



# RUCKER RANGERS

## NEWSLETTER



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### Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter 2534

United Daughters of the Confederacy  
Enterprise, Alabama

#### NEXT MEETING:

**Thurs., January 14, 2016, 4:30 pm**

1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church Gathering Room

December Program: "Toys, Games  
and Equipment" (Laura Rowell)

January Program: "Catherine "Kate" Cumming

- Confederate Nurse (Tommye Byrd)

Refreshments: Laura Womack-Rowell

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

Sons of Confederate Veterans

Enterprise, Alabama

#### NEXT MEETING:

**Thurs., January 14, 2016, 7:00 pm**

1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church Gathering Room

Program: "Briarfield: Jefferson Davis's  
Plantation" (Carol Glayre)

Refreshments: Brian and Georgia Fleming

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JANUARY

**January 16 – Alabama Division UDC Winter Board Meeting**, Montgomery Country Club

**January 23 – Robert E. Lee Birthday Celebration**, 9:30 am, Alabama Department of Archives and History, Montgomery

### FEBRUARY

**February 27 – General Henry D. Clayton District Meeting**, 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church Gathering Room, Enterprise.

### OFFICERS

#### UDC

President ..... Donna Clark  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President ..... Holly Muller  
Secretary/Treasurer ..... Patsy B. Richter

#### SCV

Commander ..... Joe E. Clark, Jr.  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Commander ..... Mack Lott  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Commander ..... Ray Kyle  
Adjutant ..... John Kolkman

### VISIT OUR WEBSITES

» **COFFEE COUNTY RANGERS:**

[HTTP://WWW.COFFEECOUNTYRANGERS.ORG/](http://www.coffeecountyrangersonline.org/)

» **GEN. EDMOND WINCHESTER RUCKER  
2534:**

[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/3EYEZP6](http://tinyurl.com/3EYEZP6)

» **CAMP 911 FACEBOOK:**

[HTTP://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/SCVCAMPENTERPRISE/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/SCVCAMPENTERPRISE/)

» **SCV YOUTUBE CHANNEL:**

[HTTP://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/USER/SCVORG](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



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

## Alabama Day



*(L-R) Mrs. Johnson, Sal Marrero, Julaine Reed, Joshua Coopriker, Shae Beall, Mrs. Fleming*

On December 14 (Alabama Day), Chapter President/Historian Donna Clark and Assistant Historian Georgia Fleming visited Mrs. Robin Johnson's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade class at Enterprise Preparatory Academy. The day commemorates Alabama's admittance to the Union as the 22<sup>nd</sup> state on December 14, 1819. The students recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Alabama Flag, and Georgia led them in singing the state song, "Alabama." They were very interested in hearing about Alabama's statehood, and some of the state's emblems.



## Christmas Brunch

On December 12, members of Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter and their guests enjoyed a delightful brunch at the home of Chapter 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Holly Muller. The food and the fellowship were wonderful!



*(L-R) Division Ex-President Donna Clark, Division President Linda Edwards, Division Ex-President Miss Ann King)*

*Member Beata Moore with one of the Christmas trees that spread cheer throughout the rooms*



# Confederate Trivia

by Georgia Fleming

Can you identify these weapons used during the War?

1. This fixed-blade fighting knife is historically attributed to James Black of Arkansas, created for an American pioneer.
2. This cap and ball revolver was designed by Samuel Colt, and carried in the War by generals Robert E. Lee and Nathan Bedford Forrest (and prior to the War, by most Texas Rangers).
3. Used by both sides, this .577 calibre Minié-type muzzle-loading rifle-musket was the second most widely used infantry weapon in the war. The Confederacy imported more of these than any other small arm.
4. This .42 or .36 caliber cap and ball revolver was invented in New Orleans by a cousin of Gen. P. G. T. Beauregard, and included a smooth-bore barrel capable of firing buckshot. In addition to Beauregard, it was also favored by J. E. B. Stuart.
5. This Minié-type rifled musket shoulder-arm was named for its place of production in Massachusetts. It was the most widely used weapon by the Union Army.
6. Of French design, this was the most popular smoothbore cannon used during the War
7. This single-shot muzzle-loaded rifle was the weapon of choice for Confederate sharpshooters, who were often tasked with eliminating Union artillery gun crews. During the Battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse, Union General John Sedgwick was killed by one of these, while deriding his men for taking cover on hearing the whistle of single bullets.
8. Matthew Fontaine Maury, a commander in the Confederate Navy, perfected this weapon, which led to the sinking of 27 Union naval vessels.
9. This gun, invented by a North Carolinian, was used for the first time during the War Between the States, famously during the Siege of Petersburg by the Union Army.
10. This muzzle-loading rifled artillery weapon was manufactured in sizes ranging from 10 pounders to 300 pounders, and extensively used by both sides. The 20 pounder was the largest field gun used during 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



“The withdrawal of a State from a league has no revolutionary or insurrectionary characteristic. The government of the State remains unchanged as to all internal affairs. It is only its external or confederate relations that are altered. To term this action of a Sovereign a 'rebellion' is a gross abuse of language.”

## Trivia Answers

1. Bowie Knife; 2. Colt 1851 Navy or Navy Revolver; 3. Pattern 1853 Enfield; 4. LeMat revolver; 5. Springfield Model 1861; 6. the twelve-pound Napoleon; 7. Whitworth Rifle; 8. the naval mine ("electric torpedo"); 9. Gatling Gun; 10. the Parrott Gun or Parrott Rifle

## Important Reminders

Ladies, the Benevolent Committee is asking us to bring **PEANUT BUTTER and/or JELLY** to the January meeting.

Please continue to bring canceled stamps and coupons for our soldiers. We are still collecting hotel soaps and lotions also.

<p><i>Office Hours By Appointment</i></p>  <p><b>DR. KENNETH W. CHANCEY</b> FAMILY &amp; COSMETIC DENTISTRY</p> <p>534 Boll Weevil Circle Enterprise, AL 36330</p> <p>TEL. (334) 347-0036 Fax (334) 308-2217</p>	<p><b>Fleming Multimedia</b></p> <p>122 S. Main St., Enterprise, AL 36330 334-347-0017</p> <p><b>COMPUTER SALES &amp; SERVICE</b> Brian Fleming, Owner</p>
<p><b>Happy Birthday</b></p> <p>Pat Richter Sharon Lowman Patricia Stephens Macy McIntosh</p> <p><b>GEN. EDMOND WINCHESTER RUCKER CHAPTER 2534</b></p>	<p>To place an advertisement, greeting or memorial in the newsletter, contact Brian or Georgia Fleming at 347-0017 or e-mail Georgia <a href="mailto:hyacinth@ala.net">hyacinth@ala.net</a> or Brian <a href="mailto:mpegcd@yahoo.com">mpegcd@yahoo.com</a></p>