



# 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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## MEET YOUR PRESIDENT—KAREN LYDDANE

I am honored to be your President and look forward to working with you and for you. Born in Washington, D.C, and raised in Northern Virginia, my ancestors came over the waters in the 1700s, and we've fought for this country with pen and sword in every generation.

Nine years ago, I moved back home from out of state, married a dear childhood friend, Denis, and we live in his cottage. You see, my family lived across the street from his while we were in High School. I've since found out that my family worshipped on the land (original Church was burned) right down the street. I can look over at the mountain range where they settled. Amazing!

We are members of the Civil War Dance Foundation, out of Pennsylvania, and often demonstrate dances at important venues that are of the Civil War time, and earlier. I am a Living Historian (not a reenactor) and represent my family. This translates to being a piece of fluff! Ha!

My ancestors of Civil War time left Virginia for the new state of West Virginia, born of the Civil War. Three stars on my ribbon represent their noble efforts, and the fourth also served the Union cause, in the West Virginia Militia.

You'll find that I welcome your ideas, thoughts, and suggestions, and you'll see them in print and in practice as we "Keep Green the Memory."



Karen Lyddane with the Sons of Union Veterans, Fredericksburg, and Ken Burns, Memorial Day Parade

## Meet Peggy Burroughs-Your Registrar

I am a retired Department of Defense Contractor where I first supported the U.S. Navy and later the U.S. Army. My husband Tom and I have three children and seven grandchildren.

My start in researching my family's history was inspired by my aunt and uncle who looked up information about my father's family when they lived in Philadelphia. I was surprised to learn of great and 2x great grandparents who came to the U.S. from Wales. I have been working on genealogy for approximately 25 years.

I became interested in hereditary societies in 2003 when my home state, Ohio, was celebrating its bicentennial and I learned that I am a descendant of a Revolutionary War Patriot. Once you join one society it becomes addictive to find out which others you can join!

*Karen Lyddane will be at the  
Culpeper National Cemetery  
Memorial Day Service  
and all are invited to attend!  
(For other Memorial Day  
opportunities, see the last page in  
this newsletter!)*

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## Meet Your Officers

Installed at the January Meeting

Back Row: Crystal Geller-Treasurer & JROTC Chairman, Karen Misiano-Patriotic Instructor, Newsletter Editor & Webmaster, Vicki Meadows-Senior Vice President, Midge Elliott-Junior Vice President & Service to Veterans Chairman, Peggy Burroughs-Registrar, Amanda Morris-Secretary, Cynthia Matsumoto-Chaplain

Front Row: Margaret Stromberg-Installer, Karen Lyddane-President, Donetta Bantle-Council #1

Not pictured: Jan MacQueston-Council #2, Gail Machey-Historian, Jane Shackelford-Scholarship Chairman, Sarah Geller-JROTC Chairman, Sophie Geller-JROTC Chairman, Elise Geller-JROTC Chairman

## Next meeting: Fredericksburg

**March 28, 2020**

**Note the start time: 11:00 (not 11:30)**

(Due to privacy concerns, we will no longer be listing all the meeting details in the newsletters.)  
(Contact an officer for more information.)

*Come Meet...*

**Greg Mertz**

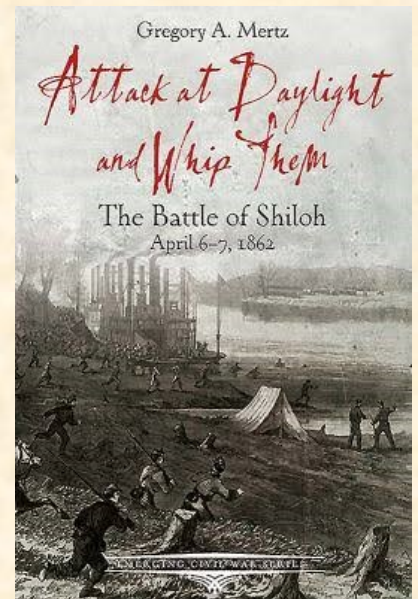
**Author of: *Attack at Daylight and Whip Them***

(The Confederate plan on the morning of April 6, 1862)

Cost is \$14.95 per book, which will be available for purchase at the meeting. For a preview, members can go to Amazon, which also carries it; the link is: <https://www.amazon.com/Attack-Daylight-Whip-Them-Emerging/dp/1611213134>

He will cover:

- a. Union occupation of the town in the spring of 1862, and the citizens expressing their contempt of Yankees, and many Union soldiers experiencing their first contact with slaves with many Union soldiers sympathizing with their plight and favoring the end of slavery becoming a war aim.
- b. Then next discussing the Battle of Fredericksburg itself, including the bombardment and destruction of the town, the experiences of those Fredericksburg citizens who stayed behind in their homes and the looting of the city.



### March

Peggy Burroughs, Gayle Machey, Amanda Morris, Elizabeth Quinn, Mary Quinn, Ruthe Robbins, Cat Schwetke, Susan Trunzo, Barbara Welch

### April

Shari Dagg, Lisa Doan, Cyndi Messick, Lois Parlow, Abbey Wills

### May

Cynthia Anderson, Alisa Cooper, Karen Lyddane, Constance White

*REAL Daughters*

*National Chair-*

*person, Sandy*

*Vogenpohl, has*

*reported that she*

*received our do-*

*nation of fifty*

*cards for the three*

*remaining REAL*

*Daughters. Thank you to everyone*

*who helped support this activity!*



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## Member Moments

Elise and I spent the day honoring Union Veterans. We put a wreath at the First Massachusetts Cavalry Union Monument in Aldie. The monument was erected in 1888, the first Union monument placed below the Mason-Dixon line after the Civil War. We also placed G.A.R. placards and flags at the Union Soldiers headstones at The Mount Zion Baptist Church in Aldie.

Crystal Geller



Our very own Tent President, Karen Lyddane, has been invited to represent our Tent at the Virginia DAR State Conference. A portion of the invitation follows.

“On behalf of the Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution and State Regent LeAnn Fetherolf Turbyfil, it is my sincere pleasure to extend a personal invitation to the *124th Annual State Conference* being held at the Richmond Marriott in Richmond on March 13-15, 2020. By tradition, the Virginia State Regent recognizes those Daughters who hold the highest state or national office of another lineage organization at the Opening Night Banquet. This will be held on Friday, March 13, 2020. Accordingly, special seating will be provided for you at this event.”

Patricia Jackson  
State Conference Chairman  
Virginia Daughters of the  
American Revolution

## National Convention

July 22, 2020 - July 26, 2020

Make plans now to attend!

<http://www.duvcw.org/national-convention.html>

If you cannot attend, consider supporting the convention by purchasing one of the sponsored items.

Magnetic Badge Holder, Denim Shirt, Red Polo Shirt  
Mary Todd Lincoln Pin, National Convention Pin, Blue Goblet

## “Sitting” in the Civil War

**A section for topics of interest from the Civil War. What would you like to see included here? Is there anything you can contribute? Contact Tent President Karen Lyddane, if interested.**

**Thanks to Crystal Geller for the following brief video:**

**The Shapell Roster of Jewish Soldiers  
Who Served in the American Civil War**

<https://youtu.be/EdPlwFliing>  
(not a typo)

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# Southern Memorial and Wreath Cemeteries



Portions of this plea are quoted from the letter from National Chaplain Verna Maleski.

"At the 129th National Convention in Atlanta, GA, the Southern Memorial & Wreaths Committee make a recommendation to the membership that we establish our own program. This committee shall work to place wreaths at Southern Cemeteries, as listed in our Bylaws, on Memorial Day...

For decades, members of the Women's Relief Corps created the wreaths, then boxed and shipped them to the Southern Cemeteries for placement on Memorial Day. Our only role was financial..."



There's more, but here's where we come in, and ladies, this seems aimed directly at us, for the South surely is part of us!

"We are in serious need of your help to 'adopt a cemetery' near your Tent or one that holds significance for the Sisters of your Tent. Your Tent would then take on the assignment of creating an 18 inch, grapevine wreath, decorated in patriotic colored silk flowers, box and ship it with a 28" stand to your adopted cemetery on behalf of the National DUVCW. It requires a 30" x 24" x 5 inch box for shipping. Estimate cost of this 'care package,' including shipping, is \$80-100. The wreath must be ready to ship in early May."

Now, I've committed our Tent to adopting two cemeteries, after some extremely taxing thinking and concern about them being adopted by others. My Arts Degrees will be put to use in creating these wreaths.

An anonymous donor is funding the cost. My first choice is the Culpeper National Cemetery, as it is the second one made after the Civil War, with Gettysburg being the first. It is exceptional. The second is out of state, in Grafton, West Virginia. This is the land of my Civil War ancestors, and my father's bones lie in the new cemetery just down the road. Now, you have the golden opportunity to help in many ways with this task.

I'll list the cemeteries in Verna's list, and want for you to think about this being our annual Memorial Day Project. We can choose different cemeteries each year, or adopt certain ones forever. We'll talk about this in our March meeting. This project has the great benefit of getting our DUVCW 1861-1865 organization more presence. It is one that members across the state can contribute to, and the reality of belonging our Tent in honoring those who gave all, well, ladies... 'n't said. Except, this is the perfect way for you, who are so busy, too far away, too whatever, to contribute and have great pride in your decision. Will you donate to cover costs for adoption? Will you provide wreaths, silk flowers, boxes? Will you share your personal connection with one of these cemeteries in an upcoming newsletter? This can be an on-going discussion, to be firmed-up in time for not only this May, but also May 2021.

These are the National Cemeteries approved by the Grand Army of the Republic: Mobile National Cemetery (NC) (AL), Fayetteville NC (AR), Fort Smith NC (AR), Little Rock NC (AR), Barrancas NC (FL), St. Augustine NC (FL), Andersonville NC (GA), Marietta NC (GA), New Albany NC (IN), Alton NC (IL), Fort Scott NC (KS), Alexandria NC (LA), Chalmette NC (LA), Port Hudson NC (LA), Annapolis NC (MD), Antietam NC (MD), Baltimore NC (MD), Loudon Park NC (MD), Corinth NC (MS), Natchez NC (MS), Vicksburg NC (MS), Jefferson Barracks NC (MO), Springfield NC (MO), Historic Salisbury NC (NC), New Bern NC (NC), Wilmington NC (NC), Raleigh NC (NC), Wilmington NC (NC), Gettysburg NC (PA), Beaufort NC (SC), Florence NC (SC), Andrew Johnson National Historic Site (TN), Chattanooga NC (TN), Memphis NC (TN), Nashville NC (TN), Memphis NC (TN), Shiloh National Military Park (TN), Stones River National Military Park (TN), Fort Bliss NC (TX), and I separated out Virginia below. The rest are: Seven Pines NC (WA), Yorktown NC (WA) Battleground NC (Washington, D.C.), and General John A. Logan Tomb (Washington, D.C.).

Virginia National Cemeteries: Alexandria, Balls Bluff, City Point, Cold Harbor, Danville, Fort Harrison, Fredericksburg, Glendale (Richmond), Hampton, Petersburg, Seven Pines, Staunton, Winchester, Yorktown.

Do you see why I had such a hard choice? They all deserve a wreath! There's nothing saying that we can't adopt another cemetery this year, and this is why I want to hear from you at our next meeting. This opportunity has never come our way. Please note that, with every passing day, your choice may be adopted by another Tent...(no pressure here)...

You can greatly help by sending in your opinions to either Karen Misiano, our Newsletter Editor, or to myself, your President, for sharing with other members in the "Egg-citing Times," as to why you feel we should adopt one of the above cemeteries (or more!). Karen Misiano has kindly offered to get the discussion started.... "Personally, I throw my hat in for Poplar Grove National Cemetery, outside of Petersburg. My Civil War ancestor, Charles Field, under whom I joined DUVCW twenty-four years ago, was killed shortly before the war ended and never made it back to his Michigan home; he is buried at Poplar Grove. I try to visit each Memorial Day and place a Michigan flag on his grave. The cemetery is a lesser-known cemetery, tucked away down a country road, and it is deserving of our remembrance."

Let our nation know that the DUVCW 1861-1865 is serious about "Keeping Green the Memory" in our state and others that hold special significance to you! We can do this!

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## Baby Shower!

When: May 2020

What: Diapers, wipes, receiving blankets, breast feeding covers and any other items that a new mother would find useful; Cash donations to help cover the shower costs.

Who: Women's Veterans

Where: Bring the items to any Tent meeting

Host: Voluntary Service (Contact Midge Elliott)



# WE NEED YOU

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER TO SERVE ON A COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP A WELCOME PACKET FOR NEW MEMBERS!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, CONTACT KAREN LYDDANE OR KAREN MISIANO.

*Have YOU visited our website?*

*If not, please do!! It has been recently updated but we need your comments and suggestions on how to improve it. The address is in the header of the first page of this newsletter, in the yearbook, and here— <https://elizabethvanlewtent.weebly.com>—for your convenience.*



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

Elizabeth Van Lew, Detached Tent #1, Haymarket, VA (Chartered 6/10/2010)

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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.

[Learn More](#)

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

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## *Wanted: Ancestor Minutes for Meetings and the Website!*

*Actually, would one of you fine, lovely, members like to spearhead the Ancestor Minutes initiative? This is a promising task for someone who can't regularly attend meetings. Members can send you their minute, you edit them, and then send them on to the Webmaster to be posted. Editing and forwarding one a month is sufficient.*

### *Please? We can grovel, if necessary!*

*In case you forgot what an Ancestor Minute entails....*

*It is a short (or not so short) description or biography about the member's ancestor.*

*It can include stories, details, photos, etc.*

*It is primarily a way for the Tent to honor and remember our ancestors.*

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## Let's "Sit" in the Civil War a bit more....

From Cyndi Messick...

I have a mystery in my history, "What happened to Mary Smith?" Mary appeared in the national Census of 1860, but by 1862, her husband had sold all his property and gone off to war, a man who was too old to register and lied about his age. That eventually caught up with him, and he never saw action in the field. It has been suggested that perhaps Mary died and was buried in a local cemetery that was later relocated. I have not been able to find records to help uncover any facts.

So when I heard that Newspapers.com had a free President's Day weekend, I thought about Mary and found a local paper, hoping to perhaps find an obituary. Unfortunately, there are very few editions of the paper available and my story remains a mystery. But the paper I found from 1860 was extremely interesting! It was before the election, and the pro-Lincoln sentiment ran strong. I found the articles passionate and eloquent, and even poetry throughout.

Although I love genealogy, I'm not a history buff, so had to do some research and found that there were four candidates in the presidential election of 1860. The tickets were Lincoln/Hamlin (Republican), Breckinridge/Lane (Southern Democratic), Bell/Everett (Constitutional Union), and Douglas/Johnson (Northern Democratic). Funny to also learn that even back then, Virginia was a swing state!

The following transcriptions are from the Livingston Republican, from Livingston County, Michigan, July 17, 1860.

### Union Cement

A Union-saver, brush in hand,  
Made the vast tour of this broad land  
To patch the Union, breaking through,  
And mend the Constitution too.  
He found, betwixt the North and South,  
A crack wide as an earthquake's mouth,  
And gave to Everett and Bell  
Directions how to close it well.

Buchanan next, Alas! he found,  
Prostrate and bleeding on the ground;  
He'd fallen from his platform's wreck  
And broken his white-bandaged neck.  
This surgeon placed his head once more  
Upon its trunk, *wrong side before*,  
And glued it fast – and since that day  
He looks and walks a different way.

When Cushing smashed his China ware  
This man of glue was passing there –  
It was in Mexico he fell –

The crash will be remembered well,  
He patched the potsherds with his glue,  
And the cracked china looked like new,  
Until his dishes were upset  
At Charleston, where his party met.

Rotund and robust, sitting there,  
In the premier's uneasy chair,  
Our gallant Case displayed his sword –  
'Twas broken like his promised word.  
A magic touch, a drop of glue,  
Repaired them both for the *review*.  
Alas, a drop fell on the chair,  
And glued our Squatter Sovereign there.

Net came a formidable job,  
To stop the leakage made by Cobb;  
In rivulets, like liquid gold.  
The treasures from the treasury rolled.  
In vain appliances were crammed –  
Cobb, not the flowing tide, was *damned*.  
Spalding himself, with all his glue,  
Could not have stopped its filtering through.

He put the White House in repair,  
Mended the Presidential chair,  
Patched the blotched bureaus of the state,  
Varnished the nominating state,  
And tried to make the North and South  
Cohere, by closing Freedom's mouth.

'Tis said a tall man from the West  
Will stop the leakage in the chest,  
And caulk the sinking ship of state,  
(For he is wise, and stout, and great)  
And fling out from her quivering spars,  
The glorious flag of stripes and stars,  
And save the vessel and her crew,  
Without the use of Union glue.

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The reason the Republicans say so much of Breckinridge is, that there is not enough of Douglas to make a fight against. We cannot afford to be peppering away at a man who will not get an electoral vote.

The *Courier* has announced that the Democratic party is dead. Let it be buried with its face downwards, so that, if it scratch out, its re-appearance will be among the Chinese. – *Louisville Journal*.

Virginia. – The Washington *States* learns on good authority that those citizens of Occoquan, Prince William County, Va., who some time ago passed resolutions endorsing Republican doctrines, have been guilty of the additional enormity of raising a Lincoln and Hamlin flag-pole.

The Republican National Committee, in Washington, receive daily the most satisfactory reports from all parts of the country, and are more and more confident every day, of the election of Lincoln.

## Tent Meeting Dates: 2020 & 2021

**2020-March 28, May 23, October 24**  
**2021: January 23, March 27, May 22, October 23**

**"We meet the fourth Saturday in January, March, May and October."  
Email [elizabethvlew@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabethvlew@yahoo.com) for more information regarding meetings.**

### Upcoming Events of Interest—On Your Own:

4/25 **DC** | **VA** Bus tour, "Lincoln in Virginia: A Wartime Journey," a Smithsonian tour. 7:15 am-7 pm. Departs from 550 C St SW, Washington. \$205. [smithsonianassociates.org](http://smithsonianassociates.org) (Click Civil War).

5/15 **VA** Tour, Director's Tour of the New Market Battlefield. 2-4 pm. More info, registration: [vmi.edu/museums-and-archives/virginia-museum-of-the-civil-war/events](http://vmi.edu/museums-and-archives/virginia-museum-of-the-civil-war/events)

5/16-17 **VA** Reenactment, "Battle of New Market," annual event on the historic battlefield in New Market. Camps and demonstrations 10 am-5 pm with battles each day. \$10. [vmi.edu/museums-and-archives/virginia-museum-of-the-civil-war/events](http://vmi.edu/museums-and-archives/virginia-museum-of-the-civil-war/events)

5/23 **VA** Lecture, "Civil War Siege of Yorktown," at the Mariners' Museum in Newport News. 2:30 pm. Free with admission. [marinersmuseum.org](http://marinersmuseum.org)

May 25, 2020 - Memorial Day - Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington, VA

6/6-7 **VA** Reenactment, "Fort Pocahontas," on the historic battlefield off Route 5 between Richmond and Williamsburg. Camp, demonstrations open 10 am-4 pm Saturday, 10 am-2 pm Sunday. Battles 1 pm each day. \$10/ adults. [fortpocahontas.org/reenactment](http://fortpocahontas.org/reenactment)

July-August: If you have ever had the pleasure of experiencing a historic event in the hot sun, high humidity, accompanied closely by the persistent varmint of the buzzing kind, you will understand why I did not include events for these months.

September can be similar.

10/8-10 **VA** Civil War Symposium based at the new National Museum of the U.S. Army, 1775 Liberty Drive, Fort Belvoir. Includes tour of the museum, discussion of Civil War leaders and tours of the Bristoe Station, Monocacy and Fort Stevens battlefields. Details: 571-515-0781.

10/17-18 **VA** Reenactment, "Battle of Cedar Creek," annual event with camps, demonstrations and battles each day on the historic battlefield near Middletown. See [cbf.us](http://cbf.us) for details.

**UNION SUPPORTERS ARE NEEDED FOR  
THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE!!  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE CHESAPEAKE  
FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA**



*We had a phenomenal response from our group at our last meeting!*

*Marjorie (Midge) Elliott, Service to Veterans Committee Chairman, was able to deliver the following to the McQuire VAMC: 16 sweatshirts, 3 sweatpants, 3 sets of women's thermals, 3 sets of men's thermals, 8 pairs of socks and 1 pair of gloves.*



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