



RUCKER RANGERS NEWSLETTER



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**Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker
Chapter 2534**

United Daughters of the Confederacy

Enterprise, Alabama

NEXT MEETING:

Thurs., April 9, 2015, 4:30 pm

First United Methodist Church Gathering Room

Program - "Confederate Money"

(Cathy Odom)

Refreshments: Marie Koach

Coffee County Rangers Camp #911

12th Ala. Inf. Regt., Co D

Sons of Confederate Veterans

Enterprise, Alabama

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First United Methodist Church Gathering Room

Program: "What You Don't Know

About Slavery" (Georgia Fleming)

Refreshments: Brian & Georgia Fleming

UPCOMING EVENTS

April

April 6 – Troy Civil War Forum, 6:30 pm at Beulah Church in Troy. Bob McLendon will present a program on the Ambush at Hobdy's Bridge. The public is invited to attend; there is no charge.

April 11 & 12 – Piney Woods Arts Festival, Enterprise State Community College. Saturday 9 am til 5 pm, Sunday 12 noon til 4 pm. The SCV and UDC will participate with information tables and living history.

April 17 – Ladies decorate for Confederate History & Heritage Luncheon, 3:00 pm.

April 18 – UDC 9th Annual Confederate History & Heritage Luncheon, American Legion Post in Enterprise.

April 18 – Confederate Iron Cross Grave Marking for Thomas A. Byrd (Co E, 53rd Alabama Cavalry) and Edmond D. Fleming (Co K, 33rd Alabama Infantry), Enterprise City Cemetery.

April 24-26 – Geneva Festival on the Rivers. We will participate with information tables and living history.

April 25 – Children of the Confederacy Memorial Day Service, 11:00 am at Confederate Memorial Park, Mountain Creek, Alabama.

April 27 – Confederate Memorial Day at the Capitol in Montgomery, 10:00 am.

OFFICERS

UDC

President - Donna Clark

1st Vice President - Holly Muller

Secretary/Treasurer - Patsy B. Richter

SCV

Commander - Joe E. Clark, Jr.

1st Lieutenant Commander - Mack Lott

2nd Lieutenant Commander - Ray Kyle

Adjutant - John Kolkman

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<http://www.coffeecountyrangers.org/>

[Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter](http://www.coffeecountyrangers.org/)



Camp 911 has a page on Facebook - Click on "Ask to Join Group":

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/SCVCampEnterprise/>

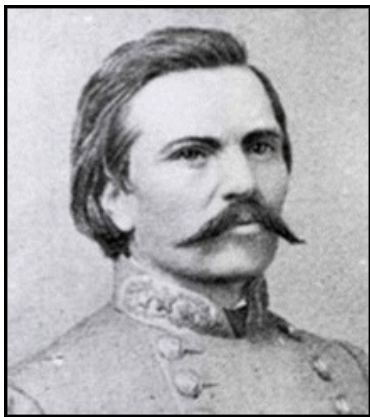
Visit the SCV YouTube Channel:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/SCVORG>

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

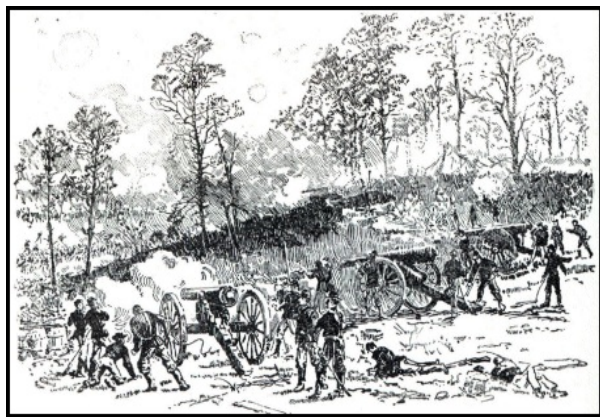
April 1, 1823

Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, Sr.
born near Munfordville, Kentucky



April 6-7, 1862

Battle of Shiloh, Hardin County, Tennessee



April 7, 1862

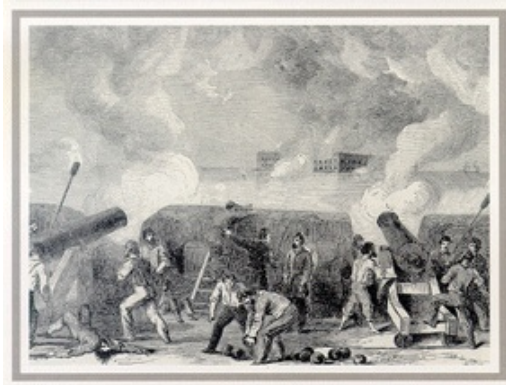
Battle of Island #10, Mississippi River, near
New Madrid, Missouri

April 9, 1865

General Lee surrenders the Army of Northern
Virginia at Appomattox Court House, Virginia

April 12, 1861

Confederate bombardment of
Fort Sumter, South Carolina



April 14, 1865

Abraham Lincoln assassinated at Ford's
Theatre in Washington, D. C., by
John Wilkes Booth

April 17, 1861

Virginia secedes from the Union

April 18-29, 1862

New Orleans attacked and captured by a
squadron commanded by Capt. David G. Farragut

April 26, 1865

Gen. Joseph E. Johnston
surrenders the Army of Tennessee
at Durham Station, North Carolina.



APRIL 27

**Confederate Memorial Day
Alabama State Holiday**

Confederate Trivia

by Georgia Fleming

1. Who laid the cornerstone of the Confederate Memorial Monument on the grounds of the Alabama State Capitol?
2. Only one Confederate general is memorialized with a statue on federal property in Washington, DC. Who is he?
3. The first Confederate monument on the battlefield at Gettysburg was erected in 1884. To what unit was it dedicated?
4. What is the name of the Masonic memorial on the Gettysburg battlefield?
5. The first Confederate Memorial Day (as an annual event) was proposed and organized by the Ladies Memorial Association of what Southern city?
6. The Confederate Memorial in Arlington National Cemetery was unveiled by what American President?
7. The Arlington monument was sculpted by a former VMI cadet who fought at the Battle of New Market and later became a renowned sculptor in America and Europe. What was his name?
8. The monument "Confederate Mound," the largest mass grave in the Western Hemisphere, covers the remains of Confederate prisoners who died at what Union prison camp?
9. The largest Confederate monument in the world is located where?
10. The Stonewall Jackson Memorial Cemetery, where the general and his family are buried, is located in what city?
11. There is a 90' granite pyramid in this cemetery, dedicated to Confederate enlisted men, along with the graves of 28 Confederate generals (more than any other in the country). What is the name of the cemetery, and where is it located?

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought, to your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loves and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish."

Lt. Gen. Stephen D. Lee
Commander General
United Confederate Veterans
New Orleans, Louisiana

MEMBERSHIP

Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker 2534

35 members

Coffee County Rangers Camp 911

47 members, 4 Cadets


Rucker's Belles and Beaux 968, Children of the Confederacy

13 members

Important Reminders

- ✓ Ladies: the Benevolent Committee is requesting that you bring the following items to our meeting:
 - ◇ One can of food ◇ Used eyeglasses
 - ◇ Old cell phones ◇ Can tabs
 - ✓ Bring your pennies for the scholarship donation. We need to fill our penny bottle.
 - ✓ The Special Kitty donations this month will go to the flag fund.
 - ✓ Please bring a favorite family recipe to include in our fund-raiser cookbook project.
 - ✓ Don't forget our year-round requests such as coupons and personal hygiene items for the House of Ruth
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TRIVIA ANSWERS

- (1) Jefferson Davis (April 29, 1886); (2) Albert Pike; (3) The 1st Maryland Battalion; (4) The Friend to Friend Masonic Memorial; (5) Columbus, Georgia; (6) Woodrow Wilson; (7) Moses Jacob Ezekiel; (8) Camp Douglas, Illinois; (9) Stone Mountain, Georgia; (10) Lexington, Virginia; (11) Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia.
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Ode: Sung on the Occasion of Decorating the Graves of the Confederate Dead at Magnolia Cemetery, Charleston, S.C., 1867

Sleep sweetly in your humble graves,
Sleep, martyrs of a fallen cause;
Though yet no marble column craves
The pilgrim here to pause.

In seeds of laurel in the earth
The blossom of your fame is blown,
And somewhere, waiting for its birth,
The shaft is in the stone!

Small tributes! but your shades will smile
More proudly on these wreaths to-day,
Than when some cannon-moulded pile
Shall overlook this bay.

Stoop, angels, hither from the skies!
There is no holier spot of ground
Than where defeated valour lies,
By mourning beauty crowned.

– Henry Timrod

From The Alabama Historical Quarterly, Vol. 06, No. 01, Spring 1944:

LAST CONFEDERATE REUNION

What will probably prove to be the last General Confederate Reunion was held in Montgomery through the two days of September 27th and 28th (1944). The attendance was small owing to the great age of the Veterans and the long distance some of them had to travel to reach Montgomery. In fact there were only eight men present. Those who were determined to hold one more reunion insisted upon the meeting being held in Montgomery where they were given a warm welcome by the patriotic people of the Cradle of the Confederacy.

Meeting with the Confederate Veterans were the National organizations of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the Order of the Stars and Bars and the Confederated Southern Memorial Association. Mrs. Lennard Thomas, of Montgomery, was in charge of the general program, assisted by local representatives of the other organizations.

Commander-in-Chief of the Confederate Veterans, Homer L. Atkinson, of Petersburg, Va., was unable to attend on account of illness. The first Veteran to arrive was Brigadier-General W. M. Buck, of Muscogee, Oklahoma, who has already reached the age of 93 but is remarkably active and came from Muscogee to Montgomery unescorted. The Georgia delegation was sent through the courtesy of Governor Ellis Arnall in a beautiful car escorted by the Georgia State Highway Patrol in charge of Corp. Paul Smith. In the delegation were Col. W. H. Culpepper, 96 years of age and Gen. W. L. Bowling, 97. Other Veterans present were: Gen. J. W. Moore, of Selma, 93 years of age, who was elected at the close of the Reunion to be Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans; J. D. Ford, Marshall, Texas, 95 years of age; W. W. Alexander, Rock Hill, S. C., 98; Gen. William Banks, Houston, Texas, 98; J. A. Davidson, Troy, 100 years of age. All Veterans except Gen. Buch were accompanied by attendants.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans had a good representation, including their Commander-in-Chief, Dr. Marshall Wingfield, of Memphis, Tenn.; Hon. Walter L. Hopkins, Adjutant-in-Chief, Richmond, Va.; Hon. W. Scott Hancock, Adjutant General and Chief of Staff, St. Louis, Mo.; Hon. John R. T. Rives, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, formerly of Birmingham, Inspector-in-Chief, and numerous local representatives of the organization. The Daughters of the Confederacy and members of the Confederated Southern Memorial Association were active in their efforts to make the convention a great success from every point of view.

The second day of the Reunion was filled with events planned to gratify the old men who had worn the gray and had journeyed back to Montgomery for what was referred to as their last Reunion. The morning of the 28th was bright and warm and the Veterans were carried from their hotel in a city bus on a tour of inspection of both Gunter and Maxwell air fields where they saw young soldiers in khaki being trained as fliers. At each one of these military establishments the Commander greeted the Veterans with warm hand clasps. At Maxwell Field General W. S. Gravely showed the Veterans all the wonders of preparation for modern warfare. At Gunter Field Colonel Raymond L. Winn also gave a warm welcome to the old men in their gray uniforms.

The tour ended at the Capitol where the Veterans were received on the Capitol grounds by a detachment of officers of the Woman's Army Corps. The Maxwell Field band seated on the Capitol grounds near the imposing statue of Jefferson Davis erected by the United Daughters of the Confederacy, played Southern airs, beginning with "Dixie", much to the delight of the old men. The front of the Capitol was decorated with a large Confederate flag suspended from the balcony above the portico, flanked on either side by a United States flag and the flag of Alabama, the latter a red St. Andrew's cross on a white field, reminiscent of the battle flag of the Confederacy.

Seats were provided on the portico of the Capitol for the Veterans and chairs facing the Capitol were occupied by the audience. Hon. T. B. Hill, of Montgomery, made the introductory remarks and presented the speaker of the occasion, Judge Walter B. Jones, who delivered an address that touched all hearts and will be preserved in many libraries as it is reproduced in this issue of the Quarterly for that purpose. Each Veteran in turn stood upon the spot where Jefferson Davis stood when he took his oath of office as President of the Confederate States of America. The spot long ago was marked by the Ladies Southern Memorial Association, of Montgomery.

The Bible on which Jefferson Davis took his oath of office and upon which all Governors of Alabama since 1853 have been sworn into office, kept securely in its glass cabinet in the World War Memorial Building, was placed near the star for the occasion. The Great Seal of the Confederate States of America was also in the case. In the group of seven Veterans that posed for a photograph was one Negro man slave 90 years of age who served in the war as a body guard to his master. This man, Dr. R. A. Gwynne, lives in Birmingham where he is a well known character.



Picture taken on the portico of the Capitol near the star marking the spot where Jefferson Davis took the oath of office as President of the Confederate Government. Left to right, standing: Gen. William Banks, Houston, Tex.; Gen. W. W. Alexander, Rockhill, S. C.; Gen. J. D. Ford, Marshall, Tex.; Gen. T. H. Dowling, Atlanta; Gen. J. W. Moore, Selma; Col. W. H. Culpepper, Atlanta; Gen. W. M. Buck, Muskogee, Okla., and seated, the lone Negro veteran attending the Reunion, Dr. R. A. Gwynne, Birmingham. (See more photos at alabamapioneers.com)

Happy Birthday

Irene Carter and Pat Howard
Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker
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