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United Daughters of the Confederacy
and
Coffee County Rangers Camp #911, 12th Ala. Inf. Regt., Co D
Sons of Confederate Veterans



Annual UDC/SCV Christmas Party

December 10, 6:30 pm at the First United Methodist Church Gathering Room
Chili Supper (with all the fixin's) - See p. 8 for important details!

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

December 5 – Children of the Confederacy Christmas in the South, 11 am at Confederate Memorial Park. Please bring an ornament for the Christmas tree, an unwrapped toy for underprivileged children, and finger foods to share after the program.

December 7 – Troy Civil War Forum, 6:30 pm at Old Beulah Church on South Three Notch St. in Troy. Carol Glayre will present the program “The First Confederate Colonel.” The public is invited to attend.

December 12 - UDC Christmas Brunch at the home of Holly Muller, 11 am.

December 14 - Alabama Day, commemorating Alabama's admittance to the Union as the 22nd state on December 14, 1819.

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

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>

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

December 6, 1889

Death of President Jefferson Davis
in New Orleans



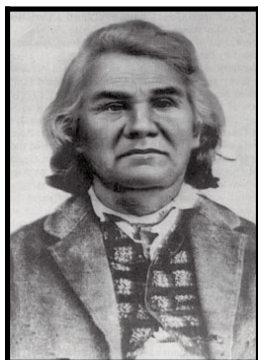
December 10, 1861

Confederate Congress acts to admit Kentucky
to the Confederacy as the 13th state.



December 12, 1806

Brigadier General Stand Watie born in
Oothcaloga, Cherokee Nation



December 12, 1830

Brigadier General Joseph Orville Shelby
born in Lexington, Kentucky



December 13-14, 1862

Battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia



December 15-16, 1864

Battle of Nashville, Tennessee

December 20, 1860

South Carolina secedes, the first
state to do so.



Coffee County Rangers on Parade

Coffee County Rangers Camp 911 participated in three local parades during the holiday season, with plans for a fourth in New Brockton. Parade season kicked off with the Downtown Enterprise Veterans Day Parade on Thursday, November 5.



(Left) The SCV float is shown in the staging area beside the Depot Museum. Riding the float are Deke and Amanda Scott and their children, and Brandon Grant. At left, Gus Grant; at right, Mack Lott.

(Right) The float flew the American Flag, the Bonnie Blue, the Alabama State Flag, the First National, and the Confederate Battle Flag.



(Left) The Enterprise Christmas Parade took place December 1, moving down Main Street. Deke and Amanda Scott and children, and Brandon Grant rode the float. The theme of the parade was "Blue Christmas." The SCV float was designed and built by Mack Lott.

(Right) The Ozark Christmas Parade took place December 3. Riding the float: Deke and Amanda Scott and children, and Brian Fleming. Our float has been received with enthusiasm by the crowds in Enterprise and Ozark.



Confederate Trivia

by Georgia Fleming

Can you name the primary capital cities of these Confederate states during the War?

1. Alabama
2. Arkansas
3. Florida
4. Georgia
5. Louisiana
6. Mississippi
7. North Carolina
8. South Carolina
9. Tennessee
10. Texas
11. Virginia

Bonus points:

12. Missouri
13. Kentucky
14. Arizona

15. What cities served as the capital of the Confederate States of America?

“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



“I saw in States’ rights the only availing check upon the absolutism of the sovereign will, and secession filled me with hope, not as the destruction but as the redemption of Democracy.... Therefore I deemed that you were fighting the battles of our liberty, our progress, and our civilization, and I mourn for the stake which was lost at Richmond more deeply than I rejoice over that which was saved at Waterloo.”

– John Dalberg-Acton, 1st Baron Acton, in a letter to
Robert E. Lee after the War

Trivia Answers

1. Alabama - Montgomery
2. Arkansas - Little Rock [Washington, in Hempstead County, was capital of Arkansas 1863-1865 after the Union capture of Little Rock.]
3. Florida - Tallahassee
4. Georgia - Milledgeville [In 1868, during Reconstruction, the legislature moved the capital to Atlanta.]
5. Louisiana - Baton Rouge [In 1862, after Baton Rouge fell to the Union, Opelousas was designated the state capital for nine months. When Opelousas fell, Shreveport was the capital from 1863 to 1865.]
6. Mississippi - Jackson
7. North Carolina - Raleigh
8. South Carolina - Columbia
9. Tennessee - Nashville [When Nashville fell in February 1862, Governor Harris called for the legislature to assemble in Memphis, where he had moved the executive office. Memphis fell in June 1862.]
10. Texas - Austin
11. Virginia - Richmond [When Richmond was captured in April 1865, the state capital was briefly moved to Lynchburg.]

Bonus points:

12. Missouri - Neosho [Later moved to Cassville; eventually operated as a government in exile in Marshall, Texas]
13. Kentucky - Bowling Green. [The provisional government of Kentucky was recognized by the CSA and admitted to the Confederacy in December 1861.]
14. Arizona - Mesilla [The CSA claimed Confederate Arizona, consisting of southern Arizona and New Mexico, as a territory. The government relocated from Mesilla to El Paso, Texas, then to east Texas.]
15. Montgomery, Alabama; Richmond, Virginia; Danville, Virginia [For eight days, April 3-10, 1865]]

Important Reminders

Ladies, the Benevolence Committee is asking that we bring non-gender toys and stocking-stuffers to the Christmas Party. These do not have to be expensive, but just something children would enjoy finding in their stocking on Christmas morning.



Don't forget to bring your gifts for the gift exchange at the party. See invitation on p. 8 for details!

A Confederate Christmas

In 1896, Mrs. Varina Howell Davis, widow of Pres. Jefferson Davis, wrote an article about Christmas in her home in 1864. Mrs. Davis, then nearing 70 years old, recalled collecting and refurbishing old toys to give to local orphans. She also described a final party ...

“The night closed with a ‘starvation’ party, where there were no refreshments, at a neighboring house. The rooms lighted as well as practicable, some one willing to play dance music on the piano and plenty of young men and girls comprised the entertainment. Sam Weller's soiree, consisting of boiled mutton and capers, would have been a royal feast in the Confederacy. The officers, who rode into town with their long cavalry boots pulled well up over their knees, but splashed up their waists, put up their horses and rushed to the places where their dress uniform suits had been left for safekeeping. They very soon emerged, however, in full toggery and entered into the pleasures of their dance with the bright-eyed girls, who many of them were fragile as fairies, but worked like peasants for their home and country. These young people are gray-haired now, but the lessons of self-denial, industry and frugality in which they became past mistresses then, have made of them the most dignified, self-reliant and tender women I have ever known -- all honor to them.

So, in the interchange of the courtesies and charities of life, to which we could not add its comforts and pleasures, passed the last Christmas in the Confederate mansion.”



<p>Happy Birthday!</p> <p><i>Tommye Byrd (Dec. 4)</i> <i>Frances Casto (Dec. 7)</i> <i>Beth Henderson (Dec. 16)</i></p> <p>GEN. EDMOND WINCHESTER RUCKER CHAPTER 2534</p>	<p>FLEMING MULTIMEDIA</p> <p>122 S. Main St., Enterprise, AL 36330 334-347-0017</p> <p><i>Computer Sales & Service</i> Brian Fleming, Owner</p>
<p><i>Office Hours By Appointment</i></p>  <p>DR. KENNETH W. CHANCEY FAMILY & COSMETIC DENTISTRY</p> <p>534 Boll Weevil Circle Enterprise, AL 36330</p> <p>TEL. (334) 347-0036 Fax (334) 308-2217</p>	<p>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>



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Christmas Party


All members, prospective members and their spouses are invited to attend our combined Christmas Party to be held at the First United Methodist Church Gathering Room on Thursday, December 10, 2015.

Social time begins at 6:30 p.m.; the meal will be served at 7:00 p.m. Our meal for the evening will be Chili and “fixins”.

We ask that each attendee, who wishes to participate, bring a wrapped gift for a gift exchange. Please keep the cost under \$10.00.

Also, our Benevolent Committee would like to encourage everyone to bring small unwrapped toys for stocking stuffers. These will be donated to the foster child program.

If you have any questions or need more information, please call Donna Clark: 334-301-9952 or Joe Clark: 334-306-1793.

We hope to see you there!!!