



# 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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August 2021 "Summer Breeze"



## MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT—KAREN LYDDANE

Breezy Greetings to you, Egg-stra special Sisters,

Carried in the wind, the message, "Lest We Forget," is sent to you, from the 130<sup>th</sup> National Convention ribbon received in my registration packet.

From all over Virginia, other states, and across the waters, "Lest We Forget" urges us to realize that, even as we go about our day, our ancestors laid down their lives for us. They are as important today, even more so, as we must be their voices. Please pause, remember, and ask yourself if you might further the vitality of our beloved tent in the memory of your noble ancestor.

These pages, put together in grand style of our Editor Karen Misiano, show summertime adventures of our Sisters, in various honorable and supportive activities. Their sacrifices in casting aside other important things while they followed their patriotic hearts, serves the great purpose of belonging to the Daughters of Union Veterans, 1861-1865.

*In keeping green the memory*, our Sisters made the solid statement against removal of history in the most positive, energetic way, and yes, faced the enemy with victorious smiles. With greatest, summery delight, I salute these ladies, including YOU, for what you do, and will do, for stepping in unified formation of the beloved tent named "Elizabeth Van Lew." HUZDAH!



Your President with husband Denis at National Convention, on the steps of the Hotel Frontenac, St. Louis, MI. Date: 8/06/2021.

*Karen Lyddane*

***"Keep Green the Memory"***

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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”**

**131<sup>st</sup>  
National Convention**

August 2-7, 2022

Wyndham Gettysburg  
95 Presidential Circle  
Gettysburg, PA



**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)  
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# Elizabeth Van Lew Wants YOU

Due to Covid 19 and our having to host remote meetings, most of our current Tent officers have not had the opportunity to perform their duties to the extent that they would have wished. Although the majority have graciously accepted the opportunity remain in their respective offices for another term, there are two offices that need to be filled, and they are *Patriotic Instructor* and *Chaplain*. For this we need your help.

Your nominating committee members Jan Speare, Luann Wittenberg and Vicki Meadows have been hard at work preparing the electoral slate that will be officially announced at our October 2021 meeting. We are happy to provide you with a “sneak peak” at the slate. The official announcement of the slate of officers for 2022-2024 will be announced and voted on at the October 23, 2021, meeting.

They are as follows:

President:	Karen Lyddane
Senior Vice President:	Vicki Meadows
Junior Vice President:	Jane Shackelford
Chaplain:	VACANT—see below
Treasurer:	Crystal Geller
Registrar:	Peggy Burroughs
Patriotic Instructor:	VACANT—see below

## Chaplain

“Chaplain” position of our bylaws states the responsibilities for the Chaplain are as follows:

ARTICLE V, Duties of Officers, Section D,

D. The Chaplain shall:

1. Perform such duties as are required of her by the Ritual.
2. Be a member of the Visiting Committee.
3. Inform Tent members and send appropriate cards to ill and infirm sisters, as needed.
4. Raise funds for the Southern Memorial and Wreath Fund.
5. Work to preserve the meaning of Memorial Day.
6. Send an Annual Report to the National Department Chaplain on the form provided.

## Patriotic Instructor

The “Patriotic Instructor” position in our bylaws states the responsibilities for the Patriotic Instructor are as follows:

ARTICLE V, Duties of Officers, Section F,

1. Under the direction of the National Patriotic Instructor, visit the public schools of her locality, giving all possible aid and assistance in the teaching of patriotism and the true history of the maintenance of our free government.
2. Assist the United State Naturalization Board whenever possible.
3. Raise funds for the Grand Army of the Republic Living Memorial Scholarship Fund.
4. Send an Annual Report to the National Patriotic Instructor on the form provided.

If either of these positions appeal to you, please **let one of the members of the Nominating Committee (Vicki Meadows, Jan Speare or Luann Wittenberg) know**. There are several past PI-officeholders who would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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## GEMS

by Karen Connair, Membership Chairman

There are some interesting Civil War themed conferences and lectures coming up in the next few weeks.

Here are just a few.

### **SHENANDOAH VALLEY BATTLEFIELDS FOUNDATION**

“Tar Heels in the Valley: North Carolina Soldiers in the Shenandoah Valley” Conference.

Saturday, October 23, 2021, 9am-5pm

North Carolina Museum of History, Raleigh, North Carolina

This conference will focus on famous personalities, experiences and hardships of everyday foot soldiers and battles such as Harper’s Ferry, Second Winchester and Cedar Creek. Cost \$30 or \$27 for SVBF members. Register on website: [shenandoahatwar.org](http://shenandoahatwar.org) or call 540-740-4545.

### **CENTRAL VIRGINIA BATTLEFIELDS TRUST**

2021 Annual Conference – “Back to Our Roots: Celebrating 25 Years of Preserving Battlefields”

October 8-10, 2021

Headquarters of CVBT in Fredericksburg, Virginia

This conference will focus on battlefield preservation and will include tours, banquet, annual meeting and keynote speaker. Cost \$175. Register on website: [cvbt.org](http://cvbt.org) or call 540-374-0900.

### **PIEDMONT HERITAGE AREA**

23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference – “The Art of Command in the Civil War: Prelude to Second Manassas”

October 1-3, 2021

Middleburg, Virginia Community Center

Nationally renowned scholars will explore events that took place during the summer of 1862. Includes lectures, meals and Sunday battlefield tour. Cost \$220-\$450. Register on website: [piedmontheritage.org](http://piedmontheritage.org) or call 540-687-6681.

### **CHAMBERSBURG CIVIL WAR SEMINARS AND TOURS**

This organization offers conferences, bus tours and a Virtual Lecture Series called HISTORYTalks twice a month on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of each month. Cost is \$5 via Zoom. Next lecture scheduled: September 15, 2021, “Cavalry on the Road to Gettysburg: Aldie, Middleburg, and Upperville Re-examined by Robert O’Neill. O’Neill is the author of the acclaimed book “Chasing Jeb Stuart and John Mosby: the Union Cavalry in Northern Virginia from Second Manassas to Gettysburg”.

For more information or to register for lectures, see website: [civilwarseminars.org](http://civilwarseminars.org) This organization is an affiliate of the Greater Chambersburg Pennsylvania Chamber of Commerce.

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## \*\*\*National Convention\*\*\*



Smiles from our dear Virginia Ladies!

L-R: Jane Shackleford, Margaret Stromberg, Jan Speare, Karen Lyddane.

With the change to include detached Presidents (under specific rules) as proper candidates for National offices, there now is the opportunity for becoming the National President! Great business was conducted, protocol was carefully observed, and our tent was well represented by Margaret Stromberg, Jane Shackleford, Jan Speare, and myself. Jane and Jan attended for the very first time, and Jan's husband was inducted into the SUVCW while there!



Jan Speare represented our tent for the memorial ceremony and our dear deceased Charter Member Laura Kathleen Deegan.

If you have not experienced a convention, know that it is a great source of camaraderie, learning, drama, fun, seriousness, and opportunity to meet life-long friends. Miracles happen, mishaps occur, and moments are precious. Past National officers are very kind and approachable, and any mistakes are forgiven with sage wisdom and remembrance of their own start in our organization. Above all, before very long into the business, all are looking forward to seeing each other at the next convention!

—Karen Lyddane

Our National Convention in St. Louis, Missouri, made history. With the inclusion of National year-end awards to the Bylaws & Standing Rules, our officers can see what to work toward for recognition.



PNP Pat Kotteman, a Sister of over 69 years, and I have become great friends—she lives in Alexandria and belongs to the D.C. tent.



Your President with great friend Patricia Meyers, also a dancer with the Victorian Dance Ensemble. Pat is responsible for next year's National Convention in Gettysburg, and we'll help her as we can!

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## \*\*\*National Convention\*\*\*

DUVS' PROJECT



CIVIL WAR CANDY  
AUGUST 2021

The DUVs' Project, "Civil War Candy," was put together by (see photo) Lauri Warmack, DUVs Chairman, Carol Comp, member, Catherine D'Alessandro, member, and Dixie Smith, member.

We are thrilled to have a copy of their project, and here is just a bit of their project, which was a part of the Convention fun and business:

*"Necco Wafers:*

*Invented in 1947 by English immigrant Oliver Chase, the lozenge cutter became the first American candy machine. Along with the creation of the candy machine came the invention of the beloved NECCO Wafers. NECCO wafers had their claim to fame shortly after being invented due to the start of the Civil War.*

*Made by the  
New England*

*Confectionary Company, NECCO wafers sided with the Union during the Civil War. At the time of the Civil War, these were called 'Hub Wafers' and were carried by Union soldiers. NECCO wafers were a great candy to take to war since they did not melt and rarely broke in transport.*

*Each roll of NECCO Wafers contains eight flavors:*

*Lemon (yellow), Lime (green), Orange (orange), Clove (purple), Cinnamon (white), Wintergreen (pink), Licorice (black), and Chocolate (brown).*

*The ingredients in NECCO Wafers are: Sugar, Corn Syrup, Gelatin, Gums, Colorings and Flavorings."*

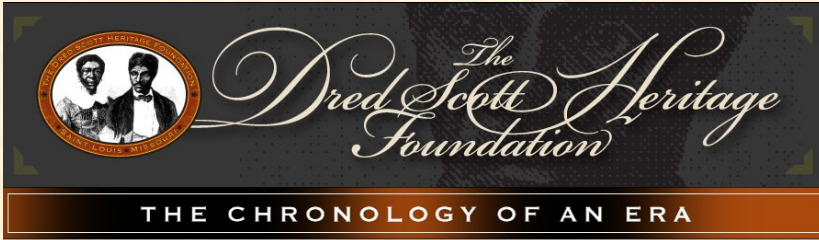
My note: Now, I highly doubt that anyone has not had the distinct pleasure of tasting a NECCO Wafer!

—Karen Lyddane



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# \*\*\*National Convention\*\*\*



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

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



President Karen Lyddane with the luncheon speaker: the great-great granddaughter of Dred Scott—Lynne Jackson, President and Founder of the Dred Scott Heritage Foundation.

## THE FOUNDATION

### Our Mission Statement

To educate the public of the critical impact of the Dred Scott Decision and the struggle for freedom of Dred and Harriet Scott through commemoration, education and reconciliation.

### Our Goal

To promote the commemoration, education and reconciliation of our histories. These objectives overlap and are constantly being addressed in the various opportunities we create and we are involved in to ensure that we never forget the struggle for freedom, citizenship and equality, with an eye towards helping to heal the wounds of the past.



PNP Carole Morton in her glory, in OLD GLORY-an auction item of great interest to all!



Again in her glory, and this time, almost in another person's glory (!), Carole auctions off a most unusual item donated by PNP Barbara Stone, in the background. Denis Lyddane won and you'll get your chance to win these drawers in Gettysburg! Don't be shy!

Amongst the sea of white-attired memorial participants, the unmistakable face of Verna Maleski, creator of the ceremony, rises and shines!



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## \*\*\*National Convention\*\*\*

Our tent was awarded at the National Convention for being the detached tent with the greatest number of new supplements during the calendar year. HUZZAH!



### **VOLUNTEER NEEDED IMMEDIATELY**

**Do you have creative skills and have Microsoft Publisher?**

**Then, we need you!**

**The position of editor of the Eggciting Times is open.**

**Guidance and/or training will be provided.**

**Contact Karen Lyddane, if interested.**



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# Sittin' in the Civil War



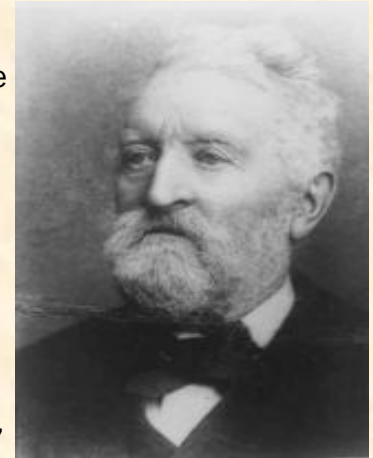
## “YANKEE” DAVIS PAID THE PRICE FOR UNION LOYALTY

by Karen Connair

On the evening of June 17, 1862, more than thirty armed Confederate sympathizers swarmed the house of 47-year-old pro-Union farmer Alexander Davis. His assailants used knives, guns and pistols. His daughter, trying to protect her father, was stabbed several times. Their life in Loudoun County, Virginia would never be the same.

Alexander Davis (1814-1901) and his wife Eliza (1827-1901) and their two daughters, Ellen and Josephine, had moved to Aldie in Loudoun County from Watertown, Connecticut in 1852.

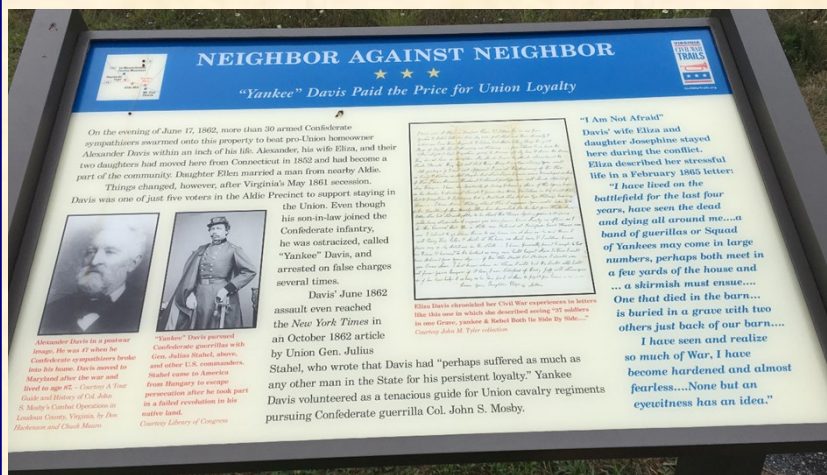
The family had become respected citizens of this farming community. But all that changed in May 1861 when Virginia succeeded from the Union. Davis was only one of five out of 57 citizens in the Aldie District who voted for Virginia to remain in the Union. Voting was done publicly so everyone knew how he stood. He was an outspoken man and made his views known. Immediately, his family was verbally harassed and ostracized and finally assaulted. His oldest daughter Ellen was married to Edmund A. Tyler, an Aldie native who was in the 8<sup>th</sup> Virginia Cavalry CSA but it made no difference. “Yankee” Davis, as he was now known to his neighbors, became one of the most hated men in Northern Virginia.



The story of the assault upon Davis reached far and wide. Union General Julius Stahel remarked in an October 1862 article he wrote for the New York Times, “Davis has perhaps suffered as much as any other man in the State for his persistent loyalty.” Davis was so incensed at the treatment of his family, that he volunteered to become a scout for Union cavalry troops in the area that were pursuing Confederate guerilla John Singleton Mosby. He also served as an ambulance escort in the Wilderness Battlefield and performed other duties to help the Union cause. He was away often and life was hard and stressful for his wife Eliza and his daughter Josephine who tried to maintain the farm. Eliza chronicled her war experiences in letters to her family. In one letter, dated February 1865, she wrote: “I have lived on the battlefield for the last four years, have seen the dead and dying all around me...a band of guerillas or a squad of Yankees may come in large numbers...both meet a few yards from my house...one died in the barn and is buried in a grave with two others...I have seen and realize so much of War, I have become hardened and almost fearless...None but an eyewitness has an idea.”

After the war, because of the animosity against pro-Union sympathizers, Davis decided to move to Mount Airy, in Carroll County, Maryland, and there he and his wife led a quiet life. His daughter Josephine married William Lightfoot after the war, and they resided in Washington, DC. Ellen and her husband remained in Loudoun County. They survived their father by only a few years. In 1901, at the age of 85, Davis was struck by a train and instantly killed. His death was ruled as a result of negligence of the B&O Railroad Company in not giving

the proper warning by blowing the whistle of the engine before reaching a crossing. Eliza contracted pneumonia and preceded her husband in death by four months. The Davis farm no longer stands in Aldie, but there is a historic marker at nearby Gilbert’s Corner, across the street from the historic Mt. Zion Church, that tells the story of the Davis family. The story of “Yankee” Davis may not be well known, but he served with distinction, one of the little known civilians who did his part in preserving the Union.



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# Emerging Civil War

Submitted by Karen Connair

<https://emergingcivilwar.com/2021/08/21/civil-war-trails-a-new-look-at-old-stories/>

## Civil War Trails: A New Look at Old Stories

Posted on August 21, 2021 by Drew Gruber

NOVA Parks launched two new Civil War Trails signs in Loudoun County, Virginia last week. This new look at old stories will help drive visitation to the region. Tracy Gillespie, Site Manager for NOVA Parks said, "NOVA Parks is excited to have two new Civil War Trails interpretive signs, at Aldie Mill Historic Park and Gilbert's Corner Regional Park."



Slashing Sabers, the new sign at Aldie Mill helps orient guests to the fighting which took place here prior to the famous Battle of Gettysburg. Courtesy of Civil War Trails, Inc.

The new sign at Aldie Mill Historic Park helps orient visitors to the intense fighting which took place along Rt. 50 between Aldie and Upperville as part of the famous Gettysburg campaign in 1863. A half dozen Civil War Trails sites are stretched across 15 miles and help visitors stand in the footsteps of those historic events. "This mini-Civil War trail is immensely popular with travelers as they traverse not only the history but enjoy some of Virginia's most beautiful downtowns, shops and landscapes," said Drew Gruber, Executive Director of Civil War Trails, Inc. "Mt Defiance Cidery, Hunter's Head Tavern, and the Little River Inn make this an ultimate destination for couples looking for a weekend retreat."

The new sign at Gilbert's Corner Regional Park helps tell a story you might not expect while traveling through Virginia. "Our Gilbert's Corner sign broadens the narrative of Loudoun during the Civil War, focusing on a rare Unionist in Confederate southern

territory." said Gillespie. Located at the trailhead for the park which offers over 150 acres to explore on foot, the hiking trail offers incredible vistas of the Bull Run Mountains according to the NOVA Parks website.

The Civil War Trails network offers a fun, safe, and accessible "open air museum" which visitors often drive, hike, or cycle. Loudoun County is home to over two dozen Civil War Trails sites which are networked together with over 1,350 other locations across six states. Each Civil War Trails site, like these two, are marketed internationally by state tourism offices, regional destination marketing organizations, and the sites themselves. This means the educational product is part of a much larger economic development mission – helping driving visitation to the towns and businesses along the way.

*For more information about Aldie Mill Historic Park or Gilbert's Corner Regional Park, visit: <https://www.novaparks.com/>*

*For more information about Civil War Trails or to request a brochure, visit: [www.civilwartrails.org](http://www.civilwartrails.org) or use: [@civilwartrails](https://twitter.com/civilwartrails)*



Chris Brown, Assistant Director for Civil War Trails, Inc. lifts the new directional sign in place. These directional signs work with the maps-guides and interactive map to help guests find the sites themselves. Courtesy of NOVA Parks



The "inset" map on the new sign at Gilbert's Corner helps connect guests with the other resources in the region. Courtesy of Civil War Trails, Inc.

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# Member Moments

Submitted by Karen Lyddane



Commemoration of the 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of 1<sup>st</sup> Manassas/Bull Run, Manassas National Battlefield Park, July 18, 2021.

The feeling of comfort and familiarity we had today, with our friends, the perfect weather, and being able to dress in period attire, well now, it was SUCH a gift!

Left to Right: Past Commander of the SUVCW Mark Day and wife Barbara Day, President of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW, are on the left, and current Chesapeake Division Commander of the SUVCW Roger Leturno and myself. The gentlemen presented my wreath, which was made at the last minute. They are ALL just wonderful and what a great time we had.

The NPS went WAY BEYOND in fitting us in, scheduling our wreath presentation for a special time, adding a drum and fife salute when the gentlemen set the wreath in the frame, and then having their concert after Roger's talk about the Union to a gathering of about 75 visitors .

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# More Member Moments

Submitted by Dr. Luann Whittenburg



As a volunteer nurse with the Virginia Department of Health for the Fairfax Medical Reserve Corp (MRC), I started giving CoVID vaccinations January 2, 2021. On July 4, 2021, I worked in the Medical Aid tent on the National Mall.

## Fairfax Medical Reserve Corps

When the big one hits, Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers may be called on to provide emergency assistance, like staffing medication dispensing sites, shelters or vaccination clinics. You do not have to be a doctor or nurse, or even have a medical background, to become a volunteer with the MRC. Any skill you bring to our program is critical in an emergency response, and we can use it to assist our communities in times of need.

## Fairfax MRC Through Time

Whether assisting the Health Department with its daily operations, providing community outreach and support in our community flu clinics, participating in MRC exercises and training opportunities, or responding to emergencies, Fairfax MRC volunteers have invested so many hours in

promoting health in the community and ensuring that families are safer and better prepared for emergencies in the Fairfax communities. Get a glimpse into our program and the wonderful people who make up our team.

## Who We Are

Fairfax MRC is a volunteer program designed to increase the ability of our public health system to help our community when disaster strikes. The MRC Program was created after President Bush's 2002 State of the Union Address, in which he asked all Americans to volunteer in support of their country. The program now has 190,000+ volunteers, and Fairfax MRC is one of more than 900 units nationwide. The MRC is made up of medical and non-medical personnel who serve as volunteers to respond to natural disasters and man-made emergencies, as well as support the Health Department's daily operations as needed.

If you want to become an MRC volunteer but live outside Fairfax County, contact the [National Office of the Civilian Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps](#).

## What We Do

MRC volunteers perform the following functions and more to ensure the safety and well-being of Fairfax communities:

- Assisting in emergency response during a natural disaster, terrorist attack, or disease outbreak.
- Staffing exercises to test local capacity to quickly dispense medicines in an emergency.
- Operating flu clinics to reduce spread to vulnerable populations.
- Educating the public on personal preparedness.
- Provide support for daily operations of the Health Department as needed.

## How We Do It

Fairfax MRC engages volunteers in a variety of volunteer activities, such as free trainings, drills and exercises and actual emergency response activations, with the purpose of developing a cadre of highly skilled volunteers available to strengthen public health, enhance emergency response capabilities and build community resiliency. Fairfax MRC regards each of our volunteers as an important asset, not only to the MRC program, but to the well-being of the entire National Capital Region.

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/medical-reserve-corps>

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# More Member Moments

Submitted by Karen Lyddane

On return from the National Convention, I completed the requested task of inspecting and documenting a newly-found monument. Originally, Tami Murray Mayle, of Grafton, WV, sent then-Commander Jay Rarick an email that she knew of this monument, and that it needed to be cared-for.

As Jay and I have become fast friends, he forwarded the request my way, especially as the DUVCW was named, although the SUVCW wanted to document its existence. Jay is now on the Monuments Committee.

I called PNP Carole Morton, who advised me on how to proceed, mentioning that National would care for the monument, as it is in another state, with no existing tent.

I inspected the monument on August 9th, finding it to be sound, especially for 90 years old, using skills received with my Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Poured Bronze Sculpture. Then, on to meet Tami! She was delightful, and accepted tri-folds of our tent, and small gifts from the National Convention along with a flag, in great excitement. Then, at home, I was given great guidance by Jay and learned how to complete the Form CWM #61, National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Civil War Memorial Assessment Form. I sent it along with a cover letter to him to forward to his correct designation, and the same went to our new National President, Norma Fiedler.



Here is Tami Murray Mayle, already looking for prospective Sisters!



Here is the inscription (found on front and back):

Dedicated to the memory of  
Thornsbury Bailey Brown  
Co. B. 2nd Va. Vol. Inf.  
First Union soldier killed in the Civil War.  
He lost his life on this spot  
May 22, 1861.  
Erected May 16, 1928 by  
Betsy Ross Tent No. 10  
West Virginia Department,  
Daughters of Union Veterans  
of the Civil War

Here is link referencing all information for this historic marker:  
#HM2G6:[https://historicalmarkerproject.com/markers/HM2G6\\_dedicated-to-the-memory-of-thornsbury-bailey-brown\\_Grafton-WV.html](https://historicalmarkerproject.com/markers/HM2G6_dedicated-to-the-memory-of-thornsbury-bailey-brown_Grafton-WV.html)

Your President, a bit travel-worn, at the Thornsbury Bailey Brown monument just outside of Grafton, WV.

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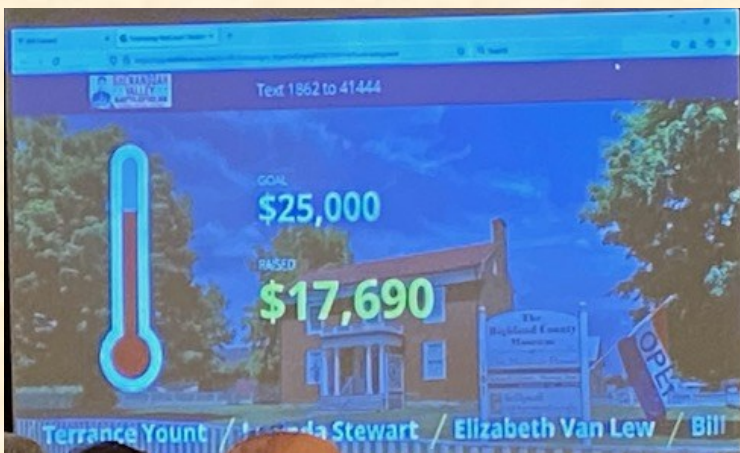
Submitted by Karen Lyddane

This was really funny.

At the "Born of Fire" Conference in Martinsburg, WV, on Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, Jan Speare, Crystal Geller, Karen Connair, and I, were fascinated by the in-depth history of how West Virginia was born out of the Civil War.

There was a fund-raiser, and I contributed for our tent. To expedite and inform, I gave the recipient my business card. In so doing, this brought the name of our namesake to life, as you can see in the photo.

Now, whoever knows about Elizabeth Van Lew will truly be confused as to how she can be alive today... hehehehe! (Lower right side of slide)



L-R: President Karen Lyddane, Sister Jan Speare, Treasurer Crystal Geller, Membership Chair Karen Connair.

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**Delilah is a Maine Coon Cat, and was left on Tami Murray Mayle's (of Grafton, WV) doorstep one day. Delilah has won awards, and no wonder! She certainly found the right home, and in a Union state born of the Civil War.**



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**Retreat with a Recipe**  
by Kitchen Nostalgia  
**Civil War Macaroni and Cheese**

Civil War Macaroni and Cheese - macaroni cooked in milk; no need to make sauce separately; all done in one pot.

Servings: 2 -3

**Ingredients**

- 2 1/2 cups macaroni or penne
- 4 cups milk
- 3 Tbsp butter
- 1 cup Parmesan cheese
- ground pepper black or white
- a pinch of nutmeg
- 1/4 cup bread crumbs
- a pinch of paprika



**Instructions**

1. Boil macaroni noodles for about 15 minutes in milk with a pinch of salt. Be careful since the milk could boil over.
2. When macaroni are done, and they absorb most of the milk, add butter, parmesan cheese, pepper and nutmeg to the pot. Stir until butter and cheese melt.
3. Transfer to a buttered baking dish (volume 4 cups or 1 liter). Combine bread crumbs with paprika and sprinkle over macaroni. Bake Civil War Macaroni and Cheese in 350 F (175C) oven for about 20 minutes or until breadcrumbs become lightly brown.

**Tent Meeting Dates: 2021**

Hybrid meeting: Virtual business meeting, followed by in-person lunch

2021: October 23

Dr. Carole Morton, National President, DUVCW

Topic: Insignia, Badges, and Protocol

Giuseppe's Restaurant

15120 Washington Street, Haymarket, VA.

(703) 753-1004

<http://www.giuseppesri.com>

11:00 am—ORFATS

(Officers or Responsible For A Task Sister)

11:30—General Meeting



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

Email [elizabethvanlewtentVA@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethvanlewtentVA@gmail.com) for more information regarding meetings.

***ONE MORE THING!***

**Items from Bett's Boutique will be available at the meeting for purchase!**

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# ANCESTOR MINUTE

by Karen Connair

Over 196,300 men from the state of Indiana served in the Army and the Navy in the Civil War. Three of my direct lineage ancestors, Absalom Deweese, his son William A. and John N. Swaney all enlisted from Warrick County, in southwestern Indiana. But I had several other ancestors from Pike County, an adjoining county to Warrick, that served, and one of them, Thomas R. Tislow, has the distinction of being the last surviving Civil War veteran in that county. Recently I found a picture of him, proudly wearing his GAR ribbons, and that prompted me to research and write his story.



Pike County sent over 2,000 men to serve in the Civil War. My ancestor, Thomas R. Tislow, was one. He was the half brother to my great-great grandfather John Tislow (who may have also served in the Civil War). Thomas R. Tislow was born on St. Patrick's Day, 1847 in Petersburg, the county seat of Pike County, Indiana to Peter Tislow and Jane Caldwell. Thomas' uncle, John Tislow, served in the Indiana Militia during the War of 1812. His grandfather, Paul Tislow, came to the colonies in the 1770s as an indentured servant from Germany, traveling from Pennsylvania down the Old Wagon Road, stopping in Maryland and Kentucky, finally making his way to Indiana, what is now Pike County, as one of its earliest settlers in 1803. Thomas Tislow grew up in Petersburg

and at the age of 18 enlisted as a Private in the 24<sup>th</sup> Indiana Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Company D on February 8, 1864. The Regiment was later reorganized so Tislow was transferred to Company H on December 10, 1864.

The 24<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry saw action at Shiloh, Champion's Hill, Battle of Port Gibson and the Siege of Vicksburg, but since Tislow enlisted late in the war, he missed those battles and spent his service time in more isolated areas in the South where his Regiment was stationed, moving from Louisiana, to the panhandle of Florida, and finally to Alabama, seeing action at the Siege of Spanish Fort and Fort Blakely, otherwise known as the Mobile Campaign, from March to April 1865. The Regiment stayed in Alabama until June 1865, then it was ordered to Galveston, Texas until November 1865 where the men were mustered out on November 15, 1865.

After the war, Tislow returned to Petersburg, married Margaret Ann Burton (1844-1904) in 1868, and raised a family of three children. He was widowed in 1904. In 1889 the GAR Morgan Post Number 15 was formed in Petersburg, and no doubt Thomas Tislow was one of its founding members. He later became Commander of the Post. During his lifetime, Tislow held a variety of jobs. His obituary in the Muncie, Indiana Press of June 30, 1939 reads: "PETERSBURG, Ind. June 30—Thomas R. Tislow, 92, last Civil War veteran in Pike County, will be buried here tomorrow. Tislow, who died yesterday, had operated a canal boat, sold farm machinery, ran a machine shop and helped found the E. and I. Railroad. He served as a Republican city councilman for several terms." Truly, my ancestor was a man of many trades and he will always have the distinction of being the last surviving Civil War veteran of Pike County, Indiana.

## "Ancestor Minute" FAQ

- Is a short (or not so short) description or biography about your ancestor  
⇒ Could be a few sentences long, if that is all the information available
- Can include stories, details, photos, etc.
- Is primarily a way for the Tent to honor and remember our ancestors
- Does NOT have to include a photo
- Helps us remember HOW and WHY we are in this organization

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# ANCESTOR MINUTE

by Norma Fields

## ANOTHER REASON TO HONOR OUR FLAG!

MEET JAN SPEARE'S STEP GREAT-GRANDFATHER

### MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT

### FIRST LIEUTENANT JOSIAH M. CURTIS



### CITATION

Seized the colors of his regiment after two color bearers had fallen, bore them gallantly, and was among the first to gain a foothold, with his flag, inside the enemy's works.

#### DETAILS:

- BORN: NOVEMBER 16, 1844, OHIO COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
- MILITARY SERVICE BRANCH: U.S. ARMY
- RANK: SECOND LIEUTENANT (HIGHEST RANK: FIRST LIEUTENANT)
- UNIT/COMMAND: COMPANY I, 12TH WEST VIRGINIA INFANTRY
- MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION DATE: APRIL 2, 1865
- MEDAL OF HONOR ACTION PLACE: PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA
- PRESENTATION DATE: MAY 12, 1865
- AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY: NO
- DIED: JUNE 17, 1875, WEST LIBERTY, WEST VIRGINIA
- BURIED: WEST LIBERTY CEMETERY (PMH), WEST LIBERTY, WEST VIRGINIA

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## PICKLE JAR Reminder



We will soon be meeting in person again!! Woot! Woot! Now...

Don't forget to be saving your change for our pickle jar collection, starting in October!



## Your Thoughts Needed!!



A Sister asked if there were funds available for helping attend conferences, conventions, etc. Asking my councils, and Past National Presidents, the answer SHOULD BE YES. Economically and size-wise, we are able, at this point to address this issue.

So, we will need to add this to our budget/Standing Rules, pending a vote.

I ask that any sister who has experience with this, please send them my way, and I'll gather them together for discussion and voting on, in our September 23rd meeting.

This is in PERFECT timing, so thank you for asking, dear Sister! The convention after next year's Gettysburg location, will be in Oklahoma, which isn't easily in driving distance.

Here are some considerations to start your thoughts:

1. Advice was to give funds to the President, or her representative.
2. Convention: National pays 30 cents per mile for travel expenses.
  - a. Can possibly pay for the plane ticket
3. Monies:
  - a. Fund raise
  - b. Add \$2.00 to dues first year, then \$3.00 the next, then \$4.00 the next. Then, repeat this schedule.
4. For Conferences/Special Events:
  - a. Restrict allowance to one per year for a sister, with total of three (?) conferences/special events per year for the tent.

—Karen Lyddane

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## Sittin' in the Civil War

Submitted by Peggy Burroughs



### Civil War Ancestor Grave Found!

I had found it hard to find my great grandfather's grave. On the death certificate it listed the burial site as Lake Park Cemetery in Youngstown, Ohio. I wrote to them and they had no record of him being buried there. Several years passed and I ordered cemetery transcription books for the Oak Hill Cemetery from the Mahoning County, Ohio Genealogy Society because I have many ancestors from Youngstown. I was perusing the index to see what family names I could find and there was an entry for a Gregory Gilliam.

After contacting the office at Oak Hill Cemetery, I was informed that Gregory was indeed buried there in the Soldier's Area. The birth date was off by three years but the death date and the Civil War information were correct. Rich, the man who works there was very helpful in finding Gregory's and several other of my ancestors' graves. When we went to the cemetery this summer on a family visit, he had marked all of the graves I was searching for with red flags and escorted us to each one so that I could take photos. I put the photos on billiongraves.com so that others will also be able to find them.

Cemetery records are a great resource in your genealogy research. Don't hesitate to reach out to cemetery offices for help.



*Cat Claunch Schwetke placed a wreath on the grave of Elizabeth Van Lew at Shockoe Cemetery back in May. The editor apologizes to Cat for the photos missing the June newsletter.*



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# CIVIL WAR VETERAN GEORGE DENHAM USN and USA REMEMBERED

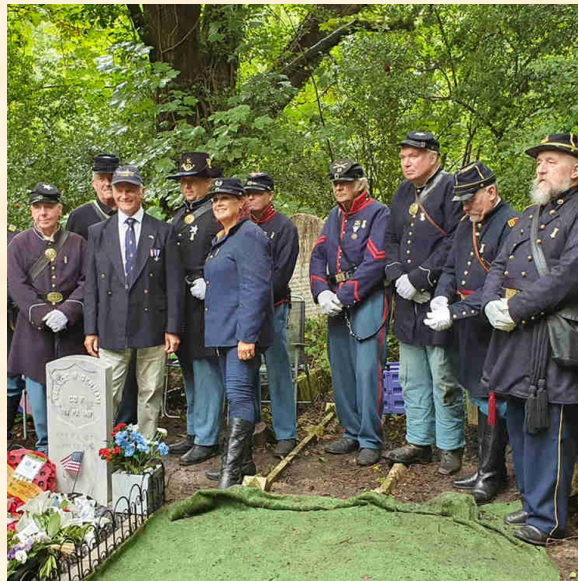
Submitted by Gina Costin

<https://www.acwrt.org.uk/post/civil-war-veteran-george-denham-usn-and-usa-remembered>



*Photo by Gaz De Vere*

At Islington & St. Pancras Cemetery on 30 July 2021 we were pleased to have representatives from the American Civil War Round Table (UK) present at the rededication of the grave of civil war veteran George Denham. Michael Hammerson gave an address about the history of Civil War Veterans in Britain, and also present were former Round Table President Greg Bayne, and Darren Rawlings who was part of the Guard of Honour put on by reenactors from the Southern Skirmish Association, dressed for the occasion as George's old regiment, the 111<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania. Also participating in the ceremony were the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Ensign John Davis Chapter, of which Michael Hammerson is an Associate Member and the Graves Registration Officer.



*Photo by Greg Bayne*

There were many British participants in the Civil War, but George Denham was one of a number of men who served in both the US Navy and the US Army. His story was brought to our attention by a descendent, Gina Costin, whose mother was once told by her father that *his* grandfather fought in the American Civil War and received a pension from the US Government until the day he died. For over fifteen years Gina has been tracking down her lineage and the precise site of George's grave plot, where his wife and three other family members are also buried, allowing this year's ceremony to take place.

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Born in Grantham, Lincolnshire around 1835, George was a more adventurous soul than many of his contemporaries. George's father moved to London in the early 1840's for work and George looked even further abroad for opportunities. By 1856 he was in America, where he enlisted in the US Navy, serving on the frigate USS *St Lawrence* in South America. In 1859 he reenlisted for a further three years, and was assigned to the new steam frigate USS *Roanoke*, stationed in the West Indies.

On Wednesday 26 August 1863, giving his status as "sailor" and his name as William Wright Denham (the Wright part being his mother's maiden name), he enlisted as a substitute at Norristown PA, in Co F, 111<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteers. Just a month later on 27 September 1863 his regiment was amongst the troops sent from Virginia to the western theatre as reinforcements following the Union defeat at Chickamauga. The 111<sup>th</sup> joined the Army of Tennessee and George carried out picket duties around Wauhatchie near Chattanooga. Here he got his first real taste of war on 28 October when Union forces under Brigadier General John W Geary, including the 111<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania, beat off an attack by a South Carolina brigade under Colonel John Bratton. The regiment subsequently went on to fight at the battles of Lookout Mountain and Chattanooga later that year.

When the Army of Tennessee and the 111<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania began their march on Atlanta the following year George did not go with them however. In May 1864 he had gone back to the US Navy, as President Lincoln had authorised such a transfer to those with previous service. He served on the monitor USS *Choctaw* on the Mississippi. In May 1865 he went ashore at Mobile, AL, to deal with the aftermath of a Confederate gunpowder explosion, since he had experience as a stoker/firefighter. In the months thereafter he suffered from what appear likely to be the symptoms of PTSD and was discharged from Navy. He returned to Pennsylvania, staying with the family for whose son he had enlisted as a substitute. There the family doctor suggested he should return back to England.

By 1870 George was back in London where he worked on the railways, probably around King's Cross. In 1898 he applied for a US Army pension, but forgot that he had enlisted in the 111<sup>th</sup> PA under an alias. So it was only in 1912 that he finally obtained approval for his pension, only two years before his death. His wife Jane though applied for a widows pension, and received it until her passing in 1921.

Our thanks to Gina for bringing this remarkable story to light, and for allowing us to participate in honouring George's memory.

Both the American Civil War Round Table UK and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War would love to hear from other descendants of British participants in the war, or to give advice on tracing ancestors who fought.



## **"History of the Southern Memorial Program"**

**Karen Lyddane purchased a copy of the "History of the Southern Memorial Program," authored by past National Chaplain Verna Maleski, for our tent. This describes each National Memorial Cemetery that is available for adoption each year, and details facts that you'll be hard pressed to find elsewhere. It speaks to your heart in many ways.**

**It is fascinating, and surely will be popular with all of our Sisters!**

**It is available for borrowing, and will be at our October 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.**

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## LOOKING FOR LOVE IN THE CIVIL WAR

by Karen Connair

During the Civil War, there were many lonely soldiers away from home, and on the home front, there were just as many lonely women looking for companionship. How might the young people get together? Personal want ads were the answer. Personal want ads first made their appearance in the mid-18<sup>th</sup> century. As the rate of literacy increased and populations moved farther West, the abundance of newspapers proliferated and by the time of the Civil War, personal ads were quite commonplace throughout the country. At first, only men would be willing to advertise for a wife, but by the 1840s, when women became more literate and independent, there was an increase in "Husband Wanted" ads as well.

Young soldiers were often quite particular what kind of lady they were looking for. A typical ad might read "woman wanted under 25, must be trim, good at housekeeping, virtuous and at least passably good looking." Women were looking for men who were "sober, industrious, not a tobacco chewer or snuff taker." Although some soldiers sought correspondents to relieve the boredom of camp life, many young men were looking for a wife. They wanted a future when the war was over. Statistics show that the average age of the Union soldier at enlistment was almost 26 years old, exactly a courting age and about 70% were unmarried. Some ads were touching and even sad. One such ad placed in the New York Sunday Mercury in 1862 carried a plea to "patriotic young ladies" from a "soldier just returned from the war. Have lost a leg but will get a cork one; have a useless arm, but will be called brave for it; was once good looking, but now am scarred all over." I dare to wonder how many replies that poor young man received.

Soldiers recovering in hospitals wanted something to do to pass the time, so they placed ads asking for "correspondents", hoping that would appeal to young ladies' patriotic duties. The Atlantic Monthly urged Northern women to give up sewing socks for soldiers and pick up a pen "with a passionate purpose." Lifting the spirits of young men would win the war. One officer just released from the hospital said he was looking for a female correspondent to "cheer his drooping spirit." An ad placed by a Union soldier from Wisconsin who was recovering from a battle wound in a Virginia hospital wrote, "Take pity on me. Lighten my dull load down here in Dixie." The same ad might be placed in a number of newspapers, thus generating hundreds of replies. Surprisingly, the U.S. Post Service was quite efficient during the Civil War. Letters from all over the North and South, more often than not, reached their destination. President Lincoln considered the Postal Service to be so important to the success to the war, that he asked the U.S. Postmaster General to appoint a special agent to oversee operations for the Army and the Navy.

Some ladies corresponded with the same soldier throughout the war. Letters were often full of flirting and lighthearted fun. But not all writers were honest in their intentions. One lady, after writing to a soldier for six months, realized he lied about his mother being dead and in fact, he was married. She abruptly put an end to that correspondence! It is unknown how many of these personal want ads resulted in marriage. One man, who placed a "Wife Wanted" ad in an Albany, New York paper, said he was going to Europe in a week and he wanted a wife right away. He received sixty replies. He was married within a few days.

The war had an impact on the marital prospects of women everywhere. Between 1860 and 1890 unmarried women constituted a higher percentage of the population than any period of history. The men returning from the war were not always good marriage prospects. They were disabled, or addicted to drugs and alcohol. Healthy unmarried men wanted to start a new life and often that meant venturing out West to the frontier, and so, personal want ads followed out West. But that is a whole different story.

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