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<p><b>Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter #2534</b> United Daughters of the Confederacy Enterprise, Alabama</p>	<p><b>Coffee County Rangers Camp #911</b> 12th Ala. Inf. Regt., Co D Sons of Confederate Veterans Enterprise, Alabama</p>	

NEXT MEETING	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>UDC</b> June 10, 2010, 4:30 pm Citizens Bank Community Room, Enterprise Program: Holly Muller – <i>"David Levy Yulee, Senator, Confederate Congressman, Railroad Magnate"</i> Refreshments: Donna Clark</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SCV</b> June 10, 2010, 7:00 pm Citizens Bank Community Room, Enterprise Program: Ken Chancey – <i>"The Capture and Prison Life of Jefferson Davis"</i> Refreshments: James Rowell Drinks: Robert Forbes</p>



UPCOMING EVENTS	
<p style="text-align: center; color: red;"><b>JUNE</b></p> <p><b>June 3 – Jefferson Davis Birthday Commemoration</b> will be held at the Capitol in Montgomery at 10:00 am, hosted by the Prattville Dragoons Camp and Capt. Henry C. Semple Camp, Montgomery. Master of Ceremonies will be Alabama Division Judge Advocate Philip C. Davis. Excerpts from the Jefferson Davis Bicentennial Video will be shown in the Capitol Auditorium. A wreath will be laid at the Jefferson Davis statue in front of the State Capitol, after which a celebration will be held at The First White</p>	<p>House of the Confederacy. Guest speaker will be James Pickett of the Thomas Goode Jones Camp, Montgomery.</p> <p><b>June 4-6 – 2010 Alabama Division Reunion</b>, Eufaula. Dent's Artillery, SCV Camp #486 of Eufaula will host the 2010 Reunion of the Alabama Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>

## VISIT OUR WEBSITES

**UDC:**

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

**SCV:**

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

**OFFICERS**

SCV		UDC	
<b>Commander</b>	Joe E. Clark, Jr.	<b>President/Treasurer</b>	Shirley H. Edberg
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander</b>	James Rowell	<b>Vice President</b>	Patsy Ann Richter
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander</b>	Mack Lott	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</b>	Shirley Ann Goodson
<b>Adjutant</b>	James E. Edberg	<b>Secretary</b>	Mary Lavinia Helms

**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 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

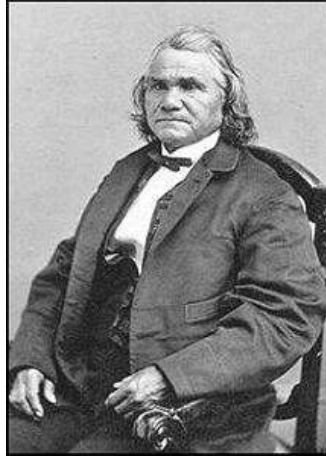
**June 27, 1864**

Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, Georgia



**June 28, 1865**

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



**June 23, 1865**

**"The Last to Strike the Colors" -- Brig. Gen. Stand Watie**

Stand Watie was born Degataga Oo-watee in the Cherokee Nation on December 12, 1806. He was given the Christian name Isaac Uwatie, but preferred the English translation of his Cherokee name Degataga, "Stand Firm". The U was dropped and the family used the surname Watie. Stand learned to read and write English at a Moravian mission school.

When the Cherokee Nation divided over the issue of removal to western lands, Watie and his family supported removal, seeing it as inevitable and wishing to secure the best possible terms from the Federal government. He and his brother Elias were both signatories to the Treaty of New Echota, agreeing to the removal of the Cherokee to Oklahoma. Those Indians who refused to leave were forcibly removed by the U. S. Government in what became known as the "Trail of Tears". After the relocation, members of the Treaty Party were targeted for assassination by those who had opposed the treaty. Elias, as well as Stand's uncle Major Ridge and cousin John Ridge, were killed.

Watie started a successful plantation on Spavinaw Creek in Indian Territory, serving on the Cherokee Council 1845-1861. When the Council voted to support the Confederacy, he was commissioned a colonel of the First Cherokee Mounted Rifles. At Pea Ridge in 1862, the unit captured Union artillery and covered the Confederate retreat. Watie was promoted to Brigadier General and given command of the First Indian Brigade, two regiments of Mounted Rifles and three battalions of Cherokee, Seminole and Osage infantry. The Indian Brigade is said to have fought in more battles west of the Mississippi than any other unit. Watie and his men had a part in the greatest Confederate victory in Indian Territory, at Cabin Creek in 1864, where he and Gen. Richard M. Gano led a raid that captured over a million dollars worth of Federal supplies. On June 23, 1865, after the Battle of Doaksville in the Choctaw area of Indian Territory, Watie signed a cease-fire agreement for his command, the First Indian Brigade of the Army of the Trans-Mississippi, becoming the last Confederate general in the field to stand down. He and his men had tied down thousands of Federal troops who were needed in the Eastern theater of the war.

After the war, Stand Watie returned to his home, where he died on September 9, 1871. He was one of only two Indians to achieve the rank of brigadier general in the War, the other being Ely S. Parker, a Seneca, who fought for the Union.

## Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter #2534 Officers 2010-2012



L-R: Georgia Fleming (Chaplain), Laura Rowell (Recorder of Military Service Awards), Marie Koach (Historian), Donna Clark (Registrar), Kim Larson (3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President), Holly Muller (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President), Pat Richter (1<sup>st</sup> Vice President), Shirley Helms (President and Treasurer); not shown – Lavinia Helms (Secretary)



### Books Donated to the Pea River Historical & Genealogical Society Library



Three books were donated in May to the Pea River Historical & Genealogical Society Library. *The War Between the Union and the Confederacy*, by William C. Oates, was donated by Holly Muller. Col. Oates commanded the 15<sup>th</sup> Alabama Infantry Regt., and his memoir contains a fascinating account of the war from his perspective, along with valuable information about Coffee and Dale County men who served with him. Marie Koach presented two books donated by the Chapter: *Master Index to 1907 Census of Alabama Confederate Soldiers*, and *Alabama 1907 Census of Confederate Soldiers: Cleburn, Coffee and Coosa Counties*. These books are excellent resources for researching Confederate ancestors. Georgia Fleming, Librarian, accepted the books on behalf of the PRHGS.



(L-R) Holly Muller, Donna Clark, Shirley Edberg, Laura Rowell

Members of the Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter #2534 attended a memorial service for Real Daughter Stacia Grace of Headland, who died April 1 in a Dothan hospital at the age of 97. Mrs. Grace was buried in Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Cemetery in Hardwicksburg Community. She was born in Georgia, the daughter of Augustus James Chance and Stacia Elizabeth King. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Heard Grace. Mrs. Grace was the last surviving daughter of a Confederate veteran in Houston and Henry Counties. The memorial service was conducted by the Gen. William C. Oates Chapter #1342, Dothan, of which Mrs. Grace was a member.



In Memoriam  
**Real Daughter**  
**Mrs. Stacia**  
**Grace**

## **Coffee County Rangers Camp #911 Officers and Committees List**

### **Officers**

### **2010-2012**

Commander	Joe Clark Jr.
1 <sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander	James Rowell
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander	Mack Lott
Adjutant	James Edberg
Treasurer	Jerry Goodson
Judge Advocate	Robert F. Forbes
Quartermaster	Ronald DeVaughan
Surgeon	Dr. Kenneth Chancey
Chaplain	Larry Mills
2 <sup>nd</sup> Chaplain	James Hopkns
3 <sup>rd</sup> Chaplain	Daniel Larson
Color Sergeant	Daniel Larson
Historian	Donnie Stevens

### **Committees**

Program  
Fund Raising  
Projects  
Snacks  
Recruiting

**Allatoona Pass (Georgia) Battlefield – Dedication of the Alabama Monument  
May 22, 2010**



(L) Coffee County Rangers Camp Commander Joe Clark at the Alabama Monument.  
(Below) Allatoona Pass today



Several members attended the dedication of a monument to Alabama soldiers to fought at the Battle of Allatoona Pass on October 5, 1864.



Bob McLendon, Commander, Alabama Society, Military Order of the Stars and Bars, beside the monument showing the reverse: "Kolb's Battery, under Capt. Reuben F. Kolb, was organized April 1862 at Eufaula, Alabama, as part of the Barbour Light Artillery with the Army of Tennessee. It took part in the battles of Knoxville, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Missionary Ridge, the Dalton-Atlanta Campaign, and Hood's movement into Tennessee, which included Allatoona Pass, Franklin, and Nashville.

Records of March 29, 1864, show the battery armed with two 6 lb. smoothbores and two 12 lb. howitzers. Kolb's Battery surrendered at Augusta, Georgia, at the end of the war. Casualties in the war – 70 killed and wounded, 45 died of disease."



The Allatoona Marker includes a photograph taken in 1866 of the site on which the marker now stands, showing the railroad through the Allatoona Pass and a plantation house (seen at the left in the photo) used by the Union Army as a headquarters.



The plantation house looks much the same today as it did during the war.