



# RUCKER RANGERS

## Newsletter



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**Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker**  
**Chapter #2534**  
United Daughters of the Confederacy  
Enterprise, Alabama

**Coffee County Rangers Camp #911**  
12th Ala. Inf. Regt., Co D  
Sons of Confederate Veterans  
Enterprise, Alabama

### NEXT MEETING

#### UDC

March 11, 2010, 4:30 pm  
Citizens Bank Community Room, Enterprise  
Program: Laura Rowell on *"Women Soldiers of the War Between the States"*  
Refreshments: Marie Koach

#### SCV

March 11, 2010, 7:00 pm  
Citizens Bank Community Room, Enterprise  
Program: Joe Clark on *"A Soldier's Words from the War"*  
Refreshments: Refreshments Committee

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### MARCH

**March 20 – Grave Marking Ceremony.** The Thomas Randolph Thomasson Chapter 2471 of the UDC and The Covington Rifles Camp of the SCV, along with members of the Garrett Family, invite us to attend the Grave Marking Ceremony for Pvt. John Jack Garrett, Company C, 22<sup>nd</sup> Alabama Infantry, 2:30 pm at the Jordan Cemetery, located off of the Brooklyn Highway in Covington County. For more information, contact Tammie Evans at (334) 388-4742 or (334) 488-4881.

#### APRIL

**April 10 – The Gen. E. W. Rucker Chapter's Fourth Annual Confederate History and Heritage Luncheon** will be held at the Citizens Bank Community Room. Our speaker will be author, re-enactor, and former Southeast Brigade Commander Bob McLendon of Troy.

**April 24 - The Alabama Division Children of the Confederacy Memorial Service,** at Confederate Memorial Park in Mountain Creek. The service will start at 11:00 followed by the laying of the wreath at the cemetery and an honor guard with musket and cannon salutes. Lunch will follow in the pavilion. Please bring finger foods to share. Drinks, ice, cups, napkins, plates and eating utensils will be provided. Please make plans to attend!



**April 26 - Annual observance of Confederate Memorial Day** held in Montgomery around the Confederate Monument. Come and honor your Confederate ancestors. Later in the day, the Ladies Memorial Association will hold a commemorative service at the cemetery.

**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>	Robert F. Forbes	<b>Vice President</b>	Patsy Ann Richter
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander</b>	Roger D. Goodson	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</b>	Shirley Ann Goodson
<b>Adjutant</b>	James E. Edberg	<b>Secretary</b>	Mary Lavinia Helms

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS &  
ANNIVERSARIES**

**March 2, 1861**

Texas admitted to the Confederacy

**March 4, 1861**

First raising of the Confederate (First National)  
Flag, by Letitia Tyler, granddaughter of  
former President John Tyler

**March 9, 1862**

First battle between iron-clad warships  
*CSS Virginia vs. USS Monitor*

**March 16, 1828**

Gen. Patrick Ronayne Cleburne born  
in County Cork, Ireland

**March 17, 1863**

Battle of Kelly's Ford, Virginia;  
death of Maj. John Pelham

**\* Fundraiser \*  
Boston Butt Sale**

The Coffee County Rangers SCV and the Gen. E. W. Rucker Chapter UDC will participate in a joint fundraiser. We'll be selling Boston Butts for \$25 each, to be picked up on Saturday, March 27, 2010, at the Enterprise Welcome Center or the Elba Court House.

If you need tickets (or additional tickets), contact Joe Clark or Shirley Edberg. Turn in money and ticket stubs to Shirley. Her work number (Citizens Bank in Enterprise) is 347-3411 ext 227.

Please be sure you have the person's name, contact phone number, and pickup location on the stub.

In addition to selling tickets, we need workers to help Mr. Charles Blair cook, package and deliver to pickup sites, and assist in the distribution of the Boston Butts.

April is Confederate History Month



### UDC Members Attend District Meeting

The General Henry D. Clayton District met on February 27 at First Christian Church in Dothan. Chapters attending were General William C. Oates #1342 (Dothan, hosting), Thomas Randolph Thomasson #2471 (Andalusia), Pike County #2657 (Brundidge), and General Edmond Winchester Rucker #2534 (Enterprise). Donna Clark is Director of the District, and Shirley Edberg is Co-Director.

The program was presented by Dale Cox, who talked about his new book coming out in the spring, entitled Guerilla Warfare in the Wiregrass. Mr. Cox has agreed to be the speaker at the dedication of the monument at Fairview in September.



L-R: Lavinia Helms, Pat Richter, Shirley Edberg, Donna Clark, Laura Rowell

#### Confederate Humor

During the war General McLaws (afterward Postmaster at Savannah) was riding down his picket line, and encountered a genuine son of the Old Pine Tree State on duty, who had taken his gun apart with the intention of giving it a thorough cleaning. The general halted in front of him, when the following conversation ensued:

"Look here, my man, are you not a sentinel on duty?"

"Well, y-a-a-s, a bit of one!"

"Don't you know it is wrong to take your gun apart while on duty?"

"Well now, who the devil are you?"

The general saw his chance, and with a sly twinkle of the eye replied, "I'm a bit of a general."

"Well, ginerall, you must excuse me. You see, thar is so many dang fools ridin' round here, a feller can't tell who's ginerall and who ain't. If you will jist wait til I git Betsey Jane fixed, I will give you a bit of a s'lute."

The general smiled and rode on, firmly convinced that the sentinel would prove equal to any emergency.

-- *Camp Fires of the Confederacy: A Volume of Humorous Anecdotes, Reminiscences, Deeds of Heroism, and Thrilling Narratives*, Benjamin LeBree, editor, 1898