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United Daughters of the Confederacy®

Newsletter

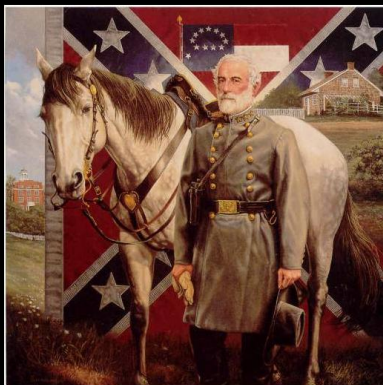
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**I will never apologize for
being Southern!**



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MMD 217 President's Message



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As you think about the things that you hope to accomplish this year, please consider the UDC objectives.

They are:

Historical

Educational

Benevolent

Memorial

Patriotic

There are many things that can be done that fit these criteria. Some easy ones are; attend UDC meetings and events; read books about the Confederacy and its heroes; share these books with family members and friends; give a program about your findings; subscribe to UDC Magazine; write letters and/or make telephone calls defending Confederate heroes, monuments, and sites; encourage friends and family members to do the same; visit museums and historic sites; donate to benevolent organizations; visit graves of Confederate veterans and place flowers or First National flags on their graves; clean their graves and/or headstones; research and file supplemental papers on ancestors; order UDC insignia; help friends and family members join Confederate heritage organizations; fly American, Confederate, and Texas flags; send cards and gifts to military personnel, Real Daughters, and Randolph Relief recipients.

I'm sure that you can think of other things to do. Please keep a list so I can include them in my annual report.

Sarah Beene



MMD 217 Members: Rayline Binion and Earline Andrews



Sarah Beene presenting December program



Over the past few years our Organization has been placed in a position where we are required to defend our heritage. In the 1911 Minutes of the Tennessee Division, the Education Director noted that Reconstruction was not working for the general public of the South and it was time for the members of UDC to take charge of the process. It was decided that education of the youth was the key, and they could carry on the duty of proclaiming the truth of the history of the South.

I feel that with problems of our present culture we again need to fall back on education, but this time we need to start with our members and, then to educate the public. My theme is "Marking our true place in history...Education is the Key." We will present our case to the public, not

with demonstrations and confrontations, but with the facts of history. We will take the higher road and gently present our story.

Nelma Crutcher
President General 2018-2020

Mollie Moore Davis 217

Tyler, Texas

invites you to join us as we hear our special speaker,

Teresa Roane, UDC Archivist

and celebrate

Mollie Moore Davis' April 12, 1844 Birthday

and

*the 121st Anniversary of our
April 9, 1898, Chartering*

Please reserve the date and make plans to attend.

Invitation to follow.

For additional information, please contact Sarah Beene.
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Texas Division Current News



Happy New Year, Ladies!!

Now that the Holidays are past us, it is time to get back to work.

The registration for Forum has been extended until Jan 25th, so if you have not registered yet, please do so at your earliest convenience.

The hotel has also extended our room reservation date to January 18th.

You will not want to miss this meeting as we will be discussing and explaining the forms you have to fill out for your annual reporting.

Division Officers will be explaining the forms used for their offices. These will include; New member applications, supplemental applications, Military Service Award applications, Insignia, etc. You will also hear from the Scrapbook committee, Magazine Subscription committee, and more.

If you come to Forum, you will have the opportunity to purchase a "black book". If you do not know about the "black book", it is a binder with copies of all the report forms and applications. This is very helpful if you have trouble finding and downloading forms from the website, or you can use the forms at the meeting to make notes on. We had these in the past and decided to bring them back. The forms will still be on the website for anyone who wishes to download them. The CofC will also have their auction/sales table to help them raise money for their convention.

Please come join us for a fun and educational time. There will be door prizes, and an auction table for CofC. Each chapter is asked to bring one item for the CofC table.

February 1, 2019

The Page meeting will be from 4:00pm to 7:00pm.

The Executive Board meeting will be from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

February 2, 2019

Forum registration will begin at 8:30am

The meeting will be from 9:00am to 2:30pm

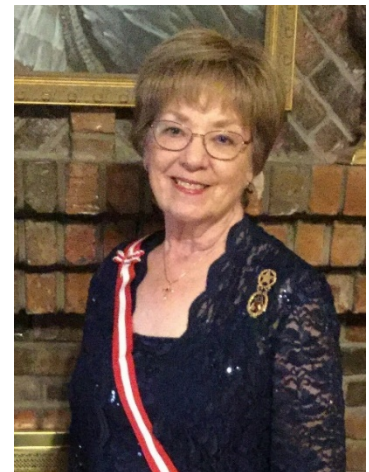
The CofC will meet from 8:00am to 3:00pm

I hope to see you there,

Dorothy Norred

President, Texas Division UDC

2018 - 2020





Hello All!!

The holidays are over; however, the members of MMD 217 will not be bored as the Spring approaches. With so many activities happening, please be ready when your shoulder is tapped for assistance. It will be rewarding to showcase our Chapter at the District Meeting, April BBQ and other opportunities!! And as always, please remember to contact me to order your insignia pins and ribbons. UDC Love, Tami PS With my Division Historian hat on... did you know that the UDC will celebrate 125th Anniversary of its Chartering. What are your favorite memories of being a UDC member? These memories honor our ancestors and assist us in recruiting new members :)

Tami Hurley, Vice President

Robert E. Lee Bundt Cake

1cup butter, softened

½ cup shortening

3 cups sugar

6 large eggs

3 cups all- purpose flour

2 cups powdered sugar

2 to 3 tablespoons fresh orange juice

1 cup milk

½ teaspoon baking powder

1/8 teaspoon salt

4 teaspoons orange zest

2 teaspoons lemon zest

¼ cup of fresh lemon juice

Pre- heat oven to 325. Beat butter and shortening at medium speed until creamy. Gradually add sugar, beating at medium speed until light and fluffy. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating just until blended after each addition.

Then stir together flour, baking powder and salt. Add to butter mixture alternately with milk- beginning and ending with flour mixture. Beat at low speed, just until blended after each addition. Stir in 2 teaspoons of orange zest, 1 teaspoon of lemon zest and lemon juice. Pour batter into greased and floured 10-inch Bundt pan.

Bake for 1 hour and 5 minutes to 1 hour and 15 minutes or until wooden pick comes out clean after insertion. Cool on wire rack for 10 minutes. Invert pan carefully to remove cake and allow to cool for 1 hour on wire rack. After cooling, whisk together powdered sugar, orange juice and remaining zests until smooth. Spoon over cake for a beautiful glaze.

♥ This recipe is from an 1879 cookbook called Housekeeping in Old Virginia.



Chapter Current News

One of the things that has drawn me to embrace genealogy and history is the opportunity to immerse myself in a different reality than the one that I live in. When I dig through records and discover new things about my relatives that lived before me, I feel like I have been given an opportunity to get to know them as individuals.

I have found a really interesting website, The Gaston County Public Library. They have a library guide available on the computer that gives a day by day, month by month, year by year calendar of events that happened during January 1861 through June of 1865. The information listed, and the way it is listed, gives a wonderful insight into life during an exceedingly difficult period of time in our history. I hope that when you have time, you will take a look at this site and immerse yourself in events and history of the War of Aggression.

URL: <https://gastonlibrary.libguides.com/civil-war-month-by-month>

Loretta Tomlin, Historian



Chapter Current News

We are delighted to know that the President General 2018-2020, Nelma Crutcher, has chosen as her theme, "Making our true place in history... **Education is the Key.**" She expresses these sentiments in the *UDC Magazine* of January 2019: "I feel that with the problems of our present culture we again need to fall back on education, but this time we need to start with our members and allow them to educate the public. One of the perfect opportunities is to have our youth act as ambassadors as we support them with scholarships. Do you know of someone who will be graduating in May 2019 that we may consider for a scholarship? Or, perhaps there is someone already in college that will be continuing their education that we may consider. Other opportunities that Nelma Crutcher suggests are volunteering at Veterans organizations, schools, food bank and other community projects.

Each month we have been encouraging "education" in our newsletters. Let's make it "real" and not just words to put into print or verbalize. Encourage your family members and friends to become involved with their Confederate heritage. We are the link to that heritage that our youth will be able to share with their offspring. Supporting our youth by education and scholarships will help show them that we are proud of our ancestors who paved the way for us. Be generous with your commitment to education through the UDC.

Susan Bradley Newman, 2nd Vice President



Chapter Current News

Happy New Year! I hope 2019 has had a wonderful beginning for everyone and that the rest of the year will be full of great health and abundant happiness!

I am working on three Military Service Awards with the hope of being able to present them at our BBQ in April. Two would be posthumously presented to family members and one to a local veteran. It is wonderful to be able to honor not only the U.S. military veteran, but also their Confederate ancestor who I know would be very proud of their descendant's service. Please contact me if you have a family member who served in the military and who would have a Confederate ancestor.

On December 15, I attended a Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Hawkins Cemetery where my parents and many family members are buried. This event was conducted by the Hawkins/Holly Lake Ranch DAR chapter and was their first time. They had pre-marked the known graves of military veterans so that volunteers could quickly place the beautiful wreaths and speak the name of the veteran. I had gone early so I could place Christmas flowers on loved ones' graves and saw they had marked my dad, my uncle, and my cousin. I then noticed that they had marked my great grandfather's (William Henry Holmes) grave when someone noticed the Iron Cross our chapter dedicated several years ago. I was thrilled that they had included a Confederate soldier to receive a wreath! Later, I visited several of the ladies and thanked them for honoring him. I mentioned there were several other Confederate soldiers there and they want me to get information to them so that the 2019 event can include all of them! I will let everyone know so that perhaps several of our members can attend and participate. The date will be Saturday, December 14, 2019.

Blessings and love to all!

Paula Patterson, Recorder of Military Service Awards





Chapter Current News

It has been unfortunate for me to not be able to attend the last two meetings and hope all will forgive my absence. Since the last meeting attended, there has not been any news sent to me about members who may be ill or even overcoming an illness. There are prayers that all are well and enjoying a happy new year that has now come upon us. Christmas and the New Year has just been a flash of a memory and time keeps marching on as fast as always.

After studying Isaiah chapter 45 verse 9 it made me think that we are all broken in some manner in life and it has been explained to me as follows:

Isaiah 45:9 "Woe to him who quarrels with his Maker, to him who is but a potsherd among the potsherds on the ground. Does the clay say to the potter, 'What are you making?' Does your work say, 'He has no hands'?"

Broken Pottery:

"God calls his complaining people "potsherds," broken pieces of clay. These broken bits rank as the least valuable materials for pottery making and are usually thrown into a potter's field and abandoned. Or they're used as scrapers, scoops or pieces of scratch paper. The Lord says these clay shards scarcely compare to the potter, who masterminds the creative process. King David calls himself a piece of "broken pottery" when he feels worthless and fears that people disrespect him (Ps 31:12).

Being a potsherd is as far as someone can crumble. That's who we are compared to God, but it's not our final identity. Our relationship with god is a balance between realizing we're unworthy without him (Ps 14:3) but worthy because of him through Jesus Christ (2 Co 5:21). Though we're only bits of clay, when we reverence who he is versus who we are, he can remold us into vessels full of his power (2 Co 4:7)"

Taken from NIV Women of Faith Study Bible

Keep the faith and good works.

Paula Warren, Chaplain



Carol Kehl and Mary June Goodson



Treasurer, Michelle Threadgill – even injured still a trooper



History of the UDC

The Civil War—UDC Seeks to Preserve Truthful History of 'Tragic Struggle'

Article:

Dallas Morning News Thursday, Nov 03, 1960 Dallas, TX Page: 12

Written 59 years ago but still holds true today.
Tyler is also mentioned in the article.

By DAYTON KELLEY

Director, Journalism Dept.
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The ladies of the United Daughters of the Confederacy would have made good soldiers in General Lee's Army in their younger days.

I came to that conclusion during the meeting of one of their local chapters where I had been asked to speak on the Civil War Centennial.

I was particularly impressed by the ritual and prayer with which they open every meeting and by the enthusiasm with which they enter into both busi-

ness matters and discussions about the war.

The U.D.C. is a South-wide organization of the women descendants of those who served in the Confederate Army, Navy, or Civil Service or otherwise gave aid to the cause, and is divided into state and district divisions with local chapters in all the larger towns. Each local chapter is named for a Confederate hero or heroine.

The Texas Division of the U.D.C. was one of the first organizations in the state to make definite plans for commemorating Texan participation in the

war and members are eagerly awaiting the observances scheduled at Austin, LaGrange, Tyler, El Paso and Sabine Pass.

The ritual with which the Daughters open all their meetings is most impressive, and I could not help but notice the prominence given the pledge of allegiance to the American flag and the salute to the Confederate flag, repeated in unison by the members: "I salute the Confederate Flag with affection, reverence, and undying remembrance."

Often misunderstood by cynical critics who accuse them of

living in the past and of wor- tury ago, the Daughters never-
shipping a cause that died a cen- theless have some of the most

laudable ideals as their reason for being.

They are, of course, intensely interested in collecting and preserving the materials and history of the Confederacy and the part taken by men and women in the great conflict. The object of the U.D.C., according to their constitution, is to preserve materials "for a truthful history of the War Between the States." And if you don't think this is important to them, just ask a few of the members if they prefer the designation "Civil War" or "War Between the States."

But perhaps the most laud-

able purpose that the U.D.C. has is that of providing scholarships to colleges and universities for worthy young people. Each year a number of promising students are provided with scholarship funds by the U.D.C. and junior high and high school students who show promise and interest in history are given special awards.

So it's my belief that General Lee would have welcomed a few of the Daughters as allies of the cause in 1861-65. Their enthusiasm and vitality is contagious and a better understanding of them is gained from a visit to

one of their regular meetings.

Their ritual is so impressive that I'd like you to read it, too. I'm having copies of the salute to the Confederate flag and the prayer read at each meeting made up and a stamped envelope will bring you a copy.

Note to all who have written and asked for a copy of the sketch of the five different Confederate flags; The response has been so overwhelming that it will take me a few days to get them all out, but you'll have yours soon. They are free except for postage.



January 19, 1862

Battle of Mills Springs, Kentucky

In late 1861, a Confederate force of around 6,000 men under Brig. Gen. Felix Zollicoffer encamped for the winter near Mill Springs, on the Cumberland River in the southeast corner of the state just north of the Tennessee border and close to the strategic Cumberland Gap. A Union force under Brig. Gen. George H. Thomas concentrated in the area and had moved to Logan's Crossroads by January 17th, 1862. Learning of the gathering Federal army, the Confederate area commander Maj. Gen. George B. Crittenden ordered Zollicoffer to give them battle. Zollicoffer's men attacked on January 19th in the early morning mist and rain, and initially gained success against the Yankee regiments. Zollicoffer was killed as he conducted a reconnaissance on a road in front of his men. He had reportedly mistaken a Union Regiment for one of the Southern Regiments. He galloped ahead of his men to stop them from shooting and was killed in the crossfire. The sudden death of their commander and heavy fire from the Federals caused the center of the Confederate line to fall back momentarily in confusion. The fighting raged at close quarters for over an hour until Thomas ordered the Union line to advance, overwhelming the Confederates who fled the field in disorder. The Federal victory at Mill Springs, the first significant Union victory of the Civil War, not only helped bolster sagging Northern morale but also helped to keep Kentucky more solidly in Union control.

Irony of War

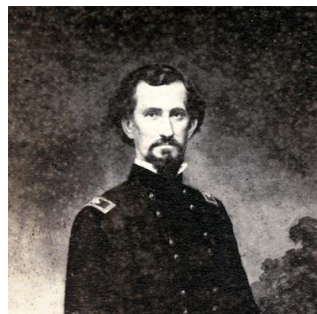
General Thomas was born into a slaveholding family on a Virginia plantation just north of the North Carolina border in 1816. He was a West Point Graduate and served alongside in the Mexican-American War with CSA Gen. Braxton Bragg.

After that conflict, Thomas was appointed instructor of cavalry and artillery under West Point Academy superintendent, Lt. Col. Robert E. Lee. J.E.B. Stuart, CSA, was a student of Thomas at West Point.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, Thomas did not resign his commission in the U.S. Army, despite the offer of several prominent commissions in the Confederate army. His decision to remain loyal to the Union created a deep rift with his family, one that would not heal in his lifetime. Thomas' own brother served in the Confederate army.



Brig. Gen. George H. Thomas



Brig. Gen. Felix Zollicoffer

<https://www.battlefields.org/learn/civil-war/battles/mill-springs>



History?.....Why?

Why is the study and teaching of History so important? If we have the basic knowledge of our heritage and history, we have our identity. We are the whole that evolved from the parts of our ancestors. Why do we live where we live? Why do I always make cornbread dressing for Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations instead of oyster dressing? Why do I try not to wear white, except "Winter White" after Labor Day and before Easter? These are all things which are part of my own personal heritage. We also study and teach our history to help the younger generation understand and learn from societies past mistakes and hopefully they will not emulate these mistakes in the future. History is also learning about the trials and tribulations our families endured and follow their lead and make our decisions based upon whether their decisions were actually good or bad. We can learn the wisdom of home remedies for illnesses, how to repair and reuse, and how to live productively in an ever-changing society. Or, we can continue with family feuds and destructive habits. For example, why is a hot toddy still so good for treating a cold and sore throat?

When I look at the major historical events that have taken place in my lifetime, I wonder how future generations will look back and describe these events. I know how they affected my life and the world around me, but will our future generations understand why society reacted as they did to these events. How can we fully understand why our War of Northern Aggression ancestors reacted to events if we do not study History? We must learn the true facts and pass this information on to the next generations.

Do you remember these major historical events? Hawaii becoming the 50th state, the civil rights movement and Martin Luther King, Jr., integration of schools, the "Bay of Pigs incident", assassination of John F. Kennedy, space race and Neil Armstrong walking on the moon, Arab Oil embargo and gas lines, Iran hostages, Roe vs Wade Supreme Court decision, which is still being debated today, invention of microwaves, microprocessors, computers, cell phones and lasers, space shuttles and the International Space Station launch, the Chernobyl nuclear disaster in Russia, the horror and aftermath of September 11, 2001 and the Persian Gulf War.

How will future generations understand unless we teach them the truth about these life-changing events? Will you be someone's teacher today? Let's all educate ourselves on the facts to be learned and pass on this knowledge. Remember..." You can only teach it if you fully know it."

Forever teaching!

Patty Williams, Editor



Patty Williams receiving award and certificate from Past President, Paula Patterson, 2016-2018 for best newsletter in Texas Division 2018

**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. Coupons, 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 (documents to Paula Patterson)

Confederate Site (documents to Sarah Beene)

Other Activities

Hours of Genealogical research (personal or others)



Upcoming Events

January 17	Chapter Business Meeting 10:00 AM 5309 Rhones Quarter Road, Tyler, Texas
January 19	Dallas 6 Jackson Maury luncheon (more info to follow)
February 2	Texas Division Forum Killeen, Texas
February 21	Chapter Business Meeting 10:00 AM 5309 Rhones Quarter Road, Tyler, Texas



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