



RUCKER RANGERS

Newsletter

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

United Daughters of the Confederacy
Enterprise, Alabama

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, June 14, 2012, 4:30 pm

Citizens Bank Community Room, Enterprise
Program: "Mary Boykin Chesnut, Diarist from
Dixie" (Irene Carter)
Refreshments: Irene Carter

Coffee County Rangers Camp #911

12th Ala. Inf. Regt., Co D

Sons of Confederate Veterans
Enterprise, Alabama

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, June 14, 2012, 7:00 pm

Citizens Bank Community Room, Enterprise
Program: "The Mad Stone" (John Philip Johnston)
Refreshments &
Drinks: Steve Harrod

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, June 14, at 7:00 pm for their regular program and refreshments. For more information about C of C or the Cadets, contact Daniel and Kim Larson.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June

June 8, 9, 10, 2012 - Alabama Division SCV Reunion, hosted by Capt. John Rayburn
Camp 452 at Lake Guntersville State Park Lodge, Marshall County. Keynote speaker
will be Walter D. Kennedy

June 10 - The 117th Memorial of Camp Chase Confederate Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio

June 16 - Battle of Newton Committee Meeting, 2 pm at the Firehouse in Newton.

June 22 - Battle Streamer Ceremony at Ft. Rucker

July

July 11-14 - 117th SCV National Reunion, in Murfreesboro, Tennessee

**July 19-21 - Children of the Confederacy of the United Daughters of the Confederacy
58th Annual General Convention**, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

OFFICERS

UDC		SCV	
President/Treasurer	Shirley H. Edberg	Commander	Joe E. Clark, Jr.
Vice President	Patsy Ann Richter	1st Lt. Commander	Mack Lott
2nd Vice President	Holly Muller	2nd Lt. Commander	Daniel Larson
Secretary	Lavinia Helms	Adjutant	James E. Edberg

JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

June 1, 1825

Birthday of Brig. Gen. John Hunt Morgan

June 1, 1831

Birthday of Lt. Gen. John Bell Hood

June 1-3, 1864

Battle of Cold Harbor, Virginia



June 3, 1808

Birthday of President Jefferson Davis



June 18, 1864

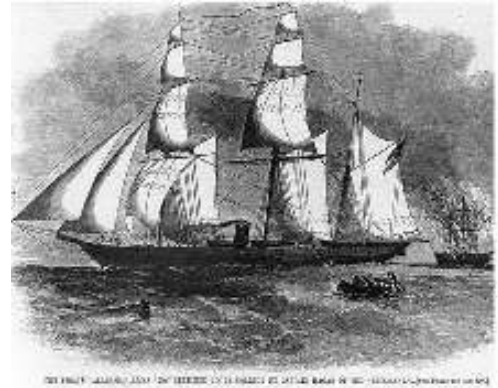
Siege of Petersburg, Virginia, begins

June 23, 1865

Brig. Gen. Stand Watie surrenders the First Indian Brigade of the Army of the Trans-Mississippi, becoming the last Confederate general in the field to stand down.

June 19, 1864

CSS Alabama sunk by USS Kearsarge off Cherbourg, France



June 25, 1862

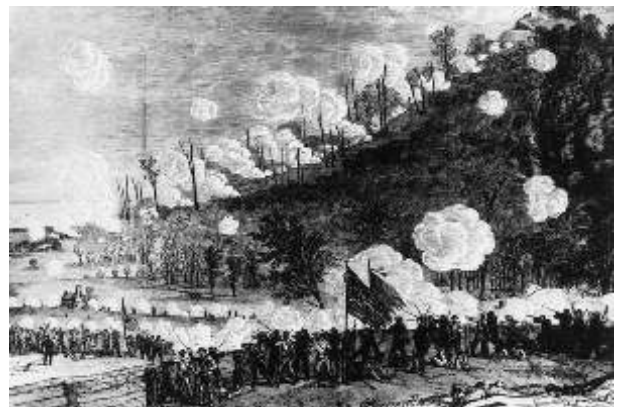
Seven Days Battles, Virginia, opens with Battle of King's School House

June 26, 1862

Battle of Mechanicsville, Virginia

June 27, 1864

Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, Georgia



June 28, 1865

CSS Shenandoah fires last shot in defense of the Confederacy, off the Aleutian Islands

Officers Elected

Coffee County Rangers Camp 911 elected officers at the May meeting:

- Joe E. Clark, Jr., Commander
- Mack F. Lott, 1st Lt. Commander
- Daniel Larson, 2nd Lt. Commander
- James E. Edberg, Adjutant
- James Hopkins, Treasurer
- Jody Bass, Quartermaster
- Robert F. Forbes, Judge Advocate
- Mark A. Howard, Surgeon
- Donnie D. Stevens, Historian
- Deke L. Scott, Color Sergeant
- Stuart Mock, Asst. Color Sergeant
- James Hopkins, Daniel Larson, and Larry Mills, Chaplains

Committee Chairmen are:

- Fundraising, Brian Fleming
- Projects, Deke Scott
- Refreshments, Daniel Larson
- Program, Mack Lott



Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter elected officers at the May meeting:

- Pat Richter, President
- Holly Muller, 1st Vice President
- Donna Clark, 2nd Vice President
- Kim Larson, 3rd Vice President
- Laura F. Rowell, Secretary
- Shirley Edberg, Treasurer
- Georgia Fleming, Registrar
- Marie A. Koach, Historian
- Donna Clark, Assistant Historian
- Laura D. Rowell, Recorder of Military Service Awards
- Irene Carter, Chaplain

Committee Chairmen are:

- Benevolent Activities, Faye Bardolf
- Children of the Confederacy Support, Kim Larson
- Hospitality, Tommye Byrd
- Music of the Confederacy, Georgia Fleming
- Newton Reenactment Activities, Kim Larson
- Patriotic Activities, Laura D. Rowell
- Public Relations, Shirley Edberg
- Southern Literature and Arts, Georgia Fleming
- Webmaster, Georgia Fleming



(L-R) Pat Richter, Holly Muller, Donna Clark, Kim Larson, Laura F. Rowell, Shirley E. Helms, Georgia Fleming, Marie Koach, Irene Carter, Laura D. Rowell

Downtown Enterprise Festival, May 22, 2012



We had an information table at the Downtown Enterprise Summer Festival on May 22. Our display of posters and flags attracted many interested visitors.

CHAPTER NEWS

Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter is planning to publish a book of our direct and collateral ancestors. The book will include family information, military service record, and photographs where available.

Coffee County Rangers Camp 911 and Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter #2534 would like to express thanks to the Donaldson family for their generous donation.

"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

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **Newly-elected officers and chairmen, if you have not already done so, please stop by Fleming Multimedia (122 S. Main St.) and sign your web permission form.**
- **Please bring \$2 to the UDC or SCV meeting. The Children of the Confederacy are collecting donations for the Flag Preservation Fund. Since it is the Sesquicentennial, their goal is to collect 150 each: dollar bills, quarters, dimes, nickels, and pennies. Your dollar bills will help them make the goal.**
- **Ladies, continue to bring canned goods for the food pantry donation box; also cancelled stamps, old pairs of spectacles, and used cell phones.**
- **Ladies, please bring toys and diapers for use at the House of Ruth. Personal hygiene articles are also appreciated.**



Confederate Trivia

by Georgia Fleming

Who and where?

1. In what state was President Jefferson Davis born?
2. Who was the last Confederate general to die?
3. Whose image appears on the Great Seal of the Confederate States?
4. Where was CSS Alabama built?
5. What Alabama Governor also served in President Davis's Cabinet as Attorney General?
6. Where did Gen. Joseph E. Johnston surrender the Army of Tennessee?
7. Gen. Robert E. Lee's place of burial is on the campus of what university?
8. Who commanded the troops who achieved the farthest Northern penetration of uniformed Confederate soldiers in the War?
9. What four Confederate generals also held the rank of general in the Spanish-American War?
10. Where is the largest mass grave in the Western Hemisphere?

President Abraham Lincoln asked Lt. General Winfield Scott, "Why is it that you were once able to take the City of Mexico in three months with 5,000 men, and we have been unable to take Richmond with 100,000 men?"

"I will tell you," said General Scott. "The men who took us into the City of Mexico are the same men who are keeping us out of Richmond."

THE PLEDGE

by Monty and Margaret Chase

In 1868, wounded Union Colonel William Henry Knauss, 2nd New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, traveled south to Virginia and North Carolina where he enlisted the services of a Confederate guide while visiting the graves of his fallen comrades.

By comparing their notes, these two veterans discovered both were seriously wounded in the same battle -- Fredericksburg, December of 1862. The Confederate guide had lost his leg while the Union Colonel was shot in the face and left for dead on that field of battle. Thus, a bond of friendship was formed between these former adversaries who shared heavy hearts when they came upon some Civil War graves left in appalling condition -- shallow graves, broken headboards and fallen fences, overgrown briars and brambles -- unfit for a soldier's grave. A "pledge" was made that each in his future travels would do his best to give the other's fallen comrades a burial ground worthy of their sacrifice.

Nearly 30 years later, in June 1895, 117 years ago, Colonel Knauss, keeping that pledge, organized the first of these memorial ceremonies here at Camp Chase Confederate Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio, giving these Southern boys and men a sacred, dignified and honorable final resting place. His efforts made this burial ground worthy of their sacrifice. These 2,260 Americans died far away from their homes and loved ones, amid the privations and sufferings of prison life, making the costliest sacrifice one can make for any cause -- a cause they believed was righteous.

On the 10th of June, we will remember among these dead, from Company G, 57th Alabama Infantry, the three brothers -- Corporal John Kelley (grave # 820), Private Jacob Kelley III (grave # 896), and Corporal James Kelley (grave # 959) of Coffee County, Alabama, captured at the Battle of Nashville and traveled together to Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio as prisoners of war in December 1864. All three died here within the same week during that cruel winter of 1864-1865.

And, we will remember those who cared for them, and by doing so, sacrificed their own lives -- Union Dr./Major Albert Greene Longwell, 88th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Camp Chase Post Surgeon and his devoted wife, Cordelia Eaton Longwell -- always by her husband's side gently tending to the sick. Dr. Longwell was appointed special duty at Camp Chase Prison in August 1864, and would have cared for the medical needs of all prisoners including the Kelley brothers.

The Hilltop Historical Society in conjunction with the Dayton National Cemetery Association's perpetual care proudly continues the "pledge" that was made between those two wounded Civil War veterans with these annual ceremonies in the tradition of, and in the spirit of, the kind-hearted Union Colonel -- William Henry Knauss.

117th ANNUAL CAMP CHASE CONFEDERATE CEMETERY MEMORIAL CEREMONY
SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2012 AT 3 O'CLOCK PM
2900 SULLIVANT AVENUE
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43204
hilltopusa.tripod.com



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<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:

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/SCVCampEnterprise/>

Click on “Ask to Join Group.”

The Battle of Newton Committee has its own website. Visit it at:

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

Battle of Newton Committee supporters also have a Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/353992361301853/>



TRIVIA ANSWERS




(1) Kentucky, (2) Brig. Gen. John McCausland of Virginia d. Jan. 22, 1927 at the age of 90 [Felix Huston Robertson of Texas who died April 20, 1928, is often cited as the last surviving Confederate general, but his appointment as brigadier general was rejected by the Confederate Senate], (3) George Washington, (4) Birkenhead, England, (5) Thomas Hill Watts, (6) Durham, North Carolina [known as Durham Station at the time], (7) Washington and Lee, (8) John Hunt Morgan, (9) Fitzhugh Lee, Joseph Wheeler, Matthew Calbraith Butler, and Thomas Lafayette Rosser, (10) Oak Woods Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois – the Confederate dead from Camp Douglas prison.



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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

<p>Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter #2534</p>  <p>38 members</p>	<p>Coffee County Rangers Camp #911 47 members, 5 Cadets welcomes new members: John Allen Kolkman Stuart Allan Kolkman Nathan Ian Kolkman New Cadet member: Clark Joe Smith</p>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Rucker's Belles and Beaux #968 Children of the Confederacy 20 members</p> <p>welcomes new members: Preston Whitehead Shelby Whitehead</p> </div>  </div>	



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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Lordy, Lordy, look who's 40!</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Happy Birthday Shannon W. <i>June 10</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>from Preston and Shelby Pop and Nana</i></p>	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p><i>Office Hours By Appointment</i></p>  <p>DR. KENNETH W. CHANCEY <i>FAMILY & COSMETIC DENTISTRY</i></p> <p>534 Boll Weevil Circle Enterprise, AL 36330</p> <p>TEL. (334) 347-0036 Fax (334) 308-2217</p> </div>

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