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“THE UDC THEN AND NOW”

A TALK BY TERI SIROKI

SHELTER HOUSE, FRED FULLER PARK, KENT

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026, AT 7:30 P.M.

Teri Siroki will present The UDC Then and Now. She will focus on the origin and evolution of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) and its importance in caring for Confederate veterans, their widows and orphans following the war. At a time when strict rules and etiquette governed mourning rituals, the Daughters built monuments to offer a place for families to remember those who never came home. As the veterans aged and died, the daughters devoted themselves to meeting the changing needs of the time.

Ohio, a northern state, played a significant role in the war because the Ohio River was considered the dividing line between North and South. There are two Confederate Cemeteries in Ohio, both at one time under the care of the Ohio Division UDC. The presentation will discuss Ohio’s involvement in UDC activities throughout its 127-year history.

Finally, the presentation will discuss current events, and the relevance of the UDC today, offering perspective on how its legacy continues to shape conversations about memory, history, and commemoration.

Teri Siroki is a lifelong Ohioan with family ties to both Union and Confederate service. She has been a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy for 15 years, holding many leadership roles at the chapter and division level and now serves nationally as Recording Secretary General. She has devoted time to visiting Confederate historic sites, writing educational programs, and participating in commemorative events. Her work reflects a long-standing commitment to historical research, education and preservation.



1930 United Daughters of the Confederacy, Atlanta, Georgia

History Of The United Confederate Veterans

Excerpted from <https://ucvrelics.com/history-of-the-ucv>



Confederate Veterans at Jefferson Davis Post Civil War Home "Beauvoir"



Founded In 1889 The UCV held Local, State and National Reunions which always featured parades.

Prior to 1889, Confederate veterans had no national organization similar to the Grand Army of the Republic. (There I mentioned the GAR) There were many separate Confederate Veterans fraternal and memorial groups existed on a local and regional level. Meeting in New Orleans, LA, in 1889, several of these groups united and formed the United Confederate Veterans Association. The organization was founded to serve as a benevolent, historical, social and literary association. The UCV was active well into the 1940s. Its final reunion was held in Norfolk, VA, in 1951.