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Memorial to Confederate Women

It was a time that tried the patience, fortitude, courage and fidelity, especially on the part of the heroic Southern women.



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🌋 MMD 217 President's Message

Ladies -

Hard as it is to believe, our UDC year is coming to an end! I hate to be trite and say that it has flown, but I can't think of a better way to say it. We have accomplished quite a bit, but there is more that we need to do. One area that I am disappointed with is the number of flags that we have put on the graves of Confederate veterans as we have only done about 100. I plan to bring my lists and a supply of flags to our meeting next week and if anyone would be willing to be responsible for a cemetery or two, I would be very appreciative.



Some of us have talked about going on some day trips this summer. Some that have been suggested are genealogy research trips to the Dallas or Shreveport library, or the one at SFA or Baylor. A trip that especially interests me would be to go to the Confederate Cemetery at Keatchie, in DeSoto Parish, Louisiana. There are about 100 men buried there who were wounded at Mansfield and were taken to Keatchie College which was used as a hospital. It would be nice to put out flags there. I'm sure some of you can think of other fun trips that we could take, and we can talk about that Thursday. I hope most of our members will be able to attend this week, as we have much to discuss!

Sarah Duncan Beene, President

New Member of MMD 217



Sarah Beene - President, Carol Harder, Mary June Goodson - Registrar



Nancy Brantley, Sarah Beene, and Paula Patterson at Oakwood Cemetery Tyler, Texas

UDC General News



As we move into the memorial season, we want to remember to honor our soldiers in proper UDC fashion. Possible formats for Memorial Services can be found in the UDC Ritual.

Just a reminder, we only use the First National Flag of the Confederacy or the Daughters Flag, for marking Confederate Graves. Our UDC wreath is to be made of ivy or another source of greenery, such as magnolia leaves. Ivy is used as our symbol because of the way it grows. It has strong roots and then its branches, as families do. As ivy grows, the branches intertwine to make the vine stronger in the same manner the branches of UDC band together to give strength to each of us.

I do hope all of you will find time to honor the Confederates in your area as well as the veterans of other wars. I hope you will make plans to join us for the celebration of Massing of the Flags in Richmond, June 1, followed by the memorial service at Arlington Cemetery on Sunday, June 2. I know the ladies have a wonderful weekend planned for us.

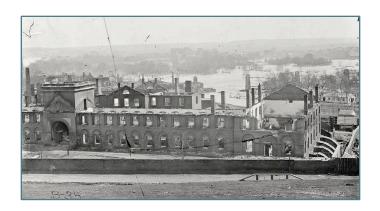
Best wishes for successful Memorial Day celebrations and working toward spreading the true history of the War Between the States.

Nelma Crutcher President General UDC 2018-2020

"Education is the Key"



Paula Patterson Presenting "Brown's Island Explosion in Richmond, Virginia" – April 2019







Texas Division Current News





District VIII is proud to welcome

The Texas Division United Daughters of the Confederacy®

to the 123rd Texas Division Convention

October 4th-6th, 2019



The Henry C. Hancock Chapter 2364

Cordially invites

The Texas Division United Daughters of the Confederacy®

to the Old Nacogdoches University Building for a Tour and Tea Thursday, October 3rd, 2019

1:00pm to 3:00pm



Make Reservations on your Convention Registration form



Statue in Honor of Confederate Heroes Is Dedicated at Texarkana.

Special to the Gazette Texarkana, April 21 .- The monument to commemorate the heroism of the soldiers of the Southern Confederacy and of the Confederate mothers recently erected, was formally presented to the two cities today. Simple ceremonies marked the presentation, which was made in an address by Rollin W. Rodgers of the Sons of Veterans. The acceptances were made by Mayor Nicholls of Texas, and Mayor Kelley of Arkansas. The principal oration was made by J. M. Carter, former circuit judge, of the Arkansas side. The "Star-Spangled Banner," "America" and other patriotic songs were sung. The exercises were under the direction of the Daughters of the Confederacy, and a large crowd was present.

The monument is of pure Italian marble and all the work was done in Italy. Theer are two figures, both life size, one representing a Confederate soldier, armed and in full uniform. and the other a Confederate mother

The **Confederate Mothers Monument** is a Confederate memorial installed at 500 State Line Road in Texarkana. It stands alone in a triangle bounded by roads on the West side of State Line Avenue, just inside the Texas state line. It faces the court house and post office, a building unusual for sitting in and serving two states. The marble monument was dedicated on April 21, 1918. Thought to be the only Confederate monument to include a woman in Texas.

The monument's inscription for the Confederate mother statute reads: "O Great Confederate Mothers, we would print your names on monuments, that men may read them as the years go by and tribute pay to you, who bore and nurtured hero sons and gave them solace on that darkest hour, when they came home with broken swords and guns". The inscription for the Confederate soldier reads, "To our loyal Confederates".

Erected by the Captain James T. Rosborough Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. This original chapter was later disbanded and a new chapter does not own the monument so the city is responsible for maintenance.

> seated and holding in her hand laurel wreath. It is located directly on the state line, about 150 feet south of the postoffice. The cost was \$10,000; and the money was raised through the individual efforts Capt. James T. Rosborough, a veteran of the Confederacy, who originated the enterprise about four years ago. He was materially assisted, however, by the local chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy.

A regretable feature of the occasion of the presentation was the absence ri Captain Rosborough, who is seriously ill and unable to leave his room.

> Monument is Presented Arkansas Gazette Monday, Apr 22, 1918 Little Rock, AR

https://genealogybank.com



Hello MMD Members!!

May is upon us - WOW!!! What a Spring our Chapter has had in sponsoring **two** amazing events. How are we going to surpass this next year??

Thank you for so many signups as we plan our programs and hostesses for our 19-20 Chapter meetings. The camaraderie and fellowship within our Chapter is evident at our meetings, it is noted when Division Officers are attending and it is known throughout the Texas Division. We are blessed to belong to MMD!!!

As you progress through the summer, do not forget to think about the essay and poetry contest. I have attached the topics for your review and contribution. One of our own Chapter members, Cynthia Harman, was the first in the Division to send an item for the contest!!! WOOHOO!!

Have a great summer!!
Tami

Catechism - Education is the Key





Pre-Junior Division:

Junior Division:

1.

- 1. When and where was the United Daughters of the Confederacy organized?
- 2. What is the most unique monument sponsored by the UDC?

Senior Division:

- 1. Who were the founders of the United Daughters of the Confederacy?
- 2. How much did the UDC give toward the restoration of Stratford Hall?

Answer Key

Pre -Junior: 1. Cotton Bowl 2. Capt. Sally Tompkins

Junior :1. Sept 10, 1894 in Nashville, TN 2. The Jefferson Davis National Highway, which extends from coast to coast

Senior: 1. Mrs. Caroline Merriwether Goodlett of Nashville, TN and Mrs. L. H. Raines of Savannah, GA

2. \$60,000.00



Cole Goodson graduated in the spring of 2017 from Brownsboro High School just west of Tyler with a cumulative GPA of better than 98! This young man excelled not only in academics but also in the marching band, in the American Society of Karate as a Black Belt, in his church and benevolent activities and in the Boy Scouts of America as an Eagle Scout. Cole has been a recipient of the Ora Mayfield Scholarship since the fall of 2017.

Cole, a graduate of Tyler Junior College May 10, 2019, will be attending the University of Texas at Tyler beginning in the fall of this year. His TJC degree is an Associates of Applied Sciences Degree in System Administration. He plans to major in Computer Science and minor in Business Administration at the University of Texas. We are pleased that Mollie Moore Davis 217 has awarded him the Ora Mayfield Scholarship for the Fall 2019/Spring 2020 semesters. Although we are all very proud of Cole, none is prouder than our Registrar, Mary June Goodson, his grandmother!

As we have reported before, Cole always accompanied his grandmother in the Confederate activities since he was just a youngster. It is with the young folks like Cole that the importance of preserving their heritage in the Confederacy will remain a focal point in educating others. Let's continue to support the young folks as they are our future. Be generous with your commitment to education through the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Susan Bradley Newman, 2nd Vice President



Hello Daughters,

Wow, cannot believe it is already spring. Enjoying the warmer weather and always watching the spring storms that seem to be popping up!!

So excited to have had such a great Birthday BBQ for our chapter. We raised more money than ever before – giving us the funds needed for scholarships and supporting our heritage. Thank you to everyone for all of your hard work.

It was good to see most of you at the April meeting. The weather kept some people away, but those that attended were treated to a great program by Paula P. I look forward to seeing everyone at the May meeting.

Blessings,

Michelle Threadgill, Treasurer



Chapter Current News

Many of you know 2019 started off with me missing the bottom step of a ladder and landing shoulder first on a ceramic flower pot! I don't fly very well, nor do I bounce! After a month of hoping it would be better, I finally had an MRI which showed a torn rotator cuff. Surgery was scheduled for March 25 and physical therapy has been going on since then. It is much better, but I still have more healing to go to get it back to how it should be. I do want to thank those of you who kept me in your thoughts and prayers; I know each helped me get through the hardest days.

I am happy our chapter was able to honor one WWII veteran at our MMD event last month. James Grover Snider was my double cousin being related through both my paternal grandparents' families. He was a descendant of my GG Uncle Francis Marion Snider whom I had proven as a Confederate ancestor several years ago. I was happy that James' son, Bruce Snider and his wife Judy of Rockwall, were able to come to the event to accept the Cross of Military Service honoring James. They were both very appreciative to our chapter for honoring his dad.

Please let me know if you know of any veterans who are descendants of our Confederate heroes. I would love to work on getting them an MSA or certificate for next year.

Paula Patterson, Recorder of Military Service Awards

James Grover Snider MSA Cross of Military Service WWII Certificate



James Grover Snider (1925-1980)



Navy discharge from WWII





Francis Marion Snider (1846-1922) with Confederate service card





Spring has really been active with a lot of bad weather all around. Some members have reported fallen trees and flooding. The bad weather season is not over and we pray no other members have to suffer so much destruction. Since our last newsletter, we had to report the sad news of our member Martha Appell who passed away on April 4th, 2019. Her Confederate ancestor was David Jason Saunders, Sr. We send our condolences to her daughter, Mollie Moore Davis member, Carol Kehl. We know how sad and heart breaking it is to say good-by to one's mother. We want Carol to know how sorry we are for her loss.

As Mother's Day approaches, we will all remember our Mothers and how important their influences are upon us. We too should try to be good mothers and leaders in all we strive to do. Hopefully we will leave this world a better place and it can be said that we were good and faithful servants.

From the Hebrew laws, we see that the mother was to be honored, EX. 20:12, feared LV. 19:3 and obeyed DT. 21:18. She was to be reckoned with in her household, naming the children and being responsible for their early education. She attended the religious gatherings for worship, and brought her offerings for sacrifice. There are many examples of women of stature playing their part in the life of the people, e.g. Miriam, Deborah, Huldah, and being in a direct personal relationship with Yahweh. On May 12th, hopefully you will have a wonderful day and remember that you are very important.

At our meeting on May 16, this Chaplain will not be able to attend our meeting. There are too many activities in May and I will be taking part in the last Friendship International classes that I work with every Thursday morning. We are saying bye to our students and taking part in an international food fest.

God Bless Everyone, Paula Warren, Chaplain



Camp Ford

Nancy Brantley, Director of

Texas Belles Choir



Mary June Goodson, Lois Davidson, and Sarah Beene Memorial at Grave of James P. Douglas



49th NCT, Co. K was born in Smith County, Virginia and

resided in Clevelans County where he was by occupation a farmer prior to enlisting in Lincoln County at age 30, March 15, 1862

Fredericksburg, Va. Dec. 17th, 1862

Dear Father,

I had concluded that I could not write to you any more until I had received a letter from home. But, I came to the conclusion that this course of procedure bid fair to cut off all communication whatever. As I have given up all idea of receiving a scaratch from your very reserved pen. You certainly should be appointed Superintendent over some asylum of mutes, as I verily believe your experience in such matters would be highly beneficial to such an intitution.

We have had another great Battle at this place resulting in a decisive victory for the Confederate Army. Fredericksburg was shelled on Thursday 11th Dec. On Friday there was little done, except a continual fire of artillery. On Saturday the battle oppined (sic) early in the morning on the right of our lines. Where Old Stonefence commanded, 15 min. before 11 A.M. the Battle commenced near and around the city. The small arms made one continual roar without a moment's cessarion from 15 before 11 until dark. Our position was splendid.

It is said we were attacked by 40,000 Federals at this point. Whilst our force which opposed them did not amount to one 4th of that number. there were about 30 acres covered with -----(illegable line due to fold in letter) ----- very small. tis said that we repulsed them 17 different times, each charge being made with overwhelming numbers. Their loss is estimated at 20,000 in killed & wounded, whilst ours will not exceed 2500. 500 of which was killed. Most of our killed was on the right where Stone- fence fought them. The slaughter on the right is said to exceed anything of the war. If it was greater than around the city, it must have been awful. Near the city we lost Generals Cobb of GA & Maxwell Gregg of ALA. The Federals loss in killed may be fairly estimated at 6000. 14,000 wounded & about 3000 prisoners. I understand Burnside has reopened the river to its northern bank, removing their pontoon bridges 5 in number & withdrawing their troops from view. Only a few remaining in sight. What will be Burnsides next move is not known. But, supposed that he will try Port Royal on the Rappahonock some 50 miles from this place down the river. There are various conjectures. He will be closely watched by Gen. Lee, who has the entire confidence of the Southern Army. Our army is in fine condition & went into the fight on Saturday with perfect cheerfulness. This was the best (strgling???) ever known. every man stood to his post & fought bravely. I narrowly escaped being killed by the explosion of a shell.

I have not anything more that would interest you. Col McAffee is well, & etc. Ellison. Black was wounded in the head by a ball or piece of shell & is now on his way to Richmond. His wound is not serious. He may be home before long. I have not received the clothing mother sent me. The boxes were sent here from Richmond the day we were ordered to the battlefield & we could not get them. Some were sent back & some are scattered every where. We will probably never see them. Tell sister Ann I got that letter she wrote me last week, but my eyes were so bad that I could not make out anything that was not in it. Tell Sallie to write. She owes me one. All of you write, or you may consider this my last. I never expect to get home again at all. Furloughs are out of date. They would sell for 500. Money is worth nothing & nothing is worth everything. My love to all & little Gill especially.

Your son, affectionally, Ino D. Dameron

(Letter is transcribed as written)

https://www.civilwarhome.com/fourletters.html



Have you ever had one of those weeks when you had the best laid plans and none of them came to fruition? That was definitely this last week for me. It's kind of funny how "Mother Nature" doesn't always play by our rules or take note of our well thought out plans. As many of you know, Longview and the surrounding towns suffered from a tornado on Wednesday, May 8th. Thankfully my family did not receive any damage from this storm, other than losing electricity for 24 hours. Unfortunately, many others in the surrounding area did fair as well. We have many family, friends and neighbors who are cleaning up the devastation left from the storm. I have seen many trees that have fallen into homes, blocked roads, and have seriously damaged property and power lines. Several families still do not have power restored and the power companies still estimate another week to two weeks before the necessary work is completed and power is restored.

While being "of grid" this week, I began to reflect on how families dealt with the problems they were faced with each day of the War of Northern Aggression. Luckily for us, we still had light from flashlights and lanterns, hot water from a gas water heater, and we did not have to deal with the sweltering summer heat in Texas. Our damages were only minor inconveniences compared to many of the trials and tribulations that our Southern ancestors suffered during the war. Thankfully no one had to move to live in caves, like during the siege of Vicksburg. Our homes were not riddled with bullets and cannon balls, as many homes were during the battles at Shiloh, Gettysburg, Charleston, and Fredericksburg. These and many more battles were fought near homes and farms all through the South. Our homes were not burned, like in Atlanta, and all crops and livestock slaughtered or confiscated by the enemy during Sherman's "March to the Sea." We still had food available, transportation, and multiple forms of communication to ensure everyone was safe. Our devastation was caused by "Mother Nature" not the "hands of man" during war.

Our thanks go out to the many first responders, police, firemen, and electrical power workers for the amazing job done in handling such a serious situation. As Memorial Day is quickly approaching, we also owe a debt of gratitude to our amazing Southern ancestors for their fortitude, perseverance and dedication to the Confederate cause. Despite devastating loss, they continued to stand strong. Let us continue to stand solid in our commitment to educate others with true historical facts about the War Between the States.

Remembering those who came before us,

Patty Williams, Editor



Oakland Heights Baptist Church Longview, Texas



Ruins of Atlanta, Georgia

2018-2020 Texas Division Essay and Poetry Competition

All Essays and Poems are due to the Texas Division Historian by August 1st.

Rules for Historian's Essays:

- 1) Essays should follow scholarly traditions of acknowledgement.
 - a. Footnotes are required for citing sources. Please list the source and page number in the footnote.
 - b. Direct Quotation must be enclosed in quotation marks with source noted.
 - c. A bibliography must accompany the essay.
- 2) The title of the essay is not to be altered.
- 3) Papers are to be typed; double-spaced and uses a font size between 12-16.
- 4) Sign essay with a fictitious name. The writer's real name, Chapter and contact information must be contained in a sealed envelope. Noted on the envelope front will be the fictitious name and Essay Title.
- 5) When referencing the War, please use the UDC preferred terminology of War Between the States instead of Civil War.
- 6) Members can author essays for many topics; however, only one entry per topic.
- 7) No word limit.
- 8) Four copies of the Essay must be sent to the Texas Division Historian by August 1st. Tami Hurley- Texas Division Historian, 712 S. Chilton Ave, Tyler, TX 75701

Schedule of Points:

Essay has power, education or entertainment value.	20
Work shows a scholarly approach.	15
Footnotes and bibliography follow a generally accepted form.	10
Sources are noted and information is provided to enable the source to be verified.	20
Essay is typed; double spaced with properly cited quotations.	10
Fictitious name instructions are followed as outlined above.	20
Preferred terminology regarding "War Between the States" used throughout paper.	5
Total Possible Points	100

Essays

- 1) \$15 offered by Trevia Wooster Beverly, Oran M. Roberts 440 Houston. Subject: Joining the Fight, Harris County's Local Units" (2010 carryover)
- 2) \$15 offered by Lynne Hall for her ancestor Seaborn Aldo Weatherby, captured outside Atlanta and head as a POW at Camp Chase, OH.
 Subject: Confederate Soldiers Captured in Battles and Held as POW's Under Deplorable Conditions for the Duration of the War" (2012 carryover)
- 3) \$15 offered by Dick Dowling 404 Beaumont.
 Subject: The Role of Jefferson County, Texas in the War Between the States" (2012 carryover)
- 4) \$15 offered by Bernice Elgar, in Honor of Brendan Thornell, First President (2013-2014) for the Davis Guard Chapter 975 Children of the Confederacy. Subject: Coastal Defenses along the Gulf of Mexico (2013 carryover)
- 5) \$15 offered by Judy Seymore, Margaret Howell Davis 2418, in Honor of my Great Grandfather, Abraham Anderson Bolick. Subject: Point Lookout, Maryland- POW Camp" (2013 carryover)
- 6) \$25 offered by E.S. Rugeley 542 Bay City Subject: My Confederate Ancestor (2015 carryover)
- 7) \$25 offered by Judy Bernard, 2014-2016 Texas Division Historian Subject: Tennessee WBTS Widow's Pensions" (2015 carryover)
- 8) \$25 offered by Mollie Moore Davis 217 Tyler Subject: Camp Ford's Death Rates vs. Other North and South POW's and Reasons Why Successful.
- 9) \$35 offered by William P. Rogers 44 Victoria (2015 carryover) Subject: Camp Scurry: Victoria, Texas
- 10) \$15 offered by Jan Bush, Albert Sidney Johnston 105, Austin, in Honor of Military Wives Past and Present.
 - Subject: The Ladies Who Organized the UDC (2016 carryover)
- 11)\$20 offered by Major Josephus Somerville Irvine2664, Burkeville Subject: Josephus S. Irvine and the First Battle of Sabine Pass (2016 carryover)
- 12)\$25 offered by Janice K. Langford, Magnolia Rangers 2544 Humble Subject: Why I Take Pride In My Confederate Heritage (2016 carryover)
- 13) \$25 offered by Hezekiah J. Wilson 2670 Bullard Subject: History of the Southern Cross of Honor (2016 carryover)
- 14) \$35 offered by Thomas Jefferson Stubbs 2523 Conroe Subject: Blockade Running In Bermuda (2018)
- 15) \$25 offered by Jan Bush, Albert Sidney Johnston 105, Austin, in Honor of the Ex-Presidents of Texas Division
 - Subject: Francis Lubbock- Texas Statesman and CSA Soldier (2018)

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Schedule of Points:

Beauty, power, education or entertainment value	20
Overall Impact, message, and interest	20
Rhyme and/or meter	20
Form and flow, polish and expertise	20
Choice of words and readability	20
Total Possible Points	100

Poetry

- 1) \$25 offered by Diane Dyess, Julia Jackson 141 Fort Worth Subject: Little Sorrel (2018)
- 2) \$25 offered by Tami Hurley, Texas Division Historian 2018-2020- to Honor Ann Heinrich's service as a member of William P. Rogers 44 (2018) Subject: Confederate Women
- 3) \$15 offered by Thomas Jefferson Stubbs 2523 Conroe Subject: Heritage Not Hate (2018)
- 4) \$25 offered by Rufus C. Burleson 2709 Burleson Subject: Those Who Wore The Gray (2018)
- 5) \$30 offered by Kathy Hillman, Registrar General 2016-2018, in Honor of Patty Haley, Organizing President of Maj. Josephus Somerville Irvine 2664 Subject: Burr Ferry

Record of Service 2018-2019		May 2019
Benevolant		
Donations - Time/Talent (not church)		
Donation of Items and Value		
Monitary Donations		
Other Donations		
Strict Beriations		
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		
201010, 0411/01114110		
Randolph Relief/Real Daughters		
Cards to RR members (#) or (\$)		
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Cards to Real Daughters (#) or (\$) Cards to UDC members		
Salus to ODC members		
Patriotic Activities		
Citizenship/Naturalization Hours or \$		
US flag flown outside of home		
Services to active duty military (ex. Coupons, care packages)		
Cards/letters to active duty military		
Any other patriotic activity		
Any other pathotic 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 Mettings/Events		
Mollie Moore Davis Meetings/Events		
Other UDC chapter events		
UDC Conventions/Forums/Events		
Visits/Pictures Taken		
Monuments/Memorial Markers (documents to Paula Patterson)		
Confederate Site (documents to Sarah Beene)		
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Other Activities Hours of Genealogical research (personal or others)		



May 16 Chapter Business Meeting

10:00 AM

5309 Rhones Quarter Road, Tyler, Texas

Oct 4-6 Texas Division Convention

Nacogdoches, Texas



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