



# RUCKER RANGERS

## Newsletter

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April is Confederate History Month



**Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker  
Chapter #2534**  
United Daughters of the Confederacy  
Enterprise, Alabama

**Coffee County Rangers Camp #911**  
12th Ala. Inf. Regt., Co D  
Sons of Confederate Veterans  
Enterprise, Alabama

### NEXT MEETING

#### UDC

April 8, 2010, 4:30 pm  
Citizens Bank Community Room, Enterprise  
Program: Donna Clark -  
*"Southern Intelligence Agents"*  
Refreshments: Reba Blissette

#### SCV

April 8, 2010, 7:00 pm  
Citizens Bank Community Room, Enterprise  
Program: Joe Clark on  
*"12<sup>th</sup> Alabama Regt., Co. D"*  
Refreshments: Refreshments Committee

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### APRIL

**April 10** – The Gen. E. W. Rucker Chapter's **Fourth Annual Confederate History and Heritage Luncheon** will be held at the Citizens Bank Community Room. Our speaker will be author, re-enactor, and former Southeast Brigade Commander Bob McLendon of Troy.

**April 24 - Confederate Memorial Day.** The Alabama Division SCV will gather at 10:30 am at the Confederate Monument on the Capitol Grounds in Montgomery. The speaker will be Dr. Charles Baker, Alabama Division Chaplain, past Alabama Division Commander and past National Chaplain-in-Chief. We have entered the Sesquicentennial years of the formation of the Confederacy, as it was events in 1859 and 1860 that laid the foundation for Alabama secession and the Birth of the Confederacy. The media's eyes will be on us, so please make plans to attend. There will be an Alabama Division Membership Pin for all attending members.

**April 24 - The Alabama Division Children of the Confederacy Memorial Service,** at Confederate Memorial Park in Mountain Creek. The service will start at 11:00 followed by the laying of the wreath at the cemetery and an honor guard with musket and cannon salutes. Lunch will follow in the pavilion. Please bring finger foods to share. Drinks, ice, cups, napkins, plates and eating utensils will be provided. Please make plans to attend!

**April 26 (Monday) - 100th Anniversary and Rededication Ceremony for the Ozark/Dale County Confederate Veterans Monument.** The event will begin at 3:00 pm at the Dale County Courthouse in Ozark. Refreshments will follow. Period dress is encouraged if you have any impression (Confederate War period, any 19th Century civilian, or UCV). We would really appreciate any reenactors who have long arms to participate in a volley fire salute. Does anyone play the bugle? Hope to see you there as we celebrate a special event in our local history.

## UPCOMING EVENTS, cont.

**April 26** - Annual UDC observance of **Confederate Memorial Day** held in Montgomery around the Confederate Monument. Come and honor your Confederate ancestors. Later in the day, the Ladies Memorial Association will hold a commemorative service at the cemetery with a luncheon between the two ceremonies at the Capital City Club



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### April 1, 1823

Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner born.

### April 1, 1861

Cherokee leader Gen. Stand Watie authorized to raise his own brigade.

### April 9, 1865

Gen. Robert E. Lee surrenders the Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox Court House.

### April 12, 1861

Bombardment of Fort Sumter begins.

### April 26, 1865

Gen. Joseph E. Johnson surrenders the Army of Tennessee at Durham Station, NC.

## OFFICERS

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<b>Commander</b>	Joe E. Clark, Jr.	<b>President/Treasurer</b>	Shirley H. Edberg
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<b>Adjutant</b>	James E. Edberg	<b>Secretary</b>	Mary Lavinia Helms

## NEWS

### **Boston Butt Sale A Success!**

The joint SCV-UDC Boston Butt Sale fundraiser was a huge success. Members of both organizations assisted Mr. Charles Blair in the cooking of the meat, and distribution of the butts at the Enterprise Welcome Center and the Elba Court House.

### **State Song Threatened**

Earlier this year, Rep. Johnny Mack Morrow of Red Bay introduced a bill that would change Alabama's official state song from Julia Tutwiler's "Alabama" to "Stars Fell on Alabama". The House Tourism and Travel Committee approved the bill, but Rep. Morrow has said he will not try to get it passed this year. Instead, he will follow a suggestion from Rep. Barry Mask of Wetumpka to ask the

Tourism Department to conduct an online poll, giving the people a chance to choose a song from as many as 20 possible selections. Morrow said he plans to use the results of such a poll to reintroduce the bill next year. We should follow this issue and "speak up" when necessary.

### **Cookbook Planned**

The UDC ladies want to assemble a cookbook based on recipes from members of the UDC and SCV. Particularly wanted are popular recipes from luncheons and covered dish events, along with family recipes that have some history to go with them.

Please e-mail recipes to Laura Rowell ([ldrowell@yahoo.com](mailto:ldrowell@yahoo.com)) or Georgia Fleming ([hyacinth@ala.net](mailto:hyacinth@ala.net)), or bring them to a meeting.