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<p>Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter #2534 United Daughters of the Confederacy Enterprise, Alabama NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 12, 2012, 4:30 pm Citizens Bank Community Room, Enterprise Program: "Famous Onlookers" (Laura Rowell) Refreshments: Tommye Byrd & Jeanette Moates</p>	<p>Coffee County Rangers Camp #911 12th Ala. Inf. Regt., Co D Sons of Confederate Veterans Enterprise, Alabama NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 12, 2012, 7:00 pm Citizens Bank Community Room, Enterprise Program: "The Battle of Murfreesboro" (Daniel Larson) Refreshments: Brian & Georgia Fleming</p>	
<p>Children of the Confederacy Chapter Rucker's Belles and Beaux, and Camp 911 Cadets will meet at the Pea River Historical Society Library at 108 S. Main St., Enterprise, January 12, 2012, at 7:00 pm for crafts and refreshments. For more information about CofC or the Cadets, contact Daniel and Kim Larson.</p>		

UPCOMING EVENTS

January

"The First White House of the Confederacy", January 15, 2012, 2:00 pm at the Enterprise Welcome Center on the ByPass (across from Winn Dixie). Everyone is invited to attend the January meeting of the Pea River Historical and Genealogical Society. Henry Howard of Montgomery will present the program on The First White House of the Confederacy, where he is a tour guide.

Robert E. Lee Birthday Observed, January 16, 2012, Alabama State Holiday.

Robert E. Lee Annual Party, January 19, 2012, 11:00 am at the First White House of the Confederacy, Montgomery. Guest speaker will be Bob Bradley, Chief Curator of the State Dept of Archives and History. Please join us as we honor this gallant Confederate General and Statesman. Birthday cake will be served.

Alabama Division UDC Winter Board Meeting, January 21, 2012, in Prattville.

February

Gen. Henry D. Clayton District Meeting, UDC, February 4, 2012, in Eufaula.

OFFICERS			
UDC		SCV	
President/Treasurer	Shirley H. Edberg	Commander	Joe E. Clark, Jr.
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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

January 1-2, 1862

Battles of Murfreesboro, Tennessee
(including Parker's Crossroads and Stones River)

January 8, 1821

Birth of Lt. Gen. James L. Longstreet
Edgefield District, South Carolina

January 9, 1904

Death of
Maj. Gen. John B. Gordon
Miami, Florida

January 14, 1806

Birth of Cdr. Matthew Fontaine Maury
Spotsylvania County, Virginia



January 21, 1824

Birth of Lt. Gen.
Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson
Clarksburg, Virginia



January 1825
Birth of Maj. Gen. George
E. Pickett
Richmond, Virginia

Military records list Gen. Pickett's birthday as January 28. His grave marker in Hollywood Cemetery has

January 25. His christening record from St. John's Church in Richmond says he was born January 16.

January 19, 1807

Birth of Gen. Robert E. Lee
Stratford Hall, Virginia



5 Confederate States
Seceded in January, 1861

(dates below are those on which the ordinance of secession passed)

Mississippi	January 9
Florida	January 10
Alabama	January 11
Georgia	January 19
Louisiana	January 26



Christmas Party
December 8, 2011 – New Brockton, Alabama



Our joint SCV/UDC Annual Christmas Party was a hit again this year! We had a great time of Confederate fellowship and plenty of good food at the Edberg Barn in New Brockton.

Members brought Christmas ornaments to exchange, and everyone enjoyed selecting an ornament from the tree.



Jim and Shirley Edberg hosted the party in their barn.



UDC Chapter President Shirley Edberg oversees the preparations for the covered dish dinner.



Reminder for UDC Members:
Faye is collecting non-perishable items, old prescription eyeglasses, and cell phones (for The House of Ruth). Bring contributions to the meeting Thursday if you can.



Confederate Trivia

by Georgia Fleming

Test your knowledge of the Confederate States Navy:

1. Who was the only Confederate Secretary of the Navy?
2. The first battle between ironclads is often referred to as "Monitor vs. Merrimack". What is the correct name of Merrimack at the time of the battle?
3. USS United States was captured by Confederate forces in port at Norfolk in 1861. She was commissioned into the Confederate Navy under what name?
4. The final Confederate surrender took place on November 6, 1865, aboard what Confederate vessel?
5. USS Kearsarge sank what Confederate commerce raider?
6. What was the name of the CSS Alabama's sister ship?
7. What man, who served as a commander in both the Federal and Confederate navies, is known as "The Father of Modern Oceanography"?
8. Who is the only North American to have simultaneously held the ranks of naval rear admiral and army brigadier general?
9. Who served as the only Commandant of the Confederate States Marine Corps for the duration of the War?
10. What Confederate flag was the last one to be lowered in the War?



"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, April 25, 1906



VISIT OUR WEBSITES

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

<http://www.flemingmultimedia.com/UDC/E%20W%20Rucker%202534.html>

Camp 911 has a page on Facebook. Use Facebook's search box for "SCV Camp 911 Coffee County Rangers" then click on "Ask to Join Group."

**Grave Marking for Pvt. John W. Davis
January 1, 2012 – Evergreen Cemetery, Murfreesboro, Tennessee**

On January 1, during the 149th anniversary of the Battle of Murfreesboro, Tennessee (December 31, 1862 – January 2, 1863), a marker dedication was held in Evergreen Cemetery, the section known as Confederate Circle, for Pvt. John W. Davis, Co C, 25th Tennessee Infantry Regt. The 25th was part of Brig. Gen. Bushrod Johnson's Brigade, Cleburne's Division, Hardee's Corps, Army of Tennessee. The 25th was in the center of the brigade during the battle. Private Davis was severely wounded in the leg and was taken prisoner following the battle. He lingered until Jan. 19, 1863, when he died. He left behind a wife, Mary Jones, and four children. Private Davis's marker was one of three dedicated on this day. The dedication was done as part of SCV Camp #33's annual memorial service to Confederates killed as a result of battles fought in and around Murfreesboro. Camp #33 is hosting the National Convention for 2012 in July.



Before the ceremony, Mack Lott and the Larson family visited the field of battle and observed the demonstrations by re-enactors and toured the Murfreesboro Battlefield Museum. (L-R) Cassidy Larson, Kim Larson, Daniel Larson; front: Landon Larson, Mack Lott



Some descendants were on hand and a family reunion, 149 years in the making, took place. (Dylan and Debria Beatey with the Larson Family)



Color SGT Larson spoke on behalf of the Davis Family.

Color Sgt. Daniel Larson entered into the Sons of Confederate Veterans on Private Davis's service, one of four brothers who served with the 25th Tennessee. William P. and John Davis enlisted September 20, 1862, in White County, Tennessee. Their younger brothers Simon and Lewis enlisted with the Army of Tennessee in February 1863 while the army was at Tullahoma. Simon died in a military hospital in Chattanooga on May 10, 1863; Lewis was discharged December 24, 1864, crippled by a wound suffered near Dalton, Georgia. William P. survived and is Daniel's 3x great-grandfather on his mother's side. Mack Lott, 2nd Lt. Commander of Camp 911, was present as a representative of the camp.



An Honor Guard fired the volleys.

Fourth Grade Celebrates Alabama Day

On December 14, 1819, Alabama became a state when President James Monroe signed the resolution admitting her to the Union as the twenty-second state. Mrs. Neese's fourth grade class at Enterprise Preparatory Academy learned about Alabama history when Mrs. Georgia Fleming and Mrs. Donna Clark visited the class to celebrate Alabama Day. Both ladies are members of the Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy. The visitors brought cupcakes frosted in red and white and arranged in the design of the Alabama state flag. The salute to the Alabama flag was discussed and each student received a small flag. Mrs. Fleming led the class in singing the Alabama state song and told them about its author, Miss Julia Tutwiler.

Looking at the Alabama quarter, the class discussed each item pictured and its relationship to Alabama. Pictured on the quarter is Helen Keller, a famous Alabama lady who, although deaf and blind, accomplished great things in spite of her handicaps. The class decided that the caption, Spirit of Courage, under her picture is a fitting tribute to her courage in overcoming her handicaps. The class also learned about the state flower, the camellia, and the state tree, the Southern Longleaf Pine.

Although the name Alabama came from the Indian language, there is discussion about its meaning. One popular belief is that the name means "Here we rest" and the second group translates the name as "thicket clearers" because of all the trees and other vegetation found in the area.

After enjoying a break for the Christmas holidays, the fourth grade class will begin an in depth study of Alabama history.



Mrs. Neese's Class

Front row: Timothy Colquette,
Anna Lett, Konrad Kraft
Second row: Gracie Casky, Alexia West,
Maddie Bragg, Lexie Hawn

Camp 911 and Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker #2534 extend sympathy to the family of Shellie Mack Mock of Elba, who died December 27, 2011. Memorials may be made to DaySpring Hospice, PO Box 311246, Enterprise, AL 36331-1246 or to DAV Chapter 9, 702 Crawford Ave., Enterprise, AL 36330. He is survived by his wife Mary, and children Theresa, Shellie Jr., Ed, Stuart, Gary, and Tim.



TRIVIA ANSWERS

(1) Stephen Russell Mallory, (2) CSS Virginia (Merrimack was a U.S. naval frigate which was rebuilt as the Virginia, (3) CSS United States, (4) CSS Shenandoah, (5) CSS Alabama, (6) CSS Florida, (7) Matthew Fontaine Maury, (8) Raphael Semmes, (9) Colonel-Commandant Lloyd J. Beall, (10) The Second National Flag (the battle ensign of CSS Shenandoah)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

<p>Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter #2534 36 members</p>	<p>Coffee County Rangers Camp #911 48 members, 4 cadets Welcomes New Member: Jody Bass and Cadet: Thomas Jackson Clark</p>
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“The error is in the assumption that the General Government is a party to the constitutional compact. The States ... formed the compact, acting as sovereign and independent communities.”

--- *John C. Calhoun*