Sydner and Lani Rinkel at Forrest Park in Memphis. Mr. Sydner was the keynote speaker for the annual Birthday Celebration for General Forrest on July 12th.



Right to left: MS Division Historian Lynda McKinney, Teresa Roane (Archivist for the UDC and black Daughter), and one of the ladies from a Nashville Chapter at the birthday celebration of President Davis, at the Jefferson Davis Historical Site Park in Fairview, KY. Behind them is the base of an obelisk monument to President Davis that rises 351 feet in the air. The park is run by Mr. Ron Sydner who also happens to be one of the black Sons.



Lynda McKinney, Lani Rinkel, and Karen Burnett Gibson (president of the newly re-chartered Sam Davis Chapter 410 in Morristown TN. At the annual fundraiser and birthday celebration in Chapel Hill on June 20, 2015.



Mr. Ron Sydner, curator of the Jefferson Davis Historical Site in Fairview, KY, introducing Teresa Roane as the keynote speaker at the Birthday Celebration of President Jefferson Davis.



Chapter Events

Biloxi Beauvoir 623 Biloxi



4/25/15: Janice Strohm, Tina B. Johnston, Ruthie Wade, Carla Harbin, Judy & Bill Allen and granddaughter, Hazel, and prospective member Zandra Walters all attended the Confederate Memorial Service at Beauvoir. We helped furnish food for the luncheon. Due to the rain, the Memorial Service was held in the auditorium where our Division President, and Carla Harbin spoke. We presented a wreath in memory of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

5/9/15: Back left: Kay Johnson, Donna Cox, Vivian Dailey, Janice Strohm. Left front: Tina B. Johnston, Mary Boles. We had our last meeting of the year at Famous Mary Mahoney's. Kay Johnson told stories of when she met Mary Mahoney.



6/21/15: We fed hot dogs and chicken to the fence building volunteers at Beauvoir. Mary Boles, Ruthie & Ron Wade, Tina B. Johnston & workers.



June 12-13, 2015: The CofC's Division Convention kept us busy in June with registration, Memorial Service and a hot dog supper on Friday. We furnished breakfast Saturday morning and attended business meetings.





Chapter Events

D. T. Beall 1185 Booneville



Members of the D. T. Beall 1185 Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy completed the 2014-2015 year recently with a luncheon in honor of Jefferson Davis' birthday. Meetings for the 2015-2016 year will begin on the third Wednesday of September. Pictured after the luncheon are (l-r) Barbara Shackelford, president; Donna Geno, recording secretary; Rita Godwin, Patsy Johnson, Bettie Akers; Moise Jones, second vice-president and

chaplain; Janice Robinson, historian; Neola Cleveland, registrar; Sandra Hamblin, recorder of crosses; Linda Sweeney; Lana Harrelon, treasurer; Pearl Millsaps, Sandra Gray; and Becky West. Chapter vice-president Carolyn Sullins is not pictured. The D. T. Beall Chapter meets on the third Wednesday of each month September through June at the George Ed Allen Library in Booneville.



Barbara Shackelford, president of Booneville's D. T. Beall 1185, participated in the rededication of the Confederate Mass Grave at the Bethany Historic Cemetery located in the Brice's Crossroads National Battlefield near Baldwyn. Shackelford shared the poem "Only a Soldier's Grave" by S.A. Jones. Approximately 90 graves have been restored in the cemetery and were rededicated on July 25.



Chapter Events

Varina Howell Davis 2559 Horn Lake

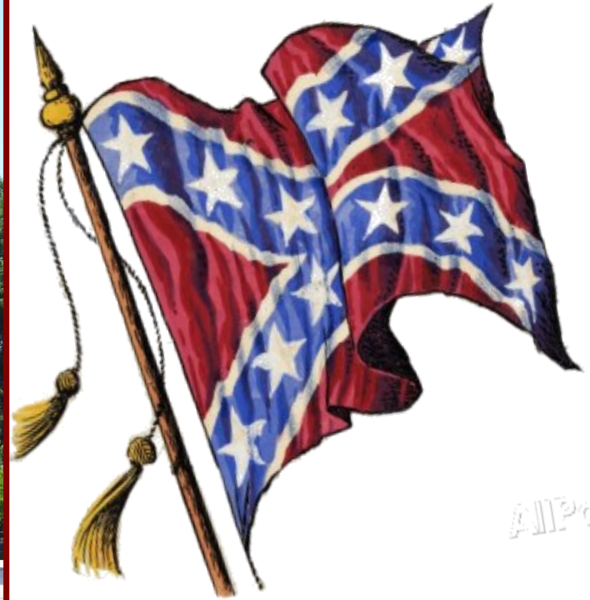
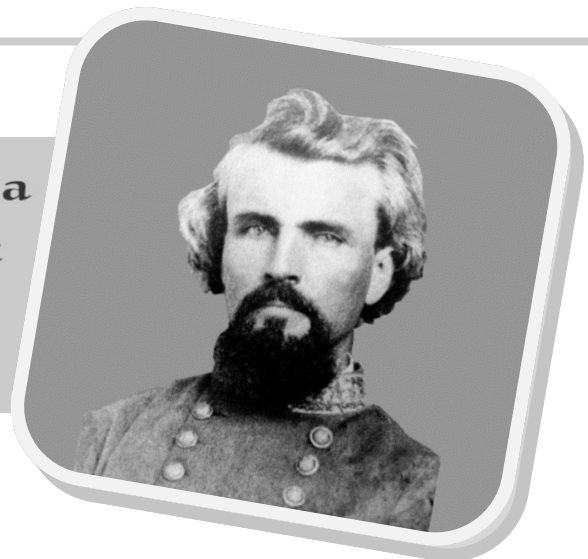


Photo taken by Lani Rinkel on July 12, 2015 at Forrest Park in Memphis, Tennessee. In this photo, Mrs. Dore Dorris, President of the Gayoso Chapter in Memphis and former TN Division Historian is re-dedicating the Forrest monument at the celebration.

Pictured from left to right are **Dorothy Herron of Varina Howell in Horn Lake**, Debbie Lewis of the N. B. Forrest Chapter in Memphis, Martha Smylie of the N. B. Forrest Chapter in Memphis, Mrs. Dore Dorris, and Mrs. Stacie Dorris-Shelton of the Gayoso Chapter in Memphis.

"I can always make it a rule to get there first with the most men."

Nathan Bedford Forrest





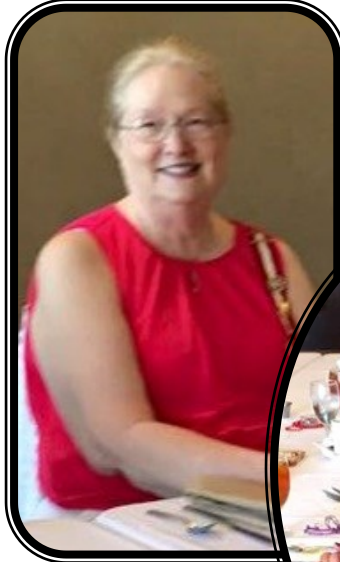
Chapter Events

John J. Hart 2443 Tupelo

Each year, John J. Hart Chapter 2443 celebrates the anniversary of their Charter on August 13th. This year, we celebrated our 34th anniversary at the Tupelo Country Club with a Candlelight Ceremony in honor of our Confederate ancestors. We also held a Memorial Service during the meeting for our oldest Chapter member Pauline "Miss Polly" Ladshaw, who passed

away March 8, 2015. In attendance were Sharon Tallman, Treasurer; Kay Nelson; Alice Jennings, Registrar; Teresa Neaves; Sandra Knight; Sylvia Thornton, Secretary; Cheryl Moore; Pat Hass, President; and Nancy Moore, Vice President.

At the conclusion of the meeting, several members went to the library and presented Harper Lee's new book, Go Set a Watchman, to Mr. Jeff Tomlinson, Director of the Tupelo Lee County Library, in Miss Polly's name.



Alice Jennings



Front to Back: Sherry Ray, Pat Hass, Cheryl Moore, and Sylvia Thornton

Our Dear Miss Polly Ladshaw



Sharon Tallman
and
Kay Nelson



L to R: Kay Nelson, Sandra Knight, Sharon Tallman, Jeff Tomlinson (Library Director), Pat Hass, Nancy Moore, and Sylvia Thornton



Chapter Events

Mary Ann Randolph Custis Lee Chapter 2583 Purvis

MARCL TOP CHEF 2015 CROWNED.

Anticipation was high! Excitement filled the air. Who would present the winning culinary delight? Sweet and savory dishes from the 1800s graced the heavily laden tables. It was like an old-time *dinner on the grounds*. Chicken and dumplings, cabbage stew, okra soup, wash day red beans and rice, hominy casserole, macaroni and cheese, gumbo were all simmering in pots. Among the dessert offerings were cornbread pudding with fresh berries, fresh apple pie,



Granny's jelly cake, apple fritters, and peach cobbler. Our Division President Janice Strohm entered her delicious pecan pie. Beth Johnson won the savory category with her wash day red beans and rice and Kathy Ford claimed top honors in the sweet category with her fried apple fritters. The two were challenged to a show down where each had to tell the history of her recipe, the ingredients and why she chose it. When the decision was announced Beth Johnson claimed the honor. Beth is pictured here with the 2014 Top Chef Carol Smith who presented her with her apron.

MARCL REACHES THOUSAND POUND GOAL.

Mary Ann Randolph Custis Lee 2583, Purvis, set a goal of a 1,000 pound donation of nonperishable food items to the Lamar Baptist Mission as their 2015 Benevolent Project. Themes such as *Fruit Harvest*, *Eat it with a Spoon*, *the Great Ramen Wall*, and *All Things Green* were chosen for monthly donations. They far exceeded that goal and will be reporting a total of 1,285 pounds on their year-end Benevolent Report. The mission supports an average of 22 families a month with food, clothing, household items, and spiritual counseling. Beth Johnson, Benevolent Chairman, is pictured here with *Box* food items from *Things in a Box*.



MARCL HONORS AN AMERICAN HERO.

Ann Randolph Custis Lee 2583, Purvis, honored Master Sergeant (Retired) Robert V. Hudson with the Vietnam Cross of Military Service and the National Defense Service Medal for his service in the Global War on Terror on May 16, 2015. MSG Hudson served with the 5th Aviation Company, Fort Rucker, during the Vietnam Conflict and with Company B, 106th Forward Support Battalion, Camp Shelby during Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Among his awards are the National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, NCO Professional Development Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, and the Army Achievement Medal. MSG Hudson's wife Linda, who is the Chapter Recorder of Military Service Awards, assisted President Celeste Young with the presentation.



Chapter Events

General M. P. Lowrey 1608 Blue Mountain

Bestowal of Crosses of Military Service June 13, 2015

World War II

Staff St. Roy Fagan Hodges, Army Air Force
Great Grandson of Pvt. Robert Wordlaw Hodges
Co. E, 7th Cav MS

Corporal Robert Lee Bearden, US Army
Great Grandson of Pvt. Robert Kimsey Bearden
Co. D, 64th GA Inf.

Vietnam

E3 Corpsman Robert McCaskill Shelly, US Navy
Great Great Grandson of Pvt. John Edward McCaskill
Co. B, 4th Volunteers Inf, TN

Global War On Terror

Sgt. First Class Rickey Allen Jordan, US Army National Guard
Great great great grandson of Pvt. James Robert Morgan
Co. I, 3rd Inf. MS



Pam Mauldin and
Granddaughter Ella Nelson



Pages: Kristy Gaillard and
Jo Ann Yale. Usher: Ella
Nelson of Sara Holmes
Lowrey 32 CofC



Sweet Ella



Hostesses: Jeane Reed
and Phyllis Brown



Left to Right: Ruth Allbritton, Roy Hodges WWII,
Robert Bearden WWII, Rickey Allen Jordan, GWT;
Robert Shelly, Vietnam; and Pam Mauldin



Presenters: Linda Womack, Chaplain, Patty Young,
Von Combs, and Anita Decker



Chapter Events

General M. P. Lowrey 1608, cont.



Left to right: Wanda Gaddy and Flora Dunham, GG Granddaughter of Confederate Major General J.E.B. Stuart.

Wanda Gaddy is a member of our Chapter and a published author of several Southern Novels. Below is her narrative of meeting Miss Flora and her presentation to the residents.

Wanda Gaddy:

"I had the pleasure of speaking to the residents and staff of Mease Manor Assisted Living and several auxiliary staff members such as Hospice, in Dunedin, Florida. Surprisingly, one of the residents was Maj. Gen. J.E.B. Stuart's great-granddaughter, Flora Dunham. She is a member of Mary Custis Lee Chapter 1451 UDC in Clearwater. Just about all the other Mease residents are from the North, but they were so attentive as I spoke (from the southern side, of course). I used Shiloh Battle as my basis. Flora and I got a great round of applause!"



Memorial Day 2015: Ruth Allbritton and Deputy Pete Crum place US Flag of Memorial Marker for Tippah County Deputy Dewayne Crenshaw and Vietnam War Hero. Deputy Crenshaw was killed in the line of duty in 2010.



May 14, 2015 Chapter and Division Essay Winner: Pam Mauldin presents award checks to Alex Rowland of Kossuth High School



Chapter Events

Winston Guards Chapter 2643 Louisville



Winston Guards 2643 President Frances Woodruff and Registrar Connie Estes mailed 14 pounds of items to Grand Junction, Colorado, to be placed in troop boxes mailed overseas, almost 3 pounds of greeting card fronts to St. Jude's in Boulder City, Nevada, and 3 pounds of trimmed cancelled stamps to VA Hospital in Oklahoma City, OK. The chapter also collects used eyeglasses for a local optometrist to carry on mission trips overseas, magazines to be placed in local doctors offices, and newspapers given to the local animal shelter.

Robert E. Lee 2561 Meridian

Robert E. Lee 2561 Chapter President, Sandy Gaddis, and Recorder of Military Service officer, Adele Whitlock, presented 2 Military Service Awards to Vietnam veterans. Robert Charles Welch received Vietnam Conflict medal and his brother Stephen Perry Welch, received National Defense medal on the service of their Great great Grandfather Confederate soldier, Mackeness Hudson Whitaker, 1st Lt., who served in Co K 13th MS Capt. S.J. Randell's Co. Mississippi Volunteers, Field & Staff. The service was held at the Western Sizzlin' on July 14, 2015 with their relatives and friends, along with members of the W.D. Cameron 1221 and Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest 1649, to honor the recipients of these awards.





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- **Call to Convention, September 24-26**
- **MS Division mourns the loss of VP Kay Henry**

**See inside for more information and details, along with registration forms
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