



RUCKER RANGERS

Newsletter



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Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter 2534

United Daughters of the Confederacy
Enterprise, Alabama

NEXT MEETING:

Thurs., March 13, 2014, 4:30 pm

First United Methodist Church Gathering Room
Program: "Times Gone By: Southern Etiquette"

(Shirley Edberg)

Refreshments: Susan Brolund

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

Sons of Confederate Veterans
Enterprise, Alabama

NEXT MEETING:

Thurs., March 13, 2014, 7:00 pm

First United Methodist Church Gathering Room
Program: "The Swamp Fox of the Confederacy"

(Georgia Fleming)

Refreshments: Brian and Georgia Fleming

UPCOMING EVENTS

March

March 8 – Meeting of the Board of Directors, Battle of Newton Society, 3:30 pm at the Pea River Historical and Genealogical Society Gift Shop/Library.

March 16 – Pea River Historical & Genealogical Society Meeting, 2:00 pm at the Enterprise Welcome Center across from Winn-Dixie – Dr. Scott Smith will present the program, "A Divided Wiregrass," about the conflicting loyalties of some local families during the War Between the States.

March 28 – "Fabulous Fourth Friday," 5:30 - 9:00 pm, Downtown Enterprise. We will have an information table. Come in period dress if you can.

April

April 7 - Troy Civil War Forum, 6:30 pm at the Troy Public Library, 500 E. Walnut Street, Troy. Susan Brolund will present the program "Conversations With Jim: A Civil War Mother's Story." All are invited to attend.

April 12 - 8th Annual History and Heritage Luncheon at Bethlehem Church.

April 12 - Grave marking for Real Daughter Bonnie Eva Jane (Day) Morgan, 3:30 pm, at Pine Level Cemetery.

April 26 – Children of the Confederacy Memorial Service in the church at Confederate Memorial Park.

April 28 - Confederate Memorial Day at the Alabama State Capitol

OFFICERS

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| President | Pat Richter | Commander | Joe E. Clark, Jr. |
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| Secretary | Georgia Fleming | Adjutant | James E. Edberg |

MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

March 2, 1861

Texas admitted to the Confederacy.

March 4, 1861

First raising of the Confederate (First National) Flag, by Miss Letitia Christian Tyler, granddaughter of former President John Tyler (*see p. 5*)

March 9, 1862

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

March 5, 1865

President Davis signs law adopting the 3rd National as the official CSA flag.



March 11, 1861

Confederate Congress adopts the Constitution of the CSA.

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.
"It is glorious to see such courage in one so young." -- Gen. Robert E. Lee

March 25, 1863

The last offensive of the Army of Northern Virginia begins with an attack on Union forces at Petersburg.

March 28, 1818

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



*His Excellency Jeff. Davis
West Point, N.Y. Feb 27th '61*

Dear Sir,

Being still a member of the Mil'y Acad'y, I don't think it would be exactly proper for me to offer my services to the new government but I am anxious to serve it to the best of my ability. If you think it would be better for me to resign now than to wait and graduate, which will be in June, a single word from you will cause me to resign and as soon as my resignation is accepted, I will consider myself under your orders and repair to Montgomery without delay.

I am a member of the 1st class which graduates in June next -- you know the importance of that portion of the course still to be completed, and also whether my services are needed at present. May I expect a recall if needed?

Most Respect'y Your Ob't Serv't Jno. Pelham of Alabama



John Pelham in West Point uniform, 1858

General Henry D. Clayton District Meeting
Andalusia
22 February 2014



Members of Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter 2534 attended the General Henry D. Clayton District Meeting, held February 22 at Springdale Estate in Andalusia, hosted by Thomas Randolph Thomasson Chapter 2471. District Director Tammie Evans of Andalusia chaired the meeting.

After the business meeting, Sir Francis McGowin spoke about the Confederate State of Alabama flag. Curtis H. Thomasson, commander of the Covington Rifles SCV Camp, then gave a genealogy of the Thomasson family. Mr. Thomasson is a direct descendant of Thomas Randolph Thomasson, namesake of the Andalusia UDC Chapter.

Jared Boutwell, curator of Springdale Estate, gave a history of the estate and of the John G. Scherf family who built it in the 1930s. Mr. Boutwell invited the group to tour the estate. Those attending the meeting were: Holly Muller, Gwen Kolkman, Donna Clark, Shirley Edberg, Lavinia Helms, Faye Bardolf, Cathy Odom, Georgia Fleming, Irene Carter, Laura Rowell, and guest Marge Lowery.



Commander Joe Clark placed a Battle Flag on the grave at Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia, of Capt. James Thomas Davis, Commander, Company D, 12th Alabama Infantry, KIA July 1, 1863 at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Donna Clark at the Monument placed by the UDC for the Alabama Fallen Heroes buried at Stonewall Cemetery, Winchester, Virginia.





Raising the First Confederate Flag

from Confederate Veteran, Vol. 24 (May 1916)

BY MRS. MARIE BANKHEAD OWEN, MONTGOMERY, ALA.

A proud and aristocratic woman recently stood beside the Confederate monument that glorifies Capitol Hill, in Montgomery, and lifted her eyes to the flagpole that reaches up towards the heavens from the great dome of that historic building. The interest of the visitor's gaze was altogether reminiscent. Fifty-five years ago she had stood at the base of that dome and pulled the cord which unfurled to the breeze the ensign of a new nation, the Stars and Bars of the provisional government of the Confederate States of America.

This interested beholder of things present, looking back through the mists of bygone years, was none other than Miss Letitia Christian Tyler, granddaughter of President John Tyler, who, when a young girl in her early teens, was invited by President Jefferson Davis to raise the first flag of the Confederacy. On account of this historic incident, Miss Tyler is a figure of importance in the annals of the period, and because of her association with the event her recollections, though brief, are worthy of preservation.

Miss Tyler was born in the White House, at Washington. Her parents were Robert, eldest son of John Tyler, President of the United States, and Priscilla, daughter of Thomas Cooper, a distinguished English actor. She was passing the winter of 1860-1861 with the families of Mr. Frederick Raoul, of Mount Meigs, a plantation settlement fifteen miles from Montgomery, and Dr. Thomas Taylor, residing in the city. She was in Montgomery on January 11, 1861, when Alabama seceded; and though in the midst of the stirring scenes of the time, she was too youthful to fully realize their significance. While a guest in the home of Dr. Taylor the news came that his native State, South Carolina, had seceded from the union.

When it was known that the granddaughter of a former President of the United States was in the capital city of the new Confederacy, an invitation was extended to Miss Letitia Tyler by President Jefferson Davis to raise the first flag.

"It has been so long ago that many of the details of the event have faded from my memory," said Miss Tyler when asked to give her recollections of that great day. "I know that great crowds of people were constantly about the State-house and Capitol grounds, as companies of soldiers were being mustered into service, and interested people were on hand to watch the doings of the Provisional Congress of the Confederacy. I cannot now recall, even if I ever had heard who designed the flag. I clearly remember ascending the stairs that led to the dome of the building and that I was escorted by Hon. Alex B. Clitherall, one of the Confederate officials. Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Taylor and several other persons accompanied us to the top of the Capitol. Below us were vast throngs of people, who were watching and waiting for the signal to unfurl the flag of the new nation. On reaching the base of the dome I found the flag all ready, and the cord was handed me. Then I began to pull it, and up climbed the flag to the top of the pole and

floated out boldly on the stiff March wind. The hundreds of people below us sent up a mighty shout. Cannon roared out a salute, and my heart beat with wild joy and excitement. May I recall further," she said, "that my father, although residing in the North, never lost one whit of his love for the South; but he never taught us sectional things. Because he was so much a Southerner, his position was one of suspicion and hate on the part of the people there; and when it became known that his daughter had actually raised a Confederate flag, feeling against him became very intense. It was not long before he removed South with his family."

More than half a century has passed since that fateful 4th of March when the Confederate Stars and Bars was unfurled before the eager throngs who stood below and shouted their defiance to injustice and oppression. The majority of those liberty-loving men and women have long since entered into eternal peace. But some abide, and Miss Tyler on this historic anniversary looked up at the great dome and recalled the events in which she was a gracious and unique figure; but fallible memory denies the return of the vision as of that other day in all its fullness.

"I do not know who designed the flag. I cannot recall the facts of its history." These words carried their measure of regret as the fair girl of another day told the story to an interested group of friends.



Confederate Trivia

by Georgia Fleming

1. What Confederate general operated a pharmacy in Arkansas before the War?
2. This Confederate lieutenant general served in his state's house of representatives and in his state's senate before the War, and after the War as governor of his state and a U. S. Senator. Towards the end of his life, he served as United States Railroad Commissioner. Who was he?
3. John Pelham positioned his guns on high ground at this battle, enabling him to send the oncoming Union flanks into disarray, and causing many casualties, prompting Gen. Jackson to write of him in his report on the battle, "It is really extraordinary to find such nerve and genius in a mere boy. With a Pelham on each flank I believe I could whip the world." What battle?
4. Stephen Mallory selected the wrecked steam frigate USS *Merrimack* for conversion to a Confederate ironclad. What was Mallory's office?
5. Major General Patrick Cleburne was killed at the Battle of Franklin in 1864 and buried near Mount Pleasant, Tennessee. In 1870 his remains were moved to the Confederate Cemetery in his adopted hometown of _____.
6. Who submitted the design chosen as the First National Flag of the Confederacy?
7. Where is the original hand-written copy of the Confederate Constitution now located?
8. By what other name is the Confederate First National Flag known?
9. Who were the only two foreign-born Confederate officers to be promoted to the rank of major general?
10. Which of these is the correct opening wording of the Preamble to the Confederate Constitution: "We, the people of the Confederate States,"
 - (a) ... each state acting in its sovereign and independent character, ..."
 - (b) ... in Order to form a more perfect Union, ..."
 - (c) ... having solemnly resolved to constitute a Sovereign Republic, ..."

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/>

Visit the SCV YouTube Channel: <http://www.youtube.com/user/SCVORG>

| MEMBERSHIP | |
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| Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker 2534 35 members | Coffee County Rangers Camp 911 47 members, 4 Cadets |
| Rucker's Belles and Beaux 968 , Children of the Confederacy 13 members | |

"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

Important Reminders

❖ Ladies, please participate in our fund-raiser for the conservation of the flag of the 26th Alabama Infantry by bringing cash to "stuff the backpack." After the money is taken to the 2014 Division Convention, the empty backpacks will be donated to the Homeless Veterans Center in Montgomery. We can also bring items for homeless vets.

❖ Continue to bring the items we collect year-round: non-perishable foodstuffs; cancelled stamps; old pairs of spectacles; used cell phones (working or not); back issues of the UDC Magazine; toys, diapers and personal hygiene items for the House of Ruth; aluminum can tabs; and coupons. (Overseas military members can use *expired coupons* up to six months past their expiration date.)

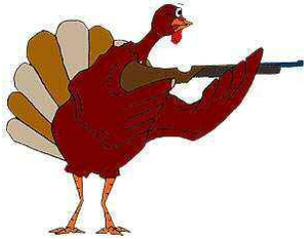


TRIVIA ANSWERS

(1) Maj. Gen. Patrick R. Cleburne, (2) Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton III, (3) Sharpsburg, (4) Confederate Secretary of the Navy, (5) Helena, Arkansas, (6) Nicola Marschall, (7) the University of Georgia Archives in Athens, Georgia, (8) The Stars and Bars, (9) Maj. Gen. Patrick R. Cleburne, born in Ireland, and Maj. Gen. Camille Armand Jules Marie, Prince de Polignac, born in France, (10) a. "each state acting in its sovereign and independent character, ..."

**1ST ANNUAL
BLACK POWDER/SHOTGUN
"TURKEY SHOOT"**

April 19, 2014 - 9:00 am - "until"



Elba Lodge 170 - Larkin Rd., Elba - (Across from the airport)

Sponsored by Camp 911, Coffee County Rangers, SCV

\$4/shot muzzle loaders, you supply shot and powder

\$5/shot shotgun, 12 gauge only, we supply shells

Shooting for ribs, bacon and ham

Living History Exhibits

Pioneers - Indians - Confederates

Games for Adults & Children

Lunch Plates Will Be Sold at the Event

For more information, contact

Ray Kyle at 464-1944



BBQ Rib Sale

Tickets on Sale from any SCV member or from Fleming Multimedia,

122 S. Main St., Enterprise through April 12

Ribs will be available at the Turkey Shoot

\$15/slab

Pick up at Elba Lodge, Elba, and the Welcome Center, Enterprise

11:30 am - 1 pm

For more information, contact

Stuart Mock at 347-1057 or Mack Lott at 464-0851

**Proceeds to benefit the Coffee County
Confederate Veterans Monument**

Happy Birthday!

Nancy Brunson
Lavinia Helms
Marie Koach

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CHAPTER 2534**

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March 26

Lavinia Helms'
86th Birthday

Happy Birthday, Mom!
Love, Shirley

Happy Birthday!

12th Birthday
March 19
Emily Grace Guess

6th Birthday
March 24
Mary Margaret Lunsford

Charter Members Rucker's Belles & Beaux 968
Love, Mimi

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birthday

Lee Lott
from Pop and Nana

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