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Enterprise, Alabama

NEXT MEETING

UDC

February 11, 2010, 4:30 pm
Citizens Bank Community Room, Enterprise
Program: Georgia Fleming on "*Sidney Lanier: Soldier, Poet, Musician, Writer*"
Refreshments: Tommye Byrd

SCV

February 11, 2010, 7:00 pm
Citizens Bank Community Room, Enterprise
Program: Georgia Fleming on "*Bonds of Brotherhood: Freemason in the War*"
Refreshments: Refreshments Committee

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

February 27 – UDC Gen. Henry D. Clayton District Meeting will be held Saturday, February 27, at First Christian Church, 1401 North Cherokee St., Dothan. Registration will begin at 9:30 am, the meeting will begin at 10:00. The cost of the luncheon is \$15.00. The deadline for registration is February 15.

February 20 – Alabama Secession Day Commemoration/Constitutional Mini-Seminar, 9:30 am at the Foundation for Moral Law Building, One Dexter Ave., Montgomery. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Chuck Baldwin; Col. John Eidsmoe, Professor Emeritus of Constitutional Law at Faulkner University, will be speaking as well.

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 - 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 - Annual 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.

OFFICERS

SCV		UDC	
Commander	Joe E. Clark, Jr.	President/Treasurer	Shirley H. Edberg
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NEWS

The chapter members of The Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter #2534, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Enterprise, Alabama are pleased to announce their endorsement of Donna Clark for the office of Alabama Division Second Vice President 2010-2012.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

February 1, 1861

Texas secedes from the Union.

February 3, 1807

Birthday of Gen. Joseph E. Johnston

February 6, 1832

Birthday of Gen. John Brown Gordon,
1st Commander in Chief of the UCV

February 6, 1833

Birthday of Maj. Gen. J. E. B. Stuart

February 8-9, 1861

Confederate States of America
formed with Jefferson Davis as President

February 17, 1864

CSS H. L. Hunley first submarine to sink
an enemy ship (*USS Housatonic*), off
Charleston, South Carolina

February 18, 1861

Inauguration of President Jefferson Davis

Confederate Humor

"The orderly sergeant was calling the roll. 'Jehoshaphat Jenkins!' 'Here', promptly responded Jehoshaphat. 'George Squib!' 'Here', in a firm voice, responded the heroic Squib. 'Ebenezer Mead!' No answer. 'Ebenezer Mead, what do you mean by standing there staring me in the face and not answering when your name is called?' said the sergeant, impatiently. 'You didn't call my name,' gruffly answered the private. 'Isn't your name Ebenezer Mead?' 'Nary time.' 'What is it, then?'. 'Eben Mead!' 'What's the difference?' 'A heap.' 'I can't see any.' 'Now, sergeant, your name is Peter Wright, isn't it?' 'Yes.' 'Well, would you answer to the name of Peternezer Wright?' 'Of course not.' A laugh from the company, and after roll-call a mutual smile between Eben and Peter -- at the latter's expense -- settled the matter in a manner satisfactory to all concerned."

"When General Butler was in command at New Orleans, during 'the war,' he was informed that Father Ryan, priest and poet, had said he would even refuse to hold funeral services for a dead Yankee. General Butler sent for him in haste, and began roundly scolding him for expressing such unchristian and rebellious sentiments. 'General,' the wily priest answered, 'you have been misinformed. I would be pleased to conduct funeral services for all the Yankee officers and men in New Orleans!'"

-- Camp Fires of the Confederacy: *A Volume of Humorous Anecdotes, Reminiscences, Deeds of Heroism, and Thrilling Narratives*, Benjamin LeBree, editor, 1898

April is Confederate History Month

