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#### **EGG-CITING TIMES SUMMER BREEZE**

Newsletter of

# Elizabeth Van Lew Detached Tent 1 Haymarket, VA

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865

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## A Warm Message from Your President—Karen Lyddane

We're ready for a summer breeze, don't you think?

This special edition shines like the sun, bringing forth a bright personality in the ripest days of summer. Let us use each second we are given in joy of warmth and sunshine, with anticipation of a colorful season that approaches quickly.

These pages hold many light-hearted articles and an accounting of our National Convention, in which we surely did a fine job of supporting and sharing ourselves. We certainly showed our Southern Manners that are born to us or almost instantly reside in us by moving to the Old Dominion (and our adjoining states). To say I am proud of you is quite the understatement.

May you enjoy each word, each graphic, with the knowledge that we work for you. Summer Breeze is all the better for your own efforts. HUZZAH!!

Karen Lyddane



President Karen with dear husband Dennis strolling to a ball.

# Here's Your Chance for a Cockade Made in West Virginia



Hailing from Alum, West Virginia, sister Sierra Fry sent an email about her MOST talented mother who has been making cockades for their needs. However, she will make one (or more) for you! Just contact Sierra Fry at wvrelicdigger1861@gmail.com and she'll be most happy to discuss what you would want.

Consider the upcoming holidays-these make great gifts!



# **Keep Green the Memory!**

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A warm and heartfelt note of appreciation is given to you, our wonderful newsletter editor Andrea, for offering to give us this special issue! Also, congratula-



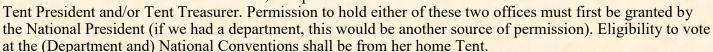
tions on your fine efforts that led to our National award for the best website. We welcome your comments and ideas. If you have photos from a meeting or event, please send them as JPEGS to us at the email above so they can go in your newsletter. Please make sure that all photos are right-side up. Photos must be properly identified when submitted. IF time allows, we will try to identify but if we're unable, the photo cannot be used. 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*!

#### **Welcome New Members!**

Welcome to Cynthia Dalton-we are thrilled that you joined our ranks!

Cynthia is in our Comradeship Division, and joins us courtesy of 2nd Lieutenant Enoch Whicher Robbins, Company H, Regiment 8, Maine, Infantry.

This type of membership was introduced to us last Issue. A Comrade Member is a member in good standing, who may vote and hold office in tents in which she is active, except the office of



Should you become a comrade member of another tent? Maybe you are living here but your ancestry is in another state with a tent close to where your ancestor was connected. So, YES! Go to the National Website, sign -in as a member, then go to *Administrative Forms*. Next, choose either *tent* or *detached tent* depending on where you wish to join. Both have the Comrade Membership Form blank for you to save. Fill in and send to your intended tent/detached tent. Cost is minimum (usually) but the impact you'll give is maximum!

#### Congratulations to Diane Kuebert on her Supplemental Ancestor!

Diane now has a supplemental ancestor, Oscar Klemens Kleine, 2nd great grandfather. He enlisted 23 April 1861 as a Private in Company K, 7th NY Regiment, Infantry, and mustered out as a Private in Company C, 61st NY Regiment, Infantry, 7 February 1864 - 12 September 1864.

*Note: It is well known that Privates were highly valued above most others.* 

# Here's a Fine How-Dee-Do! From President Karen Lyddane

These rules of Victorian etiquette will surely lighten your mood.

- Never point at another person
- Never call attention to the features or form of others
- Never make yourself the hero of your own story
- Never pick your teeth or clean your nails in company
- Never question a child about family matters
- Never read letters which you find addressed to others
- Never seem to notice a scar, deformity, or defect of anyone present









Hi Sisters! We have our very own Facebook page! Please go like and follow the page on Facebook. https://www.facebook.com/DUVCWElizabethVanLew/

We need content! Please send me pictures from events, photos and biographies of your ancestors, and photos taken at historical Civil War sites. Photos and Biographies can be sent to <a href="mailto:rebekahrose6@gmail.com">rebekahrose6@gmail.com</a>.

## **History Requests Your Presence on October 7th!**

From President Karen Lyddane

George Mason University and Bull Run Civil War Roundtable will be dedicating a preserved and interpreted Civil War redoubt at Farr's Cross Roads on Friday, October 7 at 10 am on the campus of George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. Jim Lewis of the Bull Run Civil War Roundtable (my brother) sends this invitation for your assistance in the ceremony by attending in period attire (civilian only, no military) and passing out programs or other related duties. We are not presenting a wreath.

Attire MUST be period correct, please-press will be there and correct representation is mandatory. I can help with your questions regarding attire. If you are interested in participating, please let me know and I will forward your name and email to Jim. See you there!



# **Save the Date!**

Friday, Oct. 7, 10:00 AM

George Mason University, Fairfax Campus Backend of Parking Lot K (Near Braddock & Ox Road Intersection)

**Dedication and Tour of a Preserved**& Interpreted Civil War Redoubt
At Farr's Cross Roads

Welcome & Opening Remarks
Blake Myers, Moderator & Speaker

**Speakers** 

State Senator Chap Petersen

Dr. Brian Platt, GMU History Department

Jim Lewis, Bull Run Civil War Roundtable

Brian McEnany, Bull Run Civil War Roundtable

Music By 8<sup>th</sup> Green Machine Regiment Band

**Directions:** 

<u>From Braddock Rd.</u>: Turn onto Roanoke River Rd., 1<sup>st</sup> left into Lot K

<u>From Chain Bridge Rd.</u>: Turn onto University Dr., 1<sup>st</sup> right onto Aquia Creek

Ln., (rt) onto Patriot Circle, travel through circle, (rt) into Lot K



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# **Some Breezy Thoughts**

#### By President Karen Lyddane

Last issue, I asked for relief of performing the Zoom portion of our meetings, as our Treasurer Crystal Geller is greatly due a break. Crystal stepped up when Covid-19 struck, and made our meetings possible, albeit in a new, Zooming form. She has always managed to give us this valuable resource, and so, answering the call, is a fresh face behind the computer! Excitedly, I declare that a dear soul has arisen from our ranks to accept the responsibility of making available a virtual component for our meetings. Please applaud our own Chaplain, Jan Speare, for her kind, generous spirit in performing yet another role that allows our ladies to be present at meetings even if they are well beyond commuting distance!

#### **Looking Toward Our October Meeting**

Our October meeting will be without the Zoom capacity, due to precommittals of time. PLEASE join us in person if at all possible! We have just four meetings a year. We need to be with each other. The great value of meeting other like-minded ladies is just precious. You'll leave with a certain spring in your step. Past President Donetta Bantle will select a few entrees from the menu and will send out this information beforehand.

Date: Saturday, October 22

Place: The Olive Garden Restaurant, 7501 Broken Branch Ln,

Manassas, VA 20109, (703) 369-3635

Time: 11:00 a.m. This gives time to socialize a minute or two and be seated.

**Special Program: 11:15 a.m.** (and you won't want to miss a thing!) Past President of our beloved detached tent Donetta Bantle will give a talk titled *Women in the Civil War* and she will also share her two MOST fascinating Ancestors (believe me, your eyes will widen!)

Lunch Served: 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Business Meeting: 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

**Lost & Found-Secretarial Position Needing YOU!** 

Lost: Our secretary. Found: YOU!

I find myself on bended (arthritic) knee. Due to a newly discovered discrepancy in ancestry, our secretary was honorably discharged, So, I invite YOU to fill this position. Please consider, and talk with Senior Vice President & Historic Preservation Chair Vicki Meadows as she has filled this position before, and is temporarily help-

ing out. We are counting on YOU! This is an appointed position so help me up off that poor knee and I'll appoint YOU and all our ladies will be so very grateful. Below are the requirements as found in our ByLaws. You don't have to attend physical meetings and can help us remotely.

The Tent secretary shall:

- 1. Keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Tent.
- 2. Prepare for the president all reports and documents requested by her.
- 3. Keep copies of the following: a. Bylaws of the Tent, b. A journal of the proceedings of the Tent, c. A General Orders file, d. A membership roll book, and e. An officer's roll book.



#### Sister Jennifer Hooper Gets to Know her Great-Great-Grandfather Rush

I truly enjoyed watching the Peninsula Campaign in May featured on Little Wars TV on YouTube. My 2nd Great Grandfather (Captain Henry) Rush served in it out of Pennsylvania.

(They are actually a table-top gaming community where they reenact battles, often on gaming tables at the battlefields, but they talk about the battles as well. They do not only cover the Civil War, but during the months of March through the end of May, they covered the Peninsula Campaign.)

The YouTube channel can be found by going to this address:

https://youtu.be/u76MBP546mk

There you'll find the May 3rd episode of Little Wars TV (featuring May 3, 1862)..."The Day Johnston Slips Away (Again) by using this path:

https://youtu.be/pjX14m3MaC4

At the time that my boyfriend began watching this with me, we had been awaiting the additional pages of my 2nd Great Grandfather Rush's pension record. We received it in mid-May with enough time to be able to realize he'd picked up Malaria - and piles - while on this campaign and a shock wave concussion on the 31st of May, which lined up with what was reported in the pension paperwork.)





# A Fun, Patriotic Idea for You By President Karen Lyddane

Our National Senior Vice President and Comrade member Verna Maleski sent a great idea that YOU can help with in a most convenient way! She said that the Sons have given out a flag commendation certificate for years to individuals and businesses. It is for those who consistently display our country's flag. Now, ladies, we know about it, and we can thank others in our own communities. This kindness only YOU can give.

After Verna talked to me, I started thinking...and thought that the Certificate could be altered for those flying the state flag as well. With blessings by our National President, I awarded our first Certificate to the gentleman who did the outstanding job of Convention flowers for our donation. Simply look at his face to see the surprise and joy that he felt!

Become a Sherlock- find a small business that flies the American or Virginia flag and send me the information. I'll create a Flag Commendation for you to present! Tah Dah! Let's encourage and support those around us as they support patriotism. Join in the fun!



# Home Front, 1861

#### **Article by Del Thomasson**

Here's More from that Certain Gentleman in Georgia! Our last newsletter included an introduction and offer of book on Civil War Flag finials from author Del Thomasson, who lives in Ringgold, Georgia. Since then, he's come across information about how women supported their men who were leaving for serving in the Civil War, and wrote this article for you. It is his great hope that you will appreciate it and that it speaks to you as it did to him! Del thanks you for keeping green the memory.

I am always amazed at the amount of work the ladies of America did, both north and south as the Civil War began, in preparation to send their sons, husbands, relatives and in some cases their daughters off to war. Soldiers Aid Societies popped up all over the north. Women were getting behind the mules, and took up farming, nurses were needed for both north and south which was, for the most part opposed of by surgeons. Many maids, wives, and mothers went well beyond in sacrificing their time and effort to make sure the soldiers from their respective states had the best possible.

With the invention of the sewing machine in 1849 by Elias Howe, the ladies of this country were also able to sew every type of clothing needed for comfort while away at war. (However, the blockade would eventually prevent southern ladies from using their machines as strong thread was not available and their spun cotton thread was too soft to use in machines.)



Photo from London Stereoscopic Company/Hulton Archive/Getty Images

Early on in the north, after the bombardment of Fort Sumter, ladies began to sew flags. Patriotic fires had been set in the north so much so that you couldn't go anywhere without seeing our nations' national banner, most of which were made by the ladies. In Wisconsin, "flag raisings" and "flag presentations" were taking place all across the state where flags were being made for departing troops. Presentation speeches were the order of the day, and often every day.

In South Carolina, the flag presentations began as early as January 1861, months before the war began.







Hundreds of flags were presented by the southern ladies to their sons. Newspapers in 1861 are full of articles describing flag presentation ceremonies conducted by the ladies all over the country.

Ladies in state after state performed the same respectful duty of flag making for their departing sons, some of whom would never see home again.

## **THANK YOU for a Great National Convention!**

Ladies, we really outdid ourselves at the National Convention. We received three National awards!

• First was the Tim Berners-Lee Award, for the best website of all-congratulations to our devoted webmaster, Andrea Walter.

- Next, we kept our Registrar Supreme Peggy
  Burroughs more than busy, and received the
  Julia Dent Grant Award for being the detached
  tent with the most new members.
- For the first time ever, the First National Convention Award went to our detached tent for having the most registered members in attendance at the Convention.

THANK YOU to all who came, donated, attended dinners, danced, purchased items, participated in ceremonies and helped decide business of our organization. YOU are the backbone representing your ancestors-job well done.

We donated most of the flowers, which were almost as fresh on the last day as the first, and used



in many ways. President Norma Fiedler expressed her appreciation over and over for them. We also sent snacks, over 20 items for auction, and gave our own time and efforts! Our Open House, complete with our State Flag, displays of Virginia and West Virginia, Virginia wine and peanuts (of course), drew over 90 people! Can I hear a rousing HUZZAH?!

Pictured at the top of the article are the awards. To the left below is a photo of our donated floral arrangements that Merle Stromberg and President Karen stuffed into their cars and drove to the convention. Picture to the right are the 5 corsages and one specially made for our National President. (continued on next page)





## **National Convention**

#### **Continued from previous page**

A bright note from first-time Convention attendee, Membership Chair Karen Connair: "Karen, such an egg-citing time I had! I loved every minute of my convention experience and I am honored that I could represent our Tent as your delegate. I loved the ceremonial part, the officers wearing white with the flags, meeting all the sisters from around the country and just the whole experience. You're right, there is nothing like it! You know what I really enjoyed—the piano music—the playing of patriotic songs and hymns. Tradition is important and I am glad our organization still honors that. That is what makes it special!

It was an eye opening experience to see how the organization works and all that goes into writing the by-laws and implementing them. You're right, those sessions were fascinating. I am glad everyone from EVL attended too; we had a nice time talking to each other."

Pictured at the top is our open house with our new duv. Past national president Sally Redinger fondly looks on with adoring Junior Vice President Jane Shackleford. To the right, Senior Vice President & Historic Preservation Chair Vicki Meadows found the perfect chair for herself...hehehe!

The bottom photo is then-National Chaplain Rebecca Rostron working behind one of our arrangements.





# The Civil War in Lincoln County, West Virginia

#### By Sierra Fry

Hello all, I am writing this to give some insight on the history of the county in my home state in which I was born and raised. I hope you enjoy!! Deep in the mountains of West Virginia flows the beautiful Coal River. The river in which I have called home for 23 years. It has been an attraction to kayakers for many years but I often sit and wonder if they know the history of the vast, breathtaking clear water that they tread.

Just about four miles from my house is the Forks of Coal. Not commonly known for its history of being a skirmish site from the Civil War. What started off as a scouting mission for the Union troops (184<sup>th</sup> Regiment, West Virginia State Troops/Turner Home Guards) resulted in a skirmish with the Confederate army after Captain Turner received word that Rebel forces estimating at about 440 cavalry and 50 infantry under Colonel Witcher was advancing Forks of Coal.

With the rest of his company on a scouting expedition, Turner and twenty six of his scouts (men from Kanawha, Wyoming, Raleigh and McDowell counties) took position in the fort. The firing between both sides lasted for about an hour and twenty minutes with the Federals expending one thousand rounds. After the Rebel victory of flanking the Federals, the scouts had no choice but to abandon the fort. Upon the next morning, October 22, 1864, the Federals divided into four squads and took position near the road that they had predicted to be a travel route for the Rebels, resulting in a successful ambush causing the Rebels to leave three dead behind and continue travel to the Kanawha Valley.

There are no monuments or plaques. I feel as if it is up to me to honor these men and teach those who ask me about the area.





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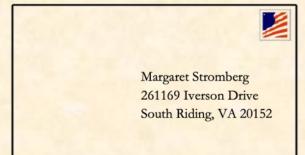
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Badges are 2.12" x 3.35" with 'super grip' magnetic bar fastener. Rounded corners.

Cost per badge is 15.00 including shipping (with delivery by to member at the next meeting). There is an extra cost of \$1.60 for mailing badges to the individual upon receipt of order.

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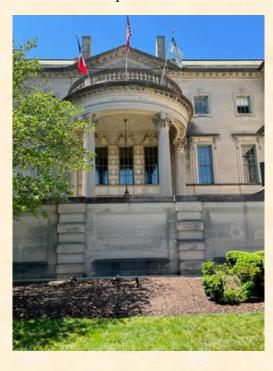
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# **Local Sightseeing**

#### By Jan Speare

While at in DC, I, (Jan Speare), did some sightseeing. This is the Anderson House, Home of the Society of Cincinnati. George Washington, the statue below, was a founder and its First President. The Society has had many very esteemed members who espouse the ideals of *Virtue* in government.





The building is furnished like a palace. In the photos below, to the left is the dining room. To the right is a painting of Washington and Lafayette.





# **More Local Sightseeing**

#### By Jan Speare

I also visited Mary Ball Washington (George's Mother's) House in Fredericksburg, VA. George Washington bought this for his mother in 1772. I wonder if Martha wanted to keep her mother-in-law out of Mt. Vernon?

You can't take pictures in the house, but a few photos from outside are below.





# **Play Ball!**

#### Article submitted by your kind sister Kathleen Lewis

Maintaining one's humanity during wartime can be a great challenge and a great necessity for any soldier. Among Union and Confederate veterans, many recalled fondly the diversion of playing baseball during the war, and the temporary, but very real, relief it provided in camp. Some even included mention of these games in their letters home to family or sweethearts.

"Private Alpheris B. Parker of the 10th Massachusetts wrote: 'The parade ground has been a busy place for a week or so past, ball-playing having become a mania in camp. Officers and men forget, for a time, the differences in rank and indulge in the invigorating sport with a schoolboy's ardor."

Historians reference the Civil War as a strong contributing cause for the spread of the game that became our 'national pastime.' Earlier forms of the game had been popular in northern and southern states before the war, but it was played mostly by young men with the time and means for more leisure activities. During the war, however, officers and enlisted men mixed in the camps. Looking for ways to boost morale and provide wholesome activities for their men, some officers introduced the game and then enjoyed it right alongside them. "The mass concentration of young men in army camps and prisons eventually converted the sport formerly reserved for 'gentlemen' into a recreational pastime that could be enjoyed by people from all backgrounds. For instance, both officers and enlisted men played side by side and soldiers earned their places on the team because of their athletic talents, not their military rank or social standing."

- 1. https://www.baseball-almanac.com/articles/aubrecht2004b.shtml
- 2. Ibid

#### Gems

#### Offered by Your Membership Chair Karen Connair

CENTRAL VIRGINIA BATTLEFIELDS TRUST 2022 Annual Conference. "The War Comes to Fredericksburg" to be held September 30 - October 2, 2022. Includes reception, film screening Fire on the Rappahannock, lunch, tours and presentations with historians Sarah Kay Bierle and Frank O'Reilly, Saturday evening banquet and Keynote Speaker historian John Hennessy, and Sunday morning brunch at Stevenson Ridge including panel discussion with noted historians. Block of rooms reserved by CVBT at Hampton Inn & Suites Fredericksburg, see conference website for room rate discount. Banquet and meeting will take place at historic Belmont in Falmouth, Virginia. Cost \$195. See CVBT.org website for more information. Limited tickets remain.

CIVIL WAR INTERPRETIVE CENTER AT HISTORIC BLENHEIM, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax VA 22030. 703-591-0560. The Center hosts a series of monthly history talks, related primarily to the Civil War. All talks are in person and free. Here is a list of upcoming lectures:



Professor Jonathan Jones of VMI will give a talk on Civil War Veterans and Opioid Addiction, to be held August 27, 2022, 2pm-3pm. He will explore why veterans became addicted and how the situation spiraled out of control after the war.

Walter Wilson will give a presentation on Thomas Conrad Nelson, one of the Confederacy's most flamboyant spies. Learn about Nelson's life, his Civil War escapades and his post-war activities, including becoming Virginia Tech's third President. This lecture will be held September 24, 2022, 2pm-3pm.

Professor Terry Alford will discuss his book, In the House of Their Dead: The Lincolns, the Booths, and the Spirits. His book covers the intriguing topic of Lincoln and the strange, otherworldly points of contact between his family and that of man who killed him. Books will be available for purchase and signing after the event. This lecture will be held October 22, 2022, 2pm-3pm.

Traveling Exhibition: Freedom: A History of US. This exhibition will be on display from November 8, 2022 – December 2, 2022. Center is open 10am-3pm Tuesday through Saturday. Highlights include: rare 1776 printing of the Declaration of Independence, printed draft and official copy of the US Constitution, Lincoln's handwritten notes for speeches, letters by leading figures such as Frederick Douglass, Susan B. Anthony, and Martin Luther King, Jr.

SHENANDOAH UNIVERSITY – MCCORMICK CIVIL WAR INSTITUTE Annual Fall Semester Seminar and Tour to be held at Shenandoah University, 1460 University Drive, Winchester, VA 22601 on November 5, 2022. 10am-4:30pm This year's theme is "My Mind is Full with Thoughts of the Past:" The Second Battle of Winchester Through the Eyes of Combatants and Civilians. Includes morning lecture by Professor Jonathan A. Noyalas, lunch and car caravan of sites associated with the battle including privately owned sites not accessible to the public. Registration fee is \$25, email Professor Noyalas at jnoyalas01@su.edu or call 540-665-4501 for more information.



Save the Dates for Our Upcoming Tent Meetings! 10/22/2022, 1/21/2023, 3/25/2023, 5/20/2023, and 10/21/2023

# **Even More Local Sightseeing**By Jan Speare

I visited Dwight and Mamie Eisenhower's House in Gettysburg, PA.

President Dwight Eisenhower bought this house and farm thinking he would retire there and then became the head of NATO, moving to Europe. Then he was elected President, and used this as his getaway, entertaining many heads of state, including Nikita Khrushchev. He wanted to rehabilitate the farm's soil, which was worn out. He mostly raised cattle.

Pictured below is the fireplace that was in the White House while President Lincoln lay in state. It was given to the Eisenhowers by their staff on their 37th wedding anniversary. It is in a living room that the Eisenhower grandchildren called, *Mamie's Museum*.









Be our next Secretary!

Engage and ask President Karen about how you can fill this vital role.

