



# RUCKER RANGERS NEWSLETTER



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### **Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter 2534**

United Daughters of the Confederacy  
Enterprise, Alabama

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

**Thurs., August 14, 2014, 4:30 pm**

First United Methodist Church Gathering Room  
Program: "Jefferson Davis Highway,  
Coast to Coast" (Holly Muller)  
Refreshments: Pat Richter and Georgia Fleming

### **Coffee County Rangers Camp #911 12th Ala. Inf. Regt., Co D**

Sons of Confederate Veterans  
Enterprise, Alabama

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

**Thurs., August 14, 2014, 7:00 pm**

First United Methodist Church Gathering Room  
Program: Joe Clark and Mack Lott  
Refreshments: Brian and Georgia Fleming

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### August

**August 22-23-24 - 150th Anniversary of Kilpatrick's Raid on Jonesboro.** Nash Farm, 4361 Jonesboro Rd. Union and Confederate camps, cavalry and artillery demonstrations, troops review, monument unveiling, sabre charge re-creation, formal military ball. Free admission. For more information: <http://www.henrycountybattlefield.com/>

**August 22 - Fabulous Fourth Friday,** 6:00-9:00 pm, Downtown Enterprise; we will participate with an information table in front of the Pea River Historical & Genealogical Society Gift Shop & Library.

### September

**September 8 - Troy Civil War Forum,** 6:30 p.m. at Beulah Church in Troy. Rev. Ed Shirley will portray a period Circuit Rider. There is no charge for admission; the public is invited.

### OFFICERS

UDC		SCV	
<b>President</b>	Pat Richter	<b>Commander</b>	Joe E. Clark, Jr.
<b>Vice President</b>	Holly Muller	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander</b>	Mack Lott
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</b>	Donna Clark	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander</b>	Ray Kyle
<b>Secretary</b>	Georgia Fleming	<b>Adjutant</b>	John Kolkman

### VISIT OUR WEBSITES

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

[http://www.flemingmultimedia.com/UDC/E\\_W\\_Rucker\\_2534.html](http://www.flemingmultimedia.com/UDC/E_W_Rucker_2534.html)

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>

## **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**August 4, 1864**

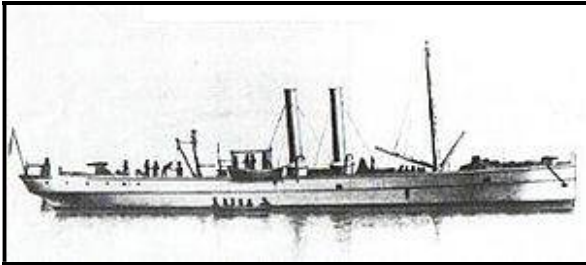
Battle of Mobile Bay

**August 28-29, 1861**

Fort Hatteras in North Carolina falls, advancing the Union strategy of closing ports along the Carolina coast.

**August 6, 1864**

CSS Tallahassee breaks the Union blockade beginning a two week campaign in which 30 Union ships are destroyed



**August 8, 1862**

Battle of Cumberland Gap, Tennessee

**August 9, 1862**

Battle of Cedar Mountain, Virginia

**August 10, 1861**

Battle of Wilson's Creek, Missouri



**August 17, 1862**

CSS Florida becomes first foreign-built warship constructed for the CSA

**August 18, 1864**

Gen. Grant refuses second Confederate request to exchange POWs.

**August 19, 1861**

Confederate Congress agrees to an alliance with Missouri's Confederate government

**August 21, 1864**

Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest's cavalry raids Union-held Memphis

**August 28-30, 1862**

Battle of Second Manassas, Virginia



**August 31-September 1, 1864**

Battle of Jonesboro, Georgia



## FORT MORGAN 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Several members of Camp 911 attended the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Mobile Bay and Siege of Fort Morgan. Mack Lott and Morgan Oglesby re-enacted with Ferrell's Battery artillery. Deke Scott and Family, Stuart Mock, Brandon Grant, and Tim Walton galvanized as Co E, 15<sup>th</sup> U.S. Infantry.



The event commemorates the August 1864 battle against the Union effort to close the port of Mobile to blockade running, and to defend Fort Morgan at the entrance to the bay. (Left – Capt. Deke Scott)

## TROY FORUM



Camp 911 member Dr. Ken Chancey presented the August program for the Troy Civil War Forum, "History of Some Popular Songs During the War Between the States." Dr. Chancey previously gave the program for the camp; both audiences enjoyed it immensely.



## Confederate Trivia

by Georgia Fleming

Can you arrange these events from earliest to latest?

1. \_\_\_\_ a. President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation.
2. \_\_\_\_ b. Robert E. Lee promoted to general-in-chief of Confederate forces
3. \_\_\_\_ c. The first Confederate state capital fell to Union troops
4. \_\_\_\_ d. Confederate victory at the Battle of First Manassas
5. \_\_\_\_ e. Jefferson Davis elected president of the Confederate States of America
6. \_\_\_\_ f. The Battle of Mobile Bay
7. \_\_\_\_ g. Confederate victory at the Battle of Chancellorsville
8. \_\_\_\_ h. Jefferson Davis inaugurated as president of the Confederate States of America
9. \_\_\_\_ i. Ulysses Grant promoted to command all the armies of the USA
10. \_\_\_\_ j. Sherman's March to the Sea

### FORREST'S RAID ON MEMPHIS

On 21 August 1864, Maj. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest launched a raid on Memphis, Tennessee, then occupied by 6,000 Federal troops. His aim was to force a recall of Union forces from northern Mississippi, while at the same time freeing Confederate prisoners and capturing Union officers. Under cover of a thick fog, Forrest successfully eliminated sentries by claiming to be a Union patrol returning with prisoners.



Once in the city, Forrest himself sought to capture Gen. Cadwallader C. Washburn. He found that Washburn had escaped to Fort Pickering dressed in his night-shirt. Forrest took Washburn's uniform.

Citizens of Memphis reported that Confederate horsemen rode into the lobby of the Gayoso House Hotel looking for Yankee officers. Withdrawing after a few hours, Forrest left telegraph wires cut, and took 500 prisoners and many horses along with supplies. The raid succeeded in forcing the return of Union forces to Memphis from northern Mississippi.

Union General Stephen Augustus Hurlbut said of the affair: "There it goes again! They superseded me with Washburn because I could not keep Forrest out of West Tennessee, and Washburn cannot keep him out of his own bedroom!" Forrest later returned Washburn's uniform under a flag of truce.

### MEMBERSHIP

**Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker 2534**

35 members

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

13 members

**Coffee County Rangers Camp 911**

47 members, 4 Cadets

## COFFEE COUNTY CONFEDERATE VETERANS MONUMENT NEWS

The Alabama Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, has given Camp 911 a grant towards the erection of our Coffee County Confederate Veterans Monument. Details will be forthcoming from Commander Clark.

“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

### TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. d [July 21, 1861] Confederate victory at the Battle of First Manassas
2. e [November 7, 1861] Jefferson Davis elected president of the Confederate States
3. h [February 22, 1862] Jefferson Davis inaugurated as president of the Confederate States
4. c [February 25, 1862] The first Confederate state capital (Nashville) fell to Union troops
5. a [January 1, 1863] President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation.
6. g [April 30-May 6, 1863] Confederate victory at the Battle of Chancellorsville
7. i [March 9, 1864] Ulysses Grant promoted to command all the armies of the USA
8. f [August 5, 1864] The Battle of Mobile Bay
9. j [November 15-December 21, 1864] Sherman’s March to the Sea
10. b [January 31, 1865] Robert E. Lee promoted to general-in-chief of Confederate forces



"Sirs, you have no reason to be ashamed of your Confederate dead; see to it they have no reason to be ashamed of you."

-- Robert Lewis Dabney  
Chief of Staff to Stonewall Jackson  
Confederate Army Chaplain

## *Important Reminders*

- ❑ Ladies, we'll have our **ANNUAL HAT DAY** at the August meeting. Don't forget to wear your hats! We will also be **INSTALLING OFFICERS** and taking photographs.
- ❑ The Benevolent Activities Committee is asking us to **bring peanut butter, jelly, and non-perishable breakfast foods** such as grits and cereal.
- ❑ Ladies, please participate in our **fund-raiser for the conservation of the flag of the 26th Alabama Infantry** by bringing cash to "stuff the backpacks." After the money is taken to the 2014 Division Convention, the empty backpacks will be donated to the Homeless Veterans Center in Montgomery. We can also bring items for homeless vets.
- ❑ **Continue to bring the items we collect year-round:** non-perishable foodstuffs; cancelled stamps; old pairs of spectacles; used cell phones (working or not); back issues of the **UDC Magazine**; toys, diapers and personal hygiene items for the House of Ruth; aluminum can tabs; and coupons. (Overseas military members can use *expired coupons* up to six months past their expiration date.)



**Laura F. Rowell**

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*Office Hours By Appointment*



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