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United Daughters of the Confederacy®



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*"We talked the matter over and could have settled the war in thirty minutes had it been left to us."*

- **Unknown Confederate Soldier** referencing a meeting he had with a Union soldier between the lines.



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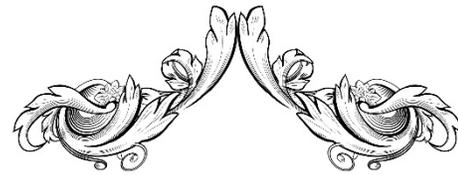


# MMD 217 President's Message

Friends,

Is everyone tired of the rain and cold weather? When you are tempted to gripe and complain about it, try to compare your present situation with that of our ancestors. Think about having to be out in the weather 24 hours a day without raincoats, umbrellas, or rubber boots, slogging through the mud. And while enduring that, realizing that you don't have any dry clothes or shoes to put on when the rain stops! Thinking of them and all they endured always makes me feel much better. We are so blessed to live in this time!

And speaking of being blessed, I will feel especially blessed to see everyone at our next meeting!  
Sarah Duncan Beene, President



*Begin Gathering and Bringing  
to Our Meetings Your Stems for  
the Silent Auction*

- Friendly Reminders for Meetings and Members*
1. UDC DRESS CODE for all meeting is Business/Church Attire. Never denim or jeans, t-shirts, or overly revealing tops.
  2. NO CELL PHONES "ON" at meetings. We must all remember our manners.
  3. NO SHARING of Mollie Moore Davis 217 business information with anyone not in our chapter. Our Membership Information is PRIVATE and is not to be shared publicly or on social media. Information is solely used for Mollie Moore Davis 217 & UDC purposes.



## UDC General News



February finds us in the middle of winter and dreaming of spring flowers and warmer weather. It is also time to dig into the work of our UDC year. Be sure to check the list of Committees and see what you can do to help them achieve their objectives. There are 49 Standing and Special General Committees and most are active on your division level. I am sure there is at least one committee that your Chapter can adopt as your main 2020 project. But do not let this limit your activity. All 49 will appreciate your support to enhance their reports.



Ms. Nelma Crutcher  
President General, 2018-2020  
*"Education is the Key"*



## Texas Division Current News



Ladies,

There is a new General Committee for Homeland Defense Service Awards. I need to appoint a Chairman and Committee Members to this Committee for Texas Division.

If you are interested in being the Chairman or a Committee member, please send me your name and contact information and I will send you all the information on this committee. The information on this committee is on the General website if you would like to learn more about what this committee does.

Thank you,  
Dorothy Norred  
President  
Texas Division UDC  
2018-2020





# FIRST MEETING OF NEW YEAR

MOLLIE MOORE DAVIS CHAPTER,  
U. D. C., WILL MEET TOMORROW AFTERNOON.

Mollie Moore Davis chapter, U. D. C., will hold their first meeting for the New Year with Mrs. Kate Beaird at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. A. Alston, No. 770 North Spring ave. nue, Thursday at 3 p. m.

- Program for the day:
- Opening song—Dixie.
  - Reading of minutes of previous meeting.
  - Unfinished business.
  - Report of standing committees.
  - Report of special committees.
  - Report of secretary.
  - Report of corresponding secretary.
  - Treasurer's report.
  - Answer to roll call.
  - Some items of news from chapters in the state.
  - General discussion.
  - The Confederate Widows home in Austin.
  - New business and reception of new members.
  - Suggestions for the good of our chapter.
  - Select reading—Our Heroes.—Mrs. Collard.
  - Your New Year's resolution.
  - Social session.
- All members most cordially invited to attend and meet at 3 p. m. sharp. Very severe cold or falling weather will postpone the meeting.
- President.

Mrs. Kate P. Beaird was born February 23, 1853, in Mississippi, to late Baptist preacher, Rev. J.J. Baggerly and Susie Nicholson. She was a member of the Baptist Church and of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

Mrs. Beaird died February 7, 1913. She was found dead in the morning after retiring the night before in "seemingly good health." She was preceded in death by her husband, J.P. Beaird. She was survived by four children: Mrs. Edgar Alston of Tyler; Tom E., James B. "Bennie", and Charles E., all of Louisiana. (Tyler Daily Courier Times, February 7th and 19th, 1913; Texas Death Certificate)



## Kate Palmer *Baggerly* Beaird

<b>BIRTH</b>	23 Feb 1853 Tyler, Smith County, Texas, USA
<b>DEATH</b>	7 Feb 1913 (aged 59) Tyler, Smith County, Texas, USA
<b>BURIAL</b>	<u>Oakwood Cemetery</u> Tyler, Smith County, Texas, USA
<b>MEMORIAL ID</b>	39755369 · <a href="#">View Source</a>

Special Thanks to Mary June Goodson for documenting our chapter's history.



## Chapter Current News

Happy February!!

Mollie Moore Davis 217 members recently had time to learn and fellowship with our UDC sisters at the 2020 Forum in Bryan. We were able to hear about the activities of the CofC, learn more about the processes of the Texas Division, participate in a silent auction and so much more. Our six members that attended were able to see and visit with members we do not get to see as frequently as we do our Chapter members. Next year, be sure to make plans to attend.

As I live by a calendar, I want to make sure that everyone has dates to put on your calendar: District VIII meeting on March 14 in Tyler, the Mollie Moore Davis 217 BBQ on April 4, the Texas Division Convention in Houston at the Hyatt Regency Houston Intercontinental Airport ( 218-249-1234- block code UDC) October 1-4.

Make sure you have your reservations made to attend all of these wonderful events!

UDC Love,  
Tami Hurley, Vice President



## Chapter Current News

Hello Daughters,

It was good to see everyone at the January meeting, sorry I had to rush out early before we were through. As a reminder – if you plan on attending the BBQ now is the time to turn in your reservation before prices go up again in March. WE have had good turnout already, and it promises to be a great event.

Additionally, we will be co-hosting the District 8 workshop this year as well. Registration is \$25 and it will be a great time to meet people in the other chapters in the district. If you are interested, let me know and I will get your registration taken care of.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the February meeting!

Michelle Threadgill, Treasurer



## Chapter Current News

While preparing for our visit to Watkins-Logan Veterans Home to decorate for Valentine's, Nancy Rhodes and I wondered if the Alzheimer residents in Building B would have memories of their previous heart throbs. There were some familiar faces there and some new ones as we distributed Valentine goodies and cards to them. One who had fallen last month was now so much better and recognized us which brought joy to our hearts. These men who served our country in previous war conflicts are now living out the remainder of their lives in a beautiful center surrounded by loving care givers which we also honor by giving tokens of appreciation.

As we continue to emphasize the need for education of our youth, let's not forget that those who have sacrificed for our freedom still need to be "thanked" every time we see them. As President General Nelda Crutcher continues to emphasize, "Education is the Key" as we take the opportunity to honor all veterans and civilians who put their lives on hold to protect us daily. She encourages participation in volunteering to support our veterans and other civic personnel. The service given by our ancestors needs to be taught and remembered just as we acknowledge those who have served and are serving here at home and overseas. Without our ancestors' love for the "Cause", we would not be here to continue to show our love to others.

We gave or sent over 1000 Christmas cards to our veterans during the past holiday season. We now have the opportunity to send cards not only to those who have served or are serving but also to family members who are in active duty! Last month we gave out address labels to our members to send cards and other tokens of appreciation to them. Jarrett, a Marine, is the grandson of Loretta Tomlin and Kaitlynd, Air Force Special Services, is a cousin of mine. Since they are both stationed state side (California and Alaska), postage is not extra. Their addresses and pictures are shown in this newsletter.

**Jarrett Frye**  
**211 Brooks St. #9000**  
**Unit 508**  
**Oceanside CA 92051**

**Burmester, Kaitlynd**  
**7053 Chennault Ave Unit 1577**  
**JBER AFB 99506**

Let's continue to show our support to those who support us!

Susan Bradley Newman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President



# Chapter Current News

Hello, dear friends!

I had mentioned I was appointed as the new Registrar due to Mary June Goodson accepting a new job with the UDC General Magazine Committee. As her duties began, she realized she would still be able to serve as our chapter Registrar; I *happily* agreed to give that duty back to her so I have resigned my appointment as Registrar! I will continue to serve as Third VP and Recorder of Military Service Awards. Thanks, MJ! I know you will continue to do a great job in everything you do!

I received an email from my DAR chapter Regent passing on a request from the State Chair of the DAR Membership Committee as she needed a picture of a young lady's grave in the Sitton Cemetery near Lindale. She was working on a new application for DAR and needed a clear picture of the inscription on her gravestone. I called Sarah asking if she was familiar with that cemetery and asked if she would go with me. She agreed to go so we took gravestone cleaner, water, and brushes and cleaned this gravestone and also those of her parents and sister. Naturally, Sarah knew the father was a Confederate veteran so we placed a pipe and flag on his grave. It was great to help another heritage group and remember one of our veterans at the same time!

Three MSAs are being processed and I am awaiting confirmation so that we may present them at our MMD event on April 4! Looking forward to seeing many of you that day!

**Paula Patterson**, Third VP/Recorder of MSAs



*Sarah Beene , President*



*Paula Patterson, Third VP/Recorder of MSAs*



# Chapter Current News

Hope everyone had a nice Valentine's Day. Seems like Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> came upon me very fast, but every day comes fast the older I get.

Praying that everyone is doing well and keeping a bright outlook during this Winter full of rain. Have not heard of any members dealing with difficulties, but I know everyone has one kind of an issue or another with which to deal these days. There continues to be soldiers being killed in other lands, awful viruses killing many and politics causing people to disagree. In general, these are the same things that our ancestors faced. They had to endure many wars, illness, and of course the war between the states from which our society family members faced. My own great grandfather and 2<sup>nd</sup> greats were Confederates and their sons faced WW I coming. It goes on.

While reading the Bible, ran across a line that has often been stated, "The Last Days". My family has often made that statement that we are living in the last days. Reading in Isaiah 2:2-5, it was explained. "When are the last days? It's a question that's challenged Bible scholars for centuries. Some believe the last days began with Jesus Christ's birth and will continue until his second coming. Others say this time refers to the time of God's judgments, followed by Christ's rule. Whatever the case, in the last days God will do marvelous things. According to this text, the Lord will establish his temple, teach us his ways, settle disputes and end wars. So rather than fearing the last days, if our names are written in the Lamb's book of life, (Rev. 3:5), we can joyfully anticipate them."

"The Last Days" taken from NIV, Women of faith Study Bible.

God Bless,  
Paula Warren, Chaplain



Michael Hurley - "Songs of the Confederacy"



Sarah Beene, Susan Newman, Mary June Goodson  
Supplemental Approved for Susan Newman



## Chapter Current News

### Valentine's Day

Such a popular holiday – it adds a bit of romance to our normal busy lives. Even amidst the all-consuming aspects of war, Valentine's Day still sparked the romantic ardor of soldiers fighting for their southern home land. I can just imagine a soldier, weary from a battle sitting down with his back to an old log and putting pencil to paper to write a love note to his girl or wife back home. The wistfulness of his glaze as he looked up thinking of the loved one, he was separated from by the miles and endless battles. Love endures, even during the most difficult of times.

I recently found some excerpts of letters written by soldiers during the War Between the States -

Private Joseph C. Morris of the Phillips Legion [Georgia] Cavalry poured out his heart to Sylvania Bremond of Stanardsville, Va., on February 14, 1865:

*Moments appear days to me, and day an age – an age of misery and woe – when I cannot behold your beloved face.... Why have we passion? If upon the first development of their genuine tenderness they must be curbed and checked, by the arbitrary rules of war.*

Virginian Mollie Lyne received these lines of verse from a soldier on Valentine's Day 1863:



*Mid all the trials and toils of war,  
The clash of arms, the cannon's roar,  
The many scenes of desolation and strife,  
And varying fortunes which surround this life.  
Naught else disturbs me, half so much,  
As the nightly visions which haunt my couch.  
But why should I not be happy?  
Ah! Methinks that thou canst tell,  
Thou hast me bound, as if by spell,  
I love thee Mollie, with all my heart.*

Thankfully many of have never experienced the heartbreak of separation from loved ones because of war. While many looks at Valentine's Day as a romantic holiday, we can all use it as an excuse to tell all those dear to us how much we love them. Ladies, just wanted to tell you that you all have a special place in my heart – Happy Valentine's Day. ❤️

Loretta Tomlin  
Historian



Excerpt from the *Diary of a Southern Refugee* by Judith W. McGuire

This diary is available for free reading and download:

<http://memory.loc.gov/service/gdc/scd0001/2010/20100727001di/20100727001di.pdf>

February 28, 1864

(Diary Transcription)

Our hearts ache for the poor. A few days ago as E. was walking out, she met a wretchedly dressed woman, of miserable appearance, who said she was seeking the Young Men's Christian Association, where she hoped to get assistance and work to do. E. carried her to the door, but it was closed,, and the poor woman's wants were pressing. She then brought her home, supplied her with food, and told her to return to see me the following afternoon. She came, and with an honest countenance and manner told me her history. Her name is Brown; her husband had been a workman in Fredericksburg; he joined the army and was killed at the Second Battle of Manassas. Many of her acquaintances in Fredericksburg fled last winter during the bombardment; she became alarmed, and with her three little children fled too. She had tried to get work in Richmond; sometimes she succeeded, but could not supply her wants. A kind woman had lent her a room and a part of a garden, but it was outside of the corporation; and although it saved hour-rent, it debarred her from the relief of the associations formed for supplying the city poor with meal, wood, etc. She had evidently been in a situation little short of starvation. I asked her if she should get bread enough for her children by her work? She said she could sometimes, and when she could not she "got turnip-tops from her piece of a garden, which were not putting up smartly, and she boiled them, with a little salt and fed them on that." But do they satisfy your hunger," said I? "Well, it is something to go upon for a while but it does not stick by us like as bread does, and then we gets hungry again, and I am afraid to let the children eat them too often, lest they should get sick; so I tries to get them to go to sleep; and sometimes the woman in the next room will bring the children her leavings, but she is monstrous poor." When I gave her meat for her children, taken from the bounty of our Essex friends, tears of gratitude ran down her cheeks; she said the "had not seen meat for so long." Foot thing, I promised her that her case should be known, and that she should not suffer so again. A soldier's widow shall not suffer from hunger in Richmond.



**The Ruins of Fredericksburg**



## The Ingenuity of Southern Women

History records over 600,000 soldiers died in the War of Northern Aggression. In the appalling conditions soldiers faced, germs spread like wildfire through the troops in a time before anyone understood exactly how to stop them. As a result, some of the most important aid for the common soldier came from those who helped to improve sanitary conditions and provided new, clean supplies to soldiers. At the beginning of the War, there were no organized groups of women who served the soldiers. Wives and mothers scrounged up what supplies they could and sent them to their beloved ones on the battlefield. Yet, many soldiers were from poor families who didn't have much to give -- or they had no families at all. Individual contributions were significant to individual soldiers, but if women banded together, they would be able to do exponentially more for the soldiers. This type of logic led to the creation of **ladies' aid societies**, also known as **soldiers' aid societies**. Thousands of these groups were scattered throughout the Confederacy.

Their contributions of supplies, food, clean clothes and medical supplies combated the disease fatality rate. Something as simple as a new blanket sent from the Homefront could replace one that was infested with disease, possibly saving a life. Ironically, it was these strong "Steel Magnolias" who helped to hold their beloved Southland together.

When the men marched off to war, the women began managing farms and businesses in addition to their household duties. Womenfolk continued to care for the children and elderly, perform housekeeping chores, such as sewing, weaving, spinning, preparing and preserving food. They also maintained the garden and the chickens. One Southern woman wrote her husband that she had managed to plant corn and vegetables, but that rain had washed away much of the seed. She sold a pig and a cow to buy more seed and to hire help in planting while she cared for a sick child. Women banded together in sewing circles and groups to make bandages and clothing for the troops. Some women worked in such groups while others sewed or knitted as they found time from their home chores. They sent boxes of clothing to troops on the front lines. Let us as modern day "Steel Magnolias" follow their example and continue to support our troops as they endeavor to keep America safe. We can contribute either through physical goods or our monetary contributions to help send collected items. If you know of any soldier who would appreciate a "gift from home", please contact our UDC chapter. Let us keep alive the strength and ingenuity of these strong Southern women.

In Southern Service,  
Patty Williams, Editor and Publisher





**Benevolent**

Donations - Time/Talent (not church)

Donation of Items and Value

Monetary Donations

Other Donations

**Confederate Flags**

Purchased (Any Item with Confederate flag)

Confederate flags placed on graves by member

Confederate flag Flown/Displayed by member (# of days)

Other

**Heritage Preservation**

Letters/call/emails

**Randolph Relief/Real Daughters**

Cards to RR members (#) or (\$)

Cards to Real Daughters (#) or (\$)

Cards to UDC members

**Patriotic Activities**

Citizenship/Naturalization Hours or \$

US flag flown outside of home

Services to active duty military (ex.care packages)

Cards/letters to active duty military

Any other patriotic activity

**Southern Literature** The literature and arts must relate to the South during the period of the Confederacy, either wartime or pre- and post-war years.

Books read - Fiction, Non-Fiction, Poetry

Southern books donated

**Textbooks Reviewed**

Texas or US (form available)

**UDC Meetings/Events**

Mollie Moore Davis Meetings/Events

Other UDC chapter events

UDC Conventions/Forums/Events

**Visits/Pictures Taken**

Monuments/Memorial Markers

Confederate Sites

**Other Activities**

Hours of Genealogical research (personal or others)

**Save the Date....April 4, 2020**

After repeated requests for her return,

*Mollie Moore Davis 217*

Tyler, Texas

proudly invites you to join us as we hear,

***Teresa Roane, UDC Archivist,***

continue her presentation of "Minorities in Confederate Military:  
Combat Support...or Hidden in Plain Sight, Part II"

and celebrate

*Mollie Moore Davis' April 12, 1844 Birthday*

and

***the 122<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of our April 9, 1898, Chartering***

First Assembly of God Church, 5309 Rhones Quarter Road, Tyler, Texas 75707

Register early to receive our Convention Special Rate.

For additional information, please contact Sarah Beene at 903.561.1946 or [DixieRoots@aol.com](mailto:DixieRoots@aol.com)

**Barbecue and Awards Luncheon  
Saturday, April 4, 2020, 11:00 am**

Names Attending	Chapter/Camp	Office Held
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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

_____ Individuals Attending	Convention Special -- Postmarked no later than <b>November 30, 2019</b> <b>\$25.00</b>	\$ _____
	Forum Special -- Postmarked no later than <b>February 29, 2020</b> <b>\$30.00</b>	\$ _____
	Regular Registration – Postmarked no later than <b>March 27, 2020</b> <b>\$35.00</b>	\$ _____
_____ Children	6 -10 years \$ 8.00	\$ _____
_____ Children	5 and under	Free
	<b>Amount of check</b>	\$ _____

Please respond early, but **no later than March 27, 2020.**

Please detach, complete the registration form, make your check payable to Mollie Moore Davis 217, and mail to: Michelle Threadgill, Treasurer,  
19298 Fawn Creek, Flint TX 75762



## Upcoming Events

- |             |                                                                                |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| February 20 | Chapter Business Meeting<br>10:00 AM<br>5309 Rhones Quarter Road, Tyler, Texas |
| March 14    | District VIII Workshop<br>5309 Rhones Quarter Road, Tyler, Texas               |
| March 19    | Chapter Business Meeting<br>10:00 AM<br>5309 Rhones Quarter Road, Tyler, Texas |



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