President’s Message

By Patricia C. Parrish

From the North to the South, from the East to the West and through all kinds of weather, the members of the MS Division of UDC remembered the names and the valor of our Confederate ancestors. From Meridian to Vicksburg, from Tippah County to Beauvoir, memorial services were held and attended by the MS Division UDC.

Some memorial services I could attend and some I could not. I only wish there were two of me to make all of them. A special thank you to those who stepped up to take my place. It was a special month of remembrance for all of us. We were humbled while honoring our ancestors. We were motivated by their strength in the battles they fought. Let’s always remember.

The donation to the 2 museums in Jackson approved by the Executive Committee representing the membership of the Division has been made. A nice letter was received from the Mississippi Department of Archives thanking us for the donation. Please go to the website www.mshistory.net and scroll on the right side of the screen to see the MS Division listed among the donors. We are shining in a positive light.

Reminders! Reminders! Look in those President’s packets. There are papers which you may already be able to fill out. Talk to your membership. See what they have been doing on behalf of your Chapter. I have been listening and watching the activities of the Chapters. I am so proud of your work. Sometimes the smallest thing can be overlooked when reporting. Watch carefully to make sure your Chapter is receiving all the credit they deserve. Please let me know if I can help you.

Have you noticed how many new friends you have made by

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attending Workshop, District meetings and Convention? It is good to be with your sisters. They become your friends. They inspire you. They can make you laugh. They are generous to a fault. These attributes carried their ancestors through those years of war. We are truly the Daughters of the Confederacy.

As we look to the future, there is much to be accomplished. A committee appointed by your President will be working on the funding for the replacement of the grave markers at the McGavock Cemetery in Franklin, Tennessee. The committee members will be contacting the membership to help. Please check the information about this project in another area of Our Heritage. We can do this together.

We continue to seek donations to the Disaster Relief Fund. If a donation is needed for a disaster area, a request must be made in writing to the Executive Committee to request funds. Please be ever conscious of the needs of your neighbors in times of disaster.

The MS Division Convention will be held in September on our beautiful Gulf Coast. Make your reservations and I will meet you there. Come early and stay late. I will either be on the beach or at the pool when you arrive.

Patricia C. Parrish

PIN OF THE DIVISION PRESIDENT
BY PATRICIA C. PARRISH

It is an honor to wear the Division President’s pin. The pin of the Mississippi Division is worn by each succeeding President. It has a beautiful design. It has a bar design with Mississippi engraved on one end of the gold bar, and President engraved on the other end. In the center of the bar is a white enamel circle engraved in gold with the words “Mississippi Division UDC” at the top of the circle. At the bottom of the circle are the words “Deo Vindice.” In the middle of the circle is the Confederate Battle Flag in red and blue enamel with the stars in gold. The flag is raised in the circle.

Engraved on the back of the pin is the name of Mary E. Fontaine. She was MS Division President from about 1955 to 1957. Her signature is found on original MS Division documents dated 1956. She presented the pin in 1957 as the engraved date signifies.

The initials, LHR, are also engraved on the back with the date 1905. The initials are those of Mrs. Lucian Hamilton Raines, co-founder of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. In 1905, Mrs. Raines was given the honor of Honorary President of General.

The date, 1957, indicates the pin has been in use for sixty years by the Presidents of the Mississippi Division of UDC. Somewhere there is a young lady yet to be born who will wear this pin on its 100th year.
Ladies, I think we are slowly but surely getting our orders back in a more timely manner! If you have questions about an order, please get in touch with me. I will do my best to find an answer for you. I have started a database to keep up with all orders I process so I can pull it up to see when it was received and when it was mailed. I do not hold orders; I process them as soon as I get them and send them on to the Vice President General.

Our Division has done well in ordering of insignia, and I encourage you ladies that do not have insignia to place those orders. It makes you really proud to wear the names of your ancestors when you put those ribbons on. I am here if needed and don’t hesitate to call or email if needed.

As of this writing I have processed fourteen original applications (two were sixteen year olds and one was ninety-six), two supplementals, and three transfers. Keep up the good work.

Remember when submitting your applications do not use staples; use paper clips instead. Please make sure that you write the applicant’s name, Chapter, and city of Chapter on the back of each proof. On the front of the proofs make sure to write what generation the proof is for and underline in red the pertinent information. Also on page four on the application, when typing the President General’s name, use Patricia M. Bryson.

Do not hesitate to call if you need help. I am also available to come and work with any individual or Chapter that would like me to.

May 2017
First of all, I wish to thank the Chapter that submitted the applications for Division and General scholarships. The applications for the General scholarships were mailed to the Second Vice President General prior to the April 15th deadline. In addition to encouraging support for scholarships, the duties of the Division Second Vice-President include oversight of the Holloman Cup Award. I cannot wait to see what the Mississippi Daughters accomplished this year.

I encourage all members and Chapters to continue to make donations to the Mississippi Division Scholarships. Consider making a donation in recognition of someone you know who is graduating this year. I would also like to encourage each Chapter to start looking now for scholarship applicants for next year. I know there are children out there that could really benefit from the MS Division and UDC General scholarships.

Important MS Division Scholarship Information

By Lynda McKinney

● The Mississippi Division United Daughters of the Confederacy currently offers two undergraduate scholarships. Both the Margaret Howell Hayes Davis Scholarship and the Blanche Abels Burrell Scholarship are awarded from interest accrued on permanently designated funds. A third scholarship established in 2013 with funds donated by the Putnam Darden Chapter 2242, the Rebecca Hamner Scholarship, is currently being funded.

● The application process begins with the applicant obtaining the appropriate forms from a sponsoring UDC Chapter and securing endorsement by the Chapter President and Second Vice-President. Qualifications for scholarship applicants include being a lineal descendant of an eligible Confederate. Collateral descendants are eligible provided they are a member of the CofC or the UDC.

● An applicant must have a 3.0 GPA to apply for a scholarship, and if awarded, the applicant must maintain a 3.0 GPA to reapply. The scholarship may be awarded for up to four semesters. New applications must be received by the Division Second Vice-President by March 15. Current scholarship recipients may reapply by notifying the Division Second Vice-President in writing and sending an official transcript no later than June 1.

● UDC Chapters wishing to sponsor an applicant should obtain the scholarship forms from the UDC General website under the members’ only section or by contacting the Division Second Vice President. The forms are the same for the Division and General scholarships. It is important that all of the forms are complete and that five sets (one original and four copies) are submitted to the Division Second Vice President. Incomplete applications cannot be considered for a Mississippi scholarship or be forwarded to the Second Vice President General.

● Not only does the application need to be complete, it needs to stand out. The rubric for evaluating scholarship applications communicates exactly what information should be emphasized by the applicant and in the reference letters. When properly utilized by the sponsoring UDC Chapter and the applicant, this valuable document can serve as a tool for formulating an outstanding application. The rubric can be found on the General UDC website.

● Yes, assisting a student with the application process will require effort and time from the sponsoring UDC Chapter. However, it is also very satisfying to know that this organization is contributing to the education of the future leaders of our businesses, schools, churches, healthcare organizations, communities, and states. I look forward to receiving the applications from your Chapter!
Historian

Sylvia Purvis

Historical Happenings

Our Division President, Mrs. Patricia C. Parrish had issued a challenge to all Chapters to attend Confederate Memorial Services. Now that Confederate History Month has ended, there should be lots of pictures available (I’ve seen some on Facebook). These can be sent to your Division Historian to include in the Scrapbook. A deadline of July 15, 2017 has been set to allow time to process articles or pictures you might send my way. Please refer to the Historian section of the UDC manual for guidelines on submitting these items (see “helpful hints” to the right).

I have a challenge of my own to issue. I’d like to see at least one item from each Chapter in the Division Scrapbook this year. It doesn’t have to be a large item. Take a photo of your members at a meeting, send in an article from your local paper that shows your involvement in the community, anything that you wish to send. Let’s see how much you’ll make me work on this scrapbook!

Essay Contest Winners

It is my pleasure as Division Historian to name the winners of the 2017 Essay Contest for Junior and Senior High School. The topic for Junior High students was “Dixie After the War” and the $50.00 award will be presented to Ryan Caviness of Falkner Junior High School. The topic, “The American Indian as a Participant in the War Between the States” was given to Senior High students, and Alex Rowland of Kosswth High School will be given the $50.00 award for his efforts. Mrs. Pam Mauldin, Chapter President of General M.P. Lowery 1608 will be attending Awards Day at their schools to present the awards in person.

Remember...

As long as we speak the names of our Confederate ancestors, they will never be forgotten.
Most of the contact we have with each other in MS Division is through the Internet — especially email. We rely on communication back and forth to plan events, keep in touch, share ideas on how to run our Organization. However, recently there has been an increase in computer thugs who find ways to invade and harm our computers. One way this is done is through email we receive with links and attached files that infect our computer when they are clicked or opened. An especially insidious method locks all the files on your computer and displays a message demanding anywhere from $300 to $600 to release them! Cybersecurity researchers suggest the following for computer safety:

- It is vital to have a good antivirus software, to keep it up to date, and to run virus scans frequently.
- Use a firewall.
- Keep your Wi-Fi network secure with strong password protection.
- Do not click on questionable links.
- Do not download potentially dangerous files or programs.
- Backup your data files regularly.

Our ancestors lived by the adage that “an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.” For any of us who have had a computer crash or become infected with a virus, it often requires more than a pound of cure to recover what we’ve lost. Be safe, stay vigilant, and protect your computer!

On a brighter note...

Within this newsletter, there are 4 Confederate veterans listed on one page. I will award a prize to the first 3 readers who email me the names of the veterans’ MS Division member descendant!

OFFICIALLY CELEBRATING!

UDC General and MS Division officers who attended the 50-year Membership Anniversary Celebration for Patricia Ann Weaver Hood (seated in photograph) on 5/8/2017 in Tupelo, Mississippi, were (L-R):

Ex-Vice President General Ruth Allbritton
MS Division Editor Sharon Tallman
MS Division Vice President Pam Mauldin
MS Division President Patricia C. Parrish
Vice President General Frances Woodruff
Ex-MS Division President Janice Strohm
Cherished Memories

Cora Elizabeth Davis Edwards

Cora Elizabeth Davis Edwards, 96, passed away on March 16, 2017 in West Point. She was born on September 2, 1920, in the Cairo Community of Clay County, the daughter of the late Thomas Jefferson and Estelle Gordon Davis. Mrs. Elizabeth lived in Clay County her entire life. She was a member of United Daughters of the Confederacy on the record of her ancestors Alexander Duff Gordon, Pvt, Co. I, 8th Cav, MS and David Johnson, Pvt, Co. K, 19th Inf, MS. She served as MS Division President from 1988-1990. She married John Marion "Shine" Edwards on November 30, 1940 in the Cairo Community, and he preceded her in death on October 26, 1953. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one sister and four brothers.

Sarah Jeanette Lowrey West

Sarah Jeanette Lowrey West, 95, passed away Thursday, May 11, 2017, in Tupelo. She was born April 20, 1922, to John Herman and Johnnie Ruth Butler Lowry. She was married to Harry West for 57 years until his passing in 2005. She was a member of John J. Hart 2443 Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, where she served in many positions, including Chapter President. Sarah Jeanette Lowrey West joined UDC on the record of her ancestor Joseph Archer, 1st Lt, Co C, 41st Inf, AL. She worked for Lift Inc. in the Head Start program for 30 years and was the Director of Center 9. She finished her early childhood degree in her 70s. Jeanette was a wonderful cook and cooked every meal. She was a long-time member of Harrisburg Baptist Church. Jeanette was preceded in death by her parents; husband; daughter-in-law, Dianne West; sisters, Marie Witt and Ruth Lowry; and niece, Karen Capps.
Southern Cross of Honor
Sue Patterson, Chairman

Only a Confederate veteran could wear the Southern Cross of Honor, and it was only bestowed through the UDC. The first cross was bestowed on April 26 1900 (117 years ago).

The Crosses of Military Service and Medals bestowed today are an outgrowth of the Southern Cross of Honor. Many of the Confederate veterans were buried with their Crosses. Some of the crosses have been passed down in families. It is important that we be on the lookout for any crosses that might be for sale and to retrieve them. If you find one then you can submit the research request form (found on the UDC website http://www.hqudc.org/) to discover the original holder of the cross. The real medals were almost tin type so be careful of replicas.

Every Chapter should submit a report on your activity for the year even if you did not find any crosses. Just mark “no report” on the form. Thank you.

UDC Magazine
Celeste Young, Chairman

You have stepped up to the plate AGAIN in meeting the Division President’s challenges. I have received copies of advertisements and articles you have sent to the Magazine Coordinator for publication in the Mississippi issue of the UDC Magazine to be published in August. I cannot wait to see everything in print. Challenging you to participate sure brought out the journalists among our membership.

I want to thank each subscriber in the Division for supporting the Magazine and for your patience as past “hiccups” encountered in its timely publication have been ironed out.

I apologize for not including Pvt Taylor Rucks 2204 of Greenville among those 100% Chapters when I reported at our Division Workshop in March. They, along with Capt Samuel J. Ridley 2430 of Canton and Bedford Forrest 428 of Hernando are all recognized as 100% Chapters.

I urge you to subscribe to the UDC Magazine and start enjoying the benefits of having important membership information, news, and updates brought directly to YOU!
Grave Marker Committee
Barbara Shackelford, Chairman

On behalf of the Grave Markers Committee, let me encourage you and your Chapter to spend some time this year documenting and marking Confederate, Real Daughter and UDC member graves.

As an example, our MS Division President Patricia C. Parrish purchased small bronze markers sold by UDC General to mark her great-grandmothers' graves (both were Real Daughters). Perhaps you might want to purchase markers for your past presidents who are deceased or your deceased members. A person or group making the purchase of a marker is responsible for obtaining permission from the family and from the cemetery before placing markers.

You can find marker information on the UDC General website at hqudc.org. Go to the members only area, then to the navigation line and choose forms, then general committees. Go to the Grave Markers committee, and you will find all of the information you need, including pictures and cost of markers. Your president will have the report form.

If you have questions, contact me at my email address (barbshackelford@yahoo.com) or by phone (662-720-9259). I will be glad to help you in any way possible.

Mrs. NVR Relief Fund
Sandy Gaddis, Chairman

We do have 2 Real Daughters' birthdays in May. Remember our ladies, send birthday cards, little happies. They appreciate anything you do for them.

Also Mother's Day is this month. Remember all of our 8 Real Daughters and Mrs. Harrison our only Mrs. Norman V. Randolph Relief Fund Recipient.

If you need an updated mailing list for our Daughters, please contact me.

Real Daughters' Birthdays by Month

**April**
- 15 Mrs. Lucyle Bishop Arata
- 21 Mrs. Leontine Duplessis

**May**
- 09 Mrs. Iva Lee Benson Gainey
- 26 Mrs. Reba Bishop Scott

**August**
- 02 Mrs. Rachel South

**September**
- 23 Mrs. Sammy Harrison (Real Granddaughter)

**October**
- 01 Mrs. Myrtice Sims Powell
- 02 Mrs. Willie Ruth Aiken
- 20 Mrs. Iris Lee Gay Jordan
DISTRICT NEWS!
May 1, 2017

Our Mississippi Division President Patricia C. Parrish has formed a new committee for the McGavock Cemetery Project. I am in charge of fundraising for the committee. One of the fundraisers will be the silent auction at the Mississippi Division Convention that will be held on the Gulf Coast in September this year. What I need from each District are three silent auction items with a retail value of $30.00 or more. We are going to keep the auction items to 9 this year. Please help me by getting this information out to the Chapters in your Districts. Thank you so much for your help!

In UDC love,

Lynda McKinney
McGavock Cemetery Project
Fundraising Chairman

DISTRICT I MEETING UPDATE!
May 18, 2017

Our District I Meeting that was originally scheduled for March 18th in Kosciusko was postponed due to severe weather and has been rescheduled for June 3, 2017. The June meeting will be held in Ethel at the Ethel Baptist Church, 3329 Pope Street. Registration begins at 9:30 am, and the meeting begins at 10:00 am. Host Chapter is Attala County 2592. The updated registration form is on page 11 of this newsletter. Please get your completed form and fees to Tammy Bell by March 26th. (If you submitted a registration form and fees for the March meeting, you will have to fill out an updated registration form for the June 3rd meeting, but you do not have to send another check for registration fees. Those checks were held.)

Please see the registration form on page 11 for further details. If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact District I Chairman Sharon Tallman or Attala County 2592 Chapter President Sylvia Purvis. We look forward to seeing all District I members in Ethel on Saturday, June 3rd!
UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY®

District I Business Meeting

Ethel Baptist Church
3329 Pope Street
Ethel MS 39067

Saturday, June 3, 2017
10:00 a.m.

REGISTRATION FORM

TO INSURE A CORRECT HEAD COUNT FOR LUNCH,
ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MAY 26, 2017.

NAME ____________________________________________________________

ADDRESS ________________________________________________________________________________

CITY __________________________ STATE ________ ZIP ______________

HOME PHONE __________________________ CELL PHONE __________________________

EMAIL ________________________________________________________________

CHAPTER NAME & NUMBER ________________________________________________

CHAPTER CITY ____________________________________________________________

CHAPTER OFFICE YOU HOLD ________________________________________________

DISTRICT OFFICE YOU HOLD ________________________________________________

DIVISION OFFICE YOU HOLD ________________________________________________

GENERAL OFFICE YOU HOLD ________________________________________________

CHOOSE ONE : MEMBER ________ GUEST ________

REGISTRATION FEE: $7.50

LUNCHEON FEE: $7.50

TOTAL $15.00

Make checks payable to: Attala County 2592
16494 Williamsville Road
Kosciusko, MS 39090
Phone: 662-582-6995
Email: tambell50@yahoo.com
(Please see note* below)

*PLEASE NOTE: If you already sent in your $15.00 registration fee for the March 25 District I Meeting that was postponed, you do not need to submit another one. All checks were held in order to be used for this rescheduled District I Meeting.

DIRECTIONS: Ethel is located between Kosciusko and Starkville on Highway 12 and is also convenient to the Trace.
The District II Annual meeting was held on April 1, 2017, at the Confederate Memorial Building in Greenwood, Mississippi. J.Z. George Chapter 228 served as the host Chapter, and Chapter President Liz Arnold welcomed everyone to Greenwood. Chairman Lynda McKinney then called the meeting to order.

- Kathy Eubank, District II Recording Secretary, read the minutes from the 2016 meeting. Minutes were approved.
- A roll call of the Chapters showed the five of the six Chapter presidents were present and all six Chapters had representation at the meeting.
- District II Treasurer Liz Arnold gave the treasurer’s report.
- Division President Pat Parrish was welcomed to the meeting. President Parrish reported on the Disaster Relief Fund and the McGavock Cemetery Project.
- The 2018 District II meeting will be hosted by the Bedford Forrest Chapter 448, Hernando, MS.
- Division Officers also presented reports. Division Registrar Susan Dunn gave a workshop on how to correctly fill out application papers.
- Chapter Presidents reported on their upcoming Chapter activities.

The meeting recessed for lunch and adjourned with the singing of “Blest Be the Tie.”

District III Annual Meeting
Ruthie Wade, Chairman
April 29, 2017

District III Meeting was held in Meridian on April 29, 2017, and was a lot of fun. We were treated to a Robert E. Lee cake, along with other yummy sweet treats. Sandy Gaddis with Robert E. Lee 2561 and Bunnie Tisdale with Winnie Davis 24 did a great job setting up and hosting the event at the Meridian Activity Center.

Clockwise: Ruthie Wade, Janice Strohm, and Tina B. Johnston.

L to R: Patricia C. Parrish and Ruthie Wade
The Biloxi-Beauvoir 623 Chapter has worked extremely hard in the last few months! Chapter President Tina Johnston created a beautiful wreath which was laid at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on Confederate Memorial Day.

(PIctured at right: Celeste with Ruthie Wade and Carla Harbin; Tina Johnston & Celeste Young;)

Janice Strohm attended Spring Board at Richmond, Virginia in March. (Janice with President General Pat Bryson.)

We attended MS Division Workshop in Louisville, at Lake Tiak O’Khata on March 18. There was much presented and a lot to learn.

(Janice Strohm, Tina B. Johnston, Ruthie Wade)

On April 15, several members of our Chapter attended and participated in a ceremony at Gautier Cemetery. On April 22, we attended several Confederate Memorial Day Ceremonies: Gulfport Confederate Memorial, Biloxi Cemetery, and Beauvoir Ceremony.

District III meeting on April 29 was fun. Ruthie Wade, Tina Johnston, and Janice Strohm attended, and so did our MS Division President Pat Parrish. Sandy Gaddis with Robert E. Lee 2561 and Bunnie Tisdale with Winnie Davis 24 did a great job.

We have also purchased 4 grave markers for the Mississippi Confederate section of the McGavock Cemetery in Franklin, Tennessee.

We are doing our duties as UDC ladies!

May 2017
BOONEVILLE
D. T. Beall 1185

Guests of the D. T. Beall 1185 Chapter February meeting were members of a local military funeral home guard—Randall Breedlove, Ricky Morgan, and Adrian Edge. Made up of 18 men, the guard usually consists of four men per funeral. Mr. Edge provided information to our Chapter members about the meticulous attention the guard pays to folding the flag 13 times. A demonstration of the folding of the flag was presented, and he explained to the group the meaning of each fold. After the flag is folded, it is then tucked in as a reminder of the soldiers who served under General George Washington and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones. Chapter President Janice Robinson presented Mr. Edge with a cash gift to be used for expenses incurred in traveling to area funerals. Lana Harrelson served as program chair and hostess for the February meeting.

At the regular March meeting at George Ed Allen Library, member Barbara Shackelford presented a program about her great-great-uncle John Randolph Moore, who was reared about 3 miles west of Rienzi. Moore was a farmer and teacher before enlisting in Co A, 32nd Mississippi as a private and served as an orderly sergeant, then first lieutenant, and was mustered out as a captain. He was in the Battle of Chickamauga, Spring Hill, and Franklin. Moore returned to Mississippi and was elected a member of the board of police of Old Tishomingo County in 1865. He was appointed president of the board of supervisors in 1870 by Governor James Lusk Alcorn at the time of the organization of Prentiss County. Chapter President Janice Robinson and Moise Jones served as hostesses for the meeting and are pictured (bottom left) with Barbara Shackelford.

Several Chapter members placed flags on the graves of Confederate soldiers in the Booneville Cemetery in observance of Confederate Memorial Day on April 27. Members participating were Dr. Neola Cleveland, Rebecca West, Moise Jones, Pearl Millsaps, Barbara Shackelford, Sandra Gray, Janice Robinson, and Lana Harrelson.

The D. T. Beall Chapter meets on the third Wednesday of each month September through June at the George Ed Allen Library. Anyone interested in pursuing membership may contact any current member, Chapter registrar Dr. Neola Cleveland, or Chapter President Janice Robinson.
Captain Samuel J. Ridley Chapter held its May meeting at the Gazebo at the Old Jail in Canton. Laura Mullins was the hostess and provided a delightful picnic lunch. There were quilts for sitting, table decorated with Confederate tablecloth, and Confederate flags completed the decorations. Our special guest for the day was our MS Division President Pat Parrish. She was presented a copy of a book written by Mrs. Robert Kemp entitled *When Sherman Paid Us a Visit*.

After eating the picnic lunch, Chapter President Pauline Watkins gave the history of Captain Ridley and his daughter, Margaret Sarah (Maggie) Ridley. The Chapter CofC was named for her.

Captain Ridley was killed in the Battle of Champion Hill at Raymond. His body was buried in the field by his manservant who returned to the family plantation in what is now Gluckstadt to tell his widow of his death. Later Mrs. Ridley drove a horse and buggy along with the manservant driving a wagon with a pine coffin to retrieve his body. They returned to the plantation and buried him in her family’s cemetery. There are four other people buried there.

After the meeting at the Gazebo, we went to City Cemetery and placed flags on several of the Confederates buried there.

Then we drove to Gluckstadt and Ridley’s grave. The cemetery is in a pasture – accessible only by crawling over a barbed wire fence. Our Chapter placed a bronze marker there in the 1980’s and has held several meetings there. A volunteer cleaned the area and replaced the wrought iron fence a number of years ago and the land owners have encircled that with a small barbed wire fence to keep cattle from damaging it.

Today our Division President and Chapter President were the only ones brave enough to crawl over and go to gravesite. We placed two flags and read a poem written by Myra Sandidge as our Memorial Service for this year.

AND AS THEY SAY – a good time was had by all!
Brice’s Crossroads Chapter 2714 will be celebrating their First Charter Anniversary with a tour of Brices Crossroads Battlefield and a picnic lunch. Edwina Carpenter and Mallie Fitzgerald will lead the tour. Contact Mallie at dragonflyresearch@gmail.com if you would like to attend.
Our special guest was MS Division President Patricia C. Parrish. Mr. Lee Millar of Collierville, Tennessee, was the guest speaker. Mr. Millar served as an Infantry Captain in Vietnam and served as administrative officer for the Shelby County, Tennessee, Sheriff’s Department. He is a former commander of Nathan Bedford Forrest SCV Camp 215 in Memphis, a founding member of the famous 52nd Regimental String Band, and the spokesman for the Save the Confederate Parks effort in Memphis. After the service, many gathered at Chicken Supreme Restaurant in Ripley for a nice supper and fellowship.

*Robert E. Lee*
H. D. Money Chapter 350 of Carrollton, Mississippi, held their Confederate Memorial Day Service on Sunday April 30, 2017 at 2:00 PM at the Carrollton Courthouse. The day started out with severe storms in the area. By the time of our service got started, God graced us with clear skies and no rain. We had a small number in attendance this year, but the service was great.

Chapter President Lynda McKinney welcomed everyone to the service and thanked them for coming out on such a nasty day. Wilton Neal opened the service with prayer. The 15th MS Co. G Reenactors Grenada Rifles presented the Colors. The pledges and salute were led by Mississippi Division Registrar Susan Dunn. Wilton Neal led the singing of “Dixie” and also blessed the meeting with prayer and ending with the Lord’s Prayer.

Mr. Doyle of Duck Hill was to be the speaker for the day, but had to cancel due to health reasons. Lynda McKinney gave an informative and interesting talk on the McGavock Confederate Cemetery in Franklin, Tennessee.

Linda McGregor read a very beautiful Confederate Memorial Day Poem. Susan Dunn read the names of the Confederate Veterans buried at New Hope and Calvary Baptist cemetery. Terry Bailey read the poem “We Drank from the Same Canteen.” The Firing of the Volleys was done by the 15th MS Co. G Reenactors Grenada Rifles.

Refreshments were served and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

We Drank From the Same Canteen

By Private Miles O'Reilly

There are bonds of all sorts in this world of ours,  
Fetters of friendship and ties of flowers,  
And true lover's knots, I ween;  
The girl and the boy are bound by a kiss,  
But there's never a bond, old friend, like this,  
We have drank from the same Canteen!

We have shared our blankets and tents together,  
And have marched and fought in all kinds of weather,  
And hungry and full we have been;  
Had days of battle and days of rest,  
But this memory I cling to and love the best,  
We drank from the same Canteen!

It was sometimes water, and sometimes milk,  
And sometimes apple-jack "fine as silk;"  
But whatever the tipple has been  
We shared it together in bane or bliss,  
And I warm to you, friend, when I think of this,  
We drank from the same Canteen!

For when wounded I lay on the center slope,  
With my blood flowing fast and so little hope  
Upon which my faint spirit could lean;  
Oh! then I remember you crawled to my side,  
And bleeding so fast it seemed both must have died,  
We drank from the same Canteen!
HORN LAKE
Varina Howell Davis 2559

You know the old saying – April Showers, bring May flowers? We certainly had our share of April Showers in North Mississippi. However, that did not stop our Chapter from participating in several activities during the month of April.

On April 22nd, we took a field trip across the Mississippi River to Marion, AR for the 2nd Annual Sultana Heritage Festival. While there we toured the museum and enjoyed music by the 52nd Regimental Band. The highlight of the day was meeting and having our picture made with John T. Wayne - John Wayne’s Grandson. At least that is what he claims – he definitely has a resemblance!

On April 28th, we were honored by the Horn Lake Animal Shelter for donations to them. A Guardian Award Certificate was presented to Chapter President, Linda McGan.

On April 30th, along with the Samuel A Hughey SCV Camp, we held a Memorial Service at the Hernando Cemetery in Hernando, MS.

The 154th Battle of Hernando is being held on May 19 – 21, 2017 at the Mussecuna Plantation in Hernando, MS. The C.S.S. Hunley will be on display. Open to the public. Our Chapter will perform as docents for tours of the historic home, have a booth for recruiting and selling handmade items and baked goods.

Our Chapter was also invited to assist the local UDC Chapters in Memphis, TN and the SCV Camps of Memphis during the Annual SCV National Reunion to be held on July 18 – 23, 2017. We will assist with the Registration Table, tour guide and general information requests.

We are pleased to be able to represent our Chapter and the UDC at these and future events!
W.D. Holder Chapter held their new officer installation on October 4, 2016, and also conducted new member installations.

**New Members:**
- Paulette French
- Beth Herring
- Tammy Jo Vaughan

**New Officers:**
- Debbie Cannon-President
- Jo Hubbard-First VP
- Vicki Pekich-Second VP
- Patsy Day-Recording Secretary and Chaplain
- Kay Gex-Treasurer
- Anne Hewitt-Registrar
- Melanie Benton-Historian

Chapter President Sylvia Purvis and Chapter Vice President Wylodean Edwards of Attala County 2592 United Daughters of the Confederacy® surprised the Kosciusko Fire Department recently with a basket of snack items collected by the members to honor the first responders following a rash of fires during the holidays. The UDC objectives are Historical, Education, Benevolent, Memorial, and Patriotic.
Winston Guards 2643 UDC had a very busy April! At their monthly meeting, member Beth Hemphill had a program on photography before and during the War Between the States. She and Frances Woodruff were hostesses for the meeting. Decorations were Beth’s collection of cameras and framed pictures of some of the members’ Confederate Ancestors along with other Confederate soldiers most of whom served with Mississippi units.


Member Judy Goodin accompanied Frances to Meridian where she presented a program on “Cemeteries where Confederate Soldiers are Buried” for the W. D. Cameron SCV Camp. The PowerPoint presentation showed different cemeteries in several different states which had been visited by Mrs. Woodruff and other members of the Chapter.

Flags were put on soldiers’ graves in several cemeteries in Winston County by members, and Memorial Day services were attended in Columbus by Beth Hemphill and in Vicksburg by Susan Jones.

A book entitled *Kate-The Journal of a Confederate Nurse* by Kate Cummings, a nurse during the War Between the States, was presented to librarian Beth Edwards of Winston County Library by Mrs. Woodruff on behalf of the Chapter to finish April’s observance of Confederate Month.

The Chapter finished their yearly meetings with a fun program in May presented by past MS Division President Celeste Young. Her program was on games played during the 1860s. She brought copies of the games with her and had members help play them. There were assorted whistles, dolls, rings, jacks, and a Jew’s harp that no one could play. As she called out the names of games that were played, the members had to give the current names. She had members Connie Estes, Frances Woodruff, Judy Goodin, and Barbara Pearson play a game of blowing a rolled up piece of doll hair off of a card table. The laughter was wonderful as we went back in time.

We had three members of our Children of the Confederacy join us for the program. They and Celeste’s husband Paul joined in the fun.
May 2017

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Pearl Rushing Strange

Brent Rifles Chapter of United Daughters of the Confederacy recently honored member Pearl Rushing Strange who is the Mississippi State Honorary President of UDC, for her dedicated service and pride in Southern heritage, as well as her commitment to sharing her vast knowledge of genealogy with others, with a generous donation to the restoration project at the Holmesville Courthouse. Mrs. Strange has been very active in drawing attention to the historical value of that building and has been instrumental in securing funding for the preservation project. A member of many genealogical societies, Mrs. Strange's contributions to protecting the history of this area include putting markers on the graves at the Confederate Cemetery in Magnolia, obtaining the historical marker at the Holmesville Courthouse, developing the Railroad Museum, and donating a large part of her personal library to the local library in order to share her extensive research into the area and pioneer families in the area.

Confederate Memorial Day

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The cake is from our Lee-Jackson supper/meeting in January and the meeting was in honor of Lee, Jackson, and Maury.

Our member Margaret Hicks (in the photo at the left) is an educator, author and free-lance journalist, as well as a local historian, wife and mother. Being married to the director of the DeSoto County Museum puts her in close contact with our local history. Margaret was our keynote speaker in February and did a program on Colonel Tom White from Hernando, Mississippi, and the local history surrounding his service in Lincoln's illegal war with the 9th MS.

The book photo was taken at our March meeting, which we entitled “A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM.” The book pictured was donated to Hernando High School by our Chapter in 1929, and it is an original printing of The Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government by President Jefferson Davis. Our member Margaret Hicks is also a teacher, saw that the library at the school was throwing away certain books, and found this one! She snatched it up in a heartbeat!

This group photo was taken at our April meeting at which premier University Greys/Ole Miss/Oxford historian, Starke Miller, was our keynote speaker. He spoke on the University Greys and specifically Jeremiah Gage and his young, traumatic death at Gettysburg.
Robert E. Lee 2561

Robert E. Lee 2561, Meridian, MS. has had a busy month in April. Gov. Bryant recognized April as Confederate Heritage month. Our Chapter has an annual Confederate Memorial service at Marion Confederate States cemetery in Marion. The cemetery has over 170 "Unknown Soldier" stone markers, and only about 75 soldiers have been identified. We have a joint ceremony with Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest 1649 SCV to recognize and remember our Confederate soldiers. MS Division President Patricia C. Parrish was present and gave a short speech. Conor Bond gave the keynote speech. At the conclusion of the service, Jennifer and Lee Jackson laid the memorial wreath at the Confederate monument to honor and remember our Confederate soldiers. Jones County Rosin Heels gave a musket salute. Dixie was sung and played by Scott McQuaig.

We also held our annual Confederate memorial ceremony at the Lauderdale County courthouse on Mississippi’s Confederate Memorial Day on the fourth Monday in April. It was an annual joint service with Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest 1649 UDC, W.D. Cameron 1221 SCV, and Winnie Davis 24 UDC.

Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest Commander Scott McQuaig welcomed everyone from Sons of Confederate Veterans, and Robert E. Lee 2561 President Sandy Gaddis gave a welcome from United Daughters of Confederacy®. Robert E. Lee 2561 Vice President Adele Whitlock read her poem, "On Confederate Ground." Chris Gully was the guest speaker and talked about his Confederate ancestor. The memorial wreath was placed by Chapter Vice President Tonya Mott and W. D. Cameron Chaplain Charles Mott. The ceremony was closed with a musket salute by Jones County Rosin Heels from Laurel.

Last but not least, we hosted the Mississippi Division District III business meeting with Winnie Davis 24 UDC. District III Chairman Ruthie Wade presided over the meeting. We had an attendance of nineteen and several guests. Goodie bags were handed out to all attendees, and we gave out door prizes. Some important information was shared by Division President Pat Parrish. Our meeting turned out great, and everyone enjoyed it. We met some old friends and made some new ones!
In addition to our news of last year, we have started out this year doing our best to make another good year. We are still working on our Disabled Veterans Food Pantry project. After talking with them, it is a very worthwhile cause.

Our Chapter, along with Robert E. Lee Chapter 2561 in Meridian, worked with the W. D. Cameron 1221 and General Nathan B. Forrest 1649 SVC Camps on the Jackson and Lee Banquet held January 10th. The Banquet was one of the best according to ones that have attended in the past. Our speaker Grady Howell was excellent, very entertaining, and educational. Becky Tomerlin of our Chapter along with Sandy Gaddis of the Robert E. Lee Chapter cut the cake. Bunnie Tisdale greeted everyone with a very short welcome speech. MS Division President Patricia C. Parish was a special guest and had a few delightful words to say. It was a very special evening enjoyed by all that attended.
**PURVIS**  
**Mary Ann Randolph Custis Lee 2583**

Lynda Hudson, an avid quilter, and Lynda Watts presented “Quilting in Antebellum Times” at the March meeting of Mary Ann Randolph Custis Lee 2583 of Purvis. Chapter members learned about quilt patterns, textiles, and quilting methods; and shared memories of quilting bees at their grandmothers’ houses. Each member brought a special quilt and told about the pattern and why the quilt held such memories.

Among stories told were those of a bicentennial quilt, quilts made by grandmothers, quilts given as wedding gifts, friendship quilts, and a beautiful quilt made from the bridesmaids dresses worn at a rainbow wedding. In the photograph, Lynda Hudson is showing a quilt she made. Looking on are Jean Hyatt, who showed a quilt given to her by her mother-in-law on her wedding day, and Beth Johnson who told about “Big Mama’s quilt” and how she found it between the mattresses at her grandmother’s house. Seventeen quilts, surrounded by numerous stories, were exhibited. A PowerPoint presentation and an exhibit of quilting supplies, patterns, and equipment enhanced the unique program.

**VICKSBURG**  
**Vicksburg 77**

Vicksburg 77 and Pemberton Camp SCV held their Confederate Memorial Day program on April 23rd at Soldiers Rest Cemetery. There were several speakers and presentation of colors, plus firing of rifles by uniformed soldiers to honor the more than 5,000 dead at Soldiers Rest. The Order of Confederate Rose members provided refreshments.

(Photos courtesy of Susan Jones)
TUPELO
John J. Hart 2443

It was a memorable day full of ADDITIONS for our Chapter on Confederate Memorial Day! One addition was the attendance of Ruth Allbritton, Ex-MS Division President. We held our service at the Tupelo Battlefield, during which we called our Confederate honor roll and spoke the names of each of our ancestors, including each name on Ruth’s insignia ribbon. Every Confederate name spoken added to the reverence of our service. A park ranger was maintaining the battlefield at the time we met, and he showed us additional graves on that sacred ground. After the service, we replaced flags on graves and added flags to newly-found ones. While we met at Weezie’s Deli for a Chapter lunch afterward, Ruth Allbritton was added to our Chapter membership as an Associate Member!

Fifty Year Member!

When a Chapter is able to celebrate 50 years of continuous membership for one of its members, it is a rarity! We were honored to present Patricia Ann Weaver Hood with her Certificate of Honor and 50-year Membership Insignia in the auditorium of Lee County Library on May 8, 2017. That day also happened to be Pat’s 78th birthday, so we celebrated in a big way! Attending this event were Chapter members (L to R): Nancy Moore, Kay Nelson, Sandra Knight, Sharon Tallman, Ruth Allbritton, Gabrielle G. Cooper, Rochelle Tullos, Patricia Hood, Pat Hass, and Cheryl Moore. Helping us celebrate were Jim & Sarah Harris, Div Pres Pat Parrish, Ex-Div Pres Janice (& Larry) Strohm, Div VP Pam Mauldin, Connie Estes, Von Coombs, and VP Gen Frances Woodruff.

Thank you to all who attended!

May 2017
“TAKING CARE OF CONFEDERATE GRAVES”

MS Division McGavock Cemetery Project Committee Appointed

In the spring of 1866, Col. John McGavock, seeing the deteriorating condition of the Confederate graves on the Franklin battlefield, set aside 2 acres of Carnton Plantation as the nation's largest private Confederate cemetery. The dead were reinterred here in order by states. In 1890, the wooden markers, which were inscribed with the names of the men, their companies and regiments, when known, were replaced with stone markers. Burial records were preserved by Col. McGavock's wife, the former Carrie Winder. She and her husband maintained the cemetery for the balance of their lives.

The McGavock Confederate Cemetery Corporation maintains the graves of hundreds of Confederate Soldiers resting beneath the Tennessee soil, including 424 known Mississippians. Mississippi Units engaged in battle were assigned to the Army of Tennessee under the command of John B. Hood. Of the 23,000 Confederate soldiers who saw action 5,500 were wounded or missing and 1,750 killed, including six Generals, with Mississippi troops taking the brunt of the casualties.

Twelve sections in the cemetery hold the remains of 1,256 soldiers representing the Confederate states for which they fought. Despite efforts to restore the limestone headstones age is taking its toll and many of the stones are not legible. The Trustees have voted to place a new 6 x 6-inch granite stone in front of the old limestone markers. These stones will contain the same information that is on the current markers.

The plans are to install the new stones in the order of state placement in the cemetery. Tennessee is complete with Alabama waiting in the wings.

The MS Division McGavock Cemetery Project Committee wishes to honor the memory of Mississippians who fell in the service of the Confederacy at the Battle of Franklin and to protect and preserve this place made historic by their valor. Simply put, the mission is to follow in the footsteps of wives, widows, and mothers of the past who worked diligently to “take care of Confederate Graves.”

Serving on the committee, appointed by Division President Pat Parrish, are Ruth Allbritton, Chairman, Susan Dunn, Linda McKinney, and Celeste Young. They are currently working on a data base of Mississippi Soldiers buried at McGavock, fund raising events, and forms and methods for making donations. They are asking all donations be held until they can get donations forms and instructions finalized. More information will be forth coming as they formulate their ideas. The project is to raise funds to replace the deteriorated markers for less than $25.00 each. Please be ready to participate individually or as a Chapter.
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TITLE 55. PARKS AND RECREATION
CHAPTER 15. COMMEMORATIVE PARKS AND MONUMENTS
ALTERATION OF HISTORICAL MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS

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military event, military organization or military unit.

May 2017
A WRITER AMONG US

The 10th Mississippi Infantry Regiment

Surviving Members of Company D (MS Rifles), 10th Mississippi Regiment
By Paulette Hunt French

We have another writer among the MS Division membership. Paulette Hunt French recently introduced her book at the History is Lunch program at the Mississippi Department of Archives at the William Winter Building. Paulette is a member of the W. D. Holder Chapter in Jackson on the record of her great-great-grandfather Joseph Ford, Co. K, 35th Mississippi Infantry. Her book is entitled The 10th Mississippi Infantry Regiment.

She also gave a tour of Greenwood Cemetery in Jackson where she pointed out the graves of men whose names were included in her book.

Paulette may be contacted at the following email address: paulettehfrench@gmx.com.

Patricia C. Parrish
MS Division President

GENERAL M.P. LOWREY 1608

EXTENDS AN INVITATION TO THEIR 16TH ANNUAL MILITARY SERVICE AWARDS AND MEMORIAL SERVICE

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2017, 2:00 P.M.
NORTH RIPLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
1215 N. MAIN STREET, RIPLEY MS

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