



# EGG-CITING TIMES

Newsletter of  
**Elizabeth Van Lew Detached Tent 1**  
Haymarket, VA  
**Daughters of Union Veterans of the  
Civil War, 1861-1865**

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January 2022

## Message from Your President—Karen Lyddane

Greetings to you, Egg-stra Special Sisters,

Our ancestors were put together and worked things out, in many ways, in many directions, in unity. Today, you put forth time, skills, and your great heart that causes our unity.

Each page of this wonderful newsletter, so expertly put together by Editor Andrea Walter, either shows or asks for unity. Your ancestors were active in winning the War, and you have the decided advantage of virtual and electronic tools, so, activity is at your fingertips!

Can you set yet another place out on your table of obligations for Elizabeth Van Lew? Paying your dues is utmost in showing respect for your ancestor(s) - THANK YOU! If you cannot engage in any other way, doing this is most appreciated by all. We are focused on supporting veterans, so contact Donetta Bantle, our VAVS Representative, at any time, any day—the time is right this very minute!

How about reaching beyond our shorelines and supporting Gina Costin's unique task of honoring veterans in the UK? Might you assist one of our officers in her position, on the spur of the moment? Can you glimpse at our web site and Facebook Page? These need building up with YOUR personality. Courageously look beyond us, at National, and you'll surely find richest rewards. Helping with the President's Project, "(Developing) Dedicated Daughters" and you'll set a successful history record into the future, just as your ancestor. If you are already striding forth in support, we give greatest appreciation. If you have yet to find your interest, well, this newsletter surely offers many choices!

*Karen Lyddane*



President Karen between dances in December in her role as dancer for the Civil War Dance Foundation. Photo taken in Middleburg, VA, with her Scottish Terrier puppy Murray. (Period correct breed—Queen Victoria loved her Scotties!)

**Keep Green the Memory!**

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### 131<sup>st</sup> National Convention

August 2-7, 2022

Wyndham Gettysburg

95 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg, PA

Special Thanks...

CONGRATULATIONS to US for our Officers or Responsible For A Task Sister!" We appreciate your willingness to accept responsibility for two years!

And all of us thank you, dear Andrea, for expertly putting together this first newsletter of 2022, unifying our direction, that overflows with fresh, new opportunities!

We welcome your comments and ideas. If you have photos from a meeting or event, please send them as JPEGs to us at the email above so they can go in your newsletter. Please make sure that all photos are right-side up. Articles are suggested to be 250 words or less. They should be in MS Word format with minimal formatting-we'll do it for you! Please check before sending that any graphics from the web are free for us to use. The newsletter will be distributed generally the week following a meeting, with a summer and winter special edition. Submittals are due on or before the Tuesday following a meeting. Thank you for adding your voice to the *Egg-Citing Times!*"

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# President's Project



## Five Red Roses

This scarf and pin are composed of five red roses. It is to remind us of the history and reason for our organization. The red rose is the Mister Lincoln Rose, which was chosen as the official flower of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865. This rose is in honor of our martyred President. It is a vigorous rose and performs well in all climates, the same as our members. The five red roses also represent our Founding Daughters: Olive Howald, Harriet Knap, Frances Merwin, Eva Merwin, and Bertha Martin—the Massillon Daughters of Veterans. Discretely placed in one corner are the letters: F, C & L which denotes our motto: Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.



### The Rose Scarf

It is a silk scarf measuring 40" square and was created exclusively for this project. Only 50 were ordered so quantity is limited. **\$30.00 each** plus \$3.00 postage

### The Rose Pin

This beautiful rose pin is 2.5 inches tall and 1.25 inches wide. It has double clutches on the back to hold it securely in place. Can be worn as a brooch, lapel pin or scarf pin. **\$15.00 each** plus \$3.00 postage.

**Rose Pin and Rose Scarf Combo \$40.00 plus \$3.00 postage**

## President's Project Order Form

Item	Qty.	x	Unit Cost = Subtotal	Shipping	= Total
Rose Scarf	_____		\$30.00 _____	\$3.00	_____
Rose Pin	_____		\$15.00 _____	\$3.00	_____
Rose Combo	_____		\$40.00 _____	\$3.00	_____
Make Checks Payable to: <b>DUVCW</b>				Grand Total	_____

Ship purchase to: \_\_\_\_\_

For Inquires, contact Norma Fiedler 217-840-3442 or [magsdg@aol.com](mailto:magsdg@aol.com)

**Mail Order Form with check to:**

**Norma Fiedler, 2749 County Rd. 1600 E, Rantoul, IL 61866-9701**

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## Expand your Horizons with GO #2 on the National Website

Adventure to your National website (<https://www.duvcw.org/index.php>), sign in as the wonderful member that you are, and go to any of the wonderful pages in General Orders #2. Our upcoming National Convention held from August 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup>, is just across the border in Gettysburg-if you've been there, you know its significance. If you haven't, boy are you in for a memorable time! Pages 13-15 give necessary information about registration. Page 17 tells all about hotel accommodations, which is the lovely pet-friendly Wyndham. Think about going as a (voting) delegate-it is great fun and so interesting. Let President Karen know that you wish to do this-we can elect just one, so don't hesitate! We'll be electing a delegate in our March meeting.



## The Tent Needs Your Help!

By Karen Lydane



Here are two important ways that we need your participation in our Tent to continue our success and growth. First, our Amazing Amanda is moving out of state, and she will retain her membership but cannot attend to her role as our Secretary after our March meeting. Now is the time for you to please step in! Contact Amanda directly at: [amanda384@gmail.com](mailto:amanda384@gmail.com). Our Bylaws state that, "The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Tent, keep copies of the following- Bylaws of the Tent, and a journal of the proceedings of the Tent.." That's all, folks! Amanda normally takes minutes by starting with my agenda, then completes it at our meetings. Then it comes my way and I coordinate reviews and edits and it is considered finished after the corrections are made. When you decide to accept, please know that my arthritic bended knee thanks you, as does everyone in Elizabeth Van Lew! Second, every Tent Member should create a Volunteer Calendar or Spreadsheet. Set aside one calendar or add a spreadsheet page for your volunteer hours so it is easy to gather them together for next year's annual National Report. What did you do? Did you specifically donate in the name of our organization (this is a separate category)? How much time did you spend? Lizzy Van Lew thanks you!

## A Story of a Civil War Valentine

By Karen Connair

Even in the midst of the Civil War, soldiers' thoughts still turned to romance on Valentine's Day. By the mid 1800s, Valentine's Day was widely observed in the United States. Commercially produced Valentine's cards and other greeting cards were widely available for purchase. Newspapers displayed ads for Soldiers' Valentine Packages, targeting women with loved ones away at war. Other ads were geared specifically for the soldier stating that valentines with fancy envelopes could be bought and mailed to loved ones. For soldiers in the field, however, they often had to make do with composing poetry or love letters to send back home or they made their own valentines out of materials that were available to them. One particularly special valentine came from Confederate soldier Robert H. King, of Montgomery County, VA, who created a paper heart with a pen knife for his wife, Louisa. When opened, the seemingly random holes in the paper revealed two people separated from one another, crying. On Nov.8, 1861, Robert wrote to his wife, "it panes my hart to think of leaven you all" and signed his letter "yours til death." Sadly, this turned out to be true, as Robert died of typhoid fever near Petersburg, VA, in April 1863, and all Louisa would have left was this paper heart. She kept this valentine until her death decades later. This valentine is now in the collection of the Robert H. King Papers, 1861-1910 in the Library of Virginia in Richmond, VA.



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# Important Dates to Remember

**February 14:** Valentine's Day

**February 21:** President's Day - Consider donating some time for a patriotic cause today. Be sure to place this on your volunteer hours calendar/spreadsheet for next year's annual National report.

**March 1:** Deadline for sending President Karen your valuable thoughts from experiencing National President Norma's "Dedicated Daughters" Project. See your email sent on January 24th.

**March 13:** Daylight Saving Time: Spring Forward one hour at 2:00 a.m. (or set your clocks the night before)

**March 26:** Virtual Membership Meeting



## What are the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR)?

This newsletter begins our journey into the world of the five branches of the Allied Orders, beginning with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. To follow are: Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, The Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Women's Relief Corps.

From their website: In 1866, Union Veterans of the Civil War organized into the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) and became a social and political force that would control the destiny of the nation for more than six decades. Membership in the veterans' organization was restricted to individuals who had served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Revenue Cutter Service during the Civil War, thereby limiting the life span of the GAR. The GAR existed until 1956.

In 1881 the GAR formed the Sons of Veterans of the United States of America (SV) to carry on its traditions and memory long after the GAR had ceased to exist. In later years, men who did not have the ancestry to qualify for hereditary membership, but who demonstrated a genuine interest in the Civil War and could subscribe to the purpose and objectives of the SUVCW, were admitted as Associates. This practice continues today. You are invited to look at their website by visiting: <https://www.suvcw.org>



**Sons of Union Veterans  
of the Civil War**  
National Headquarters

The Department of the Chesapeake includes Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia. Its headquarters is in Fredericksburg. There are 14 camps chartered with one located in Fredericksburg-the Irish Brigade Camp #4. Questions concerning Camp activities or SUVCW membership can be emailed to: [commander@irishbrigadecamp.com](mailto:commander@irishbrigadecamp.com).

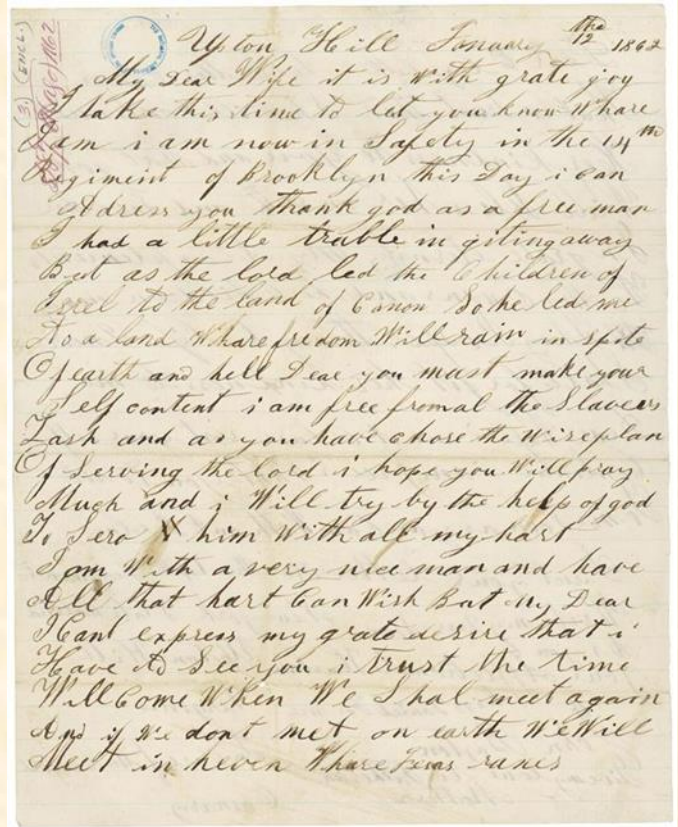
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# We Shall Meet Again

When the Civil War started, there were some 3.9 million slaves in the United States. While the nation was at war, many slaves in Southern states fled to the Union Army, risking everything for their freedom. One such man, John Boston, found refuge with a New York regiment in Upton Hill, Virginia. His 1862 letter to his wife who remained in Owensville, Maryland reveals the price many paid for their freedom. In his love letter to his wife, he wrote that his highest hope and aspiration was to be reunited with his family.

There is no evidence that Elizabeth Boston ever received this letter. It was intercepted and eventually forwarded to Secretary of War Edwin Stanton.

—Story from the National Archives, provided by Jan Speare



# From Your Sister Connie White

“I live at Covenant Woods, a senior living community in Mechanicsville. We belong to a walking group called the Holey Soles. We walk once a week at different locations. When asked about our name our leader explains we are Christians who can’t spell.

On a walk last September, we strode to Shockoe Hill Cemetery in Richmond. After searching around for a little while, I was able to find the grave stone of Elizabeth Van Lew. I was happy to honor her with a few blooms from my hydrangea bush!”

—Connie White



Photo courtesy of Hanover County Historical Society.



**Congratulations to the winners of the door prize for attending our January 22nd Virtual meeting . The following lucky winners will receive a President’s Project lovely Red Roses enameled pin:**

**Elizabeth Ornelas | Kathleen Lewis | Karen Belle**

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# A Bit About our Virtual March 26th Meeting

By President Karen Lyddane

With Covid-19 and Omicron raging, I will continue our meetings in a virtual-only format.

Our ORFATS meeting will begin at 9:15 a.m.. Please use the same Zoom link for both meetings. Attendees include the President, Sr. Vice President, Jr. Vice President, Chaplain, Patriotic Instructor, Treasurer, Councils, VAVS Representative, Historian, Registrar, Treasurer, Ancestor Minute Chairperson, SUVCW Liaison (Overseas), Tent Press Correspondent, Webmaster, Social Media Chairperson, and Secretary.



I am also changing the start time of our Business Meeting to 10:00 a.m., which is offered to everyone. You may link in as early as 9:50 a.m. You'll hear the officer reports, Ancestor Minute given by new sister Kathleen Lewis, who will tell us about her ancestor Corporal John Henry Barton, election of one delegate to attend the National Convention (We have others as well but need to vote on one), and more.

Our Guest Speaker is none other than Nadine Mironchuk, Editor of the Bull Run Civil War Roundtable's newsletter. Last Fall, Nadine wrote a well researched article about our namesake-she found things that none of us have come across! She has created a PowerPoint presentation from her research, just for us. Join this spectacular meeting created just for YOU!

## 2022 Tent Meeting Dates

Next Meeting March 26, 2022!

Remainder of 2022: May 28, 2022 | October 22, 2022

"We meet the fourth Saturday in January, March, May and October."

Email [elizabethvanlewtentVA@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethvanlewtentVA@gmail.com) for more information regarding meetings.

**ONE MORE THING!** Items from Bett's Boutique will be available at the meeting for purchase!

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# Gems

## Offered by Your Membership Chair Karen Connair

American Civil War Museum, 480 Tredegar Street, Richmond, VA 23219.

2022 Symposium: "The Soldier's Civil War" to be held in person at Historic Tredegar and also available live streaming. Friday, February 18, 2022 reception, meet the speakers, 5:30-7:00pm Cost for reception is \$35. Saturday, February 19, 2022 Symposia, 8:30am-5pm. Six speakers examine how ordinary men faced violence, loneliness, fear, death and racism during the Civil War and how the impact of the war affected their post-war lives. Purchase tickets online. \$75 in-person, \$35 live streaming, \$30 for members. Website: [www.acwm.org](http://www.acwm.org), Phone: 804-649-1861.

Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation. National Conference, April 21-23, 2022, to be held at the Hotel 24 South, 24 S. Market Street, Staunton, Virginia 24401. This year's conference theme is "A Star Has Risen: Stonewall Jackson's Valley Campaign," commemorating the 160th anniversary of Stonewall Jackson's Valley Campaign. Includes six speakers and tours of local battlefields. Cost \$395 members, \$425 non-members. Individual day pricing available. Pre-registration required. For more information go to: [www.shenandoahatwar.org](http://www.shenandoahatwar.org), and email is: [info@svbf.net](mailto:info@svbf.net), Phone: 540-740-4545.

American Battlefield Trust, Annual Conference, May 11-15, 2022. This year's conference theme is "The Wars that Forged America." To be held at the Westfields Marriott Washington Dulles, 14750 Conference Center Drive, Chantilly, VA 20131. Registration will open the first week in March. Cost \$645 general admission. For more information call (800) 298-7878 or email [events@battlefields.org](mailto:events@battlefields.org).



## Monuments for UK Veterans of the American Civil War

### From your SUVCW Liaison Overseas, Gina Costin

Welcome to those who have followed our page, or joined our closed Facebook group, accessed by going to <https://www.facebook.com/AmericanCivilWarUKMonumentalProject>

I'm raising awareness to secure a national monument in the UK and headstones for American Civil War veterans. Our National President Norma Fiedler is actively helping us and we are asking for you to join this unique effort.

Access our Paypal account by going to: [civilwarukmonumentalproject@gmail.com](mailto:civilwarukmonumentalproject@gmail.com)

Contact us at: [civilwarukmonumentalproject@gmail.com](mailto:civilwarukmonumentalproject@gmail.com)

You can also go to: [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/americancivilwarukmonumentalproject](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/americancivilwarukmonumentalproject)

Why is all the above important? In 2005, I began the monumental task of holding a dedication ceremony for my ancestor, George W Denham, of the 111<sup>th</sup> PA Volunteers/USS Chickasaw, who is buried at Pancras and Finchley cemetery. The first stumbling block was when the cemetery advised he was not buried there. Fifteen years went by and in the summer of 2020 Georges family discovered he was, but in an unmarked grave. We finally did hold a dedication for him, and are finding others who lie near him and deserve recognition.

As you know, I don't let the grass grow under my feet!! *James O Neills Co K 61<sup>st</sup> Mass headstone has just arrived at Pancras cemetery, London.* So there will be another dedication!

I figure we have to start somewhere as otherwise there will never be any monument in London or wider UK that honors their service.

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# A Civil War Cook

By Karen Belle

Readings tell us that soldiers on the move during that war carried individual rations or shared with others. But soldiers on campaign were the exception, not the rule. While in camp - as the soldiers of the 9th Rhode Island were in the summer of 1862 - there was a Cook. When I learned that my great-great-grandfather - Pvt George Birchell - served as a cook with the 9th Rhode Island Infantry, Co D, I wondered what he cooked, and how.



Photo credit: National Geographic.

Research into what foods were prepared for the Civil War Solid-er introduced me to James Sanderson, a NY hotel operator and member of the US Sanitary Commission. Sanderson wrote the first cookbook distributed by the Army: *Camp Fires and Camp Cooking: Culinary Hints for the Soldier* at: <https://collections.nlm.nih.gov/bookviewer?PID=nlm:nlmuid-62420950R-bk>) This book provided basic recipes, while emphasizing cleanliness and proper food preparation.

Answers to how the cooking was done were found in *Notes on Commissary Cooking and Equipment: 1861-1865* by Cody J Harding. Go to: (<https://www.libertyrifles.org/research/uniforms-equipment/commissary-cooking>). While not specific to the 9th Rhode Island, this article did provide much pertinent information. Photographs and sketches of pots suspended from crossbars over fire, of Army supplied mobile ovens and kettle stoves, as well as of stacks of wooden supply boxes helped the reader to envision the cooks' reality.

The Battlefield Trust's video entitled Rations (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LpACpzFdURc> ) suggests that Civil War cooks could be quite creative when it came to making a meal with supplies on hand. Further research into the work of the Civil War Regimental Cooks could be interesting!

## In Unity We Help Our National President

You received an email regarding the chance to help greatly with the President's Project: "(Developing) Dedicated Daughters" in an email on January 24th. The idea was originally conceived by our very own Margaret Stromberg. In the upcoming National Convention, it will be voted on, hopefully to become a permanent offering for all. Then, the "Developing" word will be dropped. Again, I am on bended (arthritic) knee, asking for your support, especially as we were specially chosen for this Project. Please support your National President! Send whatever thoughts you have as you've completed any or all of the modules, in ONE EMAIL, to me, on or before 3/15, and HAVE FUN! HUZZAH!

## Supporting our Veterans

By VAVS Representative Donetta Bantle

At our January meeting I mentioned that McGuire could use gift cards for fast food items (Chick-fil-A, Wendy's, etc.) that their staff could use to get food for patients and their families. They also have a need for gift cards they can use for lodging in the area (Red Roof Inn, Holiday Inn Express, Best Western); these cards are sent directly to the hotel and not the family. If you would like to donate, please send the cards to me at the following address and I will take the take them to the hospital and drop them off.

Donetta Bantle, 14436 Ashleyville Lane, Midlothian, VA 23112

I will keep track of our donations and I will be able to report to National on our year end VAVS report what the Tent has contributed .

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# Retreat with a Recipe—Brown Sugar Corn Bread

As made by Clara Barton!

## Ingredients:

1 Cup Flour	1 Cup Cornmeal
3/4 tsp Baking Soda	2 Tbs Brown Sugar
1 tsp Salt	1 1/2 Cups Soured Milk
1 tsp Baking Powder	2 Eggs, Well Beaten
1/4 Cup Lard, (Or Shortening), Melted	

How to make: Sift some flour and measure out one cup. Then sift together in a wooden mixing bowl the sifted flour, baking soda, salt, and baking powder. Blend in the corn meal.



Photo courtesy of Barton Associates.

In another bowl, combine the brown sugar, melted shortening, and beaten eggs. Lastly, add the soured milk. (You can make by splashing a bit of white vinegar into the milk and let it sit for a couple of minutes.)

Stir this mixture into the dry ingredients that are in the first bowl. beat everything together until the batter is smooth and lump-free. Bake in a quick oven (425 degrees) for about 25 to 30 minutes, or until lightly browned and the top springs back when touched. Makes enough for



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