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"A UDC DAUGHTER'S PLEDGE"

Paris Chapter No. 2521 of Paris, Tennessee prints this anonymous poem in every issue of their Chapter Yearbook. It would be appropriate to present to a new member or to read annually at the beginning of each Chapter year.

Jamie Likins, President General UDC 2012-2014

I'll be a good Daughter right from the start,
And serve my Chapter well with all my heart.
Be on time for all meetings and do my share,
To raise my Chapter's standards beyond compare.
I'll serve on committees where I'm needed most,
Entertain our guests graciously when my Chapter is their host.
I'll cooperate with my Officers and lend them a hand,
Show them that I think they are the best in the land.
Yes, I'll always be courteous, friendly and calm,
Not one of our Daughters would I want to harm.
I'll enjoy my Chapter to the fullest extent,
With the majority vote I'll be even content.
Remembering always the rule of the free:
"Do unto others as I'd have them do unto me."
If we live by this "Pledge", I believe our ancestor's Memory will be honored properly.
PART I – REQUIRED FORMATS FOR SPECIFIC EVENTS

Certain events and ceremonies of the UDC are to follow a prescribed format with specific wording, order and procedure. The formats printed in this section are for these specific events and ceremonies.

1. Order for Business Meetings

2. Opening Ritual

3. Installation of Officers

4. Format for Welcome and Historical Evening at Annual General Convention

5. Ceremonies of Bestowal and Presentations of UDC Awards
   - Awards presented by the Recorder General of Military Service Awards
     - Cross of Military Service
     - National Defense Medal
     - Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal
     - Certificate of Appreciation of Servicemen or Women
   - Awards presented by the Pioneers in Space Chairman
     - Pioneers in Space Medal
     - Pioneers in Space Certificate for Technical Achievement
   - Awards presented by the Meritorious Service Awards Chairman
     - Meritorious Service Award
   - Awards presented by the Vice President General
     - Winnie Davis Medal
     - Stonewall Jackson Medal
   - Awards presented by the Historian General
     - Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal
     - Jefferson Davis Historical Silver Medal
     - Mrs. Simon Baruch University Award
   - Awards presented by the Judah P. Benjamin Chairman
     - Judah P. Benjamin Award

6. Memorial Services
ORDER FOR BUSINESS MEETINGS

The Opening Ritual is used at Chapter Meetings and during the Opening Business Session at Annual General and Division Convention. The Ritual was prepared in 1904 by Mrs. J. D. Beale of Montgomery, Alabama. The Opening Ritual was adopted at the 1905 Annual General Convention. The Official Prayer of the UDC was composed by The Right Reverend Ellison Capers, Episcopal Bishop of South Carolina, who served as a Brigadier General in the Confederate States Army.

ORDER TO BE FOLLOWED:

1. Call to Order

2. Invocation by Chaplain

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

4. Singing of *The National Anthem* (*The Star Spangled Banner*)

5. Salute to the State Flag (at Division Conventions and Chapter meetings)

6. Singing of the Official State Song (at Division Conventions and Chapter meetings)

7. Salute to the Confederate Flag

8. Singing of *Dixie’s Land*

9. Opening Ritual and Official Prayer
OPENING RITUAL

President: Daughters of the Confederacy, this day we are gathered together in the sight of God, to strengthen the bonds that unite us in a common cause; to renew the vows of loyalty to our sacred principles; to do homage unto the memory of the gallant Confederate defenders, and to perpetuate the fame of their noble deeds unto succeeding generations. To this end we invoke the aid of our Lord. Hear my prayer, O God; attend unto my prayer.

Response: From the end of the earth will I cry unto Thee when my heart is overwhelmed; lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

President: For Thou, Lord, art good and ready to forgive and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee.

Response: Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications.

Official Prayer Composed by Bishop Ellison Capers, South Carolina

President: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we adore Thy love and providence in the history of our country, and especially would we thank Thee for our Confederate History.

We thank Thee for its pure record of virtue, valor, and sacrifice; and for the inspiring reflections that, despite its bitter disappointments and sorrow, it proclaims for us to all the world that we came through its years of trial and struggle with our battered shields pure, our character as a patriotic and courageous people un tarnished and nothing to regret in our defense of the rights and the honor of our Southland.

Give us grace, our Heavenly Father, faithfully to accept Thy will concerning us, and make us all to glorify Thee in a sincere obedience to Thy holy commandments, through the merits and mediation of Thy Son, our only Savior, Jesus Christ.

Response: Amen.

Lord’s Prayer Our Father, which art in Heaven, Hallowed by Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

President: And now by the authority in me vested as President General (or President of Division or President of Chapter) of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I do hereby declare this Convention (or meeting) open and ready for business.
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

A specific format has been developed for the installation of newly elected officers. This format is used on all levels of the Organization.

At the Annual General Convention, the newly elected General Officers enter individually in a processional prior to the beginning of the installation. As each Officer processes in, her State song is played. The newly elected General Officers are escorted to the platform and take their position on the front row. The President General-elect chooses the Installing Officer. Refer to the UDC Handbook, Chapter 10 – Protocol for details and additional information regarding the Installation Ceremony.

At the Division and Chapter this format can be adapted to meet the specific needs. Divisions may also choose to have a processional for the newly elected Division Officers. The Division President-elect chooses the Installing Officer.

**Installing Officer:** The United Daughters of the Confederacy is one of the greatest of organized women’s groups, an acknowledged asset in maintaining and promoting patriotic ideals. To be a member of this great Organization is to be allied with definitely constructive forces, and in this we can conceive of no greater opportunity for service.

So, Daughters, today we rejoice in our heritage. We rejoice in that we have the privilege to serve.

Before presenting you by name and office to this body, there are a few questions I wish to put to you as a group, and if you are in favor of them you will respond, “I do.”

Do you accept the responsibility of office in the United Daughters of the Confederacy?

Do you accept the action of this Convention (meeting) here assembled as a sincere effort to promote the objectives of the Organization?

Do you hereby pledge your wholehearted support, your time and active work to each and every measure so enacted?

**Installing Officer:** Introduce the new officers by name and office.
**Installing Officer:** To be elected to office in the United Daughters of the Confederacy is truly an honor. It is a sacred trust, for it is through you that a great part of the work that perpetuates the memory of the Confederate soldier is carried on.

Daughters, you have pledged yourselves to a great and beautiful work, and I bid you Godspeed.

To you, Delegates (members), a charge is given, a charge to cooperate with your officers, for much of their success depends on the Chapters (members).

God guide you each one, officers and coworkers.

May the coming year give you full fruition of your desired aims.

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At Annual General Convention, each retiring officer, with the exception of the President General, places the Official Sash on her successor at the end of the Installation Ceremony. Then, with proper ceremony and solemnity, so as to be the highlight of the ceremony, the retiring President General places the Presidential Yoke around the neck of the incoming President General. Afterwards, the incoming President General places the sash and Ex-President General’s pin on the outgoing President General.

At Annual Division Conventions or Chapters Where No Division meetings, the outgoing President places the sash and President’s pin (if applicable) on the incoming President. Afterwards, the incoming President General places the sash and Ex-President’s pin (if applicable) on the outgoing President.

On the Chapter level, the outgoing President places the President’s pin (if applicable) on the incoming President. Afterwards, the incoming President places the Ex-President’s pin (if applicable) on the outgoing President.
WELCOME AND HISTORICAL EVENING
AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL CONVENTION

The following agenda is used for Welcome and Historical Evening at Annual General Convention. Refer to the UDC Handbook, Chapter 10 – Protocol for details and additional information.

All Awards are listed in their order of precedence; the same order and format should be followed by Divisions and Chapters. Because there are so many possible awards, it is recommended that only selected ones be presented at a single event.

When the presentation of a Cross of Military Service is conducted in conjunction with other events, (i.e., Conventions or Chapter meetings, Lee/Jackson/Maury Dinners, Dedication or Memorial Services), the Ceremony of Bestowal for Crosses of Military Service shall always be FIRST in order. The presentation of Crosses of Military Service take precedence over any other Ceremonies of Bestowal or Presentation for Awards offered through the Organization. The Recorder of Military Service Awards assists the President in the presentation of the Military Service Awards on all levels. All other Awards and Medals are presented by the Presiding Officer with assistance from the appropriate Officer or Committee Chairman.

There should be an interlude of appropriate patriotic music to separate each type of Military Service Award, the Pioneers in Space Award and the Meritorious Service Award. Suggestions for patriotic music include any of the Armed Forces songs (i.e., As the Caissons Go Rolling Along or Anchors Aweigh), America, America the Beautiful and God Bless America. The number of verses to be sung or played should be determined by the overall length of the event.

At the Division Convention, the Historical Evening or Event may be adapted from the format used at the Annual General Convention. Divisions may conduct this event during the day or during the evening or divided into separate events each conducted by the Division Historian, Division Recorder of Military Service Awards or such other Officers and or Committee Chairmen as required.
SUGGESTED FORMAT HISTORICAL EVENING

1. Processional
2. Call to Order and Welcome by Convention Chairman
3. Invocation
4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
5. *The National Anthem* (*The Star Spangled Banner*)
6. Salute to the State Flag (at Division or Chapter functions)
7. State Song (at Division or Chapter functions)
8. Salute to the Confederate Flag
9. *Dixie’s Land*
10. Posting of the Colors
11. Presentation of the President General
12. Presentation of the Recorder General of Military Service Awards
13. Ceremony of Bestowal of Crosses of Military Service
14. Musical Interlude (appropriate patriotic music)
15. Ceremony of Bestowal of National Defense Medal
16. Musical Interlude (appropriate patriotic music)
17. Ceremony of Bestowal of Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal
18. Musical Interlude (appropriate patriotic music)
19. Ceremony of Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Servicemen or Women (Only on the Division and Chapter level.)
20. Recognition by Recorder General of families of recipients of Military Service Awards, Wearers of Military Service Awards, Ex-Recorders General and current Division Recorders of Military Service (at Division Convention, recognize current Chapter Recorders). Recognition is by groups, not individually by name.
21. Musical Interlude (appropriate patriotic music)
22. Presentation of the General Chairman of the Pioneers in Space Award Committee
23. Ceremony of Bestowal of Pioneers in Space Medal
24. Recognition of family of recipient of Pioneers in Space Medal
25. Musical Interlude (appropriate patriotic music)
26. Ceremony of Presentation of Pioneers in Space Certificate for Technical Achievement
27. Recognition of family of recipient of Pioneers in Space Certificate
28. Musical Interlude (appropriate patriotic music)
29. Presentation of the General Chairman of the Meritorious Service Award Committee
30. Ceremony of Bestowal of Meritorious Service Award
31. Recognition of family of recipient of Meritorious Service Award
32. Musical Interlude (appropriate patriotic music)
33. Welcome by Hostess Division President (at Division Convention, Hostess Chapter President)
34. Response from the United Daughters of the Confederacy
35. Greetings from other groups (such as government representative, CofC and SCV)
36. Presentation of General Officers, Ex-Presidents General, Honorary Presidents of General and Special Guests  
37. Presentation of Historian General  
38. Introduction of Guest Speaker by Historian General  
39. Address by Guest Speaker  
40. Recognition by Historian General of family of speaker, Ex-Historians General and current Division Historians (at Division Convention, recognize current Chapter Historians).  
41. Recognition is by groups, not individually by name.  
42. Presentation of other Awards (The Awards should be presented in a specific order by the appropriate Officer or Chairman. The President General presents the proper Officer or Chairman. After each Award, the Officer or Chairman asks the recipient’s family to stand and be recognized.)  
43. Ceremony of Bestowal of Winnie Davis Medal by the Vice President General  
44. Ceremony of Bestowal of Stonewall Jackson Medal by the Vice President General  
45. Ceremony of Bestowal of Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal by the Historian General  
46. Ceremony of Presentation of Mrs. Simon Baruch University Award by the General Committee Chairman (only awarded on the General level)  
47. Ceremony of Bestowal of Judah P. Benjamin Award by the General Committee Chairman  
48. Announcements by Convention Chairman  
49. Benediction  
50. Retiring of the Colors  
51. Recessional
CEREMONIES OF BESTOWAL FOR PRESENTATION OF UDC AWARDS

The Ceremony of Bestowal of each of the Military Service Awards and all other Medals, Awards and Certificates should follow a definite format when presented on the General, Division or Chapter level. Refer to the UDC Handbook, Chapter 10 – Protocol for details and additional information.

In addition to the format, a definite order of presentation should be followed. The order for the presentation of Awards is Cross of Military Service, National Defense Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal, Certificate of Appreciation to Servicemen and Women, Pioneers in Space Medal, Pioneers in Space Certificate for Technical Achievement, Meritorious Service Award, Winnie Davis Medal, Stonewall Jackson Medal, Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal, Mrs. Simon Baruch University Award (General level only in even years) and Judah P. Benjamin Award.

When presented at the same ceremony as other Medals or Awards, the Cross of Military Service is always FIRST as its presentation is the most solemn, dignified and revered of all UDC ceremonies.

Crosses of Military Service

The Presiding Officer is the President General, Division President or Chapter President. She is assisted by the Recorder of Military Service Awards on the corresponding level. The Ceremony of Bestowal for Crosses of Military Services shall be the first order of business at any program at which they are presented.

If more than one Cross is to be presented, the recipients are arranged by War (World War II, Korean War, Vietnam Conflict and Global War of Terror), then by military rank, beginning with the highest military rank, within each War. If the same rank, those recipients are arranged alphabetically. A retired Officer outranks an enlisted reserve Officer. If from different branches of Military Service, coordinate ranks, (i.e. a Navy Captain is equivalent in rank to an Army Colonel). If one recipient is receiving multiple Awards, he or she should receive the Award within each category, (i.e. World War II Cross and Korean Cross).

It is suggested that the Recorder use these ceremonies as a guide. She should prepare a detailed program or script for the Ceremony of Bestowal so that the ceremony runs smoothly and mistakes are not made. A practice session is recommended.

The Award is a Cross and certificate. A recipient may receive only one Cross for each War or Conflict. A lapel pin may be purchased for a living recipient.

A posthumous Award may be presented at the General Convention only if the recipient was alive when the Award was approved by General. Posthumous Awards may be presented by Divisions and Chapters unless otherwise dictated by their Bylaws. The name of the person accepting the
Award shall be listed on the application. The representative of the deceased person is not allowed to wear the Cross, but is encouraged to frame the Cross and certificate for display.

The President and Recorder should be at a podium with a microphone, if necessary. There should be a table with the Crosses and Certificates arranged in proper order. At a Convention, the recipients should be seated on the platform or in a row or section of honor. On the Chapter level, the recipients should be seated in a place of honor. When a recipient is introduced, he or she should be escorted to the podium by the Recorder, a Page or a Chapter member who has been assigned to assist with the Ceremony on the Chapter level.

The assembly will stand and be seated as directed. Applause is NOT permitted during the ceremony. Photographs are NOT permitted during the ceremony.

Please Note: Following the Ceremony of Bestowal, the recipient’s families are introduced by the Recorder and it is appropriate at this time to applaud the families.

Please Note: Photographs of recipients, President and Recorder (on the corresponding level) may be taken only at the end of the evening following the Benediction, Retiring of the Colors and the Recessional.

Agenda

All Ceremonies of Bestowal should follow this order.

1. Introductory Statement by the Presiding Officer
2. Introduction of Recorder of Military Service Awards by the Presiding Officer
3. Presentation of Recipients of Crosses of Military Service in the following Order;
   a. World War II
   b. Korean War
   c. Vietnam Conflict
   d. Global War on Terror
4. Reading of citation and individual information
5. Pinning of the Cross on the recipient by the Presiding Officer
6. Presiding Officer’s Statement of Bestowal
7. Presiding Officer’s Congratulatory Statement
8. Presiding Officer’s Closing Statement

The Ceremony of Bestowal for recipients unable to attend the ceremony as well as posthumous Awards should also follow in the above order.

Various formats for the Ceremonies of Bestowal can be found on the following pages.
Crosses of Military Service

Option 1: One Recipient, One Cross

Presiding Officer: As the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I am to bestow a Cross of Military Service upon one who, by faithful devotion and patriotic military service to country in time of War, has exemplified courage and loyalty which reflects honor upon (himself or herself) as well as upon their Confederate ancestor.

The Crosses of Military Service awarded by the United Daughters of the Confederacy are four in number and are the outgrowth of the Cross of Honor. They are: the World War II Cross of Military Service; second, the Korean War Cross of Military Service, third, the Vietnam Conflict Cross of Military Service and fourth the Global War on Terror Cross of Military Service. These decorations have been established as a testimonial to the patriotic devotion of worthy Confederate Soldiers or Sailors and their descendants.

Fortes creantur fortibus – The brave beget the brave.
(Pronounced for-taze cray-ahn-tour for-tea-bus, with the accent on the first syllable of each word.)

The United Daughters of the Confederacy has awarded the Cross of Military Service to one who will now be presented by ___________________________ (name of Recorder) the (Recorder General, Division Recorder or Chapter Recorder) of Military Service Awards for the Ceremony of Bestowal. The assembly will please stand.

The recipient is escorted to a position between the Presiding Officer and the Recorder of MSA, then faces the assembly.

Recorder of MSA: Madam President, I have the honor to present _____________________________ (name of recipient), who has been awarded _____________________________ (name of) Cross of Military Service No. ______ and who is now to receive the same at your hand. Will the assembly please be seated? The Award reads as follows:

The Recorder of MSA hands the Medal to the Presiding Officer, who places it on the recipient’s left chest while the Recorder of MSA reads the certificate in its entirety. After reading the certificate, she hands the certificate to the Presiding Officer who presents it to the recipient and shakes their hand.
**Presiding Officer:** By virtue of the power and authority vested in me as the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I have completed the Award just read by bestowing on you the ____________ *(name of)* Cross of Military Service.

I congratulate you upon this merited honor, and I express the hope that you may live long to wear this Cross which so fittingly typifies your connection to our United States Armed Forces, our beloved Southern Confederacy, and our great Organization.

**Presiding Officer:** This concludes the Bestowal of one of the most prized awards that the United Daughters of the Confederacy can give. It is the heartfelt tribute of Southern womanhood to those who proved worthy of their Confederate ancestry and who gladly and freely tendered their services and their lives to this great nation in times of stress and strife.
Crosses of Military Service

Option 2: One recipient, Multiple Crosses

Presiding Officer: As the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I am to bestow a Cross of Military Service upon one who, by faithful devotion and patriotic military service to country in time of War, has exemplified courage and loyalty which reflects honor upon (himself or herself) as well as upon their Confederate ancestor.

The Crosses of Military Service awarded by the United Daughters of the Confederacy are four in number and are the outgrowth of the Cross of Honor. They are: the World War II Cross of Military Service; second, the Korean War Cross of Military Service, third, the Vietnam Conflict Cross of Military Service and fourth the Global War on Terror Cross of Military Service. These decorations have been established as a testimonial to the patriotic devotion of worthy Confederate Soldiers or Sailors and their descendants.

Fortes creantur fortibus – The brave beget the brave.
(Pronounced for-taze cray-ahn-tour for-tea-bus, with the accent on the first syllable of each word.)

The United Daughters of the Confederacy has awarded the Cross of Military Service to one who will now be presented by __________________________ (name of Recorder) the (Recorder General, Division Recorder or Chapter Recorder) of Military Service Awards for the Ceremony of Bestowal. The assembly will please stand.

The recipient is escorted to a position between the Presiding Officer and the Recorder of MSA, then faces the assembly.

Recorder of MSA: Madam President, I have the honor to present (name of recipient), who has been awarded __________________________ (name of) Cross of Military Service No. _______ and who is now to receive the same at your hand. Will the assembly please be seated? The Award reads as follows:

The Recorder of MSA hands the Medal to the Presiding Officer, who places it on the recipient’s left chest while the Recorder of MSA reads the certificate in its entirety. After reading the
certificate, she hands the certificate to the Presiding Officer who presents it to the recipient and shakes their hand.

**Presiding Officer:** By virtue of the power and authority vested in me as the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I have completed the Award just read by bestowing on you the __________________________ (name of) Cross of Military Service.

I congratulate you upon this merited honor, and I express the hope that you may live long to wear these Crosses which so fittingly typify your connection to our United States Armed Forces, our beloved Southern Confederacy, and our great Organization.

The recipient is escorted back to their seat.

**Presiding Officer:** This concludes the Bestowal of one of the most prized Awards that the United Daughters of the Confederacy can give. It is the heartfelt tribute of Southern womanhood to those who proved worthy of their Confederate ancestry and who gladly and freely tendered their services and their lives to this great nation in times of stress and strife.

At this point, if the recipient is to receive additional Award(s), turn to the appropriate Ceremony of Bestowal. The Presiding Officers begins with the opening statement.

After all Awards have been presented, the recipient is escorted back to their seat.
Crosses of Military Service

Presiding Officer: As the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I am to bestow Crosses of Military Service upon those who, by faithful devotion and patriotic military service to country in time of War, have exemplified courage and loyalty which reflect honor upon themselves as well as upon their Confederate ancestors.

The Crosses of Military Service awarded by the United Daughters of the Confederacy are four in number and are the outgrowth of the Cross of Honor. They are: the World War II Cross of Military Service; secondly, the Korean War Cross of Military Service; and third, the Vietnam Conflict Cross of Military Service and last the Global War on Terror Cross of Military Service. These decorations have been established as a testimonial to the patriotic devotion of worthy Confederate Soldiers or Sailors and their descendants.

Fortes creantur fortibus – The brave beget the brave.
(Pronounced for-taze cray-ahn-tour for-tea-bus, with the accent on the first syllable of each word.)

The United Daughters of the Confederacy has awarded the Crosses of Military Service to those who will now be presented by ________________ (name of Recorder) the (Recorder General, Division Recorder or Chapter Recorder) of Military Service Awards for the Ceremony of Bestowal. The assembly will please stand.

Recorder of MSA: Madam President, I have the honor to present the following, who have been awarded Crosses of Military Service and who are now to receive the same at your hand.

The Recorder reads the names of each recipient in the order in which the Crosses will be presented and states the rank of the recipient. Each recipient stands at their seat as his or her name is called. After all names have been called, the Recorder of MSA proceeds by reading ONLY the citation on a certificate (no individual information as follows).
**Recorder of MSA:** Will the assembly please be seated? The Award reads as follows:

Each Award contains the following citation:

Whereas, the recipient faithfully and honorably served in the Armed Forces of this country in time of War, and whereas, he or she is a lineal descendant of a Confederate Soldier or Sailor who served honorably in the War Between the States; now, therefore, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, in appreciation of his or her patriotic devotion to Flag and Country, hereby awards to (him or her), through the __________________ (name of Chapter and or Division), the Cross of Military Service on this the ______day of__________, 2______. This Award is presented as a perpetual memorial to the fact that as a descendant of a Confederate Soldier or Sailor (he or she) proved worthy of (his or her) lineage. In witness whereof, is given this Certificate, duly signed and attested. ______________________________ (name of President General, Division President, or Chapter President) and ______________________________ (name of Recorder General, Division Recorder or Chapter Recorder) of Military Service Awards

**Recorder of MSA then begins with the individual presentation. Each recipient is presented individually in the correct order of rank. The first recipient is escorted to a position between the Presiding Officer and the Recorder of MSA, then faces the assembly.**

**Recorder of MSA:** Madam President, ________________ (name of) Cross of Military Service No. ____________ has been presented to __________________________ (name of recipient). The Award reads as follows:

The Recorder of MSA hands the Presiding Officer the cross of Military Service, who places it on the recipient’s left chest. The Recorder MSA reads only the recipient’s name, place of residence, rank, branch of service, relationship to ancestor and the ancestor’s name and unit. Afterward, the Recorder of MSA hands the certificate to the Presiding Officer who in turn presents it to the recipient and shakes their hand.
**Presiding Officer:** By virtue of the power and authority vested in me as the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I have completed the Award just read by bestowing on you the ____________________ (name of) Cross of Military Service.

*The first recipient is escorted to their seat.*

*The second recipient is escorted to a position between the Presiding Officer and the Recorder of MSA, then faces the assembly.*

**Recorder of MSA:** Madam President, ______________ (name of) Cross of Military Service No. __________ has been presented to ______________________________ (name of recipient). The Award reads as follows:

*The Recorder of MSA hands the Presiding Officer the cross of Military Service, who places it on the recipient's left chest. The Recorder MSA reads only the recipient’s name, place of residence, rank, branch of service, relationship to ancestor and the ancestor’s name and unit. Afterward, the Recorder of MSA hands the certificate to the Presiding Officer who in turn presents it to the recipient and shakes their hand.*

**Presiding Officer:** By virtue of the power and authority vested in me as the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I have completed the Award just read by bestowing on you the ____________________ (name of) Cross of Military Service.

*The second recipient is escorted to their seat.*

This process continues until all recipients have been presented the Cross of Military Service. After all Crosses have been awarded, the Presiding Officer will continue with the Congratulatory and Closing statements.
Presiding Officer: Will all the recipients please stand?

I congratulate each of you upon this merited honor, and I express the hope that you may live long to wear these Crosses which so fittingly typify your connection to our United States Armed Forces, our beloved Southern Confederacy, and our great Organization.

Presiding Officer: This concludes the Bestowal of one of the most prized Awards that the United Daughters of the Confederacy can give. It is the heartfelt tribute of Southern womanhood to those who proved worthy of their Confederate ancestry and who gladly and freely tendered their services and their lives to this great nation in times of stress and strife.
Crosses of Military Service  

Option 4: Recipient Not Present

If at all possible, recipients should be present for the Ceremony of Bestowal. But on some occasions, situations arise which prevent the recipient from being present. In these special situations, the following option should be used.

**Presiding Officer:** As the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I am to bestow a Cross of Military Service upon one who, by faithful devotion and patriotic military service to country in time of War, has exemplified courage and loyalty which reflects honor upon (himself or herself) as well as upon their Confederate ancestor.

The Crosses of Military Service awarded by the United Daughters of the Confederacy are four in number and are the outgrowth of the Cross of Honor. They are: the World War II Cross of Military Service; second, the Korean War Cross of Military Service, third, the Vietnam Conflict Cross of Military Service and fourth the Global War on Terror Cross of Military Service. These decorations have been established as a testimonial to the patriotic devotion of worthy Confederate Soldiers or Sailors and their descendants.

Fortes creantur fortibus – The brave beget the brave.  
(Pronounced for-taze cray-ahn-tour for-tea-bus,  
with the accent on the first syllable of each word.)

The United Daughters of the Confederacy has awarded the Cross of Military Service to one who will now be presented by __________________________ (name of Recorder) the (Recorder General, Division Recorder or Chapter Recorder) of Military Service Awards for the Ceremony of Bestowal. The assembly will please stand.

The recipient’s representative is escorted to a position between the Presiding Officer and the Recorder of MSA, then faces the assembly.
Recorder of MSA: Madam President, I have the honor to present __________________________ (name of representative) who is to receive _________________ (name of) Cross of Military Service No. ______ on behalf of ______________________ (name of recipient) who could not be present. Will the assembly please be seated? The Award reads as follows:

Recorder of MSA hands the Medal to the Presiding Officer, who in turn hands it to the recipient’s representative while the Recorder of MSA reads the certificate in its entirety. After reading the certificate, she hands the certificate to the Presiding Officer who presents it to the recipient’s representative and shakes their hand.

Presiding Officer: By virtue of the power and authority vested in me as a representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy I have given into your hands a Cross of Military Service and ask that you deliver it safely to (him or her) with sincere congratulations upon this merited honor and the wish that (he or she) may live long to wear this decoration which so fittingly typifies their connection to our United States Armed Forces, our beloved Confederacy and our great Organization.

The recipient’s representative is escorted to their seat.

Presiding Officer: This concludes the Bestowal of one of the most prized Awards that the United Daughters of the Confederacy can give. It is the heartfelt tribute of Southern womanhood to those who proved worthy of their Confederate ancestry and who gladly and freely tendered their services and their lives to this great nation in times of stress and strife.
Crosses of Military Service

Option 5: Posthumous Award

A posthumous Cross may be presented on the Chapter or Division level and may be presented at the General level only if the recipient was living at the time the Cross was approved.

Bestowals of Posthumous Awards should follow the Crosses of Military Service presented to living recipients.

Presiding Officer: As the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I am to bestow a Cross of Military Service upon one who, by faithful devotion and patriotic military service to country in time of War, has exemplified courage and loyalty which reflects honor upon (himself or herself) as well as upon their Confederate ancestor.

The Crosses of Military Service awarded by the United Daughters of the Confederacy are four in number and are the outgrowth of the Cross of Honor. They are: the World War II Cross of Military Service; second, the Korean War Cross of Military Service, third, the Vietnam Conflict Cross of Military Service and fourth the Global War on Terror Cross of Military Service. These decorations have been established as a testimonial to the patriotic devotion of worthy Confederate Soldiers or Sailors and their descendants.

Fortes creantur fortibus – The brave beget the brave.
(Pronounced for-taze cray-ahn-tour for-tea-bus, with the accent on the first syllable of each word.)

The United Daughters of the Confederacy has awarded the Cross of Military Service to one who will now be presented by ______________________ (name of Recorder) the (Recorder General, Division Recorder or Chapter Recorder) of Military Service Awards for the Ceremony of Bestowal. The assembly will please stand.

The representative is escorted to a position between the Presiding Officer and the Recorder of MSA, then faces the assembly.
Recorder of MSA: Madam President, I have the honor to present ________________ (name of representative), the ________________ (relationship to recipient) of ________________ (name of recipient) in whose behalf (he or she) will now receive the ________________ (name of) Cross of Military Service No. ________ at your hand. Will the assembly please be seated? The Award reads as follows:

Recorder of MSA hands the Medal to the Presiding Officer, who in turn hands it to the representative while the Recorder of MSA reads the certificate in its entirety. After reading the certificate, she hands the certificate to the Presiding Officer who presents it to the representative and shakes their hand.

Presiding Officer: It is a privilege to have presented this Cross which symbolizes a loyal devotion to duty and which has been earned by courage and bravery in the discharge of that duty. By virtue of the power and authority vested in me as a representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I have given into your hands for keeping the ________________ (name of) Cross of Military Service, and I ask that you keep it safe and treasure it.

The representative is escorted to their seat.

Presiding Officer: This concludes the Bestowal of one of the most prized Awards that the United Daughters of the Confederacy can give. It is the heartfelt tribute of Southern womanhood to those who proved worthy of their Confederate ancestry and who gladly and freely tendered their services and their lives to this great nation in times of stress and strife.
National Defense Medal  

Option 1: One Recipient, One Medal

The Presiding Officer is the President General, Division President or Chapter President. She is assisted by the Recorder of Military Service Awards on the corresponding level. An individual may receive only one National Defense Medal regardless of the number of Wars or Conflicts in which he or she participated. An individual may not receive a National Defense Medal for a War or Conflict when he or she is eligible for a Cross of Military Service.

The order of presentation would be Korean War, Vietnam Conflict, Persian Gulf and Global War on Terror; then by military rank (beginning with the highest rank) within the War or Conflict. The Award is a Medal and Certificate. A lapel pin may be purchased for a living recipient.

An appropriate interlude of patriotic music separates the awarding of National Defense Medals from the Ceremony of Bestowal of other Military Service Awards, Pioneers in Space Awards and Meritorious Service Awards.

Presiding Officer:  

As the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I am to bestow a National Defense Medal upon one who, by faithful devotion and patriotic Military Service to country in time of War or Conflict, has exemplified courage and loyalty which reflects honor upon (himself or herself) as well as upon their Confederate ancestor.

The National Defense Medal awarded by the United Daughters of the Confederacy was approved at the 1991 Annual General Convention in Irving, Texas. It is of bronze and features a seated “Liberty” flanked by the Flag of the United States of America and the First National Flag of the Confederacy and framed by laurel leaves. The Medal is suspended from the official red and white ribbon by the intertwined initials, “UDC”.

The National Defense Medal is a testimonial to the patriotic devotion of worthy Confederate Soldiers and Sailors and their lineal descendants who served in the United States Armed Forces during the Korean War or Vietnam Conflict but not on land or in airspace or waters contiguous thereto or during the Persian Gulf War (Desert Shield or Desert Storm) and the Global War on Terror. They have served where they were ordered, and we acknowledge their loyalty and patriotic devotion to our country.

Presiding Officer:  

The United Daughters of the Confederacy has awarded the National Defense Medal to one who will now be presented by __________________________ (name of Recorder) the (Recorder General, Division Recorder or Chapter Recorder) of Military Service Awards for the Ceremony of Bestowal. The assembly will please stand.
The recipient is escorted to a position between the Presiding Officer and the Recorder of MSA, then faces the assembly.

**Recorder of MSA:** Madam President, I have the honor to present ________________ (name of recipient) who has been awarded ________________ (type of Medal) National Defense Medal No. _______ and who is now to receive the same at your hand. Will the assembly please be seated?

The Recorder of MSA hands the Medal to the Presiding Officer, who places it on the recipient’s left chest while the Recorder of MSA reads the certificate in its entirety. After reading the certificate, she hands the certificate to the Presiding Officer who presents it to the recipient and shakes their hand.

**Presiding Officer:** By virtue of the power and authority vested in me as the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I have completed the awarding of the ________________ (type of Medal) National Defense Medal.

I congratulate you upon this honor which so fitfully typifies your connection with our United States Armed Forces, our beloved Southern Confederacy and our great Organization.

The recipient is escorted back to their seat.

**Presiding Officer:** This concludes the awarding of the National Defense Medal. The United Daughters of the Confederacy recognizes your contribution to our great nation.
National Defense Medal

Option 2: One recipient, Multiple Medals

Presiding Officer: As the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I am to bestow a National Defense Medal upon one who, by faithful devotion and patriotic Military Service to country in time of War or Conflict, has exemplified courage and loyalty which reflects honor upon (himself or herself) as well as upon their Confederate ancestor.

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The United Daughters of the Confederacy has awarded the National Defense Medal to one who will now be presented by ______________________ (name of Recorder) the (Recorder General, Division Recorder or Chapter Recorder) of Military Service Awards for the Ceremony of Bestowal. The assembly will please stand.

The recipient is escorted to a position between the Presiding Officer and the Recorder of MSA, then faces the assembly.
Recorder of MSA: Madam President, I have the honor to present ___________________________ (name of recipient), who has been awarded __________________ (type of Medal) National Defense Medal No. _______ and who is now to receive the same at your hand. Will the assembly please be seated? The Award reads as follows:

The Recorder of MSA hands the Medal to the Presiding Officer, who places it on the recipient’s left chest while the Recorder of MSA reads the certificate in its entirety. After reading the certificate, she hands the certificate to the Presiding Officer who presents it to the recipient and shakes their hand.

Presiding Officer: By virtue of the power and authority vested in me as the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I have completed the awarding of the __________________ (type of Medal) National Defense Medal.

I congratulate you upon this honor which so fittingly typifies your connection with our United States Armed Forces, our beloved Southern Confederacy and our great Organization.

This concludes the awarding of the National Defense Medal. The United Daughters of the Confederacy recognizes your contribution to our great nation.

At this point, if the recipient is to receive additional Award(s), turn to the appropriate Award presentation ceremony and the Presiding Officers begin with the opening statement. After all Awards have been presented, the recipient is escorted back to their seat.
National Defense Medal

Option 3: Multiple Recipients

**Presiding Officer:** As the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I am to bestow National Defense Medals upon those who, by faithful devotion and patriotic Military Service to country in time of War or Conflict, have exemplified courage and loyalty which reflect honor upon themselves as well as upon his their Confederate ancestors.

The National Defense Medal awarded by the United Daughters of the Confederacy was approved at the 1991 Annual General Convention in Irving, Texas. It is of bronze and features a seated “Liberty” flanked by the Flag of the United States of America and the First National Flag of the Confederacy and framed by laurel leaves. The Medal is suspended from the official red and white ribbon by the intertwined initials, “UDC”.

The National Defense Medal is a testimonial to the patriotic devotion of worthy Confederate Soldiers and Sailors and their lineal descendants who served in the United States Armed Forces during the Korean War or Vietnam Conflict but not on land or in airspace or waters contiguous thereto or during the Persian Gulf War (Desert Shield or Desert Storm) and the Global War on Terror. They have served where they were ordered, and we acknowledge their loyalty and patriotic devotion to our country.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy has awarded a National Defense Medals to those who will now be presented by ________________ (name of Recorder) the (Recorder General, Division Recorder or Chapter Recorder) of Military Service Awards for the Ceremony of Bestowal. The assembly will please stand.

**Recorder of MSA:** Madam President, I have the honor to present the following, who have been awarded ________________ (type of Medal) National Defense Medal and who are now to receive the same at your hand.

*The Recorder reads the names of each recipient in the order in which the Medals will be presented and states the rank of the recipient. Each recipient stands at their seat as his or her name is called. After all names have been called, the Recorder of MSA proceeds by reading ONLY the citation on a certificate (no individual information as follows).*
**Recorder of MSA:** Will the assembly please be seated? The Award reads as follows:

Each Award contains the following citation: “Whereas the recipient faithfully and honorably served in the Armed Forces of this country in time of war, and whereas he/she is a lineal descendant of a Confederate Soldier or Sailor who served honorably in the War Between the States; We, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, in appreciation of his/her patriotic devotion to Flag and Country, hereby award to him/her through the ______________________ (name of Chapter and Division) the National Defense Medal on this the ____________ day of ___________, 2_____. This Award is presented as a perpetual memorial to the fact that as a descendant of a Confederate Soldier or Sailor (he or she) proved worthy of (his or her) lineage. In witness whereof is given this Certificate, duly signed and attested, _________________ (Name of President General), President General, and _________________ (name of Recorder General), Recorder General of Military Service Awards.

*The Recorder of MSA then begins with the individual presentation. Each recipient is presented individually in the correct order of rank. The first recipient is escorted to a position between the Presiding Officer and the Recorder of MSA, then faces the assembly.*

**Recorder of MSA:** Madam President, the _______________ (type of Medal) National Defense Medal No. ________ has been presented to __________________________ (name of recipient). The Award reads as follows:

*The Recorder of MSA hands the Presiding Officer the cross of Military Service, who places it on the recipient’s left chest. The Recorder MSA reads only the recipient’s name, place of residence, rank, branch of service, relationship to ancestor and the ancestor’s name and unit. Afterward, the Recorder of MSA hands the certificate to the Presiding Officer who in turn presents it to the recipient and shakes their hand.*
**Presiding Officer:** By virtue of the power and authority vested in me as the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I have completed the Award just read by bestowing on you the _____________ (type of Medal) National Defense Medal.

The first recipient is escorted to their seat.

The second recipient is escorted to a position between the Presiding Officer and the Recorder of MSA, then faces the assembly.

**Recorder of MSA:** Madam President, the _______________ (type of Medal) National Defense Medal No. ______ has been presented to _______________________________ (name of recipient). The Award reads as follows:

The Recorder of MSA hands the Presiding Officer the cross of Military Service, who places it on the recipient's left chest. The Recorder MSA reads only the recipient’s name, place of residence, rank, branch of service, relationship to ancestor and the ancestor’s name and unit. Afterward, the Recorder of MSA hands the certificate to the Presiding Officer who in turn presents it to the recipient and shakes their hand.

**Presiding Officer:** By virtue of the power and authority vested in me as the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I have completed the Award just read by bestowing on you the _______________ (type of Medal) National Defense Medal.

The second recipient is escorted to their seat.

This process continues until all recipients have been presented the National Defense Medals. After all Medals have been awarded, the Presiding Officer will continue with the Congratulatory and Closing statements.
Presiding Officer: Will all the recipients please stand?

By virtue of the power and authority vested in me as the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I have completed the awarding of the National Defense Medal.

I congratulate each of you upon this honor which so fittingly typifies your connection with our United States Armed Forces, our beloved Southern Confederacy and our great Organization.

Presiding Officer: This concludes the awarding of the National Defense Medal. The United Daughters of the Confederacy recognizes your contribution to our great nation.
National Defense Medal  

Option 3: Multiple Recipients

**Presiding Officer:** As the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I am to bestow National Defense Medals upon those who, by faithful devotion and patriotic Military Service to country in time of War or Conflict, have exemplified courage and loyalty which reflect honor upon themselves as well as upon his their Confederate ancestors.

The National Defense Medal awarded by the United Daughters of the Confederacy was approved at the 1991 Annual General Convention in Irving, Texas. It is of bronze and features a seated “Liberty” flanked by the Flag of the United States of America and the First National Flag of the Confederacy and framed by laurel leaves. The Medal is suspended from the official red and white ribbon by the intertwined initials, “UDC”.

The National Defense Medal is a testimonial to the patriotic devotion of worthy Confederate Soldiers and Sailors and their lineal descendants who served in the United States Armed Forces during the Korean War or Vietnam Conflict but not on land or in airspace or waters contiguous thereto or during the Persian Gulf War (*Desert Shield or Desert Storm*) and the Global War on Terror. They have served where they were ordered, and we acknowledge their loyalty and patriotic devotion to our country.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy has awarded National Defense Medals to those who will now be presented by __________________________ (name of Recorder) the (Recorder General, Division Recorder or Chapter Recorder) of Military Service Awards for the Ceremony of Bestowal. The assembly will please stand.

**Recorder of MSA:** Madam President, I have the honor to present the following, who have been awarded ________________ (type of Medal) National Defense Medal and who are now to receive the same at your hand.

*The Recorder reads the names of each recipient in the order in which the Medals will be presented and states the rank of the recipient. Each recipient stands at their seat as his or her name is called. After all names have been called, the Recorder of MSA proceeds by reading ONLY the citation on a certificate (no individual information as follows).*
Recorder of MSA: Will the assembly please be seated? The Award reads as follows:

Each Award contains the following citation: “Whereas the recipient faithfully and honorably served in the Armed Forces of this country in time of war, and whereas he/she is a lineal descendant of a Confederate Soldier or Sailor who served honorably in the War Between the States; We, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, in appreciation of his/her patriotic devotion to Flag and Country, hereby award to him/her through the ________________________(name of Chapter and Division) the National Defense Medal on this the ____________ day of ___________, 2______. This Award is presented as a perpetual memorial to the fact that as a descendant of a Confederate Soldier or Sailor (he or she) proved worthy of (his or her) lineage. In witness whereof is given this Certificate, duly signed and attested, _________________ (Name of President General), President General, and _________________ (name of Recorder General), Recorder General of Military Service Awards.

The Recorder of MSA then begins with the individual presentation. Each recipient is presented individually in the correct order of rank. The first recipient is escorted to a position between the Presiding Officer and the Recorder of MSA, then faces the assembly.

Recorder of MSA: Madam President, the _____________ (type of Medal) National Defense Medal No. __________ has been presented to ____________________________ (name of recipient). The Award reads as follows:

The Recorder of MSA hands the Presiding Officer the cross of Military Service, who places it on the recipient’s left chest. The Recorder MSA reads only the recipient’s name, place of residence, rank, branch of service, relationship to ancestor and the ancestor’s name and unit. Afterward, the Recorder of MSA hands the certificate to the Presiding Officer who in turn presents it to the recipient and shakes their hand.
Presiding Officer: By virtue of the power and authority vested in me as the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I have completed the Award just read by bestowing on you the ________________ (type of Medal) National Defense Medal.

The first recipient is escorted to their seat.

The second recipient is escorted to a position between the Presiding Officer and the Recorder of MSA, then faces the assembly.

Recorder of MSA: Madam President, the ________________ (type of Medal) National Defense Medal No. ________ has been presented to ____________________________ (name of recipient). The Award reads as follows:

The Recorder of MSA hands the Presiding Officer the cross of Military Service, who places it on the recipient’s left chest. The Recorder MSA reads only the recipient’s name, place of residence, rank, branch of service, relationship to ancestor and the ancestor’s name and unit. Afterward, the Recorder of MSA hands the certificate to the Presiding Officer who in turn presents it to the recipient and shakes their hand.

Presiding Officer: By virtue of the power and authority vested in me as the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I have completed the Award just read by bestowing on you the ________________ (type of Medal) National Defense Medal.

The second recipient is escorted to their seat.

This process continues until all recipients have been presented the National Defense Medals. After all Medals have been awarded, the Presiding Officer will continue with the Congratulatory and Closing statements.
**Presiding Officer:** Will all the recipients please stand?

By virtue of the power and authority vested in me as the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I have completed the awarding of the National Defense Medal.

I congratulate each of you upon this honor which so fittingly typifies your connection with our United States Armed Forces, our beloved Southern Confederacy and our great Organization.

**Presiding Officer:** This concludes the awarding of the National Defense Medal. The United Daughters of the Confederacy recognizes your contribution to our great nation.
National Defense Medal

Option 4: Recipient Not Present

Presiding Officer: As the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I am to bestow a National Defense Medal upon one who, by faithful devotion and patriotic Military Service to country in time of War or Conflict, has exemplified courage and loyalty which reflects honor upon (himself or herself) as well as upon their Confederate ancestor.

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The National Defense Medal is a testimonial to the patriotic devotion of worthy Confederate Soldiers and Sailors and their lineal descendants who served in the United States Armed Forces during the Korean War or Vietnam Conflict but not on land or in airspace or waters contiguous thereto or during the Persian Gulf War (Desert Shield or Desert Storm) and the Global War on Terror. They have served where they were ordered, and we acknowledge their loyalty and patriotic devotion to our country.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy has awarded the National Defense Medal to one who will now be presented by __________________________ (name of Recorder) the (Recorder General, Division Recorder or Chapter Recorder) of Military Service Awards for the Ceremony of Presentation. The assembly will please stand.

The recipient’s representative is escorted to a position between the Presiding Officer and the Recorder of MSA, then faces the assembly.

Recorder of MSA Madam President, I have the honor to present __________________________ (name of recipient) who has been awarded _____________ (type of Medal) National Defense Medal No.___________ and who could not be present. Will the assembly please be seated? The Award reads as follows:

Recorder of MSA hands the Medal to the Presiding Officer, who in turn hands it to the recipient’s representative while the Recorder of MSA reads the certificate in its entirety. After

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reading the certificate, she hands the certificate to the Presiding Officer who presents it to the recipient’s representative and shakes their hand.

**Presiding Officer:** By virtue of the power and authority vested in me as a representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy I have given into your hands a ____________ (type of Medal) National Defense Medal and ask that you deliver it safely to (him or her) with sincere congratulations upon this merited honor and the wish that (he or she) may live long to wear this decoration which so fittingly typifies their connection to our United States Armed Forces, our beloved Confederacy and our great Organization.

*The recipient’s representative is escorted back to their seat.*

**Presiding Officer:** This concludes the awarding of the National Defense Medal. The United Daughters of the Confederacy recognizes your contribution to our great nation.
National Defense Medal

Option 5: Posthumous Award

Presiding Officer: As the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I am to bestow a National Defense Medal upon one who, by faithful devotion and patriotic Military Service to country in time of War or Conflict, has exemplified courage and loyalty which reflects honor upon (himself or herself) as well as upon their Confederate ancestor.

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The United Daughters of the Confederacy has awarded the National Defense Medal to one who will now be presented by ______________________ (name of Recorder) the (Recorder General, Division Recorder or Chapter Recorder) of Military Service Awards for the Ceremony of Presentation. The assembly will please stand.

Recorder of MSA Madam President, I have the honor to present ______________________ (name of representative), the ______________________ (relationship to the recipient) of ______________________ (name of recipient) who has been awarded ______________________ (type of Medal) National Defense Medal recipient, who has been awarded National Defense Medal No__________ and who is now to receive the same at your hand. Will the assembly please be seated? The Award reads as follows:
Recorder of MSA hands the Medal to the Presiding Officer, who in turn hands it to the representative while the Recorder of MSA reads the certificate in its entirety. After reading the certificate, she hands the certificate to the Presiding Officer who presents it to the representative and shakes their hand.

**Presiding Officer:** It is a privilege to have presented this Medal which symbolizes a loyal devotion to duty and which has been earned by courage and bravery in the discharge of that duty. By virtue of the power and authority vested in me as a representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I have given into your hands for keeping the ________________ (type of Medal) National Defense Medal, and I ask that you keep it safe and treasure it.

The representative is escorted back to their seat.

**Presiding Officer:** This concludes the awarding of the National Defense Medal. The United Daughters of the Confederacy recognizes your contribution to our great nation.
Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal

The Presiding Officer shall be the President General, Division President or Chapter President. She shall be assisted by the Recorder of Military Service Awards on the corresponding level. The Award is a Medal and Certificate. A lapel pin may be purchased for a living recipient.

An individual may receive only one Armed Services Expeditionary Service Medal regardless of the number of “Operations” in which he or she served. The order of presentation shall be by military rank, highest rank first. If there are two or more of the same rank, they are arranged alphabetically within the rank.

An interlude of appropriate patriotic music separates the awarding of Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medals from the Ceremony of Bestowal of other Military Service Awards, Pioneers in Space Awards and Meritorious Service Awards.

Presiding Officer: As the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I am to bestow the Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal upon one who, by faithful devotion and patriotic military service in time of need, has exemplified courage and loyalty which reflects honor upon (himself or herself) as well as upon their Confederate ancestor.

The Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal was approved in the 1995 Annual General Convention hosted by the District of Columbia to recognize men and women who served on active duty in the Armed Forces and who meet U.S. Presidential Requirements in Executive Order 10977, dated December 4, 1961. The bronze Medal features the Western Hemisphere supported by the Flag of the United States of America and the First National Flag of the Confederacy framed by laurel leaves.


The United Daughters of the Confederacy has awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal to one who will now be presented by ______________________ (name of Recorder) the (Recorder General, Division Recorder or Chapter Recorder) of Military Service Awards for the Ceremony of Presentation. The assembly will please stand.
The recipient is escorted to a position between the Presiding Officer and the Recorder of MSA, then faces the assembly.

**Recorder of MSA**

Madam President, I have the honor to present [name of recipient] who has been awarded Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal No. [award number] and who is now to receive the same at your hand. Will the assembly please be seated? The Award reads as follows:

The Recorder of MSA hands the Medal to the Presiding Officer, who places it on the recipient’s left chest while the Recorder of MSA reads the certificate in its entirety. After reading the certificate, she hands the certificate to the Presiding Officer who presents it to the recipient and shakes their hand.

**Presiding Officer:**

By virtue of the power and authority vested in me as the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I have completed the Award just read by bestowing on you the Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal.

I congratulate you upon this merited honor, and I hope that you live long to wear this Medal which so fittingly typifies your connection to our United States Armed Forces, our beloved Southern Confederacy, and our great Organization.

The recipient is escorted back to their seat.

**Presiding Officer:**

This concludes the awarding of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal. The United Daughters of the Confederacy recognizes your contribution to the safety and security of our nation.
Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal

Option 2: One Recipient
Multiple Crosses

Presiding Officer: As the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I am to bestow the Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal upon one who, by faithful devotion and patriotic military service in time of need, has exemplified courage and loyalty which reflects honor upon (himself or herself) as well as upon their Confederate ancestor.

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The United Daughters of the Confederacy has awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal to one who will now be presented by ______________________ (name of Recorder) the (Recorder General, Division Recorder or Chapter Recorder) of Military Service Awards for the Ceremony of Presentation. The assembly will please stand.

The recipient is escorted to a position between the Presiding Officer and the Recorder of MSA, then faces the assembly.

Recorder of MSA Madam President, I have the honor to present ______________________ (name of recipient) who has been awarded Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal No.__________ and who is now to receive the same at your hand. Will the assembly please be seated? The Award reads as follows:

The Recorder of MSA hands the Medal to the Presiding Officer, who places it on the recipient’s left chest while the Recorder of MSA reads the certificate in its entirety. After reading the
certificate, she hands the certificate to the Presiding Officer who presents it to the recipient and shakes their hand.

*Presiding Officer:* By virtue of the power and authority vested in me as the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I have completed the Award just read by bestowing on you the Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal.

I congratulate you upon this merited honor, and I hope that you live long to wear this Medal which so fittingly typifies your connection to our United States Armed Forces, our beloved Southern Confederacy, and our great Organization.

*Presiding Officer:* This concludes the awarding of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal. The United Daughters of the Confederacy recognizes your contribution to the safety and security of our nation.

At this point, if the recipient is to receive additional Award(s), turn to the appropriate Ceremony of Bestowal and the Presiding Officers then begins with the opening statement. After all Awards have been presented, the recipient is escorted back to their seat.


**Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal**

**Option 3: Multiple Recipients**

**Presiding Officer:** As the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I am to bestow the Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medals upon those who, by faithful devotion and patriotic military service in time of need, have exemplified courage and loyalty which reflect honor upon themselves as well as upon their Confederate ancestors.

The Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal was approved in the 1995 Annual General Convention hosted by the District of Columbia to recognize men and women who served on active duty in the Armed Forces and who meet U.S. Presidential Requirements in Executive Order 10977, dated December 4, 1961. The bronze Medal features the Western Hemisphere supported by the Flag of the United States of America and the First National Flag of the Confederacy framed by laurel leaves.


The United Daughters of the Confederacy has awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medals to those who will now be presented by ________________(name of Recorder) the (Recorder General, Division Recorder or Chapter Recorder) of Military Service Awards for the Ceremony of Presentation. The assembly will please stand.

**Recorder of MSA:** Madam President, I have the honor to present the following, who have been awarded Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medals and who are now to receive the same at your hand.

The Recorder reads the names of each recipient in the order in which the Medals will be presented and states the rank of the recipient. Each recipient stands at their seat as his or her name is called. After all names have been called, the Recorder of MSA proceeds by reading ONLY the citation on a certificate (no individual information as follows).
**Recorder of MSA:** Will the assembly please be seated? The Award reads as follows:

Each Award contains the following citation. “Whereas the recipient faithfully and honorably served in the Armed Forces of this country, and whereas he/she is a lineal descendant of a Confederate Soldier or Sailor who served honorably in the War Between the States; We, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, in appreciation of his/her patriotic devotion to Flag and Country, hereby award to him/her through the ________________ (name of Chapter and Division) the Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal on this the ________ day of_______, 2_____. This Award is presented as a perpetual memorial to the fact that as a descendant of a Confederate Soldier or Sailor (he or she) proved worthy of (his or her) lineage. In witness whereof is given this Certificate, duly signed and attested. ________________ (name of President General), President General, and ________________ (name of Recorder General), Recorder General of Military Service Awards.”

The Recorder of MSA then begins with the individual presentation. Each recipient is presented individually in the correct order of rank. The first recipient is escorted to a position between the Presiding Officer and the Recorder of MSA, then faces the assembly.

**Recorder of MSA:** Madam President, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal No. ____ has been presented to __________________________ (name of recipient). The Award reads as follows:

The Recorder of MSA hands the Presiding Officer the Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal, who places it on the recipient’s left chest. The Recorder MSA reads only the recipient’s name, place of residence, rank, branch of service, relationship to ancestor and the ancestor’s name and unit. Afterward, the Recorder of MSA hands the certificate to the Presiding Officer who in turn presents it to the recipient and shakes their hand.
**Presiding Officer:** By virtue of the power and authority vested in me as the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I have completed the Award just read by bestowing on you the Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal.

The first recipient is escorted to their seat.

The second recipient is escorted to a position between the Presiding Officer and the Recorder of MSA, then faces the assembly.

**Recorder of MSA:** Madam President, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal No. ______ has been presented to _________________________ (name of recipient). The Award reads as follows:

The Recorder of MSA hands the Presiding Officer the Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal, who places it on the recipient’s left chest. The Recorder MSA reads only the recipient’s name, place of residence, rank, branch of service, relationship to ancestor and the ancestor’s name and unit. Afterward, the Recorder of MSA hands the certificate to the Presiding Officer who in turn presents it to the recipient and shakes their hand.

**Presiding Officer:** By virtue of the power and authority vested in me as the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I have completed the Award just read by bestowing on you the Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal.

The second recipient is escorted to their seat.

This process continues until all recipients have been presented the Cross of Military Service. After all Crosses have been awarded, the Presiding Officer will continue with the Congratulatory and Closing statements.
**Presiding Officer:** Will all the recipients please stand?

By virtue of the power and authority vested in me as a representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy I have given into your hands a Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal and ask that you deliver it safely to *(him or her)* with sincere congratulations upon this merited honor and the wish that *(he or she)* may live long to wear this decoration which so fittingly typifies their connection to our United States Armed Forces, our beloved Confederacy and our great Organization.

**Presiding Officer:** This concludes the awarding of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal. The United Daughters of the Confederacy recognizes your contribution to the safety and security of our nation.
Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal

Option 4:
Recipient Not Present

Presiding Officer: As the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I am to bestow the Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal upon one who, by faithful devotion and patriotic military service in time of need, has exemplified courage and loyalty which reflects honor upon (himself or herself) as well as upon their Confederate ancestor.

The Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal was approved in the 1995 Annual General Convention hosted by the District of Columbia to recognize men and women who served on active duty in the Armed Forces and who meet U.S. Presidential Requirements in Executive Order 10977, dated December 4, 1961. The bronze Medal features the Western Hemisphere supported by the Flag of the United States of America and the First National Flag of the Confederacy framed by laurel leaves.


The United Daughters of the Confederacy has awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal to one who will now be presented by __________________________ (name of Recorder), the (Recorder General, Division Recorder or Chapter Recorder) of Military Service Awards for the Ceremony of Presentation. The assembly will please stand.

The recipient’s representative is escorted to a position between the Presiding Officer and the Recorder of MSA, then faces the assembly.

Recorder of MSA Madam President, I have the honor to present __________________________ (name of recipient) who has been awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal No.__________ and who could not be present. Will the assembly please be seated? The Award reads as follows:

Recorder of MSA hands the Medal to the Presiding Officer, who in turn hands it to the recipient’s representative while the Recorder of MSA reads the certificate in its entirety. After reading the certificate, she hands the certificate to the Presiding Officer who presents it to the recipient’s representative and shakes their hand.
Presiding Officer: By virtue of the power and authority vested in me as a representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy I have given into your hands a Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and ask that you deliver it safely to (him or her) with sincere congratulations upon this merited honor and the wish that (he or she) may live long to wear this decoration which so fittingly typifies their connection to our United States Armed Forces, our beloved Confederacy and our great Organization.

The recipient’s representative is escorted back to their seat.

Presiding Officer: This concludes the awarding of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal. The United Daughters of the Confederacy recognizes your contribution to the safety and security of our nation.
Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal

Option 5: Posthumous Award

Presiding Officer: As the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I am to bestow the Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal upon one who, by faithful devotion and patriotic military service in time of need, has exemplified courage and loyalty which reflects honor upon (himself or herself) as well as upon their Confederate ancestor.

The Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal was approved in the 1995 Annual General Convention hosted by the District of Columbia to recognize men and women who served on active duty in the Armed Forces and who meet U.S. Presidential Requirements in Executive Order 10977, dated December 4, 1961. The bronze Medal features the Western Hemisphere supported by the Flag of the United States of America and the First National Flag of the Confederacy framed by laurel leaves.


The United Daughters of the Confederacy has awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal to one who will now be presented by ______________________________ (name of Recorder) the (Recorder General, Division Recorder or Chapter Recorder) of Military Service Awards for the Ceremony of Presentation. The assembly will please stand.

The representative is escorted to a position between the Presiding Officer and the Recorder of MSA, then faces the assembly.

Recorder of MSA Madam President, I have the honor to present __________________________ (name of representative), The __________________________ (relationship to the recipient) of __________________________ (name of recipient) who has been awarded Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal No.__________ and who is now to receive the same at your hand. Will the assembly please be seated? The Award reads as follows:

Recorder of MSA hands the Medal to the Presiding Officer, who in turn hands it to the representative while the Recorder of MSA reads the certificate in its entirety. After reading the
certificate, she hands the certificate to the Presiding Officer who presents it to the representative and shakes their hand.

**Presiding Officer:** It is a privilege to have presented this Medal which symbolizes a loyal devotion to duty and which has been earned by courage and bravery in the discharge of that duty. By virtue of the power and authority vested in me as a representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I have given into your hands for keeping the Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal, and I ask that you keep it safe and treasure it.

The representative is escorted back to their seat.

**Presiding Officer:** This concludes the awarding of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal. The United Daughters of the Confederacy recognizes your contribution to the safety and security of our nation.
CEREMONY OF PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN

The Award is a Certificate and may be presented by Chapters or Divisions at their meetings or other appropriate events. It may be presented at the Annual General Convention at the discretion of the President General. Posthumous Awards are not allowed on any level. An individual may receive only one Certificate of Appreciation.

An interlude of appropriate patriotic music separates the presentation of other Crosses or Medals and the presentation of the Certificate of Appreciation.

**Presiding Officer:** The Certificate of Appreciation is awarded by the United Daughters of the Confederacy to those who are lineal descendants of Confederate Soldiers or Sailors and who have served honorably in the United States Armed Forces in time of peace and in places other than in areas of Conflict. They have served where they were ordered, and we wish to acknowledge their loyalty and service to our country and to recognize their faithful Confederate ancestors. The recipient will be presented by __________________________ (name of Recorder) the (Recorder General, Division Recorder or Chapter Recorder) of Military Service Awards for the Ceremony of Presentation. The assembly will please stand.

*The recipient is escorted to a position between the Presiding Officer and the Recorder of MSA, then faces the assembly.*

**Recorder of MSA:** Madam President, I have the honor to present __________________________ (name of recipient) who has been awarded the Certificate of Appreciation and who is now to receive the same at your hand. Will the assembly please be seated? The Award reads as follows:

*The Recorder of MSA reads the certificate in its entirety. After reading the certificate, she hands the certificate to the Presiding Officer who presents it to the recipient and shakes their hand.*
**Presiding Officer:** I congratulate you upon this merited honor which symbolizes a loyal devotion to duty and so fittingly typifies your connection to our United States Armed Forces, our beloved Southern Confederacy, and our great Organization.

The recipient is escorted back to their seat.

**Presiding Officer:** This concludes the Ceremony of Presentation of the Certificate of Appreciation to those who served honorably in the United States Armed Forces.
CEREMONY OF BESTOWAL
PIONEERS IN SPACE MEDAL

The Pioneers in Space Award is presented to lineal descendants of Confederate Soldiers who have participated in the U.S. Space Program and who have flown in space. The Award is a Medal and Certificate.

The Presiding Officer is the President General, Division President or Chapter President. She is assisted by the Chairman of the Pioneers in Space Committee on the corresponding level.

An interlude of appropriate patriotic music separates the presentation of other Crosses or Medals and the presentation of this Award. Refer to the UDC Handbook – Chapter 8, Awards and Medals for rules and qualifications.

Presiding Officer: As the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I am to bestow the Pioneers in Space Medal upon one who, by faithful devotion and patriotic service, has exemplified courage and loyalty which reflects honor upon (himself or herself) as well as upon their Confederate ancestor.

The Pioneers in Space Medal awarded by the United Daughters of the Confederacy is a testimonial to the patriotic devotion of worthy Confederate Soldiers and Sailors and their lineal descendants who, as part of the United States Space Program, have flown in space.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy has awarded the Pioneers in Space Medal to one who will now be presented by ____________________________ (name of Chairman) Chairman of the Pioneers in Space Committee for the Ceremony of Bestowal. The assembly will please stand.

The recipient is escorted to a position between the Presiding Officer and the Chairman, then faces the assembly.

Chairman: Madam President, I have the honor to present ____________________________ (name of recipient) who has been awarded the Pioneers in Space Medal and who is now to receive the same at your hand. Will the assembly please be seated? The Award reads as follows:

The Chairman hands the Medal to the Presiding Officer, who places it on the recipient’s left chest while the Chairman reads the certificate in its entirety. After reading the certificate, she
hands the certificate to the Presiding Officer who presents it to the recipient and shakes their hand.

**Presiding Officer:** By virtue of the power and authority vested in me as representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I have completed the Award just read by bestowing on you the Pioneers in Space Medal.

I congratulate you upon this merited honor which symbolizes a loyal devotion to the success of our nation’s exploration of space, our beloved Southern Confederacy, and our great Organization.

The recipient is escorted back to their seat.

**Presiding Officer:** This concludes the awarding of the Pioneers in Space Medal.
CEREMONY OF PRESENTATION OF PIONEERS IN SPACE CERTIFICATE FOR TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT

The Pioneers in Space Certificate for Technical Achievement is presented to lineal descendants of Confederate Soldiers who have participated in the U.S. Space Program but have not flown in Space. The Award is a certificate.

The Presiding Officer is the President General, Division President or Chapter President. She is assisted by the Chairman of the Pioneers in Space Committee on the corresponding level.

An interlude of appropriate patriotic music separates the presentation of other Crosses or Medals and the presentation of this Award. Refer to the UDC Handbook – Chapter 8, Awards and Medals for rules and qualifications.

Presiding Officer: The Pioneers in Space Certificate for Technical Achievement is awarded by the United Daughters of the Confederacy to those who are lineal descendants of Confederate Soldiers or Sailors and who have made significant technical contributions to the Space Program of the United States. We wish to acknowledge their contributions to our nation’s Space Program and their loyalty and service to our country and to recognize their Confederate ancestor.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy has awarded the Pioneers in Space Certificate for Technical Achievement to one who will now be presented by __________________________ (name of Chairman) Chairman of the Pioneers in Space Committee for the Ceremony of Presentation. The assembly will please stand.

The recipient is escorted to a position between the Presiding Officer and the Chairman, then faces the assembly.

Chairman: Madam President, I have the honor to present __________________________ (name of recipient) who has been awarded the Pioneers in Space Certificate for Technical Achievement and who is now to receive the same at your hand. Will the assembly please be seated? The Award reads as follows:

The Chairman reads the certificate in its entirety. After reading the certificate, she hands the certificate to the Presiding Officer who presents it to the recipient and shakes their hand.
Presiding Officer: By virtue of the power and authority vested in me as representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I have completed the Award just read by bestowing on you the Pioneers in Space Certificate for Technical Achievement.

I congratulate you upon this merited honor which symbolizes a loyal devotion to the success of our nation’s exploration of space.

The recipient is escorted back to their seat.

Presiding Officer: This concludes the awarding of the Pioneers in Space Certificate for Technical Achievement.
CEREMONY OF BESTOWAL
MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

The Meritorious Service Award must be in one of the following categories: a Collateral descendant of an eligible Confederate Soldier or Sailor or lineal or collateral blood descendant of an eligible ancestor who gave Civil Service to the Confederacy or provided Material Aid to the Cause. The Award is a Medal and Certificate.

The Presiding Officer is the President General, Division President or Chapter President. She is assisted by the Meritorious Service Award Committee Chairman on the corresponding level. Only one Award per individual shall be permitted. Refer to the UDC Handbook – Committee Manual Section, Meritorious Service Awards Manual for rules and qualifications.

Only one Meritorious Service Award may be presented at the Annual General Convention. However, multiple recipients are allowed on the Division and Chapter levels. Posthumous Awards are permitted. For posthumous presentation at Annual General Convention, the recipient must be living at the time the Award is approved by General.

An individual may not receive a Meritorious Service Award, if he or she is eligible for a Cross of Military Service, National Defense Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal or Pioneers in Space Medal.

The order of presentation is FIRST to current or former members of the military by rank (highest rank first and alphabetical within the rank if two or more of the same rank) and second to those who have flown in Space.

An appropriate interlude of patriotic music should separate the Ceremony of Bestowal for the Meritorious Service Award and that of the Military Service Awards or the Pioneers in Space Awards.
**Meritorious Service Award**

**Option 1: One recipient, One Award**

**Presiding Officer:** As the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I am to bestow the Meritorious Service Award upon one who by faithful devotion and patriotic military service to our Country in time of War or Conflict (and/or service to our Country through participation in the exploration of space) has exemplified courage and loyalty which reflect honor upon (himself or herself) as well as upon their Confederate ancestor.

The Meritorious Service Award was established at the 108th Annual General Convention in 2001 in Columbia, South Carolina. The bronze Medal in the shape of a shield has thirteen stars to represent the thirteen Confederate States. The words “Meritorious Service,” the Flag of the United States, the First National Confederate Flag and the dates 1861 – 1865 are surrounded by a laurel wreath symbolizing remembrance.

The Meritorious Service Award is a testimonial to individuals in the United States Armed Forces or the United States Space Program who are collateral descendants of worthy Confederate Soldiers or Sailors or who are lineal or collateral descendants of Confederate Civil Service workers or those who provided Material Aid to the Confederate Cause.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy has awarded the Meritorious Service Award to one who will now be presented by ______________________ (name of Chairman) Chairman of the Meritorious Service Award Committee for the Ceremony of Bestowal. The assembly will please stand.

The recipient is escorted to a position between the Presiding Officer and the Chairman, then faces the assembly.

**Chairman:** Madam President, I have the honor to present ______________________ (name of recipient) who has been awarded Meritorious Service Award No.________ and who is now to receive the same at your hand. Will the assembly please be seated? The Award reads as follows:

The Chairman hands the Medal to the Presiding Officer, who places it on the recipient’s left chest while the Chairman reads the certificate in its entirety. After reading the certificate, she hands the certificate to the Presiding Officer who presents it to the recipient and shakes their hand.
Presiding Officer: By virtue of the power and authority vested in me as the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I have completed the Award just read by bestowing on you the Meritorious Service Award.

I congratulate you upon this merited honor, which symbolizes your connection to our United States Armed Forces (or Space Program), our beloved Southern Confederacy, and our great Organization.

The recipient is escorted back to their seat.

Presiding Officer: This concludes the awarding of the Meritorious Service Award.
**Presiding Officer:**  As the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I am to bestow Meritorious Service Awards upon those who by faithful devotion and patriotic military service to our Country in time of War or Conflict (and/or service to our Country through participation in the exploration of space) has exemplified courage and loyalty which reflects honor upon (himself or herself) as well as upon their Confederate ancestor.

The Meritorious Service Award was established at the 108th Annual General Convention in 2001 in Columbia, South Carolina. The bronze Medal in the shape of a shield has thirteen stars to represent the thirteen Confederate States. The words “Meritorious Service,” the Flag of the United States, the First National Confederate Flag and the dates 1861 – 1865 are surrounded by a laurel wreath symbolizing remembrance.

The Meritorious Service Award is a testimonial to individuals in the United States Armed Forces or the United States Space Program who are collateral descendants of worthy Confederate Soldiers or Sailors or who are lineal or collateral descendants of Confederate Civil Service workers or those who provided Material Aid to the Confederate Cause.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy has awarded the Meritorious Service Award to one who will now be presented by ______________ (name of Chairman) Chairman of the Meritorious Service Award Committee for the Ceremony of Bestowal. The assembly will please stand.

**Chairman:**  Madam President, I have the honor to present the following, who have been awarded Meritorious Service Awards and who are now to receive the same at your hand.

*The Chairman reads the names of each recipient in the order in which the Medals will be presented and states the rank of the recipient. Each recipient stands at their seat as his or her name is called. After all names have been called, the Chairman proceeds by reading ONLY the citation on a certificate (no individual information as follows).*

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**Part 1**

**UDC Ritual**
Chairman: Will the assembly please be seated? The Award reads as follows:

Whereas, the recipient faithfully and honorably served in the Armed Forces of this country in time of War, and whereas, he or she is a lineal descendant of a Confederate Soldier or Sailor who served honorably in the War Between the States; now, therefore, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, in appreciation of his or her patriotic devotion to Flag and Country, hereby awards to (him or her), through the __________________________ (name of Chapter and or Division), the Meritorious Service Award on this the ______ day of ________, 2_______. This Award is presented as a perpetual memorial to the fact that as a descendant of a Confederate Soldier or Sailor (he or she) proved worthy of (his or her) lineage. In witness whereof, is given this Certificate, duly signed and attested. __________________________ (name of President General, Division President, or Chapter President) and __________________________ (name of Chairman) Chairman of the Meritorious Service Awards Committee

The Chairman then begins with the individual presentation. Each recipient is presented individually in the correct order of rank. The first recipient is escorted to a position between the Presiding Officer and the Chairman, then faces the assembly.

Chairman: Madam President, Meritorious Service Award No. _________ has been presented to ____________________________ (name of recipient). The Award reads as follows:

The Chairman hands the Presiding Officer the Medal, who places it on the recipient’s left chest. The Chairman reads only the recipient’s name, place of residence, rank, branch of service, relationship to ancestor and the ancestor’s name and unit. Afterward, the Chairman hands the certificate to the Presiding Officer who in turn presents it to the recipient and shakes their hand.
Presiding Officer: By virtue of the power and authority vested in me as the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I have completed the Award just read by bestowing on you the Meritorious Service Award.

The first recipient is escorted to their seat.

The second recipient is escorted to a position between the Presiding Officer and the Chairman, then faces the assembly.

Chairman: Madam President, Meritorious Service Award No. __________ has been presented to ___________________________ (name of recipient). The Award reads as follows:

The Chairman hands the Presiding Officer the Medal, who places it on the recipient’s left chest. Chairman reads only the recipient’s name, place of residence, rank, branch of service, relationship to ancestor and the ancestor’s name and unit. Afterward, the Chairman hands the certificate to the Presiding Officer who in turn presents it to the recipient and shakes their hand.

Presiding Officer: By virtue of the power and authority vested in me as the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I have completed the Award just read by bestowing on you the Meritorious Service Award.

The second recipient is escorted to their seat.

This process continues until all recipients have been presented the Meritorious Service Awards. After all Medals have been awarded, the Presiding Officer will continue with the Congratulatory and Closing statements.
**Presiding Officer:** Will all the recipients please stand?

By virtue of the power and authority vested in me as the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I have completed the Award just read by bestowing on you the Meritorious Service Award.

I congratulate you upon this merited honor, which symbolizes your connection to our United States Armed Forces (or Space Program), our beloved Southern Confederacy, and our great Organization.

**Presiding Officer:** This concludes the awarding of the Meritorious Service Award.
**Meritorious Service Medal**

**Option 3: Recipient Not Present**

**Presiding Officer:** As the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I am to bestow the Meritorious Service Award upon one who by faithful devotion and patriotic military service to our Country in time of War or Conflict (and/or service to our Country through participation in the exploration of space) has exemplified courage and loyalty which reflects honor upon (himself or herself) as well as upon their Confederate ancestor.

The Meritorious Service Award was established at the 108th Annual General Convention in 2001 in Columbia, South Carolina. The bronze Medal in the shape of a shield has thirteen stars to represent the thirteen Confederate States. The words “Meritorious Service,” the Flag of the United States, the First National Confederate Flag and the dates 1861 – 1865 are surrounded by a laurel wreath symbolizing remembrance.

The Meritorious Service Award is a testimonial to individuals in the United States Armed Forces or the United States Space Program who are collateral descendants of worthy Confederate Soldiers or Sailors or who are lineal or collateral descendants of Confederate Civil Service workers or those who provided Material Aid to the Confederate Cause.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy has awarded the Meritorious Service Award to one who will now be presented by ___________________________ (name of Chairman) Chairman of the Meritorious Service Award Committee for the Ceremony of Bestowal. The assembly will please stand.

The recipient’s representative is escorted to a position between the Presiding Officer and the Chairman, then faces the assembly.

**Chairman:** Madam President, I have the honor to present ___________________________ (name of recipient) who has been awarded Meritorious Service Award No._________ and who is now to receive the same at your hand. Will the assembly please be seated? The Award reads as follows:

The Chairman hands the Medal to the Presiding Officer, who hands it to the recipient’s representative while the Chairman reads the certificate in its entirety. After reading the certificate, she hands the certificate to the Presiding Officer who presents it to the recipient’s representative and shakes their hand.
**Presiding Officer:** By virtue of the power and authority vested in me as a representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy I have given into your hands a Meritorious Service Cross and ask that you deliver it safely to (him or her) with sincere congratulations upon this merited honor and the wish that (he or she) may live long to wear this decoration which so fittingly typifies their connection to our United States Armed Forces, our beloved Confederacy and our great Organization.

*The recipient’s representative is escorted back to their seat.*

**Presiding Officer:** This concludes the awarding of the Meritorious Service Award.
Meritorious Service Medal

**Option 4: Posthumous Award**

**Presiding Officer:** As the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I am to bestow the Meritorious Service Award upon one who by faithful devotion and patriotic military service to our Country in time of War or Conflict (and/or service to our Country through participation in the exploration of space) has exemplified courage and loyalty which reflects honor upon (himself or herself) as well as upon their Confederate ancestor.

The Meritorious Service Award was established at the 108th Annual General Convention in 2001 in Columbia, South Carolina. The bronze Medal in the shape of a shield has thirteen stars to represent the thirteen Confederate States. The words “Meritorious Service,” the Flag of the United States, the First National Confederate Flag and the dates 1861 – 1865 are surrounded by a laurel wreath symbolizing remembrance.

The Meritorious Service Award is a testimonial to individuals in the United States Armed Forces or the United States Space Program who are collateral descendants of worthy Confederate Soldiers or Sailors or who are lineal or collateral descendants of Confederate Civil Service workers or those who provided Material Aid to the Confederate Cause.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy has awarded the Meritorious Service Award to one who will now be presented by ______________________ (name of Chairman) Chairman of the Meritorious Service Award Committee for the Ceremony of Bestowal. The assembly will please stand.

The representative is escorted to a position between the Presiding Officer and the Chairman, then faces the assembly.

**Chairman**

Madam President, I have the honor to present ______________________ (name of representative), the ______________________ (relationship to the recipient) of ______________________ (name of recipient) who has been awarded Meritorious Service Award Medal No.____________ and who is now to receive the same at your hand. Will the assembly please be seated? The Award reads as follows:

The Chairman hands the Medal to the Presiding Officer, who presents it to the representative while the Chairman reads the certificate in its entirety. After reading the certificate, she hands the certificate to the Presiding Officer who presents it to the representative and shakes their hand.
*Presiding Officer:* It is a privilege to have presented this Medal which symbolizes a loyal devotion to duty and which has been earned by courage and bravery in the discharge of that duty. By virtue of the power and authority vested in me as a representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I have given into your hands for keeping the Meritorious Service Medal, and I ask that you keep it safe and treasure it.

*The representative is escorted back to their seat.*

*Presiding Officer:* This concludes the awarding of the Meritorious Service Award.
CEREMONY OF PRESENTATION
MERITORIOUS SERVICE CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

The Meritorious Service Certificate of Recognition may be presented to individuals by Divisions or Chapters at their meetings or other UDC events. It is presented on the General level at the discretion of the President General.

The Presiding Officer is the President General, Division President or Chapter President. She is assisted by the Chairman of the Meritorious Service Awards Committee on the corresponding level. Refer to the UDC Handbook – Committee Manual, Meritorious Service Medal Manual for rules and qualifications.

An interlude of appropriate patriotic music should separate the presentation of the Military Service Awards, Pioneers in Space Awards and the Meritorious Service Awards. If presented in the same program, the presentation of the Meritorious Service Certificate of Recognition should follow the Ceremony of Bestowal of the Meritorious Service Medal.

**Presiding Officer:** The Meritorious Service Certificate of Recognition is awarded by the United Daughters of the Confederacy to those individuals who have served honorably in the United States Armed Forces in time of peace and in places other than in areas of Conflict or to those who have made significant technical contributions to the Space Program of the United States. The recipients must be either a collateral descendant of worthy Confederate Soldiers or Sailors or a lineal or collateral descendant of Confederate Civil Service workers or those who provided Material Aid to the Confederate Cause. We acknowledge their loyalty and service to our Country and recognize their faithful Confederate ancestors.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy has awarded the Meritorious Service Certification of Recognition to one who will now be presented by __________________________ (name of Chairman) Chairman of the Meritorious Service Award Committee for the Ceremony of Bestowal. The assembly will please stand.

The recipient is escorted to a position between the Presiding Officer and the Chairman, then faces the assembly.

**Chairman:** Madam President, I have the honor to present __________________________ (name of recipient) who has been awarded the Meritorious Service Certificate of Recognition and who is now to receive the same at your hand. Will the assembly please be seated? The Award reads as follows:

The Chairman reads the certificate in its entirety. Afterward, she hands the certificate to the Presiding Officer who in turn presents it to the recipient and shakes their hand.
Presiding Officer: I congratulate you upon this merited honor, which symbolizes your connection to our United States Armed Forces (or Space Program), our beloved Southern Confederacy, and our great Organization.

The recipient is escorted back to their seat.

Presiding Officer: This concludes the awarding of the Meritorious Service Certificate of Recognition.
CEREMONY OF BESTOWAL
WINNIE DAVIS MEDAL

The Winnie Davis Award is a Medal and Certificate presented only to deserving UDC members. It may be presented at any UDC event.

The Presiding Officer is the President General, Division President or Chapter President. She is assisted by the Vice President on the corresponding level. Refer to the UDC Handbook – Officer Manual, Vice President’s Manual for rules of eligibility.

Presiding Officer: The Winnie Davis Medal is awarded by the United Daughters of the Confederacy to honor members of the Organization and to express appreciation to them for their contributions beyond the required duties, excluding the realm of history. The Medal is named for Varina Anne Davis, called “Winnie” by her family. She was the youngest child of Jefferson and Varina Davis. Winnie was introduced in April 1886 by General John B. Gordon to a group of Veterans in Georgia as “The Daughter of the Confederacy”. In Miss Davis’ frequent public appearances during her short lifetime, she presented with great fervor the objectives of the Confederate Veterans and the United Daughters of the Confederacy. The education of Southern children was one of her personal objectives as well. The Organization recognizes the zeal of Miss Davis by presenting deserving members the Winnie Davis Medal.

The design and Award was adopted at the 94th Annual General Convention in 1987 at Nashville, Tennessee. The gold oval-shaped Medal bears the name and profile of Winnie Davis and is bordered with laurel leaves tied with a ribbon bow bearing the numbers 61-65. The words “Daughter of the Confederacy” complete the frame above the profile. The ribbon bow, lettering and profile are highly polished against a burnished gold background.

As the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I am to bestow the Winnie Davis Medal on one who has observed the objectives of the Organization and who, by her excellent work, has served the Organization above and beyond the requirements of membership. The recipient will be presented by _______________________, (name of Vice President), the (Vice President General, Division Vice President or Chapter Vice President) for the Ceremony of Bestowal. The assembly will please stand.

The recipient is escorted to a position between the Presiding Officer and Vice President, then faces the assembly.
**Vice President:** Madam President, I have the honor to present ________________________________ (name of recipient) who has been awarded the Winnie Davis Medal. Will the assembly please be seated?

The Award reads as follows:

*The Vice President reads the certificate in its entirety and the reasons why the recipient is receiving the Award. Afterward, she hands the Medal to the Presiding Officer, who places it on the recipient’s left chest. The Vice President hands the certificate to the Presiding Officer who in turn presents it to the recipient and shakes their hand.*

**Presiding Officer:** On behalf of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I congratulate you for your outstanding contributions which reflect the purpose of this Organization and this Award. It is our strong desire that you will live long to wear this Medal and to continue to observe the high aims and purposes of our Organization.

*The recipient is escorted back to their seat.*

**Presiding Officer:** This concludes the awarding of the Winnie Davis Medal.
CEREMONY OF BESTOWAL
STONEWALL JACKSON MEDAL

The Stonewall Jackson Award is a Medal and Certificate. It is presented to any deserving and qualified person who is NOT a member of the UDC. The Award is given for outstanding contributions and dedication (not historical in nature) to the Organization. Confederate ancestry is not a requirement. This Award may be presented at any UDC event.

The Presiding Officer is the President General, Division President or Chapter President. She is assisted by the Vice President on the corresponding level. Refer to the UDC Handbook – Officer Manual, Vice President’s Manual for rules of eligibility.

Presiding Officer: There are times that we as Chapters, Divisions and General have benefited from the outstanding service and contributions to our Organization by those who are not members of the UDC. Their support of our endeavors has enabled us to achieve our goals and accomplish the duties and obligations of our commitment to the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

At the 108th Annual General Convention in Columbia, South Carolina, the Daughters approved the Stonewall Jackson Medal. The approval of this Medal named for General Thomas Jonathan Jackson, better known as “Stonewall Jackson”, allows us to express our appreciation to those individuals and acknowledge their contributions and dedication to our organization.

The round gold Medal bears the profile of “Stonewall” surrounded by the letters U. D. C. and his name.

As the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I am to bestow the Stonewall Jackson Medal on one who has endeavored to support and has contributed significantly to the activities or our Organization excluding the realm of history. The recipient will be presented by ________________________, (name of Vice President), the (Vice President General, Division Vice President or Chapter Vice President) for the Ceremony of Bestowal. The assembly will please stand.

The recipient is escorted to a position between the Presiding Officer and Vice President, then faces the assembly.
Madam President, I have the honor to present __________________________ (name of recipient) who has been awarded the Stonewall Jackson Medal and is now to receive it at your hand. Will the assembly please be seated? The certificate is as follows:

The Vice President reads the certificate in its entirety and the reasons why the recipient is receiving the Award. Afterward, she hands the Medal to the Presiding Officer, who places it on the recipient's left chest. The Vice President hands the certificate to the Presiding Officer who in turn presents it to the recipient and shakes their hand.

I congratulate you upon this honor which so fittingly typifies your love of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. I thank you for your outstanding contributions and for your interest and support as we endeavor to accomplish our commitment to our Organization.

The recipient is escorted back to their seat.

This concludes the awarding of the Stonewall Jackson Medal.
CEREMONY OF BESTOWAL
JEFFERSON DAVIS HISTORICAL GOLD MEDAL

The Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Award is a Medal and Certificate. It is the highest non-lineage Award presented by the Organization to a member or non-member adult. The Award may be presented at any UDC event.

The Presiding Officer is the President General, Division President or Chapter President. She is assisted by the Historian on the corresponding level. Refer to the UDC Handbook – Officer Manual, Historian General’s Manual for rules and qualifications.

Presiding Officer: The Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal is awarded by the United Daughters of the Confederacy for excellence in history, essay writing, declamation and other points of special attainment in keeping with the historical aims and purposes of the Organization.

The Medal design was adopted at the Annual General Convention in Los Angeles, California, in 1941 as presented by Mrs. John L. Heiss, Historian General, and her committee composed of Division Historians. The concept of this Award was presented by Mrs. Robert P. Sweeney of Atlanta, Georgia. The Medal is designed with a red enamel Maltese Cross in the center, bearing the UDC monogram surrounded by a circular band of white enamel. Etched above the cross is Jefferson Davis’ famous clarion command at Buena Vista, “Stand Fast”, and below the cross is the phrase of no less important meaning to those with Confederate ancestors, “Our Heritage”. The Medal is encircled with a hero’s wreath of laurel leaves in gold.

As the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I am to Award the Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal to one who has fulfilled the requirements for this Medal. The recipient will be presented by __________________________ (name of Historian) the (Historian General, Division Historian or Chapter Historian) for the Ceremony of Bestowal. The assembly will please stand.

The recipient is escorted to a position between the Presiding Officer and Historian, then faces the assembly.
**Historian:** Madam President, I have the honor to present __________________________ (name of recipient) who is to receive the Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal at your hand. Will the assembly please be seated? The Award reads as follows:

*The Historian reads the certificate in its entirety and the reasons why the recipient is receiving the Award. Afterward, she hands the Medal to the Presiding Officer, who places it on the recipient’s left chest. The Historian hands the certificate to the Presiding Officer who in turn presents it to the recipient and shakes their hand.*

**Presiding Officer:** I congratulate you upon receiving this Award, and on behalf of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, commend you for the work that you performed to earn it. We hope that you will live long to wear this Medal and to continue your meritorious work reflecting the purpose for this Award.

*The recipient is escorted to their seat.*

*Please Note: If multiple recipients, the Historian presents each recipient individually. The Historian reads the certificate for each recipient and the Presiding Officer presents the Medal and Certificate to them individually. After all recipients have received their Medals and certificates, the Presiding Officer concludes the Ceremony of Bestowal by reading the congratulatory statement.*
CEREMONY OF BESTOWAL

JEFFERSON DAVIS HISTORICAL SILVER MEDAL

The Jefferson Davis Historical Silver Medal is a Medal and Certificate presented to school-age children who excel in the preservation of Confederate history. It is given for projects that further the Historical Objectives of the Organization and may include, but not limited to, awards for school essay contests.

When presented at a school or UDC event, the President and/or Historian is the Presiding Officer. Refer to the UDC Handbook – Officer Section, Historian General’s Manual for rules and qualifications.

**Presiding Officer:** The Jefferson Davis Historical Silver Medal is the highest Award bestowed by the United Daughters of the Confederacy upon school-age children. It recognizes outstanding achievement in the study or presentation of Confederate history by writing, publishing, scholarship, research or the performing arts.

The Medal is named in honor of the Confederacy’s only President, Jefferson Davis. The Medal is a silver disk surrounded by a wreath of laurel leaves. In the center is a red enamel Maltese Cross bearing the UDC monogram. A band of white enamel that encircles the Cross contains the phrases “Stand Fast and Our Heritage”. “Stand Fast” was Jefferson Davis’s famous clarion command at the Mexican War battle at Buena Vista. It further exemplifies the manner in which he, as President of the Confederate States of America, stood fast to the principles and ideals of the Confederacy even in the face of difficulties and discouragement. The recipient of this Jefferson Davis Historical Silver Medal has demonstrated the spirit of the words “Our Heritage” by standing fast to present the true history of the Confederacy and to preserve its heritage.

It is an honor and a pleasure to present the Jefferson Davis Historical Silver Medal to ______________________ (name of recipient) for ______________________ (describe reason for Award). The ____________________ (name of Chapter or Division) is proud to recognize you for your work and activities in promoting a better understanding of the history of the Confederacy.

*The Presiding Officer places the Medal on the recipient’s left chest, presents the certificate and shakes the recipient’s hand. The recipient is then escorted back to their seat.*

**Presiding Officer:** This concludes the awarding of the Jefferson Davis Silver Medal.
CEREMONY FOR BESTOWAL
SIDNEY LANIER MEDAL

The Sidney Lanier Medal is named for the Confederate soldier, writer, poet and musician Sidney Lanier (1842-1881). It is awarded through the office of the Historian General to adults for outstanding contributions in furthering the teaching and preservation of Confederate history through the performing arts. The work must be original. It must have been written and performed by the recipient.

The Presiding Officer is the President General, Division President or Chapter President. She is assisted by the Historian on the corresponding level. Refer to the UDC Handbook – Officer Manual, Historian General’s Manual for rules and qualifications.

Presiding Officer: The Sidney Lanier Medal and certificate is awarded to adults by the United Daughters of the Confederacy for outstanding contributions in furthering the teaching and preservation of Confederate history through the performing arts. All work must be original and must be written and performed by the recipient and must be in keeping with the historical aims and purposes of the Organization.

The gold oval-shaped Medal bears the words “Sidney Lanier Award” at the top and the letters “UDC” at the bottom. In the center of the Medal is a music note with a mask on each side representing the creative arts of comedy and tragedy. The Medal was adopted at the 115th Annual General Convention held in Richmond, Virginia.

As the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I am to award the Sidney Lanier Medal to one who has fulfilled the requirements for this Medal. The recipient will be presented by __________________________ (name of Historian). Would the assembly please stand?

The recipient is escorted to a position between the Presiding Officer and Historian, then faces the assembly.

Historian: Madam President, I have the honor to present __________________________ (name of recipient) who is to receive the Sidney Lanier Medal at your hand. Will the assembly please be seated? The Award reads as follows:
The Historian reads the certificate in its entirety and the reasons why the recipient is receiving the Award. Afterward, she hands the Medal to the Presiding Officer, who places it on the recipient’s left chest. The Historian hands the certificate to the Presiding Officer who in turn presents it to the recipient and shakes their hand.

**Presiding Officer:** I congratulate you upon receiving this award. On behalf of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I commend you for the work that you performed to earn it. We hope that you will live long to wear this Medal.

The recipient is escorted to their seat.

Please Note: If multiple recipients, the Historian presents each recipient individually. The Historian reads the certificate for each recipient and the Presiding Officer presents the Medal and Certificate to them individually. After all recipients have received their Medals and certificates, the Presiding Officer concludes the Ceremony of Bestowal by reading the congratulatory statement.
CEREMONY OF PRESENTATION
MRS. SIMON BARUCH UNIVERSITY AWARD

The Mrs. Simon Baruch University Award is a publication grant and a personal monetary Award for an author of an unpublished manuscript on the topic of the Confederacy. The Award may only be given biennially at the Annual General Convention. There is no required format for the presentation of this Award.

The Presiding Officer is the President General. She is assisted by the Chairman of the Mrs. Simon Baruch University Award Committee. Refer to the UDC Handbook – Chapter 8, Awards and Medals for rules and Qualifications.

The recipient is escorted to a position between the Presiding Officer and Chairman, then faces the assembly.

The Chairman introduces the recipient to the assembly. The Chairman gives a description of the Award and the recipient’s work. The President General presents the certificate and check.

The recipient is escorted back to their seat.
The Judah P. Benjamin Award is a Medal and Certificate presented to a member or non-member regardless of lineage or UDC membership. The Award may be presented at any UDC event.

The Presiding Officer is the President General, Division President or Chapter President. She is assisted by the Chairman of the Judah P. Benjamin Award Committee on the corresponding level. The Award was approved at the Annual General Convention in 2001. Refer to the UDC Handbook – Chapter 8, Awards and Medals for rules and qualifications.

Presiding Officer: The objectives of the United Daughters of the Confederacy are Historical, Educational, Benevolent, Memorial, and Patriotic. In keeping with these objectives, this Award is given in memory of the contributions of the great Confederate statesman Judah P. Benjamin and to honor individuals for their outstanding civic, conservation, educational, environmental, humanitarian, or patriotic endeavors and achievements not necessarily related to the Confederacy. By recognizing worthy men and women, the Organization exhibits our love of country and our commitment to help make our nation great.

As the representative of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, I am to present the Judah P. Benjamin Award to one who has made significant contributions to the United States of America by their efforts. The recipient will be presented by ______________, (name of Chairman) Chairman of the Judah P. Benjamin Award Committee for the Ceremony of Bestowal. The assembly will please stand.

The recipient is escorted to a position between the Presiding Officer and Vice President, then faces the assembly.

Chairman: Madam President, I have the honor to present ______________ (name of recipient) who has been awarded the Judah P. Benjamin Award and who is now to receive the same at your hand. Would the assembly please be seated? The Award reads as follows:

The Chairman reads the certificate in its entirety and the reasons why the recipient is receiving the Award. Afterward, she hands the Medal to the Presiding Officer, who places it on the recipient’s left chest. The Chairman hands the certificate to the Presiding Officer who in turn presents it to the recipient and shakes their hand.
Presiding Officer: I congratulate you upon this honor which so fittingly typifies your love of this great nation. We pray that you will continue in your efforts and that you will live long to carry out your good works.

The recipient is escorted to their seat.

Presiding Officer: This concludes the awarding of the Judah P. Benjamin Award.
MEMORIAL SERVICE

The format for Memorial Service should follow that used for the Memorial Service at Annual General and Division Conventions. UDC members should give the Memorials.

At the Annual General Convention, during the Roll Call of States, each Division and Chapter Where No Division President rises and gives the number of deceased members in her Division or Chapter Where No Division. Members should stand when their Division or Chapter Where No Division is called. All members stand for a Memorial to Ex-Presidents General and Honorary Presidents of General.

At the Division Memorial Services, Chapters are called during the Roll Call. The Chapter President gives the number of deceased members in her Chapter. Members should stand when their Chapter is called. All members stand for a Memorial to Ex-Division Presidents and Honorary Division Presidents. The Presiding Officer at the Annual Division Convention is the Division Chaplain.

Agenda

Organ Prelude

Hymn

Call to Service

Presiding Officer: Man asked life of Thee and Thou gavest it him even length of days forever and ever. His struggles in mortal combat are indicative of man’s will to live. Let us recall that His influence can long outlive the life that sheds it, that much of this world’s work is being done by the departed, that among all the forces of the earth there is none more potent than that of those we call dead.

Prayer (in unison): Almighty God with whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord, we give Thee hearty thanks for the good examples of all those Thy servants who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labors. We beseech Thee to grant them continual growth in Thy love and service, and to give us grace to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of Thy Heavenly Kingdom, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.
Responsive Reading: Psalm 27: 4-6 *(Other appropriate scripture readings may be used.)*

Presiding Officer: “One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require.

Response: Even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit His temple.

Presiding Officer: For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His tabernacle;

Response: Yea, in the secret place of His dwelling shall He hide me, and set me upon a rock of stone.”

Presiding Officer: And now shall He lift up mine head.

Response: Above mine enemies round about me.

Presiding Officer: Therefore will I offer in His dwelling an oblation, with great gladness.

Response: I will sing and speak praises unto the Lord.

Memorials: To Confederate Soldiers and Sailors
To Veterans of All Wars
To Division Presidents
To Daughters of the Confederacy

Presiding Officer: Almighty God, we remember this day before Thee Thy faithful servants, and we pray that having opened to them the gates of larger life, Thou wilt receive them more and more into Thy joyful service, and that they may win, with Thee and Thy servants everywhere, the eternal victory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
**Hymn**

**Special Memorials**

**Solo**

**Roll Call of States:** (Chapters are substituted here at Annual Division Conventions)

**Hymn**

**Scripture Reading:** Revelations 7: 9-12 (or other appropriate reading)

“After this I beheld, and lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, saying, Amen; Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God, for ever and ever. Amen.”

**One Minute of Silent Meditation**

**Presiding Officer:** The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord: And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst and remain with us always. Amen.

**Organ Postlude**
PART II – RECOMMENDED FORMATS FOR SPECIFIC EVENTS

Various ceremonies and programs conducted by the UDC should follow a recommended format. The formats printed in this section are suggested for these events. They may be adapted as necessary for use on General, Division and Chapter levels.

1. Confederate Memorial Day Observances

2. Dedication of Monument, Marker, Tablet or Confederate, Real Daughter or Non-member of the UDC Grave Marker

3. Dedication of UDC Grave Marker

4. Member Grave Ceremony

5. Dedication of Flags

6. Welcome to New Members

7. Bridging Ceremony

8. Presentation of Supplemental Applications
CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCES

This format is used by Divisions and Chapters for their Annual Confederate Memorial Day Observances. Confederate Memorial Day is held on different days in the different States.

**Presiding Officer:** Daughters, we meet today to honor the memory of the men and women who have given their lives in our defense.

**Assembly:** *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America*

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America,  
And to the Republic for which it stands,  
One Nation under God, indivisible,  
With Liberty and Justice for all.

**Assembly:** *Singing of The Star Spangled Banner*

O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hail’d at the twilight’s last gleaming?  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro’ the perilous fight,  
O’re the ramparts we watch’d, were so gallantly streaming?  

And the rockets’ red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof thro’ the night that our Flag was still there,  
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O’re the land of the free and the home of the brave?

**Assembly:** *Salute to State Flag and singing of State Song (at Division and Chapter events)*

**Assembly:** *Salute to the Flag of the Confederate States of America*

I salute the Confederate Flag with affection, reverence, and undying remembrance.
Assembly:  

_Singing of Dixie’s Land_

I wish I was in the land of cotton, old times there are not forgotten,  
Look away! Look away! Look away! Dixie Land.  
In Dixie Land where I was born in, early on one frosty mornin”  
Look away! Look away! Look away! Dixie Land.

Then I wish I was in Dixie. Hooray! Hooray!  
In Dixie’s Land, I’ll take my stand, to live and die in Dixie.  
Away, away, away down South in Dixie,  
Away, away, away down South in Dixie.

Presiding Officer:  

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we adore Thy love and providence in the history of our country, and especially would we thank Thee for our Confederate history.

We thank Thee for its pure record of virtue, valor and sacrifice and for the inspiring reflection that, despite its bitter disappointments and sorrow, it proclaims for us to all the world that we came through its years of trial and struggle with our battered shields pure, our character as a patriotic and courageous people untarnished, and nothing to regret in our defense of the rights and the honor of our Southland.

Give us grace, our Heavenly Father, faithfully to accept Thy will concerning us, and make us all to glorify Thee in a sincere obedience to Thy holy commandments, through the merits and mediation of Thy Son, our only Savior, Jesus Christ.

Response:  

Amen. (In Unison)

Assembly:  

_Lord’s Prayer (In unison)_

Our Father which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom Come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.
Assembly: Singing of *How Firm a Foundation*

How firm a foundation, ye Saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand
Upheld by Thy righteous, omnipotent hand.

Special Presentations: *Presentation of Military Service Awards and/or other UDC Awards*  
(Optional)

Readings: *Selections from Publications by Southern Authors may be read.*  
(Optional)

Address: *Guest Speaker*

Music Optional: *Selections of Southern melodies*

Real Daughters: *Short remarks (if present)*

Wreath Laying

Hymn: *Any appropriate selection can be used*

Presiding Officer: *Concluding Prayer*

May the love and protection of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be and abide with us, now and forever. Amen.
DEDICATION OF MONUMENT, MARKER, TABLET OR CONFEDERATE, REAL DAUGHTER OR NON-MEMBER OF THE UDC GRAVE MARKER

When the UDC places an historical monument, marker or tablet, a Dedication Ceremony should be held. A Rededication Ceremony may also be held on anniversary dates or after cleaning or repair work has been completed.

The following format may be used for the dedication of a Confederate tombstone, Iron Cross or grave marker. It may also be used to dedicate a grave marker for a non-UDC member who was the daughter of a Confederate soldier or sailor. The marker should be covered prior to the ceremony. Adapt as necessary for a monument, marker, tablet or grave marker.

**Presiding Officer:** Nothing is ended until it is forgotten. That which is held in memory still endures and is real. We are grateful for the records of the past which bring inspiration and courage. We are appreciative of the lessons taught by memorials to events and deeds of long ago. We pray that our lives may always be patterned to give such devotion and service as did our forefathers of this great Southland. We the members of____________________(Division or Chapter), United Daughters of the Confederacy, now (dedicate/rededicate) this ____________________________ (Monument, Marker, Tablet, or Confederate, Real Daughter or non-member of the UDC Grave Marker) in grateful of the noble service of ____________________________ (name of Confederate Soldier), a Confederate hero. (Please note: substitutions may include: The historical significance of site as it relates to Confederate history or the name of Real Daughter or non-member).

May this ____________________________ (Monument, Marker, Tablet, or Confederate, Real Daughter or non-member of the UDC Grave Marker) be blessed. May it remind all who pause not only of the noble deeds of this Confederate hero (or other words as appropriate to fit the type of service being conducted) but of the continuing need for unselfish service. From this moment of dedication, we trust there may come inspiration for broader vision and finer service.
Chaplain
Memorial or Chairman:

We are grateful, Dear Lord, for our forebears who bequeathed to us a glorious heritage. Keep ever in our minds and hearts a spirit of fervent gratitude. May we rededicate our lives to a fulfillment of service for Thee, and may the blessings of God rest and abide here forevermore. Amen.

Dedication: Composed by the Reverend Doctor Randolph McKim

Not for fame or fortune, not for place or rank,
Not lured by ambition, or goaded by necessity,
But in simple obedience to duty as they understood it,
These men suffered all, sacrificed all, dared all and died.

Alternate Dedication: Adapted from poems by Edgar A. Guest and Father Abram J. Ryan

Give us the thrill of the task, of being of use,
And we’ll ask no greater blessing of life!
Better than fame or applause is striving to further a cause.
Some sleep on while others keep the vigils of the true and brave.
DEDICATION OF UDC GRAVE MARKER

When a grave marker is placed on the grave of a UDC member, a Dedication Ceremony should be conducted. This format would apply to Real Daughters, Ex-President Generals and UDC members. The marker should be covered prior to the Ceremony. Adapt the suggested form as appropriate and needed.

**Presiding Officer:** We, the members of __________ (Division or Chapter), United Daughters of the Confederacy gather here today to honor the memory of our beloved and esteemed member ________________ (name of deceased member) of ________________ (name of) Chapter No._____

**Chaplain:** Scripture Reading

“I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die. In my Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

“Our Father, from whence we came and to Whom we shall return; and in Whom while we tarry here we live and have our being, we praise Thee for this member ________________ (name of deceased member) who has gone before, Thy servant. We bless Thee for the rich heritage she has bequeathed to us, we rejoice that we were given the privilege of knowing her in the flesh and in the spirit. We thank Thee for the ties that bind us together in our Confederate heritage.” Amen.

**Assembly:** Lord’s Prayer (In unison)

"Our Father which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom Come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen."

(The Marker should be unveiled by a young relative of the member or by a member of the Children of the Confederacy. Flowers may also be strewn on the grave at this time.)
Unveiling Marker: The Marker is unveiled by the designated person.

(The Presiding Officer holds in her hand a small First National Confederate Flag.)

Presiding Officer: Dedication of Marker

To be a Daughter of the Confederacy is to place your name on a Roll of Honor to our Confederate heritage, then, to be worthy of that heritage. Such memories thrill our hearts this day. In the words of our noble leader, General Robert E. Lee, “There is one true glory and one true honor, the glory of duty well done and the honor of integrity of principle.” This is the principle for which our Confederate forefathers fought with valor unequalled in the annals of history. This principle, Love of God – Love of Country, will never die unless we who are alive today permit it to die. No cause in the history of mankind ever evoked such sacrifice and patriotism as ours.

(The Presiding Officer places the First National Confederate Flag on the ground next to or in front of the deceased member’s grave.)

I now place this sacred emblem, the Confederate Flag, in memory of (name, rank and service of Confederate ancestor of the deceased member) on whose Confederate service _________________ (name of deceased member) joined the United Daughters of the Confederacy. With grateful hearts and with just pride we acknowledge her service to the UDC. It is a special privilege to dedicate this marker to her memory.

Tributes (Chapter members may give tributes to the deceased member. Remember to note her service to the Organization.)

Placing of Tributes: (Wreaths, floral bouquets or baskets may be placed at the grave on behalf of the UDC and other Organizations as appropriate.)

Chaplain Benediction

“The Lord bless us, and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore.” Amen.
MEMBER’S GRAVE CEREMONY

This Ceremony was adopted in 2014 and can be used as a Ritual to dedicate the grave of a UDC Member.

**Chapter Chaplain:** Invocation

**Assembly:** *How Firm a Foundation*

How firm a foundation, ye Saints of the Lord  
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word  
What more can he say than to you he hath said  
To you that for refuge to Jesus have fled.

**Chapter President:** We come here today to pay last tribute of friendship and affection to our honored dead.

**Assembly:** To our honored dead.

**Chapter President:** We come to commit to the grave the body of our beloved “Daughter of the Confederacy” whose earth-life was associated closely with our lives, and sealed forever in the sacred bonds of our cherished Confederate cause.

**Assembly:** Our cherished Confederate cause.

**Chapter President:** In reviewing the life and service of this fervent “Daughter” of the Confederacy, let us all recall her many deeds of kindness, her many words of love, and let us remember her ardent devotion to family and friends.

**Assembly:** Let us remember her ardent devotion to family and friends.

**Chapter President:** This “Daughter” was constant in her loyalty to the Southland, and tireless to her duty to this United Country, then, as true daughters, let us emulate her patriotism.

**Assembly:** Let us emulate her patriotism.

**Chapter President:** While with us this “Daughter” strove faithfully to keep bright the brave deeds of her fathers; to assist in building monuments to their memory, and to secure truthful history of their heroic achievements. She lived in the unaltering faith that ours is a glorious heritage.
Assembly: Ours is a glorious heritage.

Chapter President: As our cherished sister of the U.D.C. has passed on to that happier, holier realm beyond reach of heart grief and sorrow, so, we too, shall pass some sweetly, solemn day. Then let us think upon this departed “Daughter” as still leading a beautiful life and continuing her beloved labors through wondrous worlds of unexplored splendor, with the last consoling thought in our hearts, Let us strew her graves with Southern flowers.

Assembly: Let us strew her graves with Southern flowers.

Chapter President: By all U.D.C Farewell until we meet again.

Assembly: Nearer My God to Thee

Nearer, My God, to thee, nearer to Thee.
Even though it may be a cross that raiseth me,
Still all my song shall be,
Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to Thee.

Chapter Chaplain: Benediction
DEDICATION OF FLAGS

When a new flag is purchased or donated, a Dedication Ceremony should be held. This may be part of a regular meeting or other event.

DEDICATION OF THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Flag of the United States is brought into the room. The assembly stands as it enters and remains standing for the Ceremony. The Flag is placed or held at the front of the room in full view of the assembly. If possible, ask a color guard unit to present the Flag and assist in the presentation.

Presiding Officer: This is the Flag of our Country. It stands for the dignity and honor of all who love liberty and equality and who claim the sheltering protection it has always given. I dedicate this Flag of the United States of America for the use of ________________ (name of Division or Chapter).

Chaplain or Memorial

Our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for our Country. Bless this Flag, and may it ever wave over the land of the free and the home home of the brave. Amen.

Assembly: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, And to the Republic for which it stands, One Nation under God, indivisible, With Liberty and Justice for all.

Assembly: Singing of The Star Spangled Banner

O say, can you see, by the dawn’s early light, What so proudly we hail’d at the twilight’s last gleaming? Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro’ the perilous fight, O’re the ramparts we watch’d, were so gallantly streaming?

And the rockets’ red glare, the bombs bursting in air, Gave proof thro’ the night that our Flag was still there, O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave O’re the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Add any other special tributes, guest speakers or presentations to complete the program.
DEDICATION OF CONFEDERATE FLAG

The Confederate Flag is brought into the room. The assembly stands as it enters and remains standing for the Ceremony. The Flag is placed or held at the front of the room in full view of the assembly. If possible, ask a color guard unit to present the Flag and assist in the presentation.

Presiding Officer: This is the First National Flag of the Confederacy, also known as the Stars and Bars. It is the Flag used by the United Daughters of the Confederacy. I dedicate this Flag for the use of the ____________________ (name of Division or Chapter).

Assembly: Salute to the Flag of the Confederate States of America

I salute the Confederate Flag with affection, reverence, and undying remembrance.

Assembly: Singing of Dixie’s Land

I wish I was in the land of cotton, old times there are not forgotten,
Look away! Look away! Look away! Dixie Land.
In Dixie Land where I was born in, early on one frosty mornin’
Look away! Look away! Look away! Dixie Land.

Then I wish I was in Dixie. Hooray! Hooray!
In Dixie’s Land, I’ll take my stand, to live and die in Dixie.
Away, away, away down South in Dixie,
Away, away, away down South in Dixie.

Other Confederate or State Flags may be dedicated by substituting the appropriate words. For a State Flag, substitute the State salute and State song.

You may add any other special tributes, guest speakers or presentations to complete the program.
WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

This Ceremony is suggested for use at Chapter meetings as soon as possible after the membership certificate is received by the President. If time permits, ask the member to give a brief talk on her ancestor and show photographs or other memorabilia.

It would be thoughtful to present some of the following publications to the new member so that she can become active and knowledgeable regarding the Organization.

1. Chapter Yearbook
2. UDC Handbook
3. Latest issue of the UDC Magazine
4. UDC Minutes of the Annual Division Convention
5. UDC Minutes of the Annual General Convention
6. “Some Things You Might Like to Know About the UDC but Hesitate to Ask”

The new member is escorted to the front of the room to a position next to the Presiding Officer; they face the assembly.

Presiding Officer: It is a great pleasure to welcome you into membership in the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and as a member of the ________________ (name of) Chapter. Your membership is based on the sacred and priceless heritage of your forebearers.

As you join hands with us, may we pledge together our loyalty to work for the progress of our Organization under its noble objectives, which are Historical, Educational, Benevolent, Memorial and Patriotic.

As you wear the emblem of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, may you forever be aware of your great heritage and your obligations to the Organization and its high purposes.

The Presiding reads the New Member’s Certificate of membership, presents it to her and shakes her hand.

Presiding Officer: We are happy to welcome you into the United Daughters of the Confederacy.
If possible, have a photo taken of the President, Registrar and the new member with her certificate.
BRIDGING CEREMONY

The following Ceremony was develop as a way to welcome our young girls who are transferring from the CofC into the UDC. Written by Victoria Tagliabue Matthews, Ex President General CofC, this Ritual was adopted in March 2014. The Speakers for this Ritual should be Chapter Officers assigned by the Chapter President prior to performing the Ceremony.

Chapter President: We, the women of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, seek to encourage, include and honor those young women whom by virtue of their birthright as members of the Children of the Confederacy, now come upon the record of their Confederate ancestor to join the Daughters. This is a special time for them and a joyous moment for us to recognize their symbolic walk across the bridge from child to woman.

First Speaker: I represent the teachings of your childhood. I was there when you learned to sing “Dixie”. I taught you the names of Confederate leaders, what they looked like and what they stood for. From me you learned true Southern history, the names of Southern States, famous battles, great Southern men and women are as real to you as storybook friends of old. What I taught you will be carried in your heart for the next generation. I send you with the gift of remembrance.

Second Speaker: I represent the experiences that nurtured and strengthened you in the CofC. I was with you at history fairs, libraries, graveyards and retreats, parades and in school. I taught you to be your own person and to be knowledgeable, wise and truthful. I look at you with great pride for the job you have done, the things you have accomplished and the promise you take with you. I send you with the gift of knowledge.

Third Speaker: No longer a little girl, but a young woman, equal to the challenges and triumphs ahead, I bid you God’s speed and grace as you cross over into the beautiful sisterhood of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. I send you with the gift of courage.

Transferring CofC members walks a short distance (either over a bridge, under an archway, etc.)

Fourth Speaker: I represent the beginning of new friendships, great adventures, growth as a woman, pride in accomplishments to come and the joy that comes with service to your Country. I promise you the steadfast loyalty of friendship and sisterhood.
**Fifth Speaker:** I represent your character. In the years ahead you will come to find inner strength, poise, a sense of purpose and a strong bond of sisterhood. You will never be alone, because your UDC sisters are always with you in spirit and in body. What you now share can never be taken away; it will only grow stronger and richer through the years. I promise you the wholehearted support of your UDC sisters in all your endeavors as they further the goals of this Organization.

**Chapter President:** Finally, I represent those who have gone before you. The Confederate soldier in his youth as he marched away to a war he did not start nor want. The elderly Confederate soldier in want and deprivation but still proud and true. The women of the South whose faces flood our memories. Those from our own families and those we never knew. I promise you hearts filled with gratitude for your efforts to love, pray, hope, think and dare. Welcome!

* Afterwards, the Chapter President should precede with the New Member Ritual. (Pg. 104)*
SUPPLEMENTAL CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION

The following Ceremony was developed for the presentation of a member’s Supplemental Certificate. Written by Mrs. Stacy McSwain, Ex Treasurer General, the Ritual was adopted in 2014.

Presiding Officer

It is with great pride that I present you with your UDC Supplemental ancestor certificate. This certificate is proof of your devotion to the cause and that you are a dedicated member of the ________________________________.

(UDC Chapter Name and Number)

You researched and documented the service of ________________________________.

(Ancestor’s Name as it appears on certificate)

Who served from the great State of ________________________________.

(State Ancestor Served)

Thank you again for making sure this soldier/valued CSA citizen is remembered for generations to come.

Present Supplemental Certificate.
PART III – PRAYERS AND HYMNS

The following prayers were used by Ex-Presidents General during their term. Members are encouraged to use them as frequently as possible at any UDC meeting or event.

Our Father in Heaven, Blest Be the Tie That Binds Our Hearts in Sacred Love.

Mrs. James R. Rounsaville, President General 1901-1903

Heavenly Father, we pray Thee, Father, make the way of duty plain. May we be quick to see opportunity to serve Thee and our Organization. Quicken us in faith, hope, love, exalt our aims, enlarge our vision, perfect us in all goodness, and make our lives a blessing to others. Amen.

Mrs. L. M. Bashinsky, President General 1929-1931

Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Keep us faithful to the objectives of our Organization. Guide us in the right way. Thy will be done.

Mrs. John L. Woodbury, President General 1935-1937

Heavenly Father, we begin this day mindful of Thy guiding love, trusting that decisions made will be acceptable in Thy sight. Bless our Organization and us to Thy service. Amen.

Mrs. John M. Wilcox, President General 1945-1947

Heavenly Father, as we walk the dark streets of the world, give us Thy grace that each one of us shall be a light, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mrs. John F. Weinmann, President General 1947-1949
Dear Father, we humbly seek Thy tender guidance in doing all things to Thy glory, in loving our neighbors as ourselves, and thank Thee for Thy Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Mrs. A. Belmont Dennis, President General 1953-1955

Our Father, give us the love, understanding, patience, and courage that we may at all times be worthy of Thy blessings and our heritage. Amen.

Miss Edna H. Fowler, President General 1955-1957

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. (The Serenity Prayer)

Mrs. Murray F. Wittichen, President General 1957-1960

God of our Fathers, we lift our hearts today in gratitude for all who have lived so valiantly and died so bravely, especially thanking Thee for those who suffered and sacrificed to preserve the principles upon which this nation was founded. Father in Heaven, Thou has given us this land for our heritage; may we hold fast to the faith of our fathers remembering, “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.” (Psalm 33:12)

Mrs. Robert Bachman, President General 1960-1962

Our Heavenly Father, as we meet again in this Organization that is dear to us, we offer, from grateful hearts, our thanks to Thee for the innumerable blessings that have come to us through our association together, and for what has been accomplished through the years, in everlasting remembrance of those who in times of Conflict have suffered and sacrificed so much for our peace and security. Grant that we may ever hold sacred the memory of all who have answered the call of duty for service in times when our states and nation have been engaged in warfare. Direct us in this meeting that our thoughts and actions may be acceptable to Thee. May we ever be inspired and guided by Thy Holy Spirit. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

Mrs. Quentin Gregory, President General 1964-1966

For this food before us spread, for our steps in safety led, For Thy favors on our way, accept our thanks, dear Lord, today.

Mrs. Alfred V. Hall, President General 1966-1968
Oh God, our Help in ages past, our Hope for years to come, Guide us this day that we may walk with Thee; and witness to Thy love and truths, All honor and glory to Thee; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Alice Whitley Jones, President General 1968-1970

In the mighty arms of the watchers above, our loved ones we leave at rest, content that the Father whose name is love knoweth and loveth best.

Mrs. L. Cary Bittick, President General 1970-1972

We thank Thee, our Heavenly Father, for all the blessings Thou dost bestow upon us. We thank Thee for the work of this group of women who strive to commemorate the noble deeds of the men and women of the Confederacy.

We pray Thy blessings upon our country now, upon the President, and his co-workers. Give them wisdom and courage to do their duty. We pray that peace and prosperity may prevail over our land, and that all people everywhere will look to Thee for guidance and support. We as in the name of Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Written by Mrs. F. H. McMaster

Our Heavenly Father, as we are gathered in fellowship today we express our thanks for Thy blessings. May we continue to live our lives as You would have us do, and bless us to Thy service. Amen.

Mrs. Elden M. Jett, President General 1974-1976

Lord, make us instruments of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved, as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Attributed to St. Francis

Mrs. Henry D. Ferris, President General 1976-1978
Dear Father, the giver of every good and perfect gift, we thank Thee for all They blessings, Thy love, and Thy tender mercies. Give us contented minds, grateful hearts, and the resolve to live within the circle of Thy will. Amen.

Mrs. W. Zack Huggins, President General 1978-1980

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Put any burden on me; only sustain me. Send me anywhere; only go with me. Sever any tie but this which binds me to Thy service and to Thy heart. Amen.

Found in General Robert E. Lee’s Bible
Mrs. Dotsy L. Boineau, President General 1980-1982

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Dear Heavenly Father, we humbly ask Your blessings on our Organization. We try so hard to uphold our past with dignity, for so many have given their lives for the cause of justice and freedom. We ask Your guidance as we look to the future. Please help each member to be a shining light, not only to our Organization, but a light that will show our love and obedience to You in every way possible. We ask You, Dear Jesus, to help us join hands and hearts to work only for that which will glorify You, our Lord and Savior.

Mrs. Levy C. Renfroe, President General 1982-1984

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Our Father, we humbly beseech Your help in remembering our past with pride and our obligations to future generations. Help us, we pray, to put aside our own self-interests and to seek peace and harmony as we work together to preserve our Southern heritage. Guide us in all we do that our actions will be acceptable to You. Help us to keep uppermost in our hearts and minds, “Love Makes Memory Eternal.”

Mrs. John G. Williams, Sr., President General 1984-1986

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Dear God, I am so grateful that I can claim a brave and loyal Confederate soldier as a part of my heritage. Help me to live my life that it will reflect further glory on his sacrifice. The principles of States’ rights and constitutional law must never be allowed to be forgotten and I humbly ask for strength in my daily life to be a worthy descendent of a brave Confederate soldier. Amen.

Mrs. Dan B. Cook, President General 1988-1990
Heavenly Father, for the blessings that you daily bestow on me, I offer my simple prayer of thanks. Thanks for the gift of life, to live in Your world and enjoy the wonders of nature, for the sunshine and rain for the birds that sing, and for the air that I breathe. For the ability to communicate with mankind, to love and be loved. Be with me as I travel life’s highway, guide, guard and direct my every thought, word, and deed. Keep me on the straight and narrow path that leads to eternal life. Amen.

Mrs. Frank S. Leake, Jr., President General 1900-1992

Our Father, we thank Thee for those who have helped us along life’s journey. We thank You for friends who believe in us and pray for us – friends whose faith in us makes us better than we might otherwise be. We thank you for those who have looked for the good in us that was often not immediately apparent. As You have blessed us so greatly, grant that we may continually strive to be a great blessing to our fellow men. Amen.

Mrs. Anthony J. LaCavera, Sr., President General 1992-1994

Loving God, we humbly acknowledge Your presence at this gathering. May the steadfast faithfulness of our forebears be a constant reminder to us to be faithful to the heritage entrusted unto our hands. Amen.

Mrs. Francis C. Palmer, President General 1994-1996

Dear Heavenly Father, forgive us for all our shortcomings and our sins. Deliver us from the evils of this world. Bless those who are sick and afflicted, grant unto them their needs. Be ever present with us as we go through our daily lives. Keep us ever close to Thee. In Christ’s name. Amen.

Mrs. S. C. Bell, President General 1996-1998

Almighty God, we thank Thee for our Confederate heritage and for the friendships and fellowship we enjoy in this Organization because of that heritage we share. Let us not forget that we are joined as a group to defend and protect the facts of this heritage and to transmit the truth to future generations.

Let us remember that today we are here for harmony and not for discord. We are here to practice patience and forgiveness. Lead us in understanding and help us see the best in each other. Remind us that we are united in a common cause. Remind us to ask ourselves what Thou would want us to do. Direct us in the meeting that our actions, our words, and our decisions may all be acceptable to Thee. Amen.
Mrs. William R. Wells, President General 1998-2000

Lord God Host, be with us as we begin our meeting today. Give us guidance and a productive meeting. We ask that you guide us in our thoughts and deeds. Help us to remember we are Southern ladies and conduct ourselves as such. Be with the members who are sick or traveling. Keep them close to you. Keep our service men and women who are in harm’s way safe. We ask these things in your gracious name. Amen.

Mrs. Lawrence L. Limpus (Pat L.), President General, 2002-2004

Almighty God, we come to Thee with humble hearts, thankful for the many blessings Thou hast so richly bestowed upon us. We are thankful for our rich Confederate heritage which has brought us to this place in history. May we as members of our great Organization be aware of the influence we present to those we meet. Give us wisdom and knowledge to share with others the true history of our beloved Southland. May we work together with one purpose, combining patience and understanding, ever mindful of our common bond which unites us as friends.

We are eternally grateful for those who so faithfully have served the Organization. We ask for guidance for those who lead us now and those who will take their place in the future. Keep us ever in Thy love and guide us as we continue in Thy will. This we ask in Thy Holy Name. Amen.

Esther Owens Cope, President General 2004-2006

Heavenly Father, The generations rise and pass away before You. You are the strength of those who labor, and the peaceful rest of our departed loved ones. We take pride in the honor and sacrifice of our Confederate ancestors. We ask your blessings on our Organization, the members and Officers who share the love of God, the love of Country and the love of History. Help us to help each other always, with a kind and gentle heart. For the sake of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways. Amen.


Most Gracious God, you care enough for us to let us have the blood of our Confederate ancestors continuously running through our veins with pride, love for our country, love for our organization, love for each other and confidence that you are always with us as we work to keep our heritage alive. Help us to remember who you are and what you expect of us as we go about our daily lives showing others that we love and care for you with our whole heart.

Mrs. Edward E. VanSchaick, Jr. (Martha Rogers) President General 2010-2012
Prayer for Good Communication – Dear Lord, please help me to be conscious of the words I speak. Help me to be slow to speak and quick to hear. Help me to only say uplifting and encouraging words that will build and never tear down. Help me to protect my heart and only allow inspiring words to leave my mouth, in Jesus Name. Amen.

Prayer for Your Thoughts – Lord, I pray today that you help me to control my thoughts. Help me to not think any evil toward anyone or anything, yet help me to think on things which are true, honest, just, plain, lovely, of a good report, of virtue and of praise. In the mighty name of Jesus. Amen.

Mrs. Roy Weldon Likins, (Jamesene E. “Jamie”) President General 2012-2014
Prayers from Liberty Bible Studies

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May God grant you the peace to endure the trials that will surely come and the grace to walk steadfast in his love through them, ever mindful of what His son, Jesus Christ, has done for us! Amen

Mrs. Harold Jay Trammell (Pamela Veuleman) President General 2014-2016
**PRAYERS FOR ALL OCCASIONS**

Dear Lord of all, give us the kind of faith to really know that all things work together for good to them who love Thee. In Jesus’ name we ask. Amen.

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Our Father, give us guidance, wisdom, and courage for the roles we play and may Thy blessing be upon the activities of this hour. Amen.

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Dear Heavenly Father, be present among us, we pray, as we of this day endeavor to meet the challenge of the hour. Guide us in our every thought and deed to Thy honor and glory. Amen.

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The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us. The Lord life up His countenance upon us and give us peace. Amen.

Now may grace, mercy, and love abide with you all, now and evermore. Amen.

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May the grace of God and the fellowship and love of our Father go with you and rest upon you. Amen.

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The grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.
To the United Daughters of the Confederacy

Give us the thrill of the task, of being of use, and we’ll ask no greater Blessing of life!
Better than fame or applause is striving to further a cause.
Some sleep on while others keep the vigils of the true and brave.

Adapted from poems by Edgar A. Guest and Father Abram J. Ryan

Lord Jesus. Thou Son of God and Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon me! Pardon my
offences, and teach me the error of my ways; give me a new heart and a right mind. Teach me,
and all mine, to do Thy will, and in all things to keep Thy law. Teach me also to ask those things
necessary for eternal life. Lord, pardon me for all my sins, for Thine is the Kingdom and the
power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Composed by Matthew Fontaine Maury after his accident
and which he used for the remainder of his life.
He dictated this prayer for family use on January 30, 1872.

MEALTIME PRAYERS

Our Father, we give thanks for this day as we work together in fellowship. May each personal
life be enriched. Bless, we pray, this food to our strength and us to Thy service. Amen.

Dear God, we thank Thee for our heritage of which we are reminded today. We thank Thee for
every taken of Thy love, for friendship, fellowship, and association which we enjoy. Bless this
food to our use and give us thankful hearts. Amen.

Dear Father in Heaven, every good gift and every perfect gift cometh from above. Now bless us,
we pray Thee, as we break bread in fellowship together. Amen.

Lord Jesus, lead our thoughts to Thee and cleanse our hearts from strain and strife that someday
we may be worthy to eat with Thee the Bread of Life.

Attributed to General George E. Pickett
Please accept our sincere thanks, Dear Lord, for these Blessings and we pray Thee to consecrate them to our use. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Dear heavenly Father, as we refresh our bodies with Your gracious gifts, we pause to give thanks for the food set before us. We thank You, God, for all good things, You provide, for our daily bread, for life and health and strength. When we have eaten and are satisfied, may we remember that You are always ready to meet our spiritual needs as well. Bless our fellowship and strengthen us so that we may give ourselves in service to You and to others, in the name of Your Son, our Savior, we pray. Amen.

Mrs. Larry W. Sizemore
Chaplain of General 1996-2000

HYMNS

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye Saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with Thee, O be not dismayed!
For I am Thy God and will still give Thee aid;
I’ll strengthen Thee, help Thee, and cause Thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

Blest Be the Tie

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.