



EGG-CITING TIMES

Newsletter of
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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 had a very good Holiday and is ready to begin a new year. Our January 26 meeting at Gadsby's should be a special one. Our National President Sarah Meyer will be attending and we have a terrific speaker, Andrew Och. We have had a good response from the email sign-up I sent up already. If you haven't responded, please do so .

In 2018 we welcomed new members: Mary Ann Wright, Nancy Saul, Patricia McFerren-Blanton, Virginia Lee, Jennifer Hooper and Karen Brown and have had several new inquiries to join our Tent.

Our October meeting saw us Honoring Elizabeth Van Lew at the Shockhoe Hill Cemetery. The Shockhoe Hill Society had a wonderful presentation. Several groups were represented and laid wreaths. Margaret Stromberg presented flowers from our Tent. After the meeting we went to Sine for desserts and a short meeting.



Our remaining meetings will be March 23 in Norfolk. We will visit the Nauticus Civil War Maritime History display after our meeting. Cynthia Matsumoto is working on the meeting location at the Freemason Abbey. More information will be in the next newsletter. Our last meeting is May 25 in Charlottesville (plans are being worked on). So please put these dates on your calendar.

In F, C, and L,
Donetta

Message from First Vice President, Karen Lyddane

To Do List:
Log Volunteer Hours!!

So many of you replied to my query email asking about your volunteer hours for our Tent/Organization for this year.

What kind messages! I truly enjoyed receiving them, and "heard" so many voices regretting the lack of volunteering for the DUVCW.

Now is the perfect time!

Perfect time for making that New Year's Eve resolution to put aside just one hour, in 2019 at least one hour, in a volunteer capacity in support of our great Tent.

WE NEED YOU! *As the only Virginia Tent, please consider our appearance to National. We want to show them that we are small, yes, but mighty, YES!*

May you make and keep that resolution, and may the next Sr. Vice President report be rich in our efforts-we have a whole year now, so let's enlist and win!

HUZZAH!



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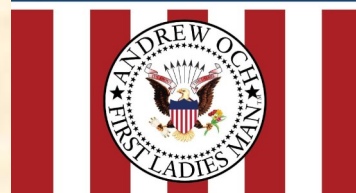
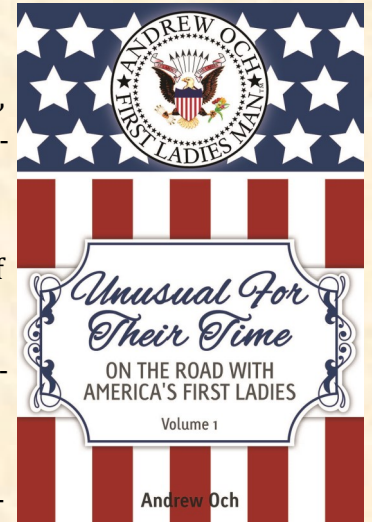
2018 – “In The Spirit of Thomas Paine” Award Recipient from the Huguenot & New Rochelle Historical Association for excellence in writing and communication in order to bring history to the masses in a new and unique way

Andrew Och is the FIRST LADIES MAN and author of “Unusual for Their Time: On the Road with America’s First Ladies” (Volume One & Volume Two). He is an award-winning television and multimedia producer who has traveled the world with his pen, paper and camera. A Radio/Television and Film graduate from the University of Maryland, Andrew has been a storyteller, musician and entertainer from a young age. He enjoys the art of communication, and will go anywhere in the world for more knowledge, greater understanding and amazing stories. He is a true documentarian of life.

Andrew spent over a year traveling to nearly every location that helped tell the stories of every First Lady of the United States of America for the C-SPAN series – “**First**



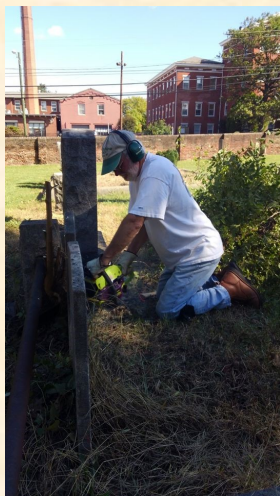
Ladies: Influence and Image.” He has covered Martha Washington through Melania Trump, and visited with people and places across the country. From Colonial Williamsburg to Stanford University, he was given an ALL ACCESS – BACKSTAGE PASS to some of the nation’s most treasured collections and historical landmarks. He spent time in libraries and museums - homes and schools - birthplaces and cemeteries - train stations and churches. No stone was left unturned, nor door left unlocked, in his amazing and historical journey to learn everything he could about these women before, during and after their time in the White House. To this day, the FIRST LADIES MAN continues his research, journey and travels as they apply to this remarkable group of women who have been partners in leadership from the very beginning of our great country.



Historians, archivists, educators agree – Och’s books, First Ladies Man project and travels put him in a small and rare group of people. He is responsible for one of the most vast and complete collections of material and information about this unique sorority of women ever assembled. He IS the FIRST LADIES MAN, and he is excited to share the stories of his adventures.



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On October 13 members of the Nathaniel Bacon Chapter, Virginia DAR, Elizabeth Van Lew Detached Tent #1 helped the Shockhoe Hill Cemetery Society with the fall clean-up. Mike Elliott is shown cleaning up with his chain saw.

Photo credit: Jeffery Burden

Perishable Snack Items

Once again we will be collecting non-perishable snack items for the USO. Margaret Stromberg will deliver the collected items to the USO location at Dulles Airport. In October several members donated over \$40 worth of items that were delivered to the USO site at the Richmond Airport.



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

200th Birthday of Elizabeth Van Lew: October 8 Elizabeth Van Lew Wreath Laying

Members Margaret Stromberg, Donetta Bantle, Midge Elliott, Karen Lyddane and Jan MacQueston gather at the grave of Elizabeth Van Lew on the anniversary of her 200th birthday after attending a program given by The Shockhoe Hill Cemetery Society.

Photo credit: Jeffery Burden



On October 8, living historian Adrienne Robertson portrayed Elizabeth Van Lew in a program sponsored by The Shockhoe Hill Cemetery Society.

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Name Tag

If you are interested in buying a name tag, please see our treasurer Midge Elliott. The cost of the name tag is \$12. If you write a check, please make it out to Elizabeth Van Lew Detached Tent #1 or you can pay in cash also. She will make a list of the names and give it to Margaret Stromberg who will send in the order. As you can see, they are really nice magnetic tags.

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