



# RUCKER RANGERS NEWSLETTER



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

United Daughters of the Confederacy  
Enterprise, Alabama

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

**Thurs., January 8, 2015, 4:30 pm**

First United Methodist Church Gathering Room  
December Program - "Religion Among the  
Troops" (Pat Richter); January Program - "Lee's  
Fighting Tigers" (Donna Clark)  
Refreshments: Donna Clark & Pat Richter

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

Sons of Confederate Veterans  
Enterprise, Alabama

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

**Thurs., January 8, 2015, 7:00 pm**

First United Methodist Church Gathering Room  
Program: Jim Faust, author of  
The Fighting Fifteenth Alabama: A Civil War  
History & Roster  
Refreshments: Brian and Georgia Fleming

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### January 2015

**January 5 – Troy Civil War Forum**, 6:30 pm at Beulah Church in Troy. Mac Holmes will give the program on the War in the West. The public is invited to attend; there is no charge.

**January 17 - Alabama Division UDC Winter Board**, at the Montgomery Country Club. The Call is on the Division website at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~aludc/>.

**January 19 - Alabama State Holiday - Birthday of Gen. Robert E. Lee**

**January 24 - Alabama Division SCV Robert E. Lee Day**, 10:00 am in the Auditorium of the State Department of Archives and History Building in Montgomery. Camp 911 Color Guard will participate. For more information, contact Deke Scott.

### OFFICERS

UDC		SCV	
<b>President</b>	Donna Clark	<b>Commander</b>	Joe E. Clark, Jr.
<b>Vice President</b>	Holly Muller	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander</b>	Mack Lott
<b>Treasurer &amp; Secretary</b>	Patsy B. Richter	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander</b>	Ray Kyle
		<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>

## **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

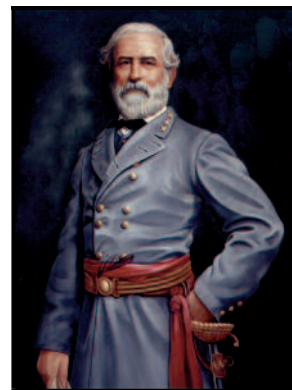


**January 1825**

**Birth of Maj. Gen. George E. Pickett**  
Richmond, Virginia

**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 2014



Members gathered in the Edberg Barn in New Brockton on December 11 for our annual SCV/UDC Christmas Party.

We enjoyed a great time of fellowship and good food, followed by a fund-raiser auction of gift items.



## Confederate Trivia

by Georgia Fleming

1. Biographer Jeffry D. Wert said of this officer that he was "the finest corps commander in the Army of Northern Virginia; in fact, he was arguably the best corps commander in the conflict on either side." Who was he?
2. He was known as "The Pathfinder of the Seas," and held the rank of Commander in both the U. S. and Confederate Navy. Who was he?

3. This Confederate general received his appointment to West Point from Abraham Lincoln's law partner, John T. Stuart. Who was he?
4. Lt. Gen. James Longstreet's cousin Julia Dent married one of his West Point classmates. Who?
5. The oldest surviving WBTS monument still in its original location is part of what battlefield?
6. This battle-cry urged on what action? "Up, Men, and to your posts! Don't forget today that you are from Old Virginia."
7. What two Confederate generals served as Superintendent of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point prior to the War?
8. 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?

### **MEMBERSHIP**

**Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker 2534**  
35 members

**Coffee County Rangers Camp 911**  
47 members, 4 Cadets

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

"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. Lt. Gen. James Longstreet; 2. Cdr. Matthew Fontaine Maury; 3. Maj. Gen. George Pickett;
4. Ulysses Grant; 5. Stones River [the Hazen Brigade Monument]; 6. Pickett's Charge;
7. Gen. Robert E. Lee [1852-1855] and Gen. P. G. T. Beauregard [for five days in 1861];
8. Brig. Gen. J. Johnston Pettigrew and Maj. Gen. Isaac R. Trimble.



**When the South raised its sword against the Union's Flag, it was in defense of the Union's Constitution.**

**-- Maj. Gen. John B. Gordon**

## Important Reminders

- ✓ Ladies, the Benevolence Committee is asking that we bring peanut butter and jelly to the January meeting.
- ✓ Continue to bring the items we collect year-round: 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.)



Pat Richter    Sharon Lowman  
 Patricia Stephens  
**GEN. EDMOND WINCHESTER RUCKER**  
**CHAPTER 2534**

*Office Hours By Appointment*



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