



# EGG-CITING TIMES

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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,

This seems a time of reflection. Yearnings of past ways, accomplishments that stand out in this challenging year, and how very important *freedom* continues to be to our spirit.

This is the *perfect* time to recognize my great appreciation for *you*, for staying with us during this challenging time, for your efforts that hold us high and healthy as we find continued success. Our ancestors saw to it back then, and we carry on in their honor-truly, it's in our bones!

Grateful and sincere appreciation is extended to officers, those in positions that increase our tent's health, and for all who refuse to lie down and accept today's conditions (this means YOU!). Here are a few of our accomplishments. Elise Geller, who joined us recently and is a DUV, stepped up to the role of Detached Tent Press Correspondent. Among other tasks, Elise accomplished her first assignment that will appear in the national General Orders! We now have a budget, and updated ByLaws and Standing Rules-by no means small feats. Fund raising has begun, is active and growing-vital to the life of our tent. Andrea Walter has accepted the challenge of Webmaster. Congratulations to Karen Misiano for her superb effort in creating this newsletter and to her son and husband for joining the Sons of Union Veterans. Contributions to our newsletter come from across the Old Dominion. Counseling and advisement is expert and shows genuine relationship with National officers. Great tasks come from great spirits, and I'll give you a big HUZDAH!

Yes, a time of reflection. As your ancestry was proven when joining, your commitment and kindness is proven in every communication of today. You joined our beloved tent for certain reasons, and these reasons will always exist. As we go into a spirited, thankful, sacred time of this year, please, please, keep in mind that we only know a tiny bit of what was sacrificed so we can live as free spirits, and never forget your value. This might be the perfect time to (as my father used to say) *apply yourself* to something that has been pushed to the back burner. An example would be to visit our website, and also that of National. You know what? A wealth of possibilities await! Two doors are open, beckoning and promising new adventures, yes, just as those soldiers long ago experienced.

My reflection as your president from the beginning of this year is of the incredible responsibility set before me by your vote of confidence. I remain joyous at leading you through this time, as I firmly believe, no, *I know*, that you are committed to keeping us *Fit as a Fiddle* (Yes! Civil War slang)!

Let us lift our heads and shout HUZDAH! together as we march forward into our successful future!

*Karen*

*"Keep Green the Memory"*



Karen and her husband, Denis, in their role as dancers with the Victorian Dance Ensemble at a previous Remembrance Day weekend in Gettysburg.

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**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

August 3, 2021 -  
August 8, 2021

Make plans now to attend!  
[http://www.duvcw.org/  
national-convention.html](http://www.duvcw.org/national-convention.html)

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

## MOTTO

**Fraternity,  
Charity and  
Loyalty**



National Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW)  
American Battlefield Trust

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[www.battlefields.org](http://www.battlefields.org)



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## September

Donetta Bantle, Candace Lee Burek, Patricia McFerren-Blanton, Jane Shackelford

## October

Cyndi Fein, Elise Geller, Sophie Geller, Virginia Matsumoto, Sherry Clark Young

## November

Karen Brown, Mary Anne Carter, Jennifer Hooper, Luanne Kane, Laurie Nesbitt

## December

Kathleen Crawley, Judy Lalley, Jan McQueston,  
Cynthia Matsumoto, Mary Ann Wright

## Are you saving your loose change for our PICKLE JAR?

For those who don't remember or didn't see the pickle jar news....

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 for when we can have a Tent meeting in person. You might just see a pickle jar on the table!



### Retreat with a Recipe

(Civil War style)

Civil War Era Open German Tart Recipe  
from Godey's Lady's Book

"OPEN GERMAN TART—  
Half a pound of flour,  
quarter of a pound  
butter, quarter of a  
pound sugar, and one  
egg, to be rolled out and  
baked on a flat surface,  
having first covered the  
top with slices of apples  
or plums. A round shape  
looks best, with a little  
rim of the paste round  
the edge."

*Godey's Lady's Book*  
March 1863.



Obtained from Stephanie Ann Fara, [www.worldturndupsidedown.com](http://www.worldturndupsidedown.com)  
The photo is her recreation.



*New Members since the July newsletter:*

*Gina Costin*  
*Jan Speare*

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# Service Hour Opportunity

New sister Jan Speare has two wonderful causes for your consideration. Know that you can report these for volunteer hours at the end of the year-VERY IMPORTANT to our Tent! Let's speak for Virginia and give the country a glimpse of our hearts!

*In keeping with the National requirements, these efforts cannot be reported to other organizations.*

The first message is for you to consider donating any quilt(s) for refugee families in Lebanon. Jan is happy to gather the quilts so please contact her.

The second, sending packages to troops in Afghanistan, is not fully detailed yet, but I feel it is very much what we're all about. And, Christmas is just around the corner...(Do I hear a gasp?!)

## 1. It's time to think COLD, and of Thanksgiving-for what you have, and for those who are without.

From Jan:

"Lutheran World Relief received news that three containers of Quilts and Kits, amounting to more than 47,000 items were destroyed in the recent Beirut explosion. These items were in the Port of Beirut on their way to families hit hard by the increasingly dire economic situation in Lebanon, including refugee families who fled from the conflict in Syria.

It's possible that some of our Quilts and Kits were in these containers although I haven't received any new tracking information. In any case, LWR has the difficult task of replacing these lost items..."

## 2. Christmas in October? Why not?!

**Please seriously consider this effort. This still needs detailing, and if you can help Jan, THANK YOU! I'll send more details as they are available, but please go ahead and contact her. The attached photo should get you started...look at those smiles! Jan is in the middle.**

From Jan:

"Several years ago when I lived in Tennessee I started sending packages to the troops in Afghanistan...I would like to be able to send packages to the entire squadron. Col. Jon Millard distributed these for me, so I sent him a package as well. I do this at the end of November. I am not sure if these people are still stationed there, but I have a young captain friend, Ally Palmer, who has been good to get me names of soldiers. She just came back stateside from Kuwait (and received a package last year.)"



Please, please help your Tent in these two actions. If you've never donated, or done a support task, why not now in this time of great challenge?! Surely your ancestors did the same. The incredible feeling that comes from supporting such tasks is beyond compare-I've found that giving to others focuses away from my own challenges-so please lend a hand as you are able.

Here is Jan's contact information, and of course, you can always contact your Tent President:

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## ANCESTOR MINUTES



My Civil War ancestor is Charles S. Buker. He was born December 28, 1820 in Pittston, Maine. He married Cordelia Blodgett on July 31, 1842. He enlisted in the army on September 20, 1864. He was a private in Company K of the 9th Regiment of the Maine Volunteers and fought at Chaffin's Farm and Fair Oaks, Virginia.

Charles was discharged on May 18, 1865 due to a disability and returned to his life as a farmer in Maine. He applied for a pension on September 7, 1864. He died on August 5, 1893 of consumption and is buried at the Brown Cemetery in Benton, Maine (....just three miles from where I grew up).

—Midge Elliott

John Alexander Harrow, my 2<sup>nd</sup> great-grandfather, was born 4 Aug 1831 in Green, Adams Co., Ohio to Isaac Harrow and Phoebe Rowand. His father died at 34 years old when John was just 7, shortly after being appointed the Postmaster of South Solon, Ohio. He married Celina DeVault in 1851 and they had two children before she died in 1858. His occupation is listed as Farmer and Carpenter. He registered for the Civil War and was a Private, first assigned with Company B of the 88th Indiana Infantry, then transferred to the 1st US Vet. Vol. Engrs., and served three years in total from 1862 to 1865. After the war, he settled in Indiana for a while, where he married Mary Snow (who was not quite 15 at the time, and only 5 months older than his oldest son), then eventually moved back to Ohio. He worked on the canals in the summers, being a skilled carpenter, built coffins in the winter, and tried to house his family on a canal boat. They had 12 children, and lost 6 to pneumonia and the cold while on the boat. He died in Paulding, Ohio on 15 Jan 1896.



—Cyndi Messick

### Have you seen this before?

### Your answer should be, "YES!!"

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

*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.*

**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

(Virtual until further notice)

**2020-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](mailto:elizabethvanlewtentVA@gmail.com) for more information regarding meetings.**

Elizabeth Van Lew's final resting place...

Shockoe Hill Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia

<https://shockoehillcemetery.org/our-residents/>

In year 1820 and in recognition that the public burial space on the grounds of St. Johns Church was at full capacity, the city proceeded to enclose four acres of property across from the old Almshouse. This space originally known as the New Burying Ground was surrounded by a brick wall and later expanded to today's 12.7 acres.

Shockoe Hill Cemetery is the final resting place of many famous people. These include Revolutionary War hero Peter Francisco, Chief Justice John Marshall, and Union Spy Elizabeth Van Lew to name a few. Intermingled with them are the elite, the working class, and the poor.

While exploring the cemetery markers, you will also discover the rich blend of immigrants to the City of Richmond. Our history comes alive as you see the names, countries of origin, and public and military service records of those buried here. For fans of Edgar Allan Poe, you can no doubt walk in his footsteps where he visited the graves of John and Francis Allan, Jane Stanard, and Sarah Elmira Royster Shelton.

You can also discover some of the approximately 30,000 residents of Shockoe Hill Cemetery at [FindaGrave](#)

Note that many graves do not have markers. Some graves never had markers, some have been lost or destroyed over time, some have receded into the ground and are slowly being found and recovered through our efforts.

To assist you in locating grave locations we have included a plat map. Clicking on this [link](#) will present a small map image. By clicking on the small image you can then expand the image on your smart device or scroll left/right/up/down on your PC.



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# Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 1862

*Jay A. Rarick, P.C.C.*

*Commander*

*Department of the Chesapeake*

*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

At 6:30 AM on the morning of Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 1862, the bloodiest day in American history began on the fields of Sharpsburg, Maryland along Antietam Creek. At the end, 22,720 were counted as casualties with 3,650 of those dead, 17,300 wounded and 1,770 missing/captured.<sup>1</sup> In places like “The Cornfield,” (counting both sides) one American became a casualty, on average, every single second for around three and one-half hours. Antietam is one of the best preserved, and easily viewable, battlefields of the Civil War and it is moving to walk the landscape and stand at places with name like “The Bloody Lane” or “Burnside’s Bridge.” It was the victory that let President Abraham Lincoln issue the Emancipation Proclamation which forever forestalled Britain or France from entering the conflict on the side of the Confederacy.



Confederate Dead in the "Bloody Lane."



However, the Battle of Antietam is not the subject of this article. This traumatic and momentous event effectively overshadowed another tragedy which occurred on the same date — the explosion in Pittsburgh of the Allegheny Arsenal.

The Allegheny Arsenal in Lawrenceville (now part of Pittsburgh), Pennsylvania operated from 1814 until 1913. It was designed by Benjamin H Latrobe and built by Captain Abram R. Wolley on land purchased by the Federal Government from William B. Foster. It served as an ammunition production center during the Indian, Mexican and Civil Wars.

At the time of the Battle of Antietam, the Allegheny Arsenal was the major supplier of ammunition and ordinance for the Union Armies in the West. The Arsenal was commanded by Col. John Symington and Mr. Alexander McBride, was the civilian Superintendent of the Laboratory (the manufacturing facility for cartridges for rifles and artillery).

The Arsenal was a major employer for the area, and the Laboratory especially for immigrants. Civilian employment at the arsenal increased from a pre-war total of 308 to over 1100 workers. One of the busiest facilities was the main lab, which employed 158 workers, the majority of whom were

<sup>1</sup>Source – National Park Service, Antietam National Battlefield Park.

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women engaged in the making of cartridges.<sup>2</sup> Young boys had been employed there, but complaints had come to Col. Symington that they would smoke in their off times and so they were replaced with young women and girls. As it proved out, the women and girls were better at their jobs as they were more dexterous and productive workers. An additional benefit, following the customs of the time, is that they didn't smoke. Working at the Arsenal was one of the few respectable, good paying, jobs women could obtain.

Loose black powder was a significant issue at the Laboratory, which had to be constantly swept to prevent accidents. Col. Symington and Mr. McBride both had concerns of powder leaking from barrels provided by manufacture DuPont and Company. McBride later testified that he believed the barrels were reused as DuPont required their return after delivery of the powder.

<sup>3</sup>On that fateful Wednesday afternoon three explosions ripped through the Laboratory and adjacent buildings, at 2:00, 2:05 and 2:06. Joseph Frick had just finished delivering powder to the Laboratory and it is thought that a spark, struck by one of his wagon's iron bound wheels against the cobblestones, ignited a trail of powder from a leaking barrel which led to three 100 lb barrels of powder on the Laboratory's porch.



Sue Rarick, former resident of Pittsburgh, at historical marker for the Allegheny Arsenal on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the explosion.

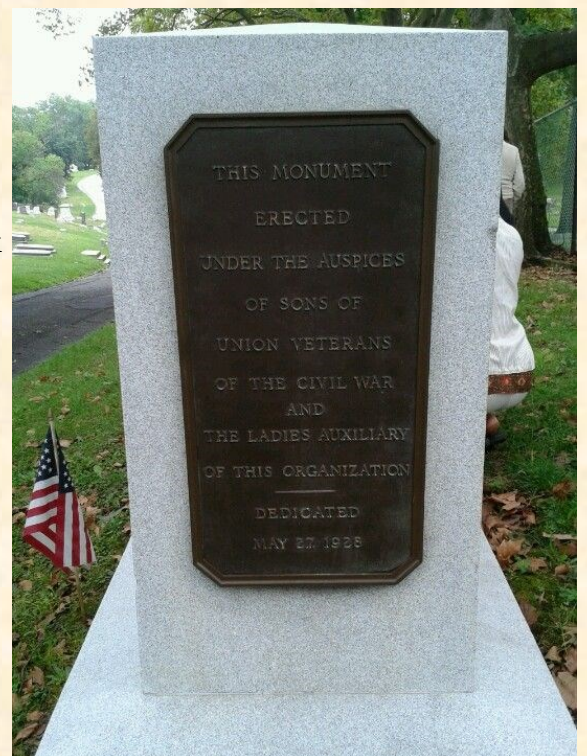


Memorial on mass grave in Allegheny Cemetery

Fire from this initial explosion worked its way around the courtyard of the Laboratory building and caused a larger explosion of five powder barrels just delivered by Frick (who survived, by the way, though blown from his wagon). One minute later, a third explosion of two additional barrels, tore through the adjacent Engine House which provided steam heat to the Laboratory.

In all, 78 Civilian workers, 6 men and boys and 72 women and young girls, were killed in the successive blasts. 54 of the bodies were unidentified and many were buried in a mass grave at nearby Allegheny Cemetery. Many of the women and girls were Irish immigrants.

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Rededication of repaired monument.

<sup>2</sup>Wikipedia article on the Allegheny Arsenal explosion.

<sup>3</sup>The following account is based on information from the Lawrenceville Historical Society at [http://lawrencevillehistoricalsociety.com/arsenal-explosion\\_1862/](http://lawrencevillehistoricalsociety.com/arsenal-explosion_1862/)

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All in all, the explosion at Allegheny Arsenal was the worst civilian disaster of the Civil War, yet it was buried under the news of the unprecedented losses of the Battle of Antietam. Until the Arsenal was reconstituted, its loss required a lessening of the tempo of operations in the Western Theater of Operations.

So, as you wind down from Labor Day, remember not only the Soldiers of Antietam, but the women and girls who gave their last full measure of devotion in their own way on that Wednesday afternoon in September of 1862.



**WE HAVE OUR VERY FIRST OUT-OF-COUNTRY MEMBER—GINA COSTIN!!  
PRESIDENT KAREN SENT A WELCOME PACKET TO HER IN ENGLAND.**

Hey Karen,  
 What a wonderful and unexpected surprise today. A package from America!!  
 Thank you so much for these amazing gifts. I'm overwhelmed.  
 I shall take a closer look this evening as I'm off to uni' this afternoon.  
 By the way, my mum Barbara (Nee Denham) wants to join the DUVCW too!  
 Kind regards,  
 Gina



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# 5 Ghostly Legends of the Civil War

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*By Steven Casale*



The death toll of the American Civil War was unprecedented in our nation's history—an estimated 620,000 soldiers, or roughly two percent of the population, died during the four-year conflict. With so many lives lost, it's no wonder the ghosts of the past still linger in the present over a century later.

Credit: Wikimedia Commons

## LINCOLN'S GHOST

Encounters with President Lincoln's ghost in the capital of the nation he helped preserve have occurred for decades—especially in the White House. The first person to chance upon Lincoln's spirit was First Lady Grace Coolidge, wife of the 30th President of the United States, Calvin Coolidge. First Lady Coolidge claimed to see President Lincoln staring out over the Potomac River from the Oval Office.

The Lincoln Bedroom, formerly Lincoln's office, is said to be another hotspot where the Great Emancipator continues to visit from beyond the grave. First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and Queen Wilhelmina of The Netherlands have both experienced paranormal activity within. To this day, many still say that his footsteps can be heard pacing the hall outside.



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## BEAUREGARD-KEYES HOUSE

The Beauregard-Keyes House in the French Quarter of New Orleans was once home to Confederate officer Pierre Gustave Toutant-Beauregard. He was a leading general at the Battle of



Fort Sumter in 1861. Following the Union's victory, Beauregard accepted defeat and returned to New Orleans to spend the rest of his days at 1113 Chartres Street.

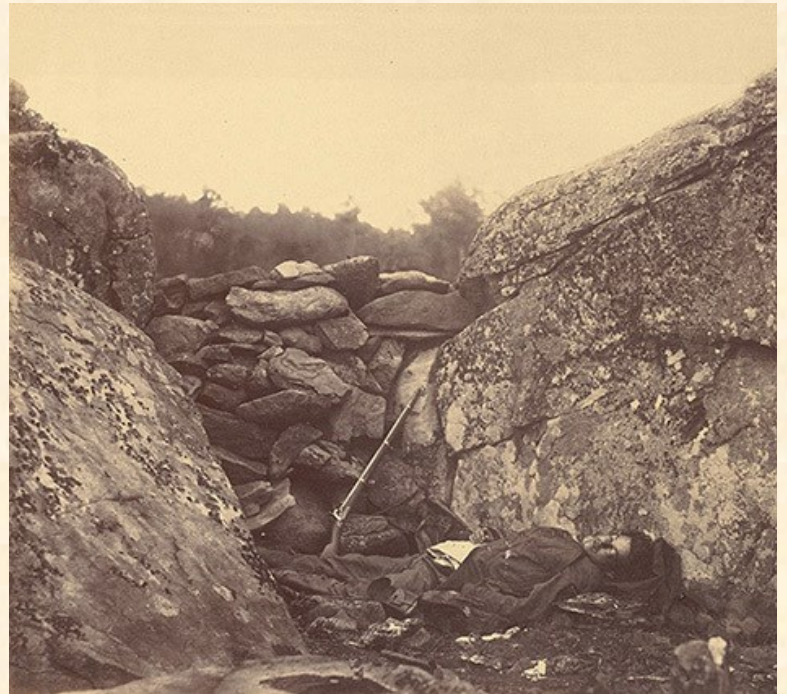
Today, the fallen commander still haunts his former abode. Visitors to the building not only encounter Beauregard, but also see soldiers who are presumed to have died by his side in the Battle of Shiloh—another bloody battle where Beauregard fought.

Credit: Amy the Nurse / Flickr

## DEVIL'S DEN

Gettysburg is perhaps the most haunted of all Civil War battlefields, but there's one particular spot where the energy is especially dark. Devil's Den is an area of boulders on the Gettysburg Battlefield, so named because of its ominous appearance. The craggy formation is located at the site of the Second Day of the Battle of Gettysburg. It was the Civil War's most brutal battle, with the highest number of casualties—many of whom still linger around the rocky outcropping.

One particular holdover is a barefooted man who can be seen walking about Devil's Den, wearing a bright shirt and floppy hat (the uniform of a disorganized army unit from Texas). He utters but one phrase: "What you're looking for is over there." What he's referring to may never be known.



Credit: Wikimedia Commons

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## KOLB'S FARM

Even the war's lesser-known battles left ghosts behind. One such skirmish took place at Kolb's Farm in 1864 near Marietta, Georgia.

Approximately 1,000 Confederate soldiers lost their lives that day, in a failed attempt to overtake nearby Union forces. The present-day subdivision of Kolb Ridge Court, which sits near the former battlefield, is believed to be haunted by many of these fallen soldiers. One family, the Tatums, are convinced a soldier's spirit actually moved into their home after taking a liking to their guest room. The entity is a trickster but good-natured; he often tugs on the hands and clothing of visitors and plays with objects. For their part, the Tatums have learned to live with their supernatural roommate, accepting him as own of their own.



Credit: American Battlefield Protection Program / Flickr

## FORT MONROE



Credit: Wikimedia Commons

Fort Monroe is one of the few southern forts that remained uncaptured by the Union Army during the war. An imposing structure, surrounded by water off the coast of Virginia, the site is said to be haunted by many of its famed guests of yesteryear. The Confederacy's president, Jefferson Davis, was imprisoned here following the fall of the South. Both his spirit and the spirit of Davis' wife, Varina, have been spotted in Fort Monroe—Davis in his old cell, and Varina wandering the grounds, searching for her imprisoned husband.

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Elizabeth Van Lew with her brother and nieces

6	r	w	b	h	o	x
3	v	l	u	8	4	w
1	e	m	3	j	5	y
5	l	a	9	o	i	d
2	h	7	2	x	6	s
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MISS VAN LEW'S CIPHER CODE

Elizabeth Van Lew's cipher she used to send messages to the North. Image from smithsonianmag.com.



**EXTRA! EXTRA!**

**READ ALL ABOUT IT!**

The 9/17 edition of the Highland County Recorder ran a story about our own Elizabeth Van Lew!!

Thanks to Connie White for letting us know.

The newspaper's website is [www.therecorderonline.com](http://www.therecorderonline.com), if you'd like to purchase the issue or a subscription.

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# Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic

The Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) consist of five organizations that aided the GAR when it existed.



## Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Women with Union Civil War ancestors who either belonged to or could qualify for membership in the GAR are welcome to join a Tent of this Order.

## Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

An organization of ladies who trace their ancestry to a Union Civil War soldier, sailor, Marine or member of the Revenue Cutter Service. They meet in groups called Circles.

## Woman's Relief Corps

The official woman's auxiliary of the GAR. Organized in 1883, membership is open to all women, regardless of ancestry, who ascribe to the principles of the Order.

## Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

The SUVCW was created in 1881 by the GAR. Membership is open to men who have an ancestor who either belonged to or was eligible to join the GAR (i.e., a Union Civil War veteran). A limited number of Associates may be part of a Camp. Associates are men who otherwise qualify for membership except for the existence of a Union Civil War ancestor.

## Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Created in 1887, membership is open to women with Union Civil War veterans as ancestors as well as to spouses and daughters of members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Images and information obtained from the Elizabeth Van Lew website or the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War National Headquarters website.

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## Educate others...

*There is a difference...*

### ARMED FORCES DAY

The 3rd Saturday of May; honors those currently serving.

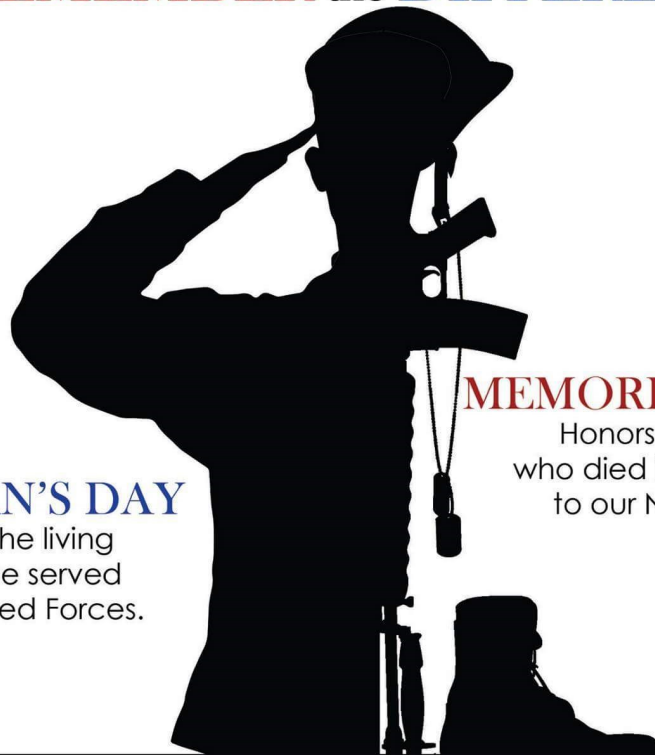
### MEMORIAL DAY

The last Monday of May; honors those who died while serving.

### VETERANS DAY

The 11th day of November; honors those who served.

**REMEMBER** the **DIFFERENCE**



### VETERAN'S DAY

Honors the living who once served in the Armed Forces.

### MEMORIAL DAY

Honors those who died in service to our Nation.

### ARMED FORCES DAY

Honors those currently serving in the Armed Forces.

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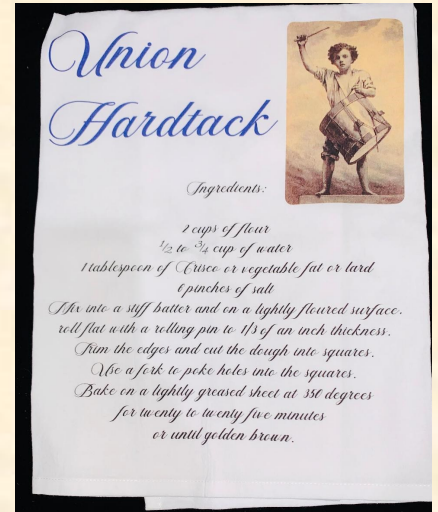
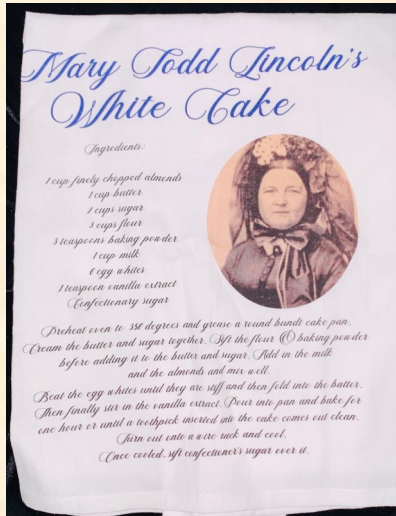
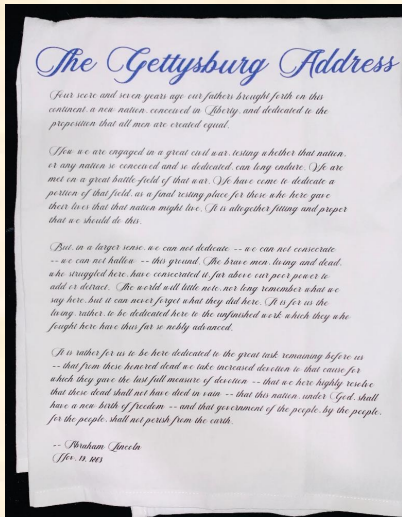


# Need gift ideas for the Holidays?

We are here to help.

Put your order in by November 1st for Holiday delivery.

**FREE SHIPPING** for the first 10 orders.



**Patriotic Eyeglass Case**

(glasses not included)

**\$10.00**

Proceeds go toward the

**National Service  
Academy  
Awards Fund**



**Tea Towels \$12/each**

**Mug \$14**

**Laser engraved wine tumbler \$17**



**Email orders to**

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## **“Going to the Winery” basket**

Donated by Cyndi Messick

You know that most of the local wineries are happy for you to bring food to enjoy while visiting. You don't always want a whole picnic, often just a little charcuterie will do. The last time I showed up with my goodies in a Wal-Mart bag, I thought there has to be a better way! So I came up with my winery basket, always ready to go when the mood strikes. Leave your basic necessities in the basket for those spontaneous visits, and if you stop at Wal-Mart on the way for your cheese and crackers, you'll at least have a pretty basket to carry them into the winery! I hope you enjoy using this as much as I enjoy my own basket!!

### Included are:

Basket with quilted cover

A tablecloth for the picnic table

Two cloth napkins

Cutting board with covered knife

Two wine tumblers (not really needed at the winery, but they complete the set)

Bottle opener and stopper (which you also don't need there, but it's nice to have dedicated tools)



Note: Wine and Cheese are NOT included in the basket; everyone has their favorites!

Minimum (silent) “wish” is \$50.00

Wishes go to Crystal Geller, Tent Treasurer

Wishing closes on 12/01/2020, Noon.

Proceeds go to Jr. Vice President Jane Shackelford's new Scholarship or the general scholarship fund.

Delivery will be worked out when the wishing ends and winner found! No cost to deliver.



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## How Did I Find Elizabeth Van Lew?

As I've been asked many times now how I found out about the Daughters of Union Veterans and our tent, I thought that you might enjoy reading about the adventure, and it truly was an adventure.

About ten years ago, while looking for some historic information, I came across a sentence or two about an organization of the *Union persuasion*. Bingo! My first email brought a welcoming reply by Janet Uribe, National Membership Chairman. Margaret Stromberg, then the President of the *Elizabeth Van Lew Chapter of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861 - 1865* (DUVCW), followed with a personal email of her own, expressing joy that I was interested in becoming a member, inviting me to all the upcoming meetings. She politely asked if she could place me on the email list. Patricia Everts, another DUVCW representative, emailed to see if I needed further support. These ladies share the common trait of everyone I've come across in honoring the War Between the States - a sure, kind, noble spirit.

"Trish" sent the necessary paperwork, which was quite involved, as legal proof of my ancestry was required. The DUVCW requires use of a National Archives form, *Compiled Military Service File (NATF 86)*. Proof of other direct ancestors was accepted in many forms, such as United States Census reports, birth records, published obituary notices, even copies from the family bible (let's face it, going back that far greatly produces a paper trail).

The *NATF 86 Form* is easily ordered online through the National Archives website. I am fortunate that our family holds many belongings of my 2<sup>nd</sup> great-grandfather, William Allison Fleming. I had his company and enlistment date as well as location. Within a couple of weeks, I received a package from the National Archives, with a treasure of military history about William. Copies of original forms, in original handwriting, told of his service. I cannot tell you how I felt, coming across *Detailed to guard prisoners to Wheeling, WVA*. On June 12, 1863, he mustered out, with deductions *for one Haversack, 67 cents, one Canteen at 45 cents*.

The journey of your own ancestry discoveries surely is rich and greatly worth the effort. You see, I did not, could not, understand how going through this process would yield such a view into what happened in my own family. And there, in my own hands, was proof of this terrible War, with the wonder of how William could be charged for anything, as he was willing to lay down his life! All this from the National Archives, and because the DUVCW needed legal proof of ancestry for membership. Please consider sending your own travels in learning about your ancestors to Karen Misiano, for our next newsletter. We want to know more about you!

Karen Lyddane



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# Congratulations!

# Andrea Walter

# Our new Webmaster!

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*Dear Heavenly Father,*

*During this beautiful crisp fall month, we are reminded by the tense-ness of the election, the pandemic, and the economy that each one of us is called to fulfill our roles in this world. Queen Isabella supported Columbus in his famous 1492 voyage. Queen Esther went before her king without invite to save the lives of her people. Just as she was told in the book, "who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this." (Esther 4:14b) We thank You Lord that you have placed us in the world for such a time as this. Thank You that you equip us so that we may fulfill whatever journey you have in store for us. Bless our members. Bless our tent. Bless our hearts. Bless our military. Bless our leaders. Bless our great nation that we submit unto you every time we say our pledge. Thank you Holy Spirt, heavenly Father. It is through the authority of Your Son, amen.*

*Submitted by Tent Chaplain, Cynthia Matsumoto*

## The Forgotten Soldier Project

### *The Forgotten Soldier*

**This is for soldiers were uncles, friends, step fathers, etc. Although they cannot qualify for our blood lineage, they do qualify for deserved recognition!**

**Sisters are invited to add to this Project in remembrance of those noble forgotten soldiers.**

**Look at the National website and you'll find yourself quite immersed in the names and personal information of those already listed.**

<http://www.duvcw.org/images/pdf/ForgottenSoldier.pdf>



*September 2020*

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Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, a 19th century American poet of great esteem, wrote *Killed at the Ford*, date unknown. Five moving stanzas tell the story of the loss of two lives, one in the ford (stream) and one back home.  
Submitted by Crystal Geller

**KILLED AT THE FORD**  
by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow  
(1807-1882)

He is dead, the beautiful youth,  
The heart of honor, the tongue of truth,  
He, the life and light of us all,  
Whose voice was blithe as a bugle-call,  
Whom all eyes followed with one consent,  
The cheer of whose laugh, and whose pleasant word,  
Hushed all murmurs of discontent.

Only last night, as we rode along,  
Down the dark of the mountain gap,  
To visit the picket-guard at the ford,  
Little dreaming of any mishap,  
He was humming the words of some old song:  
"Two red roses he had on his cap  
And another he bore at the point of his sword."

Sudden and swift a whistling ball  
Came out of a wood, and the voice was still;  
Something I heard in the darkness fall,  
And for a moment my blood grew chill;  
I spoke in a whisper, as he who speaks  
In a room where some one is lying dead;  
But he made no answer to what I said.

We lifted him up to his saddle again,  
And through the mire and the mist and the rain  
Carried him back to the silent camp,  
And laid him as if asleep on his bed;  
And I saw by the light of the surgeon's lamp  
Two white roses upon his cheeks,  
And one, just over his heart, blood red!

And I saw in a vision how far and fleet  
That fatal bullet went speeding forth,  
Till it reached a town in the distant North,  
Till it reached a house in a sunny street,  
Till it reached a heart that ceased to beat  
Without a murmur, without a cry;  
And a bell was tolled in that far-off town,  
For one who had passed from cross to crown,  
And the neighbors wondered that she should die.

This poem was published in *The Atlantic* in April, 1866. Longfellow helped found the publication, which is still published today, 163 years later. His first poem was in the first magazine in November of 1857.

<https://www.theatlantic.com/author/henry-wadsworth-longfellow/?page=3>

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## “Sitting” in the Civil War

By Crystal Geller

I was gifted two albums from my mother, The Union and The Confederacy, recorded in 1964 at the National Gallery of Art. I recorded a sample of songs from The Union and put a video on YouTube so that others may enjoy the music.

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/QIAzSceVjR4>



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Help Save  
American Battlefields

Submitted by Ms. Patricia Everts

### Welcome, Ancestry Readers! Become a Member Today

Please join the American Battlefield Trust today, and help save America's endangered battlefields while there is still time. By joining now, you are saving a crucial part of our nation's heritage for future generations to appreciate and enjoy.

Join today and you will receive four issues of our award-winning quarterly magazine *Hallowed Ground*. Members who join or renew in the first year at the Sentry level or above will receive a copy or two of our map books.



Submitted by Tent President, Karen Lyddane

“On behalf of our tent, I sent Sandy Vogenpohl, chair of the REAL Daughters committee, 29 assorted cards and stamps for our precious three remaining REAL Daughters. This recent donation was in addition to the 50 cards and stamps sent earlier this year.”

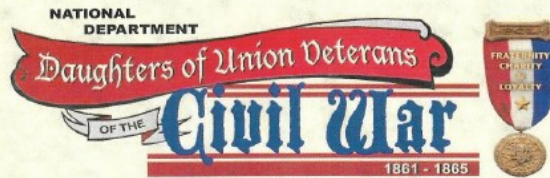
*Thank you so much for the cards, the Daughters will love them. Please extend to your Tent my gratitude for your dedication in sending cards for our Real Daughters. Without you and other Tents this would not be possible. Also thank you for the stamps.*

*In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, Sandy Vogelphohl*



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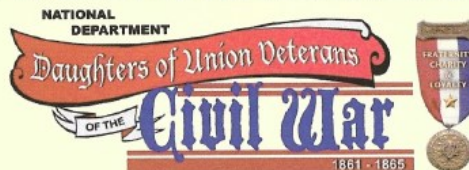
*Memorial Garden Certificate*  
**IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE**  
**LAURA KATHLEEN DEEGAN**  
**PVT LAWNER B JONES OH**  
**CHARTER MEMBER**

**ELIZABETH VAN LEW**  
**DETACHED TENT 1 VA**

*the Memorial Brick with the above inscription  
has been placed in the National Headquarters and Museum  
Memorial Garden in Springfield, Illinois*

*Dr. Sandra K. Millin*

*Dr. Sandra K. Millin, National President*



Incorporated December 12, 1885  
Federally Chartered December 9, 1955

**AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS  
TO THE REAL DAUGHTERS COMMITTEE**

*Awarded to the*

***Elizabeth Van Lew Detached Tent #1, Virginia***

*At the  
129 National Convention in Atlanta, GA, 2019*

*Sarah W. Meyer*  


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Sarah W. Meyer  
National President

*Sandy Vogelpohl*  


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Sandy Vogelpohl  
Real Daughters Committee Chairman



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**Jay Rarick, Commander of the Chesapeake of the SUVCW, informed us about the SUVCW involvement with overseas patriotic organizations.**

**If you know of gentlemen who have Union ancestry and wish to keep green their memory, please direct them to this web site and Facebook page:**

**Their web page is <https://suvcw.org.uk> and their Facebook page is [SUVCW Ensign John Davis No10 London](#).**

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# Civil War Events in Virginia

Do you need something to do? Did you know that you can search for Civil War events in Virginia at [www.virginia.org](http://www.virginia.org). Here is a sampling of what you can find:



## JAMES RIVER PLANTATION PROGRESSIVE GHOST AND SPIRIT TOUR

Venue: Piney Grove at Southall's Plantation  
Price: \$20 per person by advance reservation  
Date: 10/24/2020 and additional dates  
Location: Williamsburg



## VIRTUAL PROGRAM: DEATH (AND MYSTERY) AT THE CITY TAVERN

Venue: Gadsby's Tavern Museum  
Price: \$8 per link. Tickets available online under Events at [www.AlexandriaVA.gov/shop](http://www.AlexandriaVA.gov/shop)  
Date: 10/25/2020  
Location: Alexandria



## CHRISTMAS ON THE FARM

Venue: Virginia Museum of the Civil War  
Price: This event is free with paid admission to the Virginia Museum of the Civil War  
Date: 12/05/2020  
Location: New Market



## "THE COMING OF THE BIG TIMES: A BOOKER T. WASHINGTON CHRISTMAS."

Venue: Booker T. Washington National Monument  
Price: FREE  
Date: 12/05/2020  
Location: Hardy



## GRAND ILLUMINATION WEEKEND

Venue: Williamsburg KOA  
Date: 12/06/2020 - 12/08/2020  
Location: Williamsburg

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