



RUCKER RANGERS

Newsletter



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Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker 2534

United Daughters of the Confederacy
Enterprise, Alabama

NEXT MEETING:

Thurs., April 13, 2017, 5:00 pm

1st United Methodist Church Gathering Room

Program: "Henry Thomas Harrison,
Confederate Spy" (Donna Clark)

Refreshments: Laura Womack-Rowell

Coffee County Rangers Camp 911

Sons of Confederate Veterans
Enterprise, Alabama

NEXT MEETING:

Thurs., April 13, 2017, 7:00 pm

1st United Methodist Church Gathering Room

Program: "The Irish in the War
Between the States"

(Brian Fleming)

April 22 – Children of the Confederacy Confederate Memorial Day Service, Confederate Memorial Park, Mountain Creek, Alabama

April 24 – Alabama Division UDC Confederate Memorial Day Program, 10:00 am at the capital in Montgomery. Pastor John Weaver will be the featured speaker.

April 29-30 – Geneva Festival on the Rivers, Robert Fowler Memorial Park, Geneva. Gates open at 8:00 am Saturday and 12:00 noon Sunday. We will participate in the Living History area with our period tent.

May 1 – Troy Civil War Forum, 6:30 p.m. at Beulah Church in Troy. The program will be the first Round Table discussion on the topic "The Essential Books." Bring your favorite "essential book" about the War and be prepared to talk about it! All are invited to attend.

OFFICERS

UDC

President Laura D. Womack-Rowell
Vice President Georgia Fleming
Secretary Donna Clark
Treasurer Patsy B. Richter

SCV

Commander Joe E. Clark, Jr.
1st Lieutenant Commander Mack Lott
2nd Lieutenant Commander Ray Kyle
Adjutant Larry Sasser

VISIT OUR WEBSITES

» **Coffee County Rangers:**

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

» **Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker 2534:**

<http://tinyurl.com/3eyezp6>

» **Camp 911 Facebook:**

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

» **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
Death of Gen. Albert Sydney Johnston

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 24

Confederate Memorial Day
Alabama State Holiday

Annual Confederate History and Heritage Luncheon

Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker 2534 celebrated its annual Confederate History and Heritage Luncheon on April 8 at the 1st United Methodist Church Gathering Room. After our Ritual and the Welcome from Chapter President Laura Womack-Rowell, Beata Moore read the poem *Confederate Memorial Day*. Georgia Fleming, assisted by Chaplain Cathy Odom, began the Memorial to Confederate Veterans, a Table of Honor set with symbolic remembrances of our ancestors. Afterwards, each person present was asked to stand and give the name, rank, and regiment of one of their Confederate ancestors.



Above, L-R: Beata Moore, Anne Ballenger, Tommye Byrd, Pat Richter, Laura Womack-Rowell, Cathy Odom, Georgia Fleming, Donna Clark, Brandi Evans, Tammie Evans. Not pictured, Cindy Reeves, Amanda Reeves. The Memorial Table is in the foreground.

Laura Womack-Rowell and Donna Clark bestowed awards on three deserving veterans. James Royce Hopkins received a Korean War Cross of Military Service Award for his service as airman first class in the U. S. Air Force. In 1951, he served with the 511th Aircraft Control and Warning Group in Korea. Hopkins also received the Vietnam Conflict Cross of Military Service Award. During the conflict he served as captain in the U. S. Army's 125th Air Traffic Company. James Hopkins' great-grandfather, Benjamin F. Hopkins, served as a private in Company F (Mckenzie's) 5th Regiment, Tennessee. Private Hopkins was captured July 1863 at Big Hill, Kentucky. He died at Fort Delaware Prison on May 7, 1864.

Jerry Lionel Goodson received a Cross of Military Service for the Vietnam Conflict. He served as a captain in the 1st Infantry Division (The Big Red One) of the U. S. Army. Goodson's great-grandfather, Private William Henry Goodson, served in Company K, 33rd Alabama Infantry Regiment.

James Byron Rials received a National Defense Medal for his service during the Vietnam Conflict. During this time, he served as master sergeant in the U. S. Army, McVee Advisor Team 82 (Military Assistant). Private Isham D. Crews, great-great grandfather of Rials, served in Company D, Captain Henry W. Laird's Company, 1st Regiment, 4th Battalion, Alabama,

Tennessee and Mississippi in the War Between the States. Crews was captured 7 April 1862 at Island Number 10 in the Mississippi River and sent north to Camp Randall, Madison, Wisconsin where he died as a prisoner of war on 25 May 1862.



At left, L-R:
 Laura Womack-Rowell,
 Jerry Goodson, Jim
 Hopkins, James Rials,
 Donna Clark

Iron Cross Grave Marker Dedication for Lt. Edward Elisha Byrd



On the afternoon of April 8, members of Gen. Edmond W. Rucker Chapter gathered at Enterprise City Cemetery to dedicate an Iron Cross marker for Lt. Edward Elisha Byrd, who served in Co I, 33rd Alabama Infantry. Georgia Fleming read the poem *Graves of Confederate Dead*, after which UDC and SCV members participated in a Roll Call of Confederate veterans buried in City

Cemetery. The marker was dedicated by Chapter President Laura Womack-Rowell and unveiled by Pat Richter. A wreath was placed and a biography of Edward E. Byrd given by descendant Anne Ballenger of Virginia. Joe Clark, Commander of Camp 911, read the poem *The Same Canteen*. The Canteen Salute, Rifle Salute, and Cannon Salute were performed by Clanton's Battery, 1st Battalion, Alabama Light Artillery. A closing prayer was offered by Chaplain Cathy Odom, followed by refreshments provided by the Byrd family.

Pictured above, back row, L-R: Beata Moore, Pat Richter, Georgia Fleming, Brandi Evans of Thomas Randolph Thomasson 2471 in Andalusia, Donna Clark, Tammie Evans of Thomasson Chapter, Cathy Odom, Laura Womack-Rowell; seated, L-R: Katherine Hogue, Tommie Byrd, Anne Ballenger.

43rd Piney Woods Arts & Crafts Festival 2017



Members of Camp 911 and Gen. E. W. Rucker Chapter participated in the 43rd Annual Piney Woods Arts & Crafts Festival on the grounds of Enterprise State Community College, March 18 and 19. We had information tents in an area dedicated to Living History of the War Between the States.

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

Chapter Social Meeting

Gen. Edmond W. Rucker 2534 will have its monthly social meeting on Thursday, April 27, at Mom's Family Restaurant, 2200 Ozark Highway in Enterprise at 5:00 pm. All members and prospective members are invited to attend our informal get-together. You can enjoy dinner, a salad, a dessert, or just have a cup of coffee with us. We hope to see you there, and if you can't make it at 5:00, come when you can.

Important Reminders

- ▶ **Ladies, the Benevolent Committee is asking us to bring **drink mixes** to our April meeting.**
- ▶ **Please continue to bring canceled stamps, and coupons for our soldiers. We are still collecting hotel soaps and lotions, and can tabs.**

Please take time to send a card, letter, or small gift

Below is a list of our Real Daughters, and a Randolph Relief recipient who is a Granddaughter. These ladies appreciate so much being remembered. It means a lot to them to get a birthday or other occasion card, or a personal note from a UDC member!

Randolph Relief Granddaughter:

Mrs. Sammy Hynds Harrison, 3210 Ash Park, Apt 36, Richland Hills, TX 76118; b-day Sept 23, 1935

Real Daughters:

Mrs. Willie Ruth Aiken, 800 N 5th Ave, Apt 101, Rome, GA 30165; b-day Oct 2, 1924

Mrs. Leontine Duplessis, 43090 Black Bayou Rd., Gonzales, LA 70737; b-day April 21, 1914

Mrs. Iva Lee Gainey, 604 E. Morris Ave., Apt 103, Denson, NC 27504; b-day May 9, 1921

Mrs. Floye Goodspeed, 419 Oak Hill Dr., Conroe, TX 77304; b-day August 21, 1925


Mrs. Iris Lee Jordan, Apt 222, Palmetto Park Baptist Manor, 519 Perkins Rd., Palmetto, GA 30268; b-day Oct 20, 1922

Mrs. Myrtice Powell, c/o Hilda Jordan, 3211 Dunaway Ln., Pensacola, FL, 32526; b-day Oct 1, 1917

Mrs. Reba Scott, 725 Jorday Mill Rd., Sandersville, GA 31082; b-day May 26, 1924

Mrs. Rachel South, 1328 Delaware Ave., Eden, NC 27288; b-day August 2, 1930



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<p style="text-align: center;">Happy Birthday!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Irene Carter - April 5th</i> <i>Pat Howard - April 11th</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">GEN. EDMOND WINCHESTER RUCKER 2534 ENTERPRISE, ALABAMA</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">To place an advertisement, greeting or memorial in the newsletter, contact Brian or Georgia Fleming at 347-0017 or e-mail Georgia hyacinth@ala.net or Brian mpegcd@yahoo.com</p>