



# 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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**Oct./Nov. 2022**

## Message from Your President—Karen Lyddane

Go back 160 years ago and this year is 1862. We are honoring many events of that year, along with new discoveries so important in keeping green the memory.

When researching for my speech at the 160th anniversary of Antietam, I came across words of President Lincoln that gripped me in sudden realization that surely they'd appeared for this sacred anniversary! He'd gone to Maryland after the battle, thanking not only the soldiers, but also the citizens. Later in this Issue is an accounting of our participation.

Each day, we rise in knowing that we owe much to those who, like President Lincoln, dedicated their very lives for our freedom in this unified country—soldier and citizen alike. We joined our beloved Detached Tent in our ancestors' honor, and no matter what each day brings, our ancestry cannot change - we can change however, by increasing our commitment into action and service for all!

May this newsletter prompt engagement into your detached tent, for the very reason you joined. May each letter, each word, send you toward patriotic energy and reward in your heart that only YOU can act upon, just as your ancestor(s). Read on, dear soul, and share with us your great spirit! HUZDAH!!

*Karen Lyddane*



Your President at the GMU Fairfax Campus, Farr's Crossing Redoubt Dedication, October 7, 2022.

## Your Support of Our Veterans

We've done an incredible job this year of giving to those who served our country. Let's keep up this momentum! As you shop, add to your list large sweat shirts and pants, socks, gloves, hats and gift cards for food and gas. Donetta will look for them at our January 21st meeting.

For our May meeting, on Armed Forces Day (5/20), we'll put together GO boxes for vets who basically live on the streets and in cars. Donetta will tell you more in our January meeting.



**Keep Green the Memory!**

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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*!



Dear Newsletter Editor Andrea, we find ourselves in your great debt, for giving us a newsletter that is as brilliant as our Autumn! This issue stands as testimony to the great health and vibrancy of our detached tent, which is read by our ladies, prospective ladies, national presidents, SU-VCW gentlemen, and more!

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## Welcome New and Returning Members!

Welcome to our new members! We are thrilled that you joined our ranks!

- **Elaine Corum Gunterman**, great-great granddaughter of Pvt. William H. Kizer, Company C, 4th Regiment, Infantry, TN. (Elaine is the cousin of our dear Jr. VP Jane Shackelford.)
- **Teresa Ann Dwyer Kelley**, great-great-great granddaughter of Pvt. George William Murphy, Company C, 2nd Battalion, Infantry, DC.
- Welcome back, Gail! Hailing from all the way in Oregon, **Gail E. Anderson** has rejoined us as a Comrade Member! Her second great-grandfather ancestor is Pvt. Jeremiah Newton Guthrie, Co. H., 49th Regiment, Infantry, MO.



What exactly IS a Comrade Member? She is a member in good standing, who may vote and hold office in tents in which she is active, except the office of Tent President and/or Tent Treasurer. Permission to hold either of these two offices must first be granted by the National President (if we had a department, this would be another source of permission). Eligibility to vote at the (Department and) National Conventions shall be from her home Tent. Verna lives in Arizona, and in her former position of National Chaplain, gave us a fine presentation as guest speaker in a meeting regarding the Southern Memorial & Wreath Committee.

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!

## Our Virginia State Flag

### Submitted by Patriotic Instructor Ann Beer

Many states did not have an official flag until the early 1890s. Virginia was different. The state legislature decided that an official flag was needed when Virginia succeeded from the Union in 1861. They seemed to be in a hurry as they did not design a new flag, but just took the front of the Virginia state seal and put it on a blue background.

The official seal of Virginia was designed in 1776 by a committee, but George Wythe has been given principle credit for the design. The design reflected the admiration of Virginians for the ancient Roman Republic.

Wythe's design featured the Goddess Virtus, portrayed as an Amazon with a bare breast and leaning on her long spear. She appears to have won the battle against Tyranny, portrayed as a king lying prostrate under her foot. The legend "Sic semper tyrannies," "Thus always to tyrants," is a reference to the assassination of Julius Caesar. The Confederates' only change was to put Virtus in a breastplate. They appear to have been concerned about public nudity. By 1876, Virtus was back in her traditional dress.

Over time there were several versions of the state seal. It was standardized in 1912. A few changes were made to the flag as well. The white fringe used in indoor flags was added in 1930, and the ornamental border of red and green Virginia creeper in 1931. The current version was standardized by the state legislature in 1950.



The current Flag of Virginia (above) and the flag used in the 1860s (below).



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## September 17, 2022 - 160th Anniversary of Antietam

Circumstances prevented many from attending the 160th Anniversary day's events of Antietam, but you asked about what we did. Beside presenting a wreath and giving a speech, we donated two dozen red roses for strewing on the grounds and burial places. *The following is the speech given by President Lyddane at the event at Antietam National Battleground.*

On September 17, in the year 1862, our country lost 23,000 souls on this sacred ground called Antietam, which provided the necessary Union victory for President Lincoln to issue one of the most important American documents, the Emancipation Proclamation.

160 Years later, I stand here, representing the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865. I hold the positions of President of the Elizabeth Van Lew Detached Tent 1, Virginia, and National Counsel Member #4. We are one of five Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, whose goal is to keep green the memory. My four great-grandfathers, who fought for the Union, are with me in spirit. Also here in spirit is my dear grandfather, who counted one of his life's victories as traveling here and pondering this bloodiest battle day of our history.

Here are some words given by President Lincoln in Frederick on October 4, 1862: "I return thanks to our soldiers for the good service they have rendered, for the energies they have shown, the hardships they have endured, and the blood they have so nobly shed for this dear Union of ours; and I also return thanks not only to the soldiers, but to the good citizens of Maryland, and to all the good men and women in this land, for their devotion to our glorious cause...May our children and our children's children to a thousand generations, continue to enjoy the benefits conferred upon us by a united country."

These words are for today's soldiers and citizens of America. May they rest on our hearts as we ponder this inspiring and tragic day. And may you know that your own presence on this ground today be considered utmost in sacred honor.



Pictured left to right: George Tommy Chapman - Senior Vice Commander, Department of the Chesapeake, SUVCW, Karen Lyddane - President, Elizabeth Van Lew Detached Tent 1, DUVCW 1861-1865, Brian Horgan - Commander, Department of the Chesapeake, SUVCW, Denise Thompson - President, Department of the Chesapeake, ASUVCW, Eric Atkisson - Aide de Camp, Department of the Chesapeake, SUVCW, Rosemary Martin - National Chaplain, ASUVCW, Danielle Vance - Secretary/Treasurer, Department of the Chesapeake, ASUVCW, Kevin Martin - Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW

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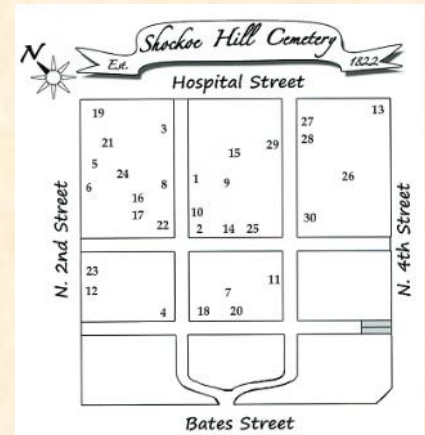
# On My Mind

By President Karen Lyddane

We've set December 2nd as deadline for our special holiday issue, *Egg-Citing Chimes*. You can submit anything now, for making this special issue the best ever. Send 250 words or less, and two or fewer photos. I'll do the formatting for you and send it to our superb newsletter editor. See all of the requirements in this issue for submissions. If you plan to do something for Veteran's Day, or even have some thoughts to share about your journey into finding that special Civil War Union soldier who qualified your membership into this beloved organization, please share with us! Your influence makes our newsletter the one that is considered with high regard all over the country and beyond!

A great goal of my presidency is contacting and supporting our Allied Order friends. You can help this goal when you hear of others doing events. Let me know, so we can join them and represent our beloved EVL Detached Tent while learning about our like-minded friends.

Ring in the New Year by gathering with us on January 21st in Richmond. Go early and plan to meet Past President Donetta Bantle at 10:30 a.m. for a graveside time at the Shockoe Cemetery, where our namesake Elizabeth Van Lew's bones rest. Lunch and our business meeting is at a favorite spot, Sine Irish Pub and Restaurant, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Our special guest speaker, Marilyn Iglesias (dressed in period attire), will provide us with information on medical care (Union and Confederate) during the Civil War. Note: Visiting the Cemetery, even without a particular reason, is a fascinating time spent with finest Magnolias, historic buildings, and viewings of important people's resting places.



- You may see more restaurant details by going to their web site: <https://www.sineirishpub.com/>
- Dietary needs should be considered well ahead of time.
- For information about the incredible Shockoe Cemetery, go to: <https://shockoehillcemetery.org/>



I've been requested to ask for carpooling to our January Richmond meeting, so if you are attending, please consider bringing another sister, or possible prospective member. Contact me if you would like to carpool and I'll send out an email to all so we can do our best to include everyone in our first meeting of 2023!

Looking into the New Year, I will again ask you to help with the Civil War Memorial & Wreath task (for National Cemeteries on Memorial Day weekend), so please put this in the back of your mind. It is our sacred duty to give honor to National Cemeteries holding Civil War servicemen's resting places by supplying patriotic wreaths for their public or private ceremony.

The next National Convention is being held July 18th through the 23rd in at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Oklahoma City, OK. Online hotel registration is open now and convention registration will be open in January 2023. We supported our Pennsylvania neighbors mightily last summer, so I have nothing of this magnitude planned. Should you have thoughts, please contact me-it'll be time to go before you know it! Also, we do need a delegate for voting to be elected.

Finally, I wish for you to know that anything regarding our beloved Detached Tent is always available to you. You are welcome to contact our National President at any time as well.

## Our Prospective List

We have an overflowing list of prospective members, and Peggy Burroughs is in great need of your help in moving these applications to the Membership status. Contact her, and thank you!

## Officers!

Please place a copy of our current ByLaws into the Binder given out at the October meeting. If you need another copy, please contact Ann Beer with your request to email the PDF. When they were finalized, I printed and sent copies to all officers, and a PDF was emailed, but some time has passed by and these might have *taken the scenic route*, so to speak...



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# Help Us Help You!

Looking ahead, in our May 20th meeting, we'll form a nominating committee for the next administration, with the election on October 21. January 27, 2024, gives us our new administration. And this isn't far into the future, the way time is flying by...



While busying yourself with holiday goings-on, give the unique gift that comes from your membership-yourself! Your consideration and willingness to support the wonderful, lovely ladies of this detached tent will lead to warm, memorable moments. You can even make your decision a New Year's resolution. We all hope that you will decide to represent us in a position.

Volunteer to be on the Nominating Committee. Familiar with banking or accounting? Treasurer is for you! Talented in advertising? Press Correspondent is a natural. Love a mystery? Then Registrar is right up your alley! To become President, the path is normally starting as Chaplain, Patriotic Instructor (or the other way around), Junior Vice President, Senior Vice President, and then, you're our President! This can vary, however, depending on the particulars of the term under consideration. Serving two terms as President places you into position to take an elected National office.

More ideas: 1) Join a committee, 2) Ghost the lady in the position of your interest, 3) Offer to help occasionally. So, while wrapping gifts, you might give us the great gift of yourself-Elizabeth Van Lew would be so very proud!

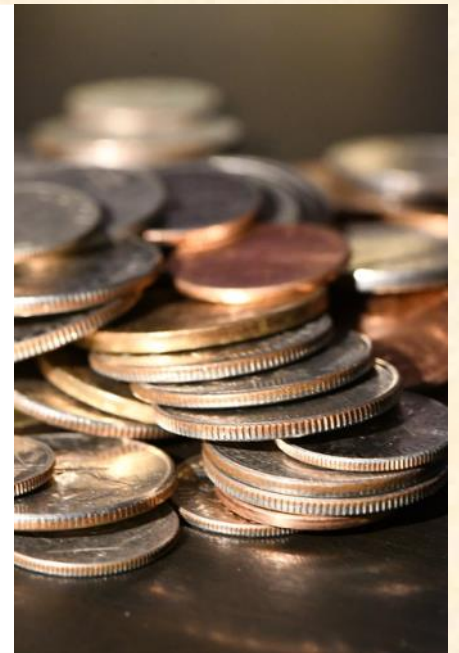


## Pickle Jar Reminder

Have coins (or even bills) in your pockets, couch cushions, or in the depths of your purse? We have a great place for it!

Please be generous with your loose change at our January meeting.

We will use this Fund for projects and scholarships.



Our next newsletter is the special *Egg-citing Chimes Issue*, due out sometime later in December. The deadline for content is December 2nd!



The next meeting is January 21st! Mark your calendars and join us! Also note the rest of 2023 meetings, March 23, May 20, and October 28.

## Missing Something Pretty Important?



I was recently handed a beautiful DUVCW, 1861-1865 membership badge, and two gold stars (to denote ancestors on badges). Seems they were ordered but never claimed. So, might you have ordered them? They need to find their proper home...Contact President Karen Lyddane!

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# Gems

## Offered by Your Membership Chair Karen Connair

Here are some Civil War Autumn and Holiday-themed activities in our area-treat yourself!

1. "Beyond the Battlefield: A Civil War Walking Tour." Begins at the Lee-Fendall House Museum and Garden, 614 Oronoco Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. November 5, 2022. 9:00 a.m. -10:30 a.m. This walking tour tells the story of soldiers, citizens, and free African Americans in Civil War Alexandria. Tickets are advance purchase only, \$15.00. (703) 548-1789.

2. "Civil War Style Church Service." Held at Historic Rocky Springs Chapel, 7817 Rocky Springs Road, Frederick, MD 21702. November 13, 2022 and December 10, 2022. 1:00 p.m. -2:30 p.m. Civil War era non-denomination service, sing hymns that were popular during the Civil War, listen to a preacher dressed in Civil War period attire. A short living history program will follow. Civil War period attire encouraged but not required. FREE. (912) 492-4355. (From President Karen: This is an instantly-addicting event for your soul.)

3. "King Alcohol: Drinking and the Civil War" sponsored by the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, 48 East Patrick Street, Frederick, MD 21701. November 16, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom. Available on the Museum's Facebook site. See facebook.com/CivilWarMed and visit civilwarmed.org. (301) 695-1864.

4. "A Victorian Christmas" at Cherry Hill Museum – Historic House and Farm, 312 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA 22046. November 26, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. FREE. See how Christmas was celebrated in this mid-19th century home during the Victorian Age. Costumed re-enactors welcome you; includes period decorations, music, Christmas carols and children's activities. (703) 248-5077.

5. "Christmas in a Civil War Camp" at Bristoe Station Battlefield, 10708 Bristow Road, Bristow, VA 20136. Held December 3, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Tours of battlefield at 11:00 a.m, 1:00 p.m and 3:00 p.m. Living history, Civil War Santa Claus, crafts for children. Cost \$5. (703) 366-3049.

SAVE THE DATE! "So Tired and Exhausted: In Battle's Aftermath" sponsored by the McCormick Civil War Institute. held April 15, 2023, 8:30 a.m – 4:00 p.m. Shenandoah University, 1460 University Drive, Winchester, Virginia 22601. Registration fee of \$30 includes presentations, lunch in Allen Dining Hall, four nationally known speakers, book signing and book sale. Registration is open now; this popular conference sells out quickly! See their website: su.edu or call (540) 665-4501.



Don't forget 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 [rebekahrose6@gmail.com](mailto:rebekahrose6@gmail.com).



**132<sup>nd</sup> National Convention July 18, 2023 - July 23, 2023**  
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## We Reach Across the Waters in Alliance and Honor

In our October 22, 2022 meeting, a motion was made by Margaret Stromberg. This led to our unanimous vote for giving a generous donation in alliance with the SUVCW for the completion of a monument for UK Veterans of the American Civil War Association. It'll be installed in London, UK. This exemplifies our dedication in keeping green the memory.

Our UK sister Gina Denham discovered that her great-great grandfather George Denham (Co F 111th PA Volunteers) returned to England after the Civil War. He was one of the small number of other veterans who made the same decision. Most died in poverty, without any burial marker.

Gina's discovery led to "The Monumental Project." Efforts by volunteers including Co-Chair Darren Rawlings. Obtaining burial markers for James O'Neill, Co K 61st MA, and James Albermar, Co E 111th PA, from the Department of Veteran Affairs are their recent successes.

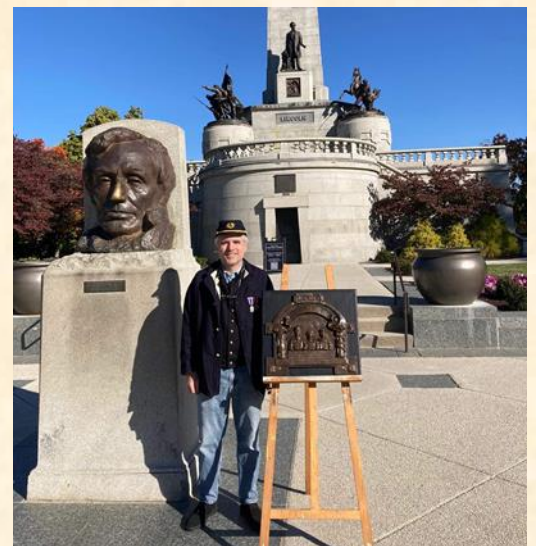
Another goal was to design and fund a symbolic monument in London, honoring those who served and those who supported the Union effort. The monument, designed by PDC Stuart Stefany of the Illinois SUVCW, has already been crafted. Contact President Karen Lyddane, Elizabeth Van Lew Detached Tent 1 (elizabethvanlewtentva@gmail.com) to help complete this project. In alliance with the SUVCW, we are keeping green the memory in a most unique way!



The Group Photo: First row, Left to right: Crystal Geller (Treasurer), Vicki Fairchild Meadows (Senior Vice President & Historic Preservation Chair), Karen Lyddane (President), Cyndi Messick (Secretary), Peggy Burroughs (Registrar). Second row:, Left to right: Karen Connair (Membership Chair), Ann Beer (Patriotic Instructor & ByLaws Chair), Cat Schwetke (Member), Donetta Bantle (Past President & Guest Speaker), Margaret Stromberg (Past President), Suzanne Trunzo (Member), Karen Misiano (Member), Janice Speare (Chaplain & Zoom Provider). Third row, Left to right: Mary Ann Cowherd (Member), and Gayle Machee (Historian). With us through Zoom: Kathleen Lewis (Member), Andrea Walter (Webmaster & Newsletter Editor), and Iva Knapp (Member). Photo credit: Vicki Fairchild Meadows

The Monument Photo: Stuart Stefany, PDC Department of Illinois, SUVCW, stands before his own creation which will become the monument that stands in London, UK. Photo Credit: Gina Denham

Note: This article and photos will appear in an upcoming *General Orders*, National.



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Your Past President Margaret Stromberg is the source for you to order your very own Elizabeth Van Lew name tag! Here is the form for purchasing this wonderful name tag.

Approximate Size



### Name Tag Order Form

(Save form to your computer. Use saved copy to complete and mail.)

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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, ST Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Name wanted on badge: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: 15.00

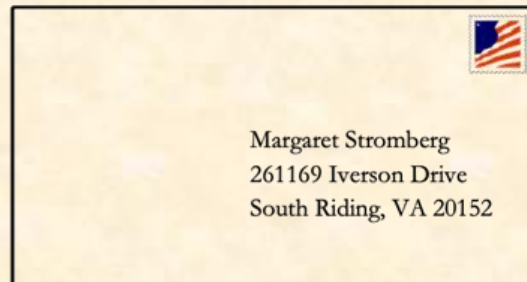
Delivery:

- Next meeting (included) 0.00
- ASAP: (Added cost) 1.60

If you do not want badge mailed to your home, simply change this figure to 0.

Total: 16.60

Make Checks Payable to: Margaret Stromberg and mail to:



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## Retreat with a Recipe—Hot Buttered Rum

In this newsletter, we reach wwwwaayyyy back to the 1650s to offer a cocktail classic made just for wintertime. It was in the 1650s when Jamaica began importing goods into Colonial America.

### Ingredients

- 1 stick (4 ounces) unsalted butter
- ½ cup light brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon ground allspice
- Pinch of salt
- 2 ounces dark or aged rum
- 6 ounces hot water
- Cinnamon stick, for garnish (optional)



### Directions

- ⇒ In mixing bowl, combine butter, vanilla extract, sugar, spices and salt. Beat until well combined.
- ⇒ In heat-proof glass or mug, combine aged rum with 1 ounce (2 tablespoons) spiced butter mixture. Remaining batter can be stored in airtight container in refrigerator for future use.
- ⇒ Top with hot water and stir until ingredients are well incorporated. Garnish with cinnamon stick if preferred.

Recipe and photo courtesy of Wine Enthusiast: <https://www.winemag.com/recipe/hot-buttered-rum-recipe/>

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