



# EGG-CITING TIMES

Newsletter of

Elizabeth Van Lew

Detached Tent # 1, Haymarket, VA

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865

March 2018



## President's Letter

Dear Sisters,

Our March 24th meeting should be an exciting one you don't want to miss. We will meet at 11:30 at Castiglia's Italian Restaurant, 324 William St, Fredericksburg. We will order off the menu, you can go to their web site and look over their menu and decide ahead of time. Plan to arrive early as parking is on the street. There is a public parking lot on 600 Sophia Street a few blocks from the restaurant. Please email me at donettabattle@yahoo.com to let me know if you plan to attend the meeting by **March 19** so I can let the restaurant know how many people to plan for.

Our speaker is Scott Williams who will give a program about Point of Rocks. After the program we will present our donation check to Ruth Snead. Both are members of the Chesterfield Historical Society and instrumental in creating the monument.

A BIG Thank You to Vicki Meadows who has accepted the position of Secretary and to Dorothy Vigano who accepted the position of Historian.

I am looking forward to leading our Tent and welcome ideas for meeting locations and program ideas.

In F, C, and L  
Donetta



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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW OFFICERS!!

REGISTRAR, PEGGY BURROWS; PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, SANDI ESTI; CHAPLAIN, CYNTHIA MATSUMOTO; TREASURER, MIDGE ELLIOTT; PRESIDENT, DONETTA BATTLE, JR. VP, JANET MACHEY; SR. VP, KAREN LYDDANE

*Margaret Stromberg was the color bearer for National President Caren Cleveland at the Lincoln Memorial Ceremonies on February 12 in Washington D.C.*



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Hello from your  
Senior Vice President, Karen Lyddane  
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“Just One More Thing-Volunteer Hours”

A major role of my office is to account for our Tent’s volunteer hours, and I ask for you to pause a moment from your busy life in consideration. Your contribution of volunteerism to our annual report, which began January 1, 2018, and ends December 31, 2018, is vital to the health of our

Tent. As the sole Tent in Virginia, we have the serious responsibility to show other states and National that, indeed, Virginia is not *still* running amuck with Confederates.

Volunteer hours must be only in support of our organizations and cannot be reported to other non-profits. Sorry, travel time does not count. Accepting an office comes in nicely here - it is fair for officers and those in appointed positions to count time in performing these roles. Yes, this time counts! I have a spreadsheet with each sister’s name, and the spaces await... You are welcome to send ideas or thoughts to me at any time. They don’t count toward success unless they become active, *so let this happen*.

As we grow and reach out, giving out brochures, inviting members of other organizations to join, any effort of yours is especially important in this youth time of our Tent. We exist! Why, I’ll gather that this same thought ran through your ancestor(s) mind as he traveled down his historic path...oh yes indeedly! Are you becoming excited in reading these words, and understanding what a great time of opportunity you have? Yes! Set our path now, and later, as our Tent matures, you can watch success drive us onward. Just as our ancestors did!


There are many “pulls” on your time, I realize, but your attention to Elizabeth Van Lew is so important because, as I mentioned in the first paragraph, we are the sole Tent in Virginia. Our ancestors most probably always had “one more thing” to do as they went along their historic way, so why not let history truly repeat itself?

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## Ancestor Minute

At our last meeting, Susan Trunzo, Gayle Machey, and Dorothy Vignano told us about their Civil War ancestors. We plan to continue this at the end of our meeting before the closing ritual. Names were kept from the last meeting so bring your ancestor information/artifacts again; and if you did not bring something last time, you can bring it this time and put your name in the drawing. We will keep doing this until everyone has had a chance to present.

Additionally, our Tent website (<https://elizabethvanlewtent.weebly.com>) has an “Ancestor Spotlight” in which your ancestor can be highlighted with a few paragraphs and photographs. If you would like your ancestor to be included on our webpage, please send the submission to our webmaster, Karen Misiano, at [elizabethvlew@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabethvlew@yahoo.com).

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### Welcome!

DUVCW Tent #1 (Detached) chose to recognize the achievements of Elizabeth Van Lew since Miss Van Lew was the foremost Union spy in Virginia.

At this time, Tent #1 is the only one honoring Union Veterans in Virginia. The Tent was chartered with twenty-two members on June 10, 2010 in Haymarket.

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<http://www.nps.gov/mahw/vanle>

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