



# RUCKER RANGERS

## Newsletter



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### Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter 2534

United Daughters of the Confederacy  
Enterprise, Alabama

#### NEXT MEETING:

**Thurs., January 9, 2014, 4:30 pm**

First United Methodist Church Gathering Room

Program: "Stonewall Jackson:  
The Man and His Honor" (Donna Clark)  
Refreshments: Marie Koach

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

Sons of Confederate Veterans  
Enterprise, Alabama

#### NEXT MEETING:

**Thurs., January 9, 2014, 7:00 pm**

First United Methodist Church Gathering Room

Program: "The 29th Alabama Infantry and Its  
Role in the Battles of Franklin and Nashville"  
(John Kolkman)  
Refreshments: Georgia Fleming

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### January

**January 6 – Troy Civil War Forum** – 6:30 pm at the Troy Public Library, 500 East Walnut Street. Mac Holmes will give the program: "The Civil War in the Southwest." The public is invited to attend; there is no charge. For more information, call 334-566-8707.

**January 11 – Alabama Division UDC Winter Board Meeting** – Marriott Legends on Capitol Hill, Prattville, Alabama. Registration begins at 9:00 am.

**January 25 – Alabama Division SCV Robert E. Lee Day** – Montgomery, 10:00 am, at the Confederate Monument on the north side of the Capitol building.

### 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
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<b>Secretary</b>	Georgia Fleming	<b>Adjutant</b>	James E. Edberg

### 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/>



## **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**January 1-2, 1862**

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

**January 8, 1821**

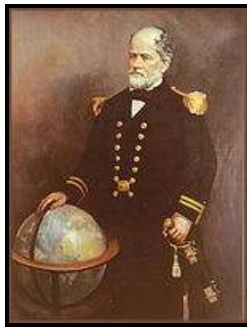
**Birth of Lt. Gen. James L. Longstreet**  
Edgefield District, South Carolina

**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

## Ozark Christmas Parade

December 14

SCV members represented Camp 911 with a float in the Ozark Christmas Parade on December 14. This was the third Christmas Parade for the float, which depicted a battlefield scene during a Christmas truce, and a home-front scene of a Confederate soldier's wife writing a letter to her husband on Christmas Day. The crowd was very appreciative of the float at all of the parades.



## Annual Christmas Party

December 12



On December 12, members gathered at the Edberg Barn in New Brockton for our Annual SCV/UDC Christmas Party. In honor of Alabama Day, we sang "Alabama." Afterwards, everyone enjoyed a covered dish dinner. As the meal ended, the wrapped gifts brought by members were auctioned to raise funds for the Coffee County Confederate Veterans Monument. As always, the Christmas Party was a time of good cheer and fellowship.



The ladies of the UDC paid tribute to Alabama Day at the Christmas Party.



Back: Asher McMillan, Haylie Hutson, Emma Howell, Alanah Tipton, Catie Vahovious  
 Front: Naomi Jacoby, Addison Lett, Emily Holmes, Kendall DeTora

## Alabama Day at Enterprise Preparatory Academy

On December 16, Donna Clark and Georgia Fleming visited Mrs. Robin Johnson's 4th Grade class at Enterprise Preparatory Academy. Donna gave each of the students an Alabama quarter and an Alabama flag, and talked to them about the symbols on the quarter and the history of Alabama's statehood. Georgia told them about Julia Tutwiler and led them in singing our state song, "Alabama," written by Miss Tutwiler. Afterwards, the students enjoyed "Alabama Flag Cupcakes" and juice.

## Confederate Trivia

by Georgia Fleming

1. What is the "High-water Mark of the Confederacy"?
2. Of approximately 76,400 men engaged, total casualties were 24,645 (12,906 Union and 11,739 Confederate) -- the highest percentage of killed and wounded of any major battle in the War. What battle?
3. What man, known as "The Pathfinder of the Seas", wrote The Physical Geography of the Sea (1855), the first comprehensive book on oceanography to be published? .
4. What Confederate officer's great-grandparents arrived in America in 1749 aboard a British prison ship, both convicted of larceny and sentenced to indentures in the Colonies?
5. What officer did General Lee refer to as his "Old War Horse"?
6. What veterans organization office did Maj. Gen. John B. Gordon hold at his death?
7. Maj. Gen. George Pickett commanded about a third of the men who participated in the charge that bears his name. Who commanded the other two divisions?
8. In an 1864 letter, General Lee described one of his officers as "characterized by splendid audacity." What aggressive general was he referring to?
9. After the war, this former Confederate general applied to President Andrew Johnson for a pardon. Johnson refused, saying: "There are three persons of the South who can never receive amnesty: Mr. Davis, General Lee, and yourself. You have given the Union cause too much trouble." Of whom was Johnson speaking?
10. One of the subjects Maj. Thomas Jackson taught at VMI was "natural philosophy." What is this subject called today?
11. The ladies of Montgomery presented a Secession Banner to the Alabama Secession Convention in January 1861. On one side is the motto "Independent Now and Forever." What Latin motto appears on the reverse, and what does it mean?
12. Who represented Coffee County at the Alabama Secession Convention?



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker 2534  
38 members

Coffee County Rangers Camp 911  
44 members, 4 Cadets

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

*"It was reserved for the latter half of the nineteenth century and for the Congress of a Republic of free men to witness the willing abnegation of all power save that of exacting tribute. What Imperial Britain with the haughtiest pretensions of unlimited power over dependent colonies could not even attempt without a vehement protest of her greatest statesmen, is to be enforced in aggravated form, if you can enforce it, against independent States."*

-- Farewell Speech of Judah P. Benjamin of Louisiana on the Occasion of His Withdrawal from the United States Senate



### TRIVIA ANSWERS

(1) An area of the Gettysburg battlefield at the Angle which was the farthest troops under Longstreet's command advanced during battle on July 3; (2) Stones River; (3) Matthew Fontaine Maury, later Commander, Confederate States Navy; (4) Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson; (5) Lt. Gen. James Longstreet; (6) Commander-in-Chief of the United Confederate Veterans; (7) Brig. Gen. J. Johnston Pettigrew and Maj. Gen. Isaac R. Trimble; (8) Maj. Gen. John B. Gordon; (9) Lt. Gen. James Longstreet; (10) Physics; (11) Noli Me Tangere ("Touch Me Not"); (12) Gappa Talmadge Yelverton.



On the first day of battle at Gettysburg, July 1, 1863, Brig. Gen. John B. Gordon's brigade attacked the Union XI Corps. Gordon personally aided wounded Union division commander Francis Channing Barlow of New York, and believed at the time that Barlow's wounds were mortal. Unaware that Barlow survived, Gordon met him in Washington after the war and told of it in his memoir:

Seated at Clarkson Potter's table, I asked Barlow: "General, are you related to the Barlow who was killed at Gettysburg?" He replied: "Why, I am the man, sir. Are you related to the Gordon who killed me?" "I am the man, sir," I responded. No words of mine can convey any conception of the emotions awakened by those startling announcements. Nothing short of an actual resurrection from the dead could have amazed either of us more. Thenceforward, until his untimely death in 1896, the friendship between us which was born amidst the thunders of Gettysburg was greatly cherished by both.

— John B. Gordon, *Reminiscences of the Civil 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

### *Important Reminders*

- ❖ Ladies, the Benevolence Committee is asking that we once again bring school supplies – pens, paper, dictionaries, anything that students might need.
- ❖ Please 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).

**★ HAPPY ★  
BIRTHDAY!**

**Pat Richter**

**President, Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker  
Chapter 2534**

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