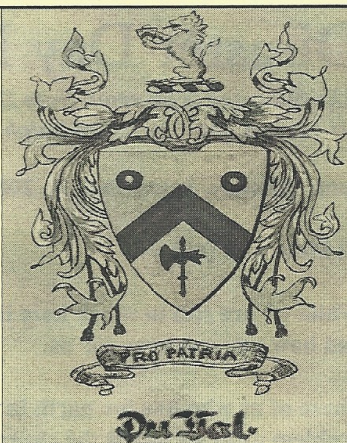


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DFA Board To Serve Second Term

The DuVal Family Association Board of Directors, all of whom are founding officers since the organization was rechartered, have agreed to serve second terms.

The formal nominations and vote confirming their collective reappointments came in June at the 2001 reunion in Richmond, VA.

Each of these dedicated officers has spent countless hours bringing the DuVal Family Association back to life after it was disbanded during World War. A full list of all board members and their contact information is provided inside this issue.

Minutes from the General Membership Meeting on June 22, 2001:

The meeting was called to order by President Judith Anderson Hamby followed by the Pledge.

Secretary Regina Reedus Thompson called the roll of active members, 43 of whom were present out of a total of 178.

President Hamby introduced the board members and special recognition was given to Sarah McKelly King of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, who was unable to attend. Special thanks were also given to Katherine Lewis for coordinating the reunion and have a new DuVal flag made. Thanks also went to Cy Rilee for coordinating the monument dedication for Daniel DuVal at Ware Parish Church and to Francis Curtis DuVal for donating the cemetery plot for the marker. Regina Thompson and Deana Snow were also recognized for their work on the DuVal Family Cookbook.

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Board members: front left, Judy Hamby, Roger Baskette, standing from left, Gina Thompson, Cy Rilee, Thomas Dunscombe, Joseph Hays, Pat Koenig, and Katherine Lewis.

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Disaster Day Dispatch From NYC

(The following is an email from DFA member Joye Smith, a Manhattan resident and teacher, to her parents, DFA members Ralph and Harriet Smith of Winston-Salem, NC.)

Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2001 6:45 PM

Hi Mom and Dad —

While we are still in shock here in the city, I wanted you to know the on-the-ground situation and how you can pray for us.

Those of us who live far north in Manhattan are fine. We didn't even know there was a problem until we heard the church bells ringing constantly (and noticed that our phones and TV were out).

The subways, bridges, and trains, which were shut down for most of the day, have started to run again. The city is shut down from 14th Street down for rescue efforts. Quite frankly, I don't see how they can even get into the build'gs to rescue anyone since their structures are still unsafe. Phone service is back up; email is OK; TV stations (non-cable) are pretty much knocked out (transmitters on the Twin Towers). Everyone that we know of working in that part of the city has been accounted for and is safe. But many dozens of others lie wounded or dead at the scene.

Joanne and I prayed this morning. As we prayed, I felt moved to ask God to have mercy on our country. Our hands are not clean. Just because we don't see the oppression and misery that our policies cause does not mean that they don't exist. I think of our air strike in Africa where we hit a pharmaceutical factory (thinking that it was a terrorist center). We have abused the great power and authority that God has given us. Not that we haven't also used it for good, but all of us (individually and as a country) will be judged by the amount that we have been given. And we have been given much. Like Nehemiah and Daniel, we need to ask forgiveness and seek His mercy, that we would be a country that does righteousness and justice.

I also asked God to forgive us for the tainted way that the media has portrayed all Arabs as being extremists. Arab extremists are similar to American extremists and Israeli extremists. If every American were identified with Timothy McVeigh, we would be outraged. Yet this is what the typical American media bias does to Arabs. For example, I have heard all day that Arabs were dancing over this disaster. When I listen to the British news, on the other hand, I see that the vast majority of Arabs are horrified and shocked by this vicious act. They deplore acts of terrorism even though they have themselves been the victims of terrorism.

I am as sickened by our racism as I am by the heinous nature of this act.

Our battle as Christians is NOT on a worldly, fleshly level. It is in the heavenly realms. Like Abraham, the father of faith, we look forward to the City without walls. Our mother is the heavenly Jerusalem, not the earthly Jerusalem. We must resist, as Christians, the tendency to

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Patricia also requested that any genealogy updates and corrections be sent either by GED.COM file, e-mail or regular mail to her attention. A link to the DuVal Descendents site and DuVal Patriots site can be found at the DuVal Family Association web site at www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ridge/7508/.

Genealogist Joseph Hayes, as chairman of the DuVal book committee, stated that members are responsible for any corrections and additions in the official database. Members need to review the DuVal Descendents web site or the printed data available to make corrections or additions and send them to either Pat Koenig or himself. He also encouraged members to submit pictures for the book. The completed data in a draft form should be ready to review by the next general membership meeting in 2003 and printed in book form and for sale by 2005.

President Hamby recognized and thanked Milo Pyne and Jim DuVal for the cleanup efforts of the Stephen and Lucy DuVal gravesite in southwest Richmond, VA. Jim DuVal stated that they hope to convince the current owner to deed the plot over to the DuVal Family Association in the future. Milo Pyne showed a slide presentation of the relationship of Stephen in the family line and before and after pictures of the gravesite.

The next meeting of the DuVal Family Association was set for the third weekend in June 2003 at the Omin Hotel in Richmond.

Announcements

There are still a few DuVal Family Cookbooks still available for sale. Contact Gina Thompson.

DuVal family crest flags are also now available. Contact Katherine Lewis for details.



The Sunshine Corner

By Molly Dunscombe O'Leary

This is a new addition to our newsletter that gives us a chance to keep up with new additions to our families through marriage or birth as well as deaths, and any other newsworthy life events. For it to be a success, I need your news! My e-mail address is molly_d_oleary@hotmail.com

Birth

Colin Ian O'Connell

July 19, 2001

Parents: Howard O'Connell & Andrea Michelle O'Connell (Holder)

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Legal Council Henry Davis Jr. explained needed changes to the charter and by-laws. The charter would be amended as follows: change the tax status from 501(c) 3 to a 501 (c) 7. The IRS denied the application for the 501(c) 3 status due to the fact that we are a one-name association and not open to the general public. The 501(c) 7 still qualifies the association as a not-for-profit organization, the difference being that donations given to the organization would not be tax deductible.

The by-laws change would amend Article I, Eligibility for membership, from three kinds of membership to four. Member level will be as follows: Active, Associate, Junior and Family. President Hamby explained the addition of the Family membership would include spouse and children under the age of 18. Dues for the family membership will be \$25 per year. Both motions were approved.

President Hamby reminded the members of the lending library. A list of books will be published and are available to members to borrow. Contact Patricia Koenig or Judy Hamby if you would like to borrow any of these books.

Treasurer/Registrar Patricia Koenig reported that the financial balance as of June 20, 2001 was \$8,423.08 with meeting/reunion expenses still outstanding. Major expenses have gone to the cookbook and t-shirt purchases. Donations have helped in allowing the organization to meet expenses.

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to be drawn to take sides in armed conflicts, even when we are urged to do so by misguided Christian leaders.

Please pray for us to be wide during the days that come. People are suddenly face-to-face with their mortality. Pray that we would use this time to point people to the Giver of Life.

Blessings and hugs,

Joye

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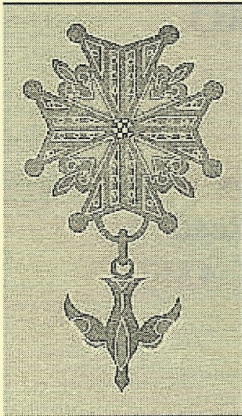
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Editor's Note: By President Judy Hamby

A few weeks ago I completed a column for our DFA newsletter entitled "Where Do We Go From Here?" I wrote about our very successful meeting in June - a once in a lifetime opportunity to celebrate the 300 year anniversary of Daniel DuVals arrival in Virginia.

Our reunion was wonderful! I think we all felt his presence in Ware Churchyard. And we wondered - could we possibly be standing on the same spot he stood, perhaps even under the same trees? We were reminded of his courage to undertake a voyage of several months to make a new home in a distant land, - just to be able to have the freedom to worship as he pleased. What "new" things could we do to honor our DuVal ancestors?

And then came September 11. And the column I had written seemed more important than ever. We, a fundamentally decent, peace loving and compassionate nation, were attacked by what we Christians call the Devil. It is more important now than ever for us to stand firm as a family. To pass on to our children the importance of family ties - to teach them to be brave and to strengthen their belief in God and Country and Christian love.

Dear cousins we are a country in pain. We are still in shock. What in Gods name is happening? And what can we do about it? We can pray. We can keep in touch with one another. Hug your children, call your friends. Drop an e-mail or letter to an old acquaintance. Let bygones be bygones. Forget pettiness and jealousy. And where do we go from here? Let's go forward from this moment.

Judy Hamby
President
DuVal Family Association

