



# RUCKER RANGERS

## Newsletter



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

United Daughters of the Confederacy  
Enterprise, Alabama

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Thurs., March 14, 2013, 4:30 pm**

First United Methodist Church Gathering Room  
Program: "Wartime Richmond" (Pat Richter)  
Refreshments: Gwen Kolkman

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

Sons of Confederate Veterans  
Enterprise, Alabama

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Thursday, March 14, 2013, 7:00 pm**

First United Methodist Church Gathering Room  
Program: "Coffee County Rangers: Company D, 12<sup>th</sup>  
Alabama Infantry Regiment" (Georgia Fleming)  
Refreshments: John Kolkman  
Drinks: Mike Windham

**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, March 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

#### March

**March 16 – Confederate Heritage Rally**, 1 pm at Beauvoir in Biloxi, Mississippi; dedication of the new Jefferson Davis Presidential Library. For more information, visit <http://confederate150.com/2013.html>.

#### April

**April 13 – 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Confederate History & Heritage Luncheon** at Bethlehem Church.

**April 20 – Children of the Confederacy Memorial Day**, Mountain Creek Confederate Park

**April 22 – Confederate Memorial** at the capitol in Montgomery

#### June

**June 7-9 – SCV Alabama Division Reunion** in Foley, hosted by Ft. Blakeley Camp 1864. For more information, see the Division website at <http://www.aladivscv.com/reunion.htm>.

### OFFICERS

UDC		SCV	
<b>President</b>	Pat Richter	<b>Commander</b>	Joe E. Clark, Jr.
<b>Vice President</b>	Holly Muller	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander</b>	Mack Lott
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</b>	Donna Clark	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander</b>	Daniel Larson
<b>Secretary</b>	Laura F. Rowell	<b>Adjutant</b>	James E. Edberg

### 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/>

## **MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**March 2, 1861**

Texas admitted to the Confederacy.

**March 4, 1861**

First raising of the Confederate  
(First National Flag)



**March 9, 1862**

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



**March 5, 1865**

President Davis signs law adopting the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
National as the official CSA flag.

**March 11 1861**

Confederate Congress adopts the  
Constitution of the Confederate States of  
America.

**March 16, 1828**

Major General Patrick Ronayne Cleburne  
born in County Cork, Ireland.



**March 17, 1863**

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



**March 28, 1818**

Lieutenant General Wade Hampton III  
born in  
Charleston, South Carolina.

## General Henry D. Clayton District Meeting

The General Henry D. Clayton District, of which General Edmond Winchester Rucker 2534 is a member, met in Ozark on February 23.



Back row L-R: Kim Larson, Bethne Walden, Cathy Odom, Laura D. Rowell  
Middle row L-R: Irene Carter, Holly Muller, Lavinia Helms, Shirley Edberg  
Front row L-R: Chris Bearrentine, Faye Bardolf, Donna Smith, Pat Richter



Our chapter won the Caroline Dent McDowell Memorial Gavel for having the highest percentage attendance of the chapters at the meeting. Tammie Evans (R), District Director presented the gavel to chapter president Pat Richer (L).

## Confederate Trivia

by Georgia Fleming

1. Who raised the First National Flag for the first time?
2. Only two men without previous military experience achieved the rank of Lieutenant General in the Confederate army. One was Nathan Bedford Forrest. Who was the other?
3. General Robert E. Lee called this Confederate officer – at one time Colonel of the 15<sup>th</sup> Arkansas Infantry Regiment – “a meteor shining from a clouded sky.” Who was he?
4. Lt. Gen. William Hardee said, “Where this division defended, no odds broke its line; where it attacked, no numbers resisted its onslaught, save only once; and there is the grave of \_\_\_\_\_.” Whom?
5. In Margaret Mitchell’s novel Gone With the Wind, Scarlet O’Hara’s son by her first husband Charles Hamilton was named for Hamilton’s commanding officer, a custom according to the novel. What was the child’s name?
6. What was the name of the battle in which ironclad warships (USS Monitor and CSS Virginia) met for the first time?
7. The Confederate Second National Flag is known as “The Stainless Banner.” What name is given to the Third National Flag?
8. What state celebrates – in addition to Confederate Memorial Day on April 26 – an official state holiday called Confederate Heroes Day on January 19 (the birthday of Robert E. Lee)?
9. What Confederate officer was known for taking bear-hunting trips alone in the woods, armed only with a knife?
10. In what other army, in addition to the Confederate Army, did Patrick Cleburne serve?

"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

“The major-general commanding approaches with reluctance the painful duty of announcing to the division its irreparable loss in the death of Major John Pelham, commanding the Horse Artillery. He fell mortally wounded in the battle of Kellysville, March 17th, with the battle-cry on his lips, and the light of victory beaming from his eye... His eye had glanced on every battlefield of this army from the First Manassas to the moment of his death, and he was, with a single exception, a brilliant actor in them all. The memory of ‘the gallant Pelham,’ his many manly virtues, his noble nature and purity of character, are enshrined as a sacred legacy in the hearts of all who knew him. His record has been bright and spotless, his career brilliant and successful.”

—J.E.B. Stuart, *General Orders #9, March 20, 1863, Official Records*

**TRIVIA ANSWERS**

- (1) Letitia Christian Tyler, granddaughter of former President John Tyler; (2) Wade Hampton III; (3) Patrick R. Cleburne; (4) Cleburne; (5) Wade Hampton Hamilton; (6) The Battle of Hampton Roads; (7) “The Blood-Stained Banner”; (8) Texas; (9) Wade Hampton III; (10) the British Army (41<sup>st</sup> Regiment of Foot).



*Important Reminders*

**Ladies, the Benevolence Committee has a special appeal for March – please bring breakfast foods.**



Continue to bring canned goods for the food pantry donation box, cancelled stamps, old pairs of spectacles, used cell phones, and back issues of the UDC magazine. Also, bring toys and diapers for use at the House of Ruth. Personal hygiene articles are needed.

**Remember our fundraisers for the conservation of the 57<sup>th</sup> Alabama Infantry flag:**  
**“Adopt a Soldier.”** Choose one or more soldiers from the roster of the 57th Alabama Infantry to adopt for \$10.00 each. Click on the links to the roster and the form on the Division website here: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~aludc/>  
**“Feed the Pig.”** Our chapter has two “pigs” to feed. The one that contains the most money will be taken to the 2013 Division Convention, where it will be in contention for “Best of Show Pig.” with those brought by other chapters.

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<b>MEMBERSHIP REPORT</b>	
<b>Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker 2534</b> 37 members	<b>Coffee County Rangers Camp 911</b> 42 members, 4 Cadets
<b>Rucker’s Belles and Beaux 968</b> <b>Children of the Confederacy</b> 21 members	

“The powers delegated by the proposed Constitution to the federal government are few and defined. Those which are to remain in the State governments are numerous and indefinite.....The powers reserved to the several States will extend to all the objects which, in the ordinary course of affairs, concern the lives, liberties, and properties of the people, and the internal order, improvement, and prosperity of the State”



-- James Madison of Virginia, The Federalist Papers #45

<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Happy Birthday</b>  <b>Marie Helms Koach</b>  <b>March 6</b>  <i>We're not saying her age but she is now</i>  <i>"officially" a senior!!</i>    <b>From Jim and Shirley Edberg</b> </p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> <i>Office Hours By Appointment</i>     <b>DR. KENNETH W. CHANCEY</b>  <i>FAMILY &amp; COSMETIC DENTISTRY</i>    534 Boll Weevil Circle  Enterprise, AL 36330   TEL. (334) 347-0036  Fax (334) 308-2217 </p>
<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>FLEMING MULTIMEDIA</b>  122 S. Main St., Enterprise, AL 36330  334-347-0017    <i>Computer Sales &amp; Service</i>    <b>Brian Fleming, Owner</b> </p>	<p style="text-align: center;">    <i>Happy 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday</i>    <i>Mary Lavinia Jordan Helms</i>  <b>March 26</b>  <i>From your daughters</i>  <i>Marie and Shirley</i> </p>

To place an advertisement, greeting or memorial in the newsletter, contact Brian or Georgia Fleming at 347-0017 or e-mail Georgia [hyacinth@ala.net](mailto:hyacinth@ala.net) or Brian [mpegcd@yahoo.com](mailto:mpegcd@yahoo.com).