



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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President's Letter

Dear Sisters,

I hope everyone has had a great summer. The Board met on August 25 at Mrs. Minerva's Tea Room in Culpepper to plan our upcoming year.

Please put the following dates on your calendars:

October 13 - Richmond, VA. We have been invited by Ellen Higgins to participate in a wreath laying to honor the 200th Birthday of Elizabeth Van Lew by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United State organization, who are holding their convention in Richmond. The ceremony will be held at Shockhoe Hill Cemetery beginning at 1:30 (I will send directions in a later email). We should meet at Elizabeth's grave site at 1:00pm. Afterwards we will go and have dessert or ice cream (location information will be send with directions later) and have a meeting, so please eat lunch beforehand.

January 26 - Chantilly, VA. Location TBD. I am working on trying to see if Andrew Och can come and present his First Ladies program at this time, if not we will have a video on the Battle of Chantilly. Also Margaret and Vicki will tell us about their experiences at the convention in Minneapolis.

March 23 - Norfolk, VA. Cynthia Matsumoto is working on the details for the meeting location. We will visit the Nauticus Civil War Maritime History display on the 2nd floor of the Hampton Roads Naval Museum.

May 25 - Charlottesville, VA. The location will either be Hamilton's or Shadwell's. The program is being worked on at this time.

The Board also discussed increasing our \$2 across the board to the Detached Tent Funds Distributions. Please go to the National site and find the form "Detached Tent Funds Distribution List" to see if there is a category we would like to fund even more to. Margaret Stromberg mentioned that at the National meeting it was stressed that we need to donate to Veterans organizations. The Board decided that at each meeting we would bring non-perishable snacks that can be taken to the USO areas at Dulles and Richmond airports. Another suggestion is to donate to the Yellow Ribbon program that helps veteran's families.

I am looking forward to having a great year and hope to see as many as possible at the October 13 meeting in honor of Elizabeth Van Lew.

In F, C, and L,
Donetta

Virginia Baskets Sold at National Convention

At our June meeting members brought items depicting Virginia that Margaret put into baskets to sell as raffle items at the National Convention.

Margaret reported that the baskets sold for \$75 each and were a big hit. A BIG thanks to everyone who donated items.



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POINT OF ROCKS DEDICATION

ON JUNE 25, MIDGE ELLIOTT, JAN MCQUESTION, KAREN AND DENNIS LYDDNE, JACK BANTLE AND I ATTENDED THE DEDICATION OF THE POINT OF ROCKS MEMORIAL.

MIDGE AND I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE OUR PICTURE TAKEN WITH BRIAN WITHROW WHO PORTRAYS GENERAL GRANT. PLUS WE MET JOHN GRANT GRIFFITHS THE GREAT-GREAT-GRANDSON OF GENERAL GRANT.

I WAS HONORED TO HELP UNVEIL THE MEMORIAL WITH GINGER STEPHENS, NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY.



Donetta Bantle, President of Elizabeth Van Lew Detached Tent #1 on the left and Ginger Stephens, National President of the Daughters of the Confederacy, right unveil the new memorial marker at the Point of Rocks dedication.



Elizabeth Van Lew Detached Tent #1 Midge Elliott and Donetta pose with General Grant reenactor Brian Withrow at the Point of Rocks dedication.



General Grant reenactor Brian Withrow and the Great-Great-Grandson of General Grant, John Grant Griffiths pose together at the Point of Rocks dedication.



Jan MacQuestion, Donetta Bantle, Karen Lyddane, and Midge Elliott represented the Elizabeth Van Lew Detached Tent #1 at the Point of Rocks dedication.

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Dues Reminder

If you have not paid your dues, please do so by October 1. Midge sent out and email in August with the form to fill out. Hopefully all members will have done so by our October 13 meeting. The \$40 check made out to Elizabeth Van Lew Detached Tent #1 along with your form can be sent to Marjorie Elliott.



Perishable Snack Items

In order to have this reported on our end of the year report to National, please bring your perishable snack items that will go to the USO to the October 13 meeting. Our collected items will be taken to either the Dulles or Richmond International Airport.



200th Birthday of Elizabeth Van Lew

October 8 Elizabeth Van Lew Wreath Laying

For those who can attend the first of the celebrations for Elizabeth Van Lew's 200th Birthday, the Shockhoe Hill Cemetery is presenting a program with Ms. Lapisardi as Elizabeth Van Lew. The program will be held at the American Legion Post 144, 1717 Old Hanover Road, Sandston, VA at 1:30pm. Following her performance, there will be a wreath laying ceremony at Shockhoe Hill Cemetery. At this time Margaret Stromberg, Midge Elliott and I will attend in period attire. Through the generous donations from several of our Sisters, we were able to donate \$425.00 to this event.



June 2, Gayle Machey went to the Fairfax Station Museum, for their annual Civil War Weekend. In period attire, and with my Victorian Dance Ensemble, Karen Lyddane met her there, and gave out our Tent and also National brochures to visitors.

Gayle succeeded in contacting Michael Chinsworth, of Fairfax Station, and in his approval of our presence at his Museum. She soon found her dancing feet, especially after being invited to the dance floor by a well-attired gentleman, and enjoyed this time of joy as the people did so long ago...Dances were usually the introduction to young men of drilling maneuvers, with the bonus of encouraged flirting and gossip! They learned their left from their right, how to move in symmetrical formations, and to move only when the dance master called the step.

Fairfax Station Museum is a historically significant site, for a very young Clara Barton, who was attending to soldiers nearby, regularly had supplies taken off the train there and delivered just down the road to her. There were other Civil War events, but this is the most interesting as Clara was just beginning to become a nurse.

We enjoyed this time together and exchanged thoughts about future support of our Tent.

Don't Forget!! Ancestor Minutes for Meetings and the Website!

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