



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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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT—KAREN LYDDANE

Hello Egg-stra Special Sisters,

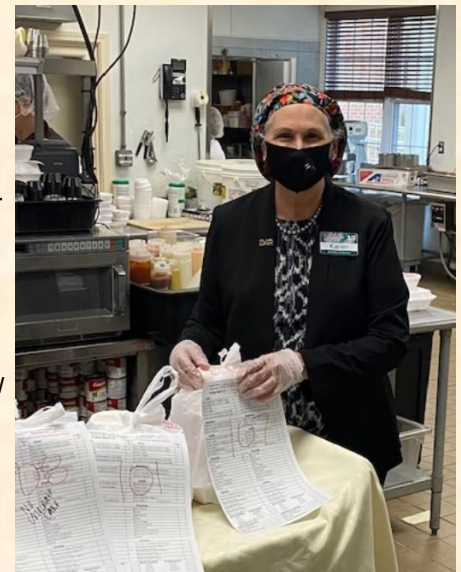
Do you like my new bonnet? How about my new-age gloves? Along with the lovely (!) face mask, I am required to wear these in my role as Activities Director for a retirement community. This seems to be a time of re-centering, prioritizing, forfeiting. Surely, we are recreating what our ancestors did in their challenging lives.

We are in compliance with Governor Ralph Northam's order regarding the COVID-19 pandemic that extends until June 10th, and our May 23rd meeting will not physically take place. However, we'll have a tele-meeting with the program StartMeeting, so I'll send your invitation in early May, along with materials that will make this fun! When we resume, hopefully with the October 24th meeting, we'd surely be delighted if you'd join us!

We are finding and accomplishing tasks needed for the health of our Tent. Creative solutions are in full force! Egg-citing times are upon us, and you are welcome to jump in.

In this newsletter, you'll find contributions shared by sisters for inspiration, comfort, and also a reality check. This month, we honor Mothers, and those who fell in support of our country. And, this Issue precedes a special 10th Anniversary Edition, due out on June 1st. We'll have a summer Issue, too, so put your thinking cap on top of your bonnet...let us know how we can continue to reach out and share.

I have the great honor of being your President, and truly, it is a highlight of my life. As I go into work, I smile behind my mask in knowing that you have given me your support, and that my actions are in honor of you, and your ancestors. Huzzah!



Karen

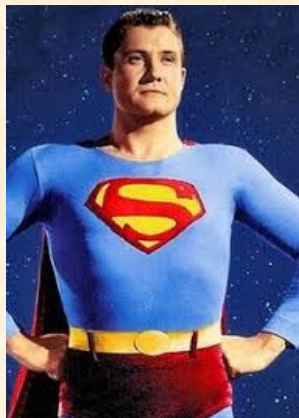
"Keep Green the Memory"

In case you didn't know...

Our tent is growing by



Please welcome
new 2020 members!



Karen Belle *Sophie Geller*
Lisa Doan *Lois Parlow*
Lynn Eurell *Suzanne Pezick*
Elise Geller *Jenny Snyder*
Sarah Geller



Do you have a daughter or granddaughter or a son or grandson in college or about to begin this fall? Are you aware that there are scholarships available? Time is running out, so you need to act quickly. All of the information and application forms are on the DUVCW's public Web site duvcw.org, under the heading "About Us." In a nutshell: there are two types of scholarships, the Grand Army of the Republic Living Memorial Scholarship and the duvs Scholarship. (There is a third type of scholarship for students at Gallaudet University. Please contact that school for information.) The Grand Army of the Republic scholarship is open to males or females who are descendants of a Union Veteran, but it is not given to an incoming freshman. The duvs Scholarship is open to active duvs with a minimum of 2 years of membership. It is awarded for post-secondary education, including the freshman year.

The deadline: June 1, 2020
Tent Committee Chairman, Jane Shackelford



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Fraternity,
Charity and
Loyalty



**Most Sacred Duty of a Daughter of the
Daughters of Union Veterans of the
Civil War, 1861-1865**

“Loyalty to God, Country and Flag”

National Convention

**2020 Convention is cancelled
so it is time to...**

Start making plans now to attend
next year's convention!

August 3, 2021 - August 8, 2021

Make plans now to attend!

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

Hilton St. Louis Frontenac Hotel
1355 South Lindbergh Boulevard
St. Louis, MO



National Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865
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Meet Vicki Fairchild Meadows, Your Senior Vice President

Vicki Fairchild Miller Meadows was born at Brokaw Hospital in Bloomington, Illinois to Robert and Betty (Norris) Fairchild. Her father was a career Air Force officer, so she has lived extensively in various states, as well as Japan and Morocco. Although she originally met her second husband, James Meadows, in high school—his father was also in the Air Force—they did not reconnect until the summer of 2008 when he was living in Kansas and she in Richmond, Virginia. God bless the internet! They married in Kansas and moved back to Virginia in 2011.

Vicki holds a BFA in Graphic Design/Commercial Art and a Masters of Art in Art History/Museum Studies concentration. Over the years, she's worked in advertising and printing, and museums and historic houses. She is past executive director of the Westmoreland County (Virginia) Museum, and acting Executive Director of Preservation Alliance of Virginia. Vicki considers herself to be a professional learner. She has been a docent at The Toledo (Ohio) Museum of Art; The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, Virginia; The NSDAR Museum, Washington, DC; The Spencer Museum of Art, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas—one of the top US university museums, ranked right behind Harvard's Fogg Museum; and, The Library of Congress, Washington, DC. (This does not include several house museums.)

Between Vicki and James, they have six adult children and sixteen grandchildren. Vicki considers herself an avid photographer and a serious painter, as well as having an abiding interest in genealogy. Both James and Vicki love to garden and travel. They recently completed two trips to Western Europe, and, in March of 2020, she was planning a solo trip to Florence, Italy for two weeks.



Meet Marjorie (Midge) Ann Smith Elliott—Junior Vice President



Midge Smith was born in Maine and raised on a dairy farm there. After graduating from high school, she attended Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) and graduated with a degree in occupational therapy.

She met Michael Elliott at VCU, and they were married in February, 1973. They moved to Alabama for Mike to attend veterinary school at Tuskegee Institute. While there for four years, Midge worked as an occupational therapist at the Tuskegee VA Medical Center.

After a brief stay in West Virginia, Midge and Mike returned to Richmond in 1979. Mike went to work at Stratford Hills Veterinary Center while Midge became a stay at home mom for their two children.

In 1984, Midge received a MS degree and a Certificate in Aging Studies from VCU. That year she began working at Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center as an occupational therapist in the Nursing Home Care Unit, where she remained until June, 2001. At that time she became the business manager at Stratford Hills Veterinary Center, which she and Mike had purchased in 1996. They both retired in 2014.

Midge is an avid quilter and belongs to the James River Heritage Quilters, Richmond Quilters Guild, and the Virginia Consortium of Quilters. She thoroughly enjoys doing genealogy research for herself and others. In addition to DUVCW, 1861-1865, she belongs to the Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonial Dames XVII Century and the National Society of New England Women. She has held various offices in these organizations. She is currently the VA Voluntary Services Representative for the DAR at McGuire VA Medical Center.

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May

Cynthia Anderson, Alisa Cooper, Karen Lyddane, Constance White

June

Ann Beer, Karen Belle, Karen Connair, Midge Elliott, Sandi Esty, Sarah Geller, Nancy Saul, Jenny Snyder, Margaret Stromberg, Moriah Webster

July

Kelley Cappellini, Jane Chavis, Suzanne Fichter, Crystal Geller, Vicki Meadows, Diana Perrussel

August

Mary Ann Cowherd, Virginia Lee, Patricia Milnes, Luann Whittenburg

Is that a PICKLE JAR?!?!?

Why yes, yes it is!! Thank you for noticing! Are you on the edge of your seat, wondering why this newsletter has a pickle jar in it? You aren't? Well, you should be!!

In case you have never heard of a pickle jar (besides the ones you buy in the store, and, you know, have pickles in them), a pickle jar at a Tent meeting can be used to collect loose change (or dollar bills, if you'd like) for either the Tent's General Fund or a specific project/budget item.

So.... Be on the lookout at a Tent meeting in the future. You might just see a pickle jar on the table!



Retreat with a Recipe (Civil War style)

Clarified Lemonade

(Note: In the "remarks" for this recipe, someone said:
"If making for Stonewall Jackson,
it needs to be far less sweet.")

6 lemons
1/2 pound of sugar
1/2 pint of rich white wine
1 quart of boiling water
1/2 pint of boiling milk

Instructions:
Pare the rind of three lemons as thin as you can; put them into a jug, with the juice of six lemons, the sugar, white wine, and boiling water. Let it stand all night. In the morning, add the boiling milk: then run it through a jelly-bag till quite clear.



"The Lady's Own
Cookery Book"
1844

Kitchen
of 'Soldiers Rest'
Alexandria, VA

https://americancivilwar.com/tcwn/civil_war/civil_war_cooking.html

Mary Todd Lincoln Trivia

- Mary Ann Todd was the fourth of seven children born to Robert S. Todd and his wife, Eliza Parker Todd. Mary was born on Sunday, December 13, 1818, in Lexington, Kentucky.
- Mary's mother died in 1825, and the next year Robert married Elizabeth "Betsy" Humphreys. The couple had nine children.
- In the fall of 1827 Mary Todd entered a school in Lexington called the Shelby Female Academy. At the time, she was nearly nine years old. For the next ten years (with one year's absence due to a visit to Springfield, Illinois), Mary was in school, first at Shelby and later at Madame Charlotte Mentelle's. Shelby Female Academy was also called Ward's (after Reverend John Ward and his wife who operated the school). While there, Mary learned reading, writing, grammar, arithmetic, history, geography, natural science, French, and religion. Reverend Ward described his curriculum as "a complete system of female education." Mary did very well in school.

To be continued...



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ANCESTOR MINUTE

By Cyndi Messick



JAS. L. DUCK, Artist, Caro Mich.

Davis Smith, my 4th great-grandfather, was born in 1802 in Columbia Co., New York, to John Smith IV and Abigail Burrows. John is my first DAR Revolutionary Patriot, and it took a lot of work to put all the pieces together! Davis married Mary Fox in New York and they had five children. Somewhere around 1840 he migrated with his family and his brother Levi from New York to Livingston Co., Michigan – we believe he is not shown in an 1840 census because they were traveling. The family lived in Livingston Co. until the Civil War hit. In 1860, Davis and Mary are living with their daughter Mary Ann and her family, but by December 1861, Davis has sold all his property and enlisted for the war. I am still trying to find out what happened to Mary, because there are no records of her after the 1860 Census. But think about it, it's interesting to see that Davis went to war, because his father fought in the Revolutionary War! Davis lied about his age when he registered, being too old to go. But off he went! He was a Private with Company K, 1st Michigan Engineers & Mechanics. They marched him down to Kentucky, where he fell ill, spent time in hospital camps, and was finally sent home without seeing any action and discharged in March 1862. Six weeks after returning to Michigan, he married a woman named Tamathy Husted Ensign, and lived in Genesee Co. About 6 weeks after Tamma died in 1872, he married Rosina Blair Harrington Brooks and moved to Tuscola Co. The man clearly did not like being alone! Over the years, his occupation is stated as Farmer, Mechanic, Salesman, and Minister. He never fully recovered from his illnesses from the war, and by the time he died, he was completely invalid, according to his pension file. He is buried in Dayton, Tuscola Co., Michigan, with his last wife Rosina. Davis' grave is unmarked with the exception of a GAR flag next to his wife's stone. I was able to narrow his death to the fall of 1889 from pension payment dates, but nothing more specific. I continue to work on this, and when I find a date, I'd like to arrange a tombstone for him.

Have you seen this before?

Your answer should be, "YES!!"

Wanted: Ancestor Minutes for Meetings and the Website!

You might ask, "What exactly is an Ancestor Minute?"

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.

YOURS does NOT have to include a photo and can only be a few sentences long, if that is all the information you have.

Let us remember HOW and WHY we are in this organization!

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Tent Meeting Dates: 2020 & 2021

2020-May 23 (tele-meeting), October 24
2021: January 23, March 27, May 22, October 23

"We meet the fourth Saturday in January, March, May and October."

Email elizabethvanlewtentva@gmail.com
for more information regarding meetings.



Upcoming Events of Interest—On Your Own:

These are still occurring, as far as we know.
Check websites when making plans to attend.

6/6-7 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

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.

9/5 Commemoration of Battle of Ox Hill (Chantilly): Fairfax County's only major Civil War Battle: 10-4

10/2-4 The 1860s Civilian Celebration 2020, Capon Spring, WV
<https://www.1860sciviliancelebration.com/>

10/8-10 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 Reenactment, "Battle of Cedar Creek," annual event with camps, demonstrations and battles each day on the historic battlefield near Middletown. See ccbf.us for details.

Did you receive your letter and bookmark from our Tent President?

Six lucky, random sisters also received a Starbucks gift card and three random sisters received one of Karen Lyddane's business cards, redeemable for a free gift. Two of those members are Suzanne Pezick and Jane Chavis. The third prize is still awaiting a home!

*Congratulations,
Sisters!*



Elizabeth Van Lew
Detached Tent No. 1
Chartered June 10, 2010
Haymarket, Virginia



*I am Keeping Green
the Memory and
forever have the title of:
Daughter of Union
Veteran of the Civil
War, 1861-1865*

Mother's Day, 5/10/2020

"I remember my mother's prayers, and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all of my life." Abraham Lincoln

What is your fondest memory of your mother?



Memorial Day, 5/25/2020

"It is rather for us here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave their last full measure of breath."
Abraham Lincoln

**Please observe this sacred honor of the fallen
with a moment of silence at 3:00 p.m.**



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10 Year Anniversary!

A special anniversary edition of the newsletter will be published in June.

Sisters,

Midge Elliott and I had planned a 10 Year Anniversary program on the founding of the Elizabeth Van Lew Detached Tent 1 in Haymarket, VA.

We planned to honor the Charter Members: Candace Burek, Kathy Deegan, Susan Fichter, Luanne Kane, Laurie Nesbitt, Elizabeth Quinn, Mary Catherine Quinn, Margaret Stromberg, and Luann Whittenburg.

We also wanted to honor 10 year members: Kelley Cappellini, Mary Anne Carter, Mary Ann Cowherd, Judith Ann Lalley, Diana Perrussel, Lindsay Robbins, Connie Schroeder, and Andrea Walter.

We had also planned to go to Elizabeth Van Lew's gravesite and lay a wreath.

We have Certificates of Appreciation for all of Charter Members and 10 year members; and, at the first meeting we can have together, we will present them at that time.

Until then, stay safe and stay in contact with your sisters by sending them emails to let them know you are thinking of them.

Donetta Bantle and Midge Elliott



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

While we are working on our Tent's missions, the Sons are continuing to work on theirs. Although they cancelled their Department Encampment (Chesapeake--Maryland, Virginia, W. Virginia, Delaware & D.C.) for May 9th, as well as other meetings, they'll hold it via ZOOM, which has been working for them for other Department and National meetings.

We hope to have a joint event at the Home of Mary Washington, which is having a centennial event of their opening and invited the Sons because the local GAR Camp was at the original event. Be watching for more information on this event.

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Some Great Web Sites to visit in Upcoming Weeks

The Online Guide to Virtual Museum Resources, E-Learning and Online Collections: <https://mcn.edu/a-guide-to-virtual-museum-resources/>

20 Virtual Field Trips: <https://adventuresinfamilyhood.com/20-virtual-field-trips-to-take-with-your-kids.html>

Thunder at the Gates: The Black Civil War Regiments that Redeemed America: <https://youtu.be/7BhdMs09CFc>



Book Review

Confederates in the Attic, Dispatches from the Unfinished Civil War
by Tony Horwitz

<https://tonyhorwitz.com/confederates-in-the-attic/>

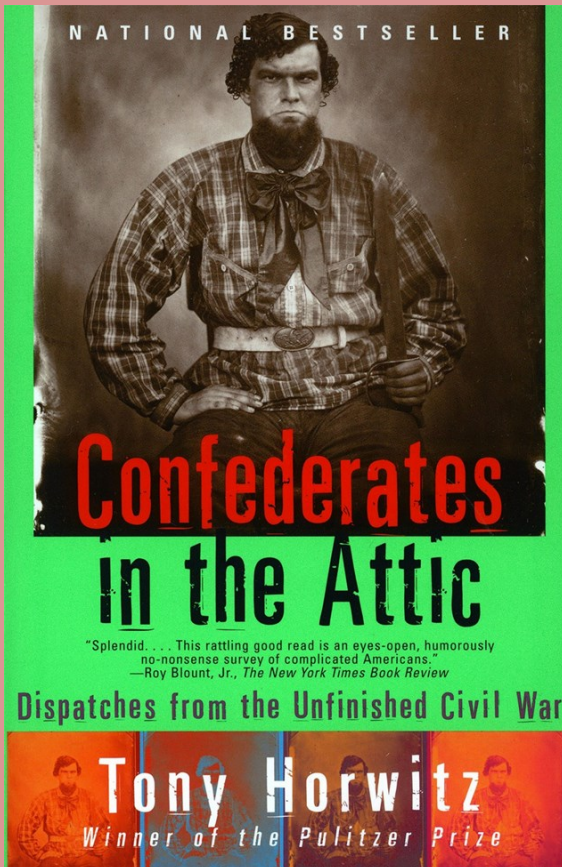
“Propelled by his boyhood passion for the Civil War, Horwitz embarks on a search for places and people still held in thrall by America’s greatest conflict. The result is an adventure into the soul of the unvanquished South, where the ghosts of the Lost Cause are resurrected through ritual and remembrance.”

(My note to our Sisters: Notice the words that so many of us in Virginia can understand: “The unvanquished South.”)

I found myself in a vivid, head-shaking reading adventure with laughter matched by sobering reality. With a tall stack of Civil War books on my “To Read” list, I will read this book again, before going to others. A thrill when first entering the world of reenacting was going on a physical journey with my mentress in charge, visiting many of the locations in the book (she knew them well), having one of the characters read my palm and then drop to his

knee and sing to me (really happened), and that incredible “store” where Jimmy held court on the front porch with more than a handful of local gents...summed up with lunch including Rob Hodges...well, I still can’t quite grasp this experience! Read it, laugh, weep, and keep. This is a fun read fun for ladies.

Karen L.



Civil War Slang-You might use these today!

Things

Bark Juice (Liquor)
Beehive (Knapsack)
Loaded for Bear (Armed to the teeth)
Sacred Soil of Virginia (Dust)

People

Butternut (Confederate soldier)
Big Bugs (Important people)
Fresh Fish (Inexperienced person)
Old Hand (Veteran)

Behaviors

Bad Egg (No good)
Acknowledge the corn (Tell the truth and confess a lie)
Heard through the grapevine (Isn't there a 70s song with this title? It means rumor)
Set To (Begin)

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Baby Shower!

When: May 2020

Who: Women

Host: Vol

(C...idge Elliott)

**Hold on to your baby shower items
for our next in-person meeting.**

Our merry band of attendees to the 2019 National Convention performed the following song... sung to the tune of *My Darlin' Clementine* by Margaret Stromberg

Oh my Darlin' Lizzie Lou

In a mansion, down in Richmond
Lived a family named Van Lew
Daughter Lizzie caused a tizzy
When she sided with the blue



Oh my darlin
Oh my darlin
Oh my darlin Lizzie Lew
You have aided General Grant
And saved the day for the boys in Blue

She had a slave she taught to cipher
And to read and how to write
Then she lent her to Jeff Davis
And his secrets went flying in the night!

She would walk to Libby Prison
To tend the wounds of the boys in blue
She bribed the Captain with her puddings
And went home with latest news

Daily treks outside of Richmond
To the farm of the Van Lew
Went a wagon with false bottom
With secrets and boys in blue.

There's a school now where once stood
The mansion of Van Lew
Lizzie's ghost through the halls
Guiding children who are lost.

The New Normal

I PRAY WE DON'T GO BACK TO NORMAL

- 1. I pray that the next time a friend grabs me and pulls me in for a hug, I actually take the time to appreciate the gift of their embrace.*
- 2. I pray that when school resumes and people are dropping kids off, they take the time to thank the staff for the amazing gift that they give to our community.*
- 3. I pray that the next time I'm sitting in a crowded restaurant I take the time to look around at the smiling faces, loud voices and thank God for the gift of community.*
- 4. I pray that the next time I'm standing in church listening to the voices of praise and worship that I take a moment to thank God for the gift of congregation.*
- 5. I pray that the next time I see a person or situation that needs prayer, I hope I pray as passionately and fervently as I have these past few weeks.*
- 6. I pray that when I am at the grocery store that I take a moment to thank God that He provides us with the necessities of life and the amazing people who work so hard to keep us supplied.*
- 7. I pray that I never again take for granted the ability to hop in the car and visit a friend, go to the mall, go to a gathering, etc.*

So, truth is, I don't want things to return to the way they once were. I pray that we take the lessons and challenges of the past few weeks and create a new normal.

My goal is to appreciate the daily abundance of blessings that were so easily overlooked just a mere few weeks ago.

*Submitted by
Luann Whittenburg (Received from a friend)*

Patriotic Instructor Challenge!



Below are multiple ways in which each of us can be involved in PATRIOTISM in our lives! Pick one, two, three, or more and concentrate on showing patriotism in those ways!

Remember to email the Tent Patriotic Instructor, Karen Misiano (kmisiano@yahoo.com) with any patriotic activity and include photos!

- ⇒ Be enthusiastic and always smiling (a smile begets a smile).
- ⇒ Presenting wreaths for our organization--Memorial Day and Veterans Day
- ⇒ Attending Memorial Day services
- ⇒ Attending other patriotic events, public and Tent-sponsored
- ⇒ Giving out flags and flag lapel pins (any time of the year, not just special events or holidays)
- ⇒ Distributing patriotic material (bookmarks, flag etiquette, U.S. Constitution, stickers)
- ⇒ Flying your flag
- ⇒ Speaking at schools or Scout groups about patriotism (Students love to receive gifts!)
- ⇒ Participating in Constitution Week activities, Monument Dedications, Grave Marking and Dedications, Naturalization Ceremonies, Civil War Reenactments, parades,
- ⇒ Adopting a Veteran's family or Current Military Soldier and his family for Christmas
- ⇒ Couponing for Soldiers overseas or in the States
- ⇒ Contributing to a Fisher House, or other veterans' organizations (Stand Down for Veterans, National Salute to Veterans, etc.)
- ⇒ Volunteering to speak to civic groups, historical societies, and community events
- ⇒ Serving veterans at local VA facilities, State Nursing Homes, or local Assisted Living/Nursing homes. (volunteering at these facilities, taking approved goodie bags, or visiting with them as many do not have visitors)
- ⇒ Supporting our active troops by sending care packages, cards for all occasions, and other items requested from them
- ⇒ Thanking veterans or current military members for their service
- ⇒ Honoring our Policemen, Firemen and First Responders by dropping off meals or goodies
- ⇒ Participating in Wreaths Across America
- ⇒ Work with other patriotic organizations to further the goal of teaching patriotism
- ⇒ Supporting/Contributing to the GAR Living Memorial Scholarship Fund



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Update: Southern Memorial and Wreath Cemeteries



The following is an update regarding Tents contributing wreaths for Memorial Day (and future events) to cemeteries with Civil War graves from National Chaplain Verna Maleski.



Hello Sisters – I pray this finds you and your families all well!

I have a few updates for you on the status of the Southern Memorial project for 2020. Sister Barbara Metzger and I have been contacting cemeteries to confirm shipping and contact information. We've been pleasantly surprised at the very positive responses that we've received. Everyone that we've spoken with has expressed their appreciation for the work that we do. One thing that made me extremely happy was the request to

reuse our wreath throughout the year. That was one concern and question that most of us had – what happens to our wreath after Memorial Day. Everyone we spoke with doubt there will be a Memorial Day service this year but the cemeteries administered by the VA will be open. One of the staff will be happy to place our wreath.

The cemeteries that are administered by the National Park Service seem to be closed entirely. No one answers the phones. Their web-sites say 'most facilities and events are closed or canceled, many of our outdoor spaces remain accessible to the public. Before visiting, please check with individual parks regarding changes to park operations.'

I'm very leery about shipping wreaths to cemeteries that I haven't been able to reach by telephone. I finally reached one this morning that I've been trying for a few days. A very nice man told me the cemetery office is closed but staff is there accepting mail and they would be happy to place our wreath. So that did make me a little more comfortable about shipping without a contact name.

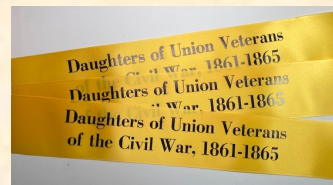
The ribbon has arrived and Sister Ellen will be mailing it to you. Please let us know if there are any corrections to the address I have listed for you.

Verna Maleski

Elizabeth Van Lew Detached Tent 1 is second in wreath donations, with three donated wreaths!

Karen Lyddane spoke with REAL HUMANS at Culpeper, Fredericksburg, Grafton National Cemeteries and here is the news....

1. Culpeper: I spoke with Donnie Sisk, who acknowledged our wreath task and is appreciative. He requested that I check back the first of May.
2. Fredericksburg: Spoke with "Jenny," who expressed great appreciation of our support, and gave me the email for John Hennessy, Chief of Interpretation. We await his direction, but the Cemetery does know about our wreath.
3. Grafton: Spoke with Brandy Mayle, Program Support Assistant, who is very excited about our wreath and support. As it happens, due to a major undergoing of construction to improve services, their Memorial Day ceremony was cancelled awhile ago.
4. Ribbons were sent by National and are ready to be placed on the wreaths.



Below is the text of the letter which Verna composed to be sent along with the wreaths.

Memorial Day 2020

On May 30, 1885, five teenage girls watched the Sons of Veterans assist members of the Grand Army of the Republic in decorating graves of Civil War soldiers. Prompted by their own patriotism and the desire to perpetuate the deeds and memories of their fathers and brothers, they decided to organize daughters of veterans in Massillon, Ohio for the purpose of assisting the Grand Army on Memorial Day. On June 3rd they held the first meeting of what would become the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865.

Today, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 are a not-for-profit organization formed to unite the daughters, granddaughters, great granddaughters, and all female direct lineal descendants of honorably discharged Union Veterans of the Civil War in promoting our principle mission which is: to perpetuate the memories of our ancestral fathers who served in the Civil War, to honor their loyalty and their unselfish sacrifices to preserve the Union, and to keep alive the history of those who participated in that heroic struggle for the maintenance of our free government. The goal of properly respecting and perpetuating the memory of the Union soldiers who served during the Civil War.

For 135 years we have kept our pledge to the Grand Army of the Republic to continue the Memorial Project.

Please accept this wreath on behalf of the Daughters of Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, to place in remembrance of those who gave their "last full measure of devotion" on behalf of our Country. This wreath is crafted by members of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865. We would be most honored if the cemetery would continue to use the wreath though out the year where and when it might be needed. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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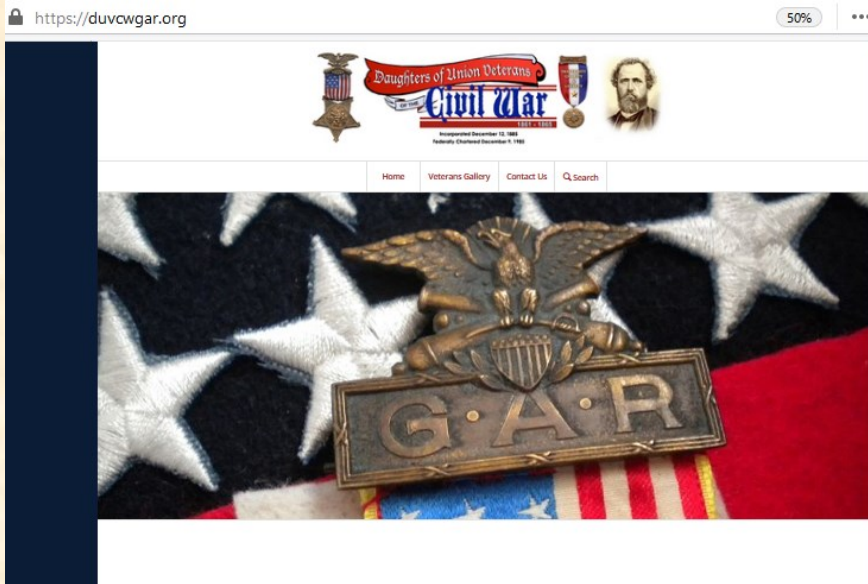
GAR ANCESTORS WEBSITE UNVEILED

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

It's here, "Our GAR Gallery" website. The website contains the names of our Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) ancestors, their photographs, military service, GAR posts and their descendant names, all of which can be seen on the website.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 Sisters researched their own GAR ancestors, and then they submitted that information to us. Over 300 verifiable entries were received on or before February 1, 2016. This website represents a compilation of that information.

Our Gallery is a living entity, and it will continue to evolve and mature. Since this is the first iteration of Our Gallery, we await feedback for improving the website. Once this is done, we will reopen the site for additional Grand Army of the Republic ancestors.



[https://www.duvcw.org/
images/pdf/
GARWebsiteInfo.pdf](https://www.duvcw.org/images/pdf/GARWebsiteInfo.pdf)

OUR GAR VETERANS GALLERY



Willard Parker Allen
South Dakota - Wisconsin



Wesley Armfield
Iowa



Peter Assenmacher
Wisconsin



Samuel Crowell Atwater
Ohio

EXPLORE THE GALLERY

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"Sitting" in the Civil War



While the term is out of vogue, we all know what an orderly is...or do we? More recently, an orderly was known to be like a nursing assistant; a male usually responsible for the movement and cleaning of patients and their care areas. During the Civil War, Orderly had a similar meaning, although their "care" was given to Generals or other superior officers. They were their attendants, if you will, trusted and experienced soldiers with sharp admin, hygienic and military skills.

Here are some descriptions of an orderly, from Kautz's "Customs of Service for NCOs and Soldiers", 1864:

"Orderlies and color-sentinels are usually selected from the neatest, cleanest, and most soldierly looking members of the guard. These duties are of a lighter and more complimentary character, and are the first steps to promotion.

Orderlies are soldiers selected on account of their intelligence, experience, and soldierly bearing, to attend on generals, commanding officers, officers of the day, and staff officers, to carry orders, mess & c. They may be taken from the guard or put on permanently while the duty lasts: in the latter case they are reported on daily duty and are excused from all other duty that would interfere with their duty as orderlies".

Crystal Geller

The Department of Illinois needs YOUR help!

The Convention is a big cost for the Department who hosts and the Department of Illinois, who would have been this year's host, needs our help. They are already out funds which need to be recuperated. Please, please, please consider purchasing. Go to <https://www.duvcw.org/national-convention.html> for the order form and more information about each of these items.



MARY TODD LINCOLN PIN/PENDANT

Pin and adapter is \$35 plus \$5 shipping, if mailed.

THE OFFICIAL STATE PIN FOR THE 2020 NATIONAL CONVENTION
HOSTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS

Only \$15.00 plus \$3.00 shipping, if mailed.



MAGNETIC BADGE HOLDER

(Badges not included)

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DENIM SHIRT \$40.00



RED POLO SHIRT \$40.00



Both Shirts are available in: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL.

No charge for upsizing.

Please allow six weeks for delivery.

Shipping is \$7.00 per shirt.

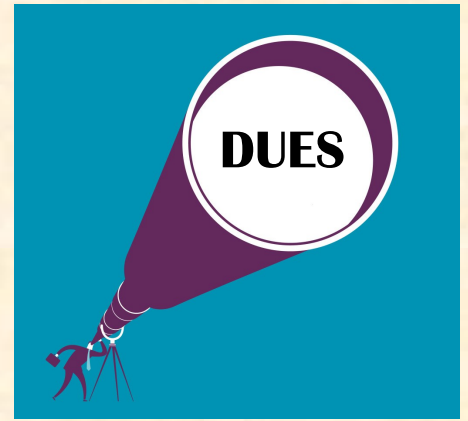
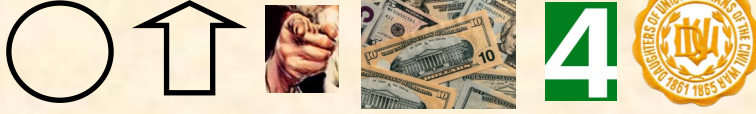


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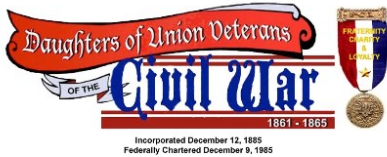
A LOOK AHEAD

Sisters: Notices for dues will be sent in early Fall. Please be on the look-out for an email containing your dues notice from our new treasurer, Crystal Geller.

With your dues payment, we ask that you give consideration to "rounding up" your check to give to one or more of the various National Funds. A form will be included with your dues request along with a directory of the funds for your review. Any amount you would consider as a gift for funding is voluntary and greatly appreciated.



Pictogram Answer: Round up your dues/money for DUVCW, 1861-1865.



Pictorial Catalog of Items for Sale

New April 24, 2020

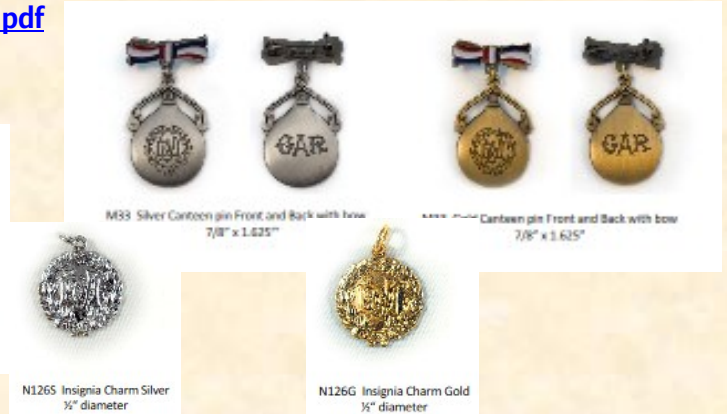
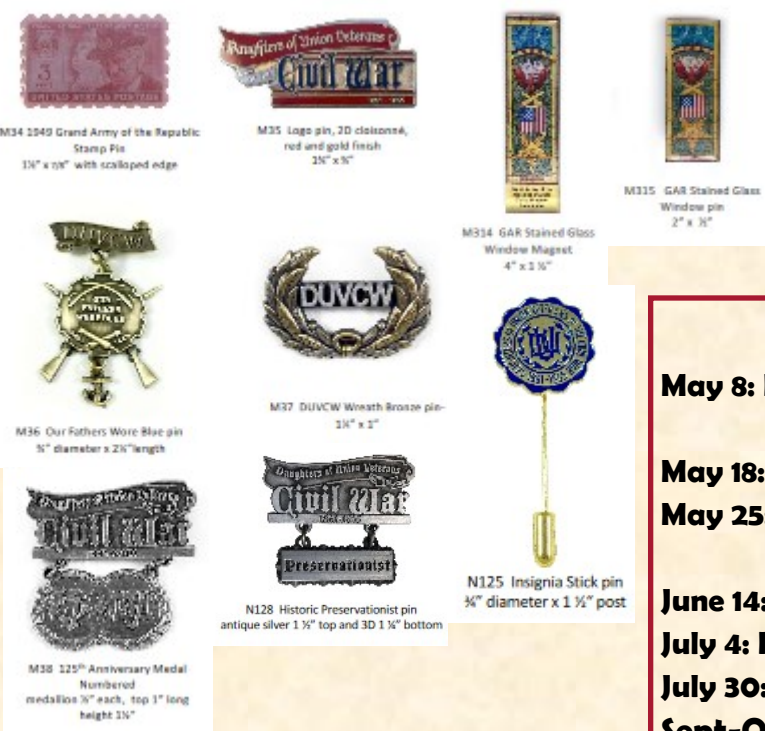
National has created a catalog of all their sales items, some with limited quantity. This helps GREATLY in trying to figure out what to order. Three things to note:

1. The below links, to both the catalog and the order form are only available on the Member's Only portion of the website. Due to the rules from National, the username and password cannot be written but must be given verbally. Therefore, please contact one of your officers for the information.
2. They have set up PayPal for our convenience. The instructions are on the website, at the end of the order form and separately.
3. Some of the photos (for example, the National Bylaws) show a different date than the current version. If you order, you will receive the current version.

Included here are just a sampling of images from the catalog.

<https://www.ducw.org/images/pdf/SaleItemsApril2020.pdf>

<http://www.ducw.org/images/pdf/SaleItemCatalog.pdf>



For Your Consideration

May 8: Military Spouses Day

(the Friday before Mother's Day)

May 18: International Museum Day

May 25: Memorial Day

(last Monday of month)

June 14: Flag Day

July 4: Independence Day

July 30: International Day of Friendship

Sept-Oct: Mayflower 400th Anniversary

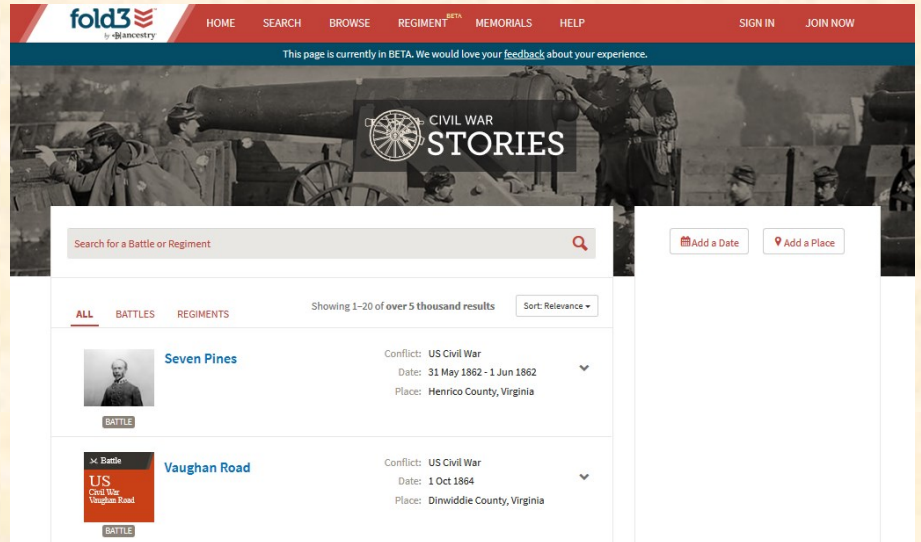
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<https://blog.fold3.com/introducing-civil-war-stories/>

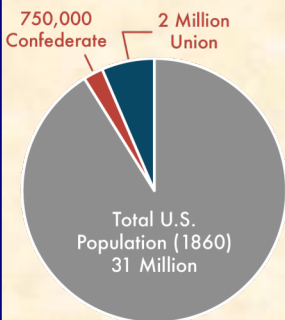
Do you have an ancestor that fought in the Civil War? We are beyond excited to launch the first phase of our new Civil War Stories, an ambitious project that ultimately hopes to create a comprehensive list of every soldier that fought in the Civil War, the company and regiment he belonged to, the battles he fought in, and finally what happened to each soldier following the war.

How can we possibly do this? We have created new technology allowing us to gather data from Ancestry®, Fold3®, Newspapers.com™, Find a Grave®, and other sources. Next, we are teaming up with the American Battlefield Trust and their Civil War experts to integrate their amazing collections of stories, videos, and photographs into our new experience. Stitching all of these collections together, we have created the first of its kind searchable database of Civil War soldiers, regiments and battles. The human cost of the Civil War was astounding. The proportion of deaths to the population was greater than any other conflict in American history. Nearly 3% of the population died – roughly comparable to 6-10 million Americans today.

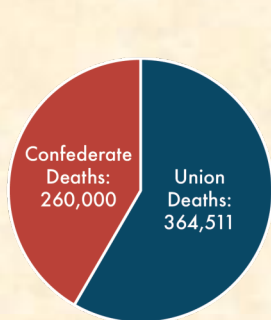


This was the last war where companies enlisted from home communities. Soldiers were often related to others in the company, and all shared a sense of connection. If a company endured losses in a battle, there was a dramatic impact back in their hometown. This will also help tell the story of the families left behind. We want to help you paint a picture of how the Civil War impacted your family tree!

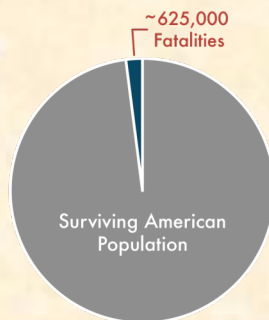
How will this rollout? We will begin with the major Civil War battles. Starting today, you can head to our Civil War Stories page and learn details about some of the major Civil War battles, including what regiments fought in each battle.



Proportion of Americans That Served in the Civil War



Distribution of Deaths Among Union and Confederate Armies



Proportion of the Population Killed in the War

And then starting with North Carolina Regiments, you will be able to see regiment timelines. When did they muster in? Where did they fight? Who were the officers? Eventually, we will add the ability to refine down to company. By the time this project is complete, you'll be able to map out your soldier's movements throughout the war.

Finally, we'll add individual soldiers state by state beginning with North Carolina, followed by New York. We realize that you may know details about your Civil War soldier that nobody else does. Do you have family records, photographs or journals that have been passed down? We're going to provide a way for you to contribute to this Civil War Stories collection. Maybe your journal mentions other soldiers in the same company. Now their ancestors will be able to share your data.

You can see why we are so excited about Civil War Stories. Watch for updates throughout the year. To learn more about this, head to our Civil War Stories page today!

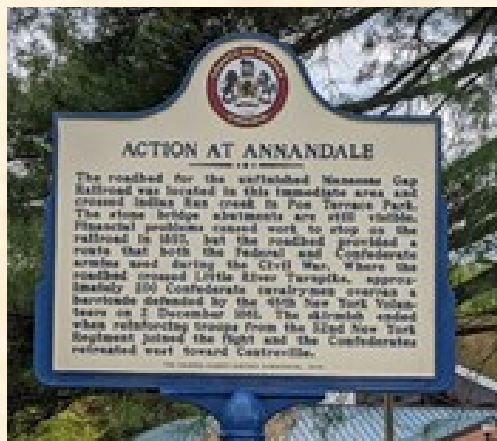
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Member Moments

ACTION AT ANNANDALE

Peggy Burroughs visited this marker and thought we would like to know a bit about it.

Because of its close location to the Fairfax Court House and Manassas battle areas, Federal and Confederate troops were in Annandale during the Civil War. The below sign which is in front of the George Mason Regional Library on Little River Turnpike commemorates a skirmish between the 45th New York Volunteers and Confederate Cavalry. The 32nd New York Regiment reinforced the fight and the Confederates retreated to Centreville.



A Writing Contest!

Pretend that you are a soldier, writing a letter home. Use at least five of the slang terms found earlier in the newsletter in your letter. Keep it to one page or less, underline or highlight your chosen terms, and send to an officer by June 1. We'll award prizes for the 1) most vivid, 2) best incorporation of terms, and 3) overall creativity.

Have fun!

A Premier Full-Dress Conference and Event

The 1860s CIVILIAN CELEBRATION 2020

in Capon Springs, West Virginia

Rescheduled to October 2, 3, & 4, 2020

All too often, we don our civilian attire, attend events where dirt, rain, crowds, smoke, and roar of cannons appear all around us, and we can find ourselves lonely, as we are in the minority. My husband and I found a long time ago that we enjoy being "pieces of fluff," especially rewarding as I work so hard at my job, and need time to play!

Since its inception, Denis and I have attended the rare, extremely valuable annual retreat, called the "1860s Civilian Celebration," in Capon Springs, WV, hosted by the HomeFront Herald.

This is a time of leaving behind modern society, wearing period attire and *only* period attire, from October 2nd - 4th. There is an area for cell phones, but it is tucked away, out of sight...one can really relax in the well-preserved old resort, take in a bath with organic herbal salts, massage, or just stroll at leisure with your gentleman. It truly is civilized! At Capon Springs, you'll find no locks on doors, no TVs or radios, family-style locally-sourced meals, and the luxury of time to "let down" and appreciate what you do, with others who feel the same. It is a magical time!

Offered this Fall will be music played on an 1828 harp, Beth Miller plans to present a workshop on 19th Century black jewelry, Meet & Greet Sociable, Battlefield tour, "Finishing a Straw Bonnet," "Fancy Silk Aprons of the Civil War," "Let's Scream for Ice Cream, 19th Century Style," a period dance worship and Ball, and so much more.

[The 1860s Civilian Celebration 2020](https://www.homefrontherald.com/1860s-civilian-celebration-2020)

"Sitting" in the Civil War

Have you got a few minutes to spare? Say 4 ... Great for Kids of All Ages

Thought you should know that there is a series of very informative videos offered on YouTube, called the Civil War in 4 Minutes... Below is a link to one of these video... .

This video discusses WestPoint Academy, its academia and the graduates who would later become officers in the Civil War..

There are numerous 4 minutes videos that you might find very interesting. Almost all were produced by the Civil War Trust/American Battlefield Trust

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9i9PTJcteAM>

If you want to see the what subjects the series offers, key-in "Civil War in 4 Minutes" in the search field at the top the YouTube page.

Be and Stay Safe!!

Carole Morton, Past National President

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