Happy New Year,

As we enter a new year, let’s renew our commitment to the United Daughters of the Confederacy, especially the Alabama Division. Read the objectives of the Organization and set goals for yourself and your Chapter. We had a good increase in new members but as our older members pass away, we are not gaining the ground we need to continue to survive. Be willing to help new prospects with obtaining their proofs and filling out the application. Once a family member becomes sixteen, move her into the Division.

Thanks to all of you that wrote, called and e-mailed officials on the attack on our Confederate Memorial Park. Through your efforts and commitment to your heritage, it appears hopeful that we have saved the Museum as a shrine and tribute to Alabama’s Confederate soldiers. You will be kept posted another volley to be fired from us.

We hope you have made plans to attend at least one of the Regional Workshops. Remember, you can attend any or all as you don’t have to be in that Region to attend. Attend the Workshop that is most convenient for you. The Division Yearbook and Minutes will be ready for these meetings along with a Presidents’ packet containing any new information that needs to go to the Chapters. Your Division Officers will answer your questions and discuss issues where problems seem to arise so come prepared to take notes and learn how the Organization works. Beauvoir, sell lanyards, and discuss plans.

Plans are in the works for a BIG Celebration on April 24th at the Capitol grounds starting about called and e-mailed officials on the rial Park. Through your efforts it appears hopeful that we have tribute to Alabama’s Confederate on this, and if the need arises for the call will go out to all. to attend at least one of the you can attend any or all as you attend. Attend the Workshop that Division Yearbook and Minutes along a Presidents’ packet that needs to go to the Chapters. your questions and discuss issues come prepared to take notes and We will have a donation box for the Preservation Pin. Confederate Memorial Day Confederate Monument on the 10:30 A. M. The Division Officers of the UDC and SCV will be on hand along with musical entertainment, speakers and greetings from the SCV and UDC. Chapter Presidents and Camp Commanders present will be recognized and their members asked to stand so let’s bring a big crowd to this event. Remember, we had to fight to keep this holiday, so we need to all put this on our events calendar and plan to bring family, friends, children and chapter members to attend. If your chapter plans a Memorial Service, please work around this as we need a tremendous showing at the Capitol. This is not going to be a Flag Rally but a formal Memorial ceremony. Our Flags will be on display for salutes and songs. Period attire or nice dress with hats and gloves will help show our pride in our heritage. If you would like to be a part of the ceremonies by singing or playing a Southern song, let me know as the program is already shaping up to be a good one. Sure would be nice if we could get a group of our CoC to sing several songs, what you think Brenda? There will be a Roll Call where anyone present can stand and give the name of one of their Confederate soldiers, his rank, company, regiment and branch of service so have your choice ready when the Roll is called.

We are looking forward to seeing each and every one of you at the Regional Workshops. Let’s all work together to make 2006 one to remember!

Connie
The rolling hills of Giles County, Tennessee was the setting Sunday afternoon October 16th, 2005 for the Dedication of 4 “War Between the States” soldiers graves, Winfield G. McGrew, Larkin M. Birdsong, John Henderson and Robert P. Abernathy. The dedication was made possible through the efforts of Rita Birdsong, descendant of the soldiers and Chapter member of Joe Wheeler #291 United Daughters of the Confederacy, Decatur, Alabama. The one room, white clapboard Bethesda Methodist Church near Pulaski, Tennessee was the perfect backdrop for the Memorial service.

The beautifully clear day with skies as blue as the “Bonnie Blue Flag”, fall colors and natures abundant crops of black walnut and hickory nuts were a welcoming site for the large crowd that gathered for the service.

Many ladies dressed in their antebellum “Widows Weeds” and re enactors in Confederate dress were present for the ceremony. Dozens of Confederate flags fluttering in the breeze were on display in the picturesque cemetery as well as flags representing infantry and artillery units.

Cathy Wood, president of the Giles County #257 United Daughter of the Confederacy welcomed everyone to Tennessee and made the introductions. Parson Tim Morrison brought the invocation and a brief sermon on remembrance. Kay McCarley, Joe Wheeler #291 president of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Decatur, Alabama greeted everyone, gave a short program and special thank you to Cathy Wood for her assistance and Mrs. Birdsong for her work cleaning stones in the cemetery, placement of the 4 new headstones and arranging for the program to include re-enactors with musket and cannon demonstrations.

Tributes to the soldiers being honored were presented by Joe Birdsong, Rita Birdsong, Larry Brown and Glendora James. Soldiers honored were: Winfield Gowan McGrew, company K, 1st Tennessee, Infantry, Larkin Merritt Birdsong, company K, 6th Tennessee, Cavalry, John Henderson, Captain Millers company E, 19th Tennessee, Robert P. Abernathy, company E, 32nd Tennessee, Infantry. Each soldier was honored with a 21 gun salute by the 11th Alabama Cavalry, Blount County, Alabama, Holman/Boone #152 Camp Lincoln County, Tennessee and Col. Egbert Jones Camp, Huntsville, Alabama. This was followed by a cannon salute under the command of Leland Free and Ed Herring, Lt. J.K. McBride Camp #241 of Moulton, Alabama.

There was hardly a dry eye in the crowd when the dedication closed with “Taps” followed by Dixie. Groups in attendance were: Many family descendants and friends, Joe Wheeler #291 UDC Decatur, Alabama, Giles County #257 UDC Pulaski, Tennessee, Lt. J.K. McBride Camp #241 Moulton, Alabama, 11th Alabama Cavalry Blount County, Alabama, Col. Egbert J. Jones Camp 357 Huntsville, Alabama, Holman/Boone Camp #152 Lincoln County, Tennessee, Giles County SCV, Pulaski, Tennessee, John Hunt Morgan #2541 UDC Huntsville, Alabama, Joseph E. Johnston #198 UDC Athens, Alabama and Hobbs Camp SCV Athens, Alabama.
Maj. General Patrick R. Cleburne Chapter 2632

The Maj. Gen. Patrick R. Cleburne Chapter began the new 2005-2006 year with many activities. At Division Convention in September, the General Cleburne Chapter was well represented by 8 of its 65 members. The Chapter was honored to receive Division Awards such as the following: Greatest Increase in Membership on a Numerical Basis, Greatest Increase in Membership on a Percentage Basis, Most Supplementals Approved, Most Insignia Purchased, Most Member-for-Member Bars (Lynda Lowery), Second Most Member-for-Member Bars (Sharon Prestridge), Best Chapter Scrapbook, Most Winnie Davis Awards (tie), Most Material Submitted for Division Scrapbook, Best Report on Randolph Relief, Greatest Value of Donations on Benevolent Report, Second Most Photographs in Press, and Second Best Report on Southern Literature and Arts. In addition, Lynda Lowery submitted the “Best Book Review about the South” and the winning essay on “The Post War Years of Gen. Robert E. Lee”. Ann Howle submitted the winning book review of “Essays on Gen. Cleburne” and Bonnie Ballinger was 3rd place winner in Poetry about the South.

Also in September, the Gen. Cleburne Chapter began a fund-raising project to raise money for a Division Scholarship. Raffle tickets are being sold and all support will be greatly appreciated. This Chapter is pleased to have 5 students currently sponsored for Alabama Division Scholarships: Jennifer Williams at Auburn; Sara Howle at Samford; Abigail Terry, Sharon Prestridge and Lauren Pettus at JSU.

The Chapter’s September luncheon meeting was held at the historic Anniston Inn, which was built immediately after the War Between the States. Mrs. Joyce McCullough, Alabama Division Recorder of Military Service Awards, presented a very information program. The Chapter was honored to have ex-Division President Mrs. Charlotte Hazel present. A letter was read from the Treasurer General, thanking the Cleburne Chapter for its monetary donation to Hurricane Relief.

On Tuesday, October 18, several Chapter members traveled to Ohatchee to visit the Janney Furnace and Calhoun County Confederate Memorial Wall. They received a private tour by Dennis Reaves, Chairman of the Friends of Janney Furnace Organization, and Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Larry Lee. Following the tour, a shared picnic lunch was enjoyed at the Janney Park.

In early November, the Cleburne Chapter was delighted to receive a Certificate of Award at the General Convention in California. The award was for the “Chapter Registering the Oldest Member”. This member is Mrs. Lucy Noles Green who joined on the record of her grandfather, William Parker Noles, Co. E. 34th Georgia Infantry. Mrs. Green was born December 31, 1900.

At the November luncheon meeting, held at Classic on Noble in Anniston, an outstanding program was presented by Mrs. Francis Robb from the Alabama Humanities Foundation. Her topic was “Imaging the War: Alabama Photography in the 1860’s”. Members continued their annual project of donating items to veterans at the Cleburne Country Nursing Home. Also, the Chapter awarded a World War I Medal and a World War II Medal posthumously to member Lou Walker for the military service of her father and uncle.
Medal Given

Charles S. Stewart Chapter #2390

Historical Evening at 110th Alabama United Daughters of convention recently held in Birmingham had a very special meaning for Charles S. Stewart Chapter member Barbara McCamish. The long time UDC member and past president of the local chapter was awarded the Jefferson Davis Medal.

McCamish earned the coveted honor by helping preserve Confederate History. Her efforts involved researching and writing articles, poems, and presenting historical programs to school children. McCamish’s articles “Lieutenant Charles S. Stewart”, co-authored “Raphael Semmes, An Alabama Hero” and a book review; “Two Little Confederates” were published in the United Daughters of Confederacy magazine. She also wrote a poem that honored her Confederate ancestor, “Saved by the Bible”, which was published in “The Ties That Bind”. In 2001 when the Baldwin County Heritage book was published, McCamish wrote “Charles S. Stewart UDC”, which is noted in the book’s Organization Section.

McCamish is an active member having served as Alabama Division Historian, Recorder of Military Service Awards, chaired several committees, has been Director of Mobile Bay District, as well as served as her chapter’s president, treasurer, and is presently serving her second term as secretary.

President Connie Foster(right) awards the Jefferson Davis medal to Barbara McCamish.

Brig. General John Hunt Morgan

At it’s regularly scheduled meeting on October 5, 2005, the Brig. Gen. John Hunt Morgan Chapter No. 2541, Huntsville, awarded a Cross of Military Service to Mr. Wiley Elmo Foutch and a National Defense Medal to Mr. James Calvin King.

On Dec. 1, 2005 at the Annual Christmas Dinner, the Chapter will award another National Defense Medal. This medal will be presented to Mr. Jason Wayne Brown. The Chapter is proud of the medals it has been able to award in the past few years and looks for every opportunity to seek out men and women who have served our country in time of war.

United We Stand

It was a warm bright November day for Huntsville’s Veteran’s Day Parade. The Brigadier General John Hunt Morgan Chapter #2541, the Virginia Clay Clopton Chapter #1107 and Joe Wheeler Chapter #291, combining to represent the Alabama Division, was one of almost 200 participants in the parade. The ladies enjoyed dressing in period dress, walking and riding in 1930’s vintage automobiles as the parade made it’s was through downtown Huntsville. Many cheers were heard from the crowd as our ladies and the men of the Egbert J. Jones Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans and the children of the Little John Hunt Morgan Chapter Children of the Confederacy passed by.

The Brigadier General John Hunt Morgan Chapter also attended the rededication of the monument for Patrick R. Cleburne and the dedication of the Janney Furnace wall of Confederates. We also participated in two grave marking ceremonies in Madison County. We enjoyed our annual Christmas party at Valley United Methodist Church and participated in the annual Candlelight Christmas ceremony at Maple Hill Cemetery. This was a beautiful ceremony with all 297 graves marked with luminaries and Egbert J. Jones SCV camp members standing watch over the graves. The Children of the Confederacy participated by placing a wreath.

Also in December, we participated in the Children’s Christmas in the South at Mountain Creek Park. The children presented a wonderful Christmas program and were delighted with their new keyboard which made their music that much more enjoyable.
Lee- Jackson Banquet

United Daughters of the Confederacy members from several chapters attended the Lee-Jackson Banquet at The Club, sponsored by Sons of Confederate Veterans, Fighting Joe Wheeler Camp 1372. Guest speaker Dr. Harry Reeder, Jr., pastor of Briarwood Presbyterian Church spoke on the life of Stonewall Jackson.

UDC members attending were Mrs. Joel Goolsby, Stonewall Chapter #724; Mrs. Sunni Montgomery, Southern Cross Chapter #2254; Alabama Division Recording Secretary Mrs. Lamar Thomas, and Mrs. Walter Lowe, Juliet Hopkins Chapter 2537; and Mrs. George Ladd, Mrs. John Morris, Mrs. Pierre Tourney, Mrs. Michael Parker, Mrs. Joseph Eshelman, Mrs. Fletcher King, and Alabama Division Second Vice President Miss Ann King, from Pelham Chapter 67.

Virginia Clay Clopton Chapter # 1107 United Daughters of the Confederacy

The Virginia Clay Clopton Chapter # 1107 United Daughters of the Confederacy of Huntsville, Alabama held their Christmas luncheon at the Huntsville Country Club December 14.

The ladies brought sweaters to be given to the Huntsville Christmas Charities for deserving children this Christmas.

The chapter is participating in the Rare and Historic Tree Program at Maple Hill Cemetery in Huntsville, Alabama. The trees that will be given by the chapter are the Chickamauga Black Maple, Manassas Red Oak, Robert E. Lee Sweetgum, and the Cemetery Ridge White Oak. A dedication will be held in the spring.

Dr. John Matthews Ennis was the speaker and spoke on “Medicine in the 1800’s and Wildness Medicine,” by special request. Mrs. Ann Osborn Lusk received a Judah P. Benjamin Award for her work in restoring a lost cemetery in Marion County, Alabama. Joseph William Montano received a Judah P. Benjamin Award for locating, repairing, and landscaping the lost Sivley Cemetery in Blount County, Alabama.

Santa Claus and Jackson vine decorated all of the luncheon tables. The hostesses were Division President Connie Foster, Division Treasurer Pat Lewis, and Division Vice President Lorraine Ennis.

News from the Districts

The Bankhead District meeting was held at the University Club in Tuscaloosa on April 9, 2005. Twenty-one members and guest were present.

Guest speaker was Randy Brown, member of William Martin SCV and President of Marion County Genealogical Society and Winfield City Councilman. Mr. Brown spoke on the dress of both Confederate and Union soldiers and showed examples of the fabrics worn.

Workshops were conducted by the Alabama Division Officers: President - Connie Foster, 1st Vice-President – Lorraine Ennis, 2nd Vice-President – Ann King, 3rd Vice-President – Brenda Dumas, Treasurer – Pat Lewis and Historian – Pam Handley.

Bankhead District Officers are Director - Elwanda Oakes, Co-Director – Barbara Anghen, Treasurer – Betty Ruth Brock and Secretary Sybil Banks.

Kim Evans provided entertainment. She is a member of the R.E. Rodes Chapter, who hosted the event. Samuel J. Shields Chapter new member, Anita Turner, was presented her membership certificate at the meeting.

Santa Clauses and Jackson vine decorated all of the luncheon tables. The hostesses were Division President Connie Foster, Division Treasurer Pat Lewis, and Division Vice President Lorraine Ennis.

Pictured above: Mr. Randy Brown entertained the guest with his knowledge of War era dress.
Shelby Iron Works Chapter #2653

The Shelby Iron Works Chapter #2653 held its Chartering meeting on November 12, 2005. Sharon Woods, President welcomed everyone and introduced guests. Mr. John Brahser talked about the historic Shelby Iron Works and a poem, written by her mother was read by Betty Zeitz. Alabama Division President, Mrs. Constance Foster and Ex-Alabama Division President, Mrs. Charlotte Hazel presented the chapter charter and membership certificates to the chapter. Lorraine Ennis presented Sharon Woods with her Chapter President’s pin and Mrs. Foster installed the officers. The new chapter officers are Sharon Woods, President and Registrar, Leigh Ann Corvin, Vice President and Historian, Donnette Jones, Second Vice President, Sue McRee, Third Vice President, and Chaplain, Rita Reid, Recording/Corresponding Secretary, Betty Zeitz, Treasurer and Parliamentarian, and Faye Yarchak, Recorder of Military Service Awards. A replacement Jefferson Davis Medal was presented to Mr. Ron Howard, whose medal was destroyed when his home burned. Following the meeting, everyone enjoyed a lovely reception.
Little Joe Wheeler #764 celebrated Flag Day June 14, 2005, with salutes and tributes to Old Glory, Rhodes Ferry Park. Vida Byers read the meanings and symbolism assigned to each fold of the flag when it is removed and given to the fallen’s family. Judy Wiley sang God Bless America. The gathering proceeded to McDonalds for ice cream and refreshments.

June 18, 2005, Director Bettye Moore met with Confederate descendant, Jack Crenshaw of Mobile. Crenshaw is the namesake of Jackson Alfonso Crenshaw, Arkansas, CSA. After the conflict, Jackson Crenshaw migrated to Texas. Legend states that although Crenshaw was a well-to-do landowner, he could always be seen dressed in overalls and sported an overgrown beard.

Members attended the opening ceremonies of the Spirit of America Festival on July 3, 2005. Bettye Moore, along with guest Vida Byers and Judy Wiley, pledged allegiance to the flag and spoke with WWII veterans as they recalled events of the war.

A brief meeting was held June 11th at Rising Sun Lodge for the selection of officers if the Children of the Confederacy #764. Paige McCarley was selected to serve as president for the ensuing year. Members then attended an honor night for Kenneth Hamilton, Worthy Grand Patron, Order of the Eastern Star, State of Alabama. Mr. Hamilton’s theme has been promoting patriotism as he traveled this year.

Confederate descendants, Megan, Madelline, Jake and Anna Marie Hamilton performed for the quests singing “God Bless America”. Anna Marie danced to the inspirational music, “I can only imagine”. Ann Henley spoke on the American flag.

UDC #291 members Bettye Moore, Sarah Gray and associate member Dr. Angie Nazaretian, as well as prospective member Jennifer Milkey of Birmingham attended the meeting.

A drawing was held for the American quilt and a confederate qilt made by Willie Butts of Greenville Alabama. Winners were Edwina Moore and Thomas Edwards of Birmingham.

The September Skirmish held at Point Mallard has become an annual event sponsored by the Son’s of Confederate Veterans. The United States, Alabama and Beauregard’s Battle flags were presented and the opening ritual observed. Judy Blackwell served as chaplain pro-temp for the ritual. A Native American poem was read.

Bettye Moore gave a report on the Alabama Division Convention held Memorial Day weekend at Tannehill State Park. Up coming plans discussed were to assist the Daughters of the sponsoring Joe Wheeler Chapter #291 with Veterans Day and Alabama Day programs. The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were enjoyed before the members toured the Sutters booths. Jane Miller and Jason McLemore enjoyed the cannons and weapons displayed.

### Upcoming Events 2006

- **January 21, 2006**
  Central Regional Meeting
  The Club, Birmingham, 9:30 AM

- **January 28, 2006**
  Jefferson Guards District Meeting, immediately following workshop

- **February 11, 2006**
  Jefferson Davis/Letitia Ross District Meeting
  Wynlakes Country Club, Montgomery

- **February 18, 2006**
  Nathan Bedford Forrest District Meeting

- **February 25, 2006**
  Henry D. Clayton District Meeting
  Enterprise

- **March 4, 2006**
  General John H. Forney District Meeting

- **March 11, 2006**
  Mobile Bay District Meeting
  Spring Board, Richmond, VA

- **March 18, 2006**
  Joe Wheeler District Meeting
  Tuscaloosa

- **March 25, 2006**
  Bankhead District Meeting
  Tuscaloosa Country Club

- **April 22, 2006**
  Alabama Division CofC Convention
  Confederate Memorial Park

- **April 24, 2006**
  Confederate Memorial Day Program
  Capitol Steps, Montgomery, AL
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