



# RUCKER RANGERS

## NEWSLETTER



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### Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter 2534

United Daughters of the Confederacy  
Enterprise, Alabama

#### NEXT MEETING:

**Thurs., March 10, 2016, 4:30 pm**  
1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church Gathering Room  
Program: "Esmeralda Estella McMath"  
(Holly Muller)  
Refreshments: Donna Clark

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

Sons of Confederate Veterans  
Enterprise, Alabama

#### NEXT MEETING:

**Thurs., March 10, 2016, 7:00 pm**  
1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church Gathering Room  
Program: "Confederate Warrior:  
Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton III" (Georgia Fleming)  
Refreshments: Brian and Georgia Fleming

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MARCH

**March 5 – SCV Southeast Brigade Spring Muster, Confederate Flag Day,** Confederate Veterans Memorial Park, U.S. Hwy 331 Crenshaw County Alabama 12:00 pm - until.

**March 7 - Troy Civil War Forum,** 6:30 pm at Old Beulah Church on South Three Notch Street in Troy. Rob Snapp will present the program, "Period Music from the 1860s." There is no charge; the public is invited to attend.

**March 16 - UDC Day of Observance - Birthday (1829) of Nicola Marschall**

**March 31 - UDC Day of Observance - Birthday (1840) of Brig. Gen. John Herbert Kelly**

### OFFICERS

#### UDC

President ..... Donna Clark  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President ..... Holly Muller  
Secretary/Treasurer ..... Patsy B. Richter

#### SCV

Commander ..... Joe E. Clark, Jr.  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Commander ..... Mack Lott  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Commander ..... Ray Kyle  
Adjutant ..... John Kolkman

### VISIT OUR WEBSITES

» **COFFEE COUNTY RANGERS:**

[HTTP://WWW.COFFEECOUNTYRANGERS.ORG/](http://www.coffeecountyrangers.org/)

» **GEN. EDMOND WINCHESTER RUCKER  
2534:**

[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/3EYEZP6](http://tinyurl.com/3EYEZP6)

» **CAMP 911 FACEBOOK:**

[HTTP://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/  
SCVCAMPENTERPRISE/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/SCVCAMPENTERPRISE/)

» **SCV YOUTUBE CHANNEL:**

[HTTP://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/USER/SCVORG](http://www.youtube.com/user/SCVORG)

## 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



### 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 CSA.

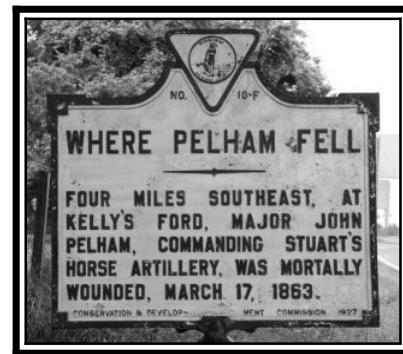
### March 16, 1828

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*

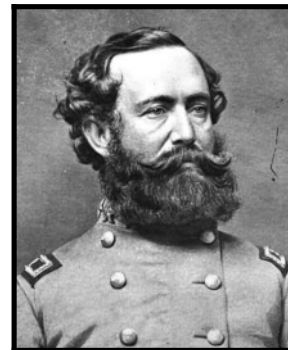


### March 25, 1863

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.



## General Henry D. Clayton District Meeting

Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter hosted the Gen. Henry D. Clayton District Meeting on February 27, 2016 at Po' Folks Restaurant in Enterprise.



*(Above, L-R) Cathy Odom, Tommye Byrd, Hilda Allen, Laura Womack-Rowell, Holly Muller, Alabama Division President Linda Edwards, Donna Clark, Pat Richter, Georgia Fleming)*

District Director Tammie Evans conducted the ritual. Chapter President Donna Clark welcomed members to the meeting. We enjoyed a luncheon, and an interesting program presented by Dr. Jack Anderson on "Flags of the Confederacy."

The Caroline Dent McDowell Memorial Gavel, for the chapter with the highest percentage of members attending, was presented to General W. C. Oates 1342 of Dothan.

District Officers were elected: Director, Pat Richter (Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker 2534, Enterprise); Co-Director, Mary Williams (Capt. Stouten Hubert Dent 2669, Eufaula); Secretary, Brandi Evans (Thomas R. Thomasson 2471, Andalusia); Chaplain, Barbara Peters (General W. C. Oates 1342, Dothan); and Parliamentarian, Martha Smith (Stonewall Jackson 667, Ozark). Division President Linda Edwards installed the new officers.

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## Chapter Social Meeting

Gen. Edmond W. Rucker 2534 will have its monthly social meeting on Thursday, March 31, at Mom's Family Restaurant, 2200 Ozark Highway in Enterprise at 5:00 pm. All members and prospective members are invited to attend our informal get-together. You can enjoy dinner, a salad, a dessert, or just have a cup of coffee with us. We hope to see you there, and if you can't make it at 5:00, come when you can.

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# SCV Confederate Flag Day

March 5, 2016

Ben Bricken Camp 396 hosted Confederate Flag Day festivities at Confederate Veterans Memorial Park on Highway 331 near Luverne on Saturday, March 5.



The Colors were posted and a salute fired by Camp 911 Color Guard. Attendees were welcomed by David Coggins, Commander of Ben Bricken Camp.

We enjoyed having lunch and a great time of fellowship, celebrating the 155<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the raising of the Stars and Bars over the Alabama State Capitol in Montgomery on March 4, 1861.

*(Right, L-R): Alabama Southeast Brigade Commander Joe Clark, Southeast Brigade Lt. Commander Mack Lott, National SCV Commander Kelly Barrow, Alabama Division Adjutant Mike Williams; (Front) William Barrow, son of Commander Kelly Barrow.*



Youngsters had a “blast” firing the cannon, assisted by Ray and Fay Kyle, and Logan Davis.

# Confederate Trivia

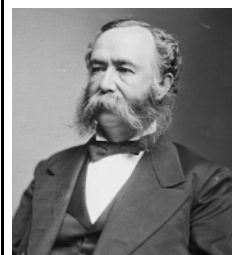
by Georgia Fleming

Can you identify the Union prisoner of war camps described below?

1. Located in New York, this prison had a 25% casualty rate among Confederate prisoners due to malnutrition, disease, and exposure to harsh weather. A prison physician was notorious for dispensing opium pills and, at times, arsenic to sick or wounded men. Prisoners considered it a hell on earth.
2. Almost all of the prisoners at this Maryland facility were housed in tents, constantly exposed to extremes of temperature. Guards sometimes fired into the tents for sport. The first Confederate monument ever constructed was placed over the mass grave of the Confederate dead there.
3. This Chicago prison was dubbed “80 Acres of Hell” by Confederates. Its horrors were legendary. When Union guards tired of burying dead prisoners, they sold hundreds to northern medical schools, and dumped hundreds more into the waters of Lake Michigan. The mound where the Confederate dead were buried is the largest mass grave in the Western Hemisphere.
4. Located on Pea Patch Island, this prison was a pentagon-shaped fortress. The majority of the POWs were captured at Gettysburg. Those who died there are buried at Finns Point National Cemetery.
5. On the coast of Lake Erie, this facility served as a prisoner-of-war camp for Confederate officers. It was surrounded by a 15-foot high wooden stockade. Several prominent generals were incarcerated there, including Maj. Gen. Isaac R. Trimble, captured at Gettysburg.
6. Originally a Union staging and training camp, over 150,000 Union soldiers and 25,000 Confederate prisoners were located at this facility. Men captured during Morgan’s Raid were incarcerated there. A Memorial Arch, dedicated in 1902, marks the camp’s Confederate Cemetery.
7. The site of this prison is now occupied by the United States Supreme Court building. The building used as the prison was built in 1815. Among the well-known held there were: Rose Greenhow, Belle Boyd, Col. John Mosby, Capt. Henry Wirz, and many arrested in the aftermath of the assassination of President Lincoln, including Dr. Samuel Mudd and Mary Surratt.

“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



“You have no right to ask, or expect that (the South) will at once profess unbounded love to that Union from which for four years she tried to escape at the cost of her best blood and all her treasure. Nor can you believe her to be so unutterably hypocritical, so base, as to declare that the flag of the Union has already surpassed in her heart the place which has so long been sacred to the ‘Southern Cross.’ ”

– Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton III

## Trivia Answers

1. Elmira (a/k/a “Hellmira”); 2. Point Lookout; 3. Camp Douglas; 4. Fort Delaware; 5. Johnson’s Island; 6. Camp Chase; 7. Old Capitol Prison.

## Important Reminders

- ★ Ladies, the Benevolent Committee is asking us to bring CANNED BEANS AND CORN to the March meeting.
- ★ Please continue to bring canceled stamps and coupons for our soldiers. We are still collecting hotel soaps and lotions, and can tabs.

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| <p><i>Office Hours By Appointment</i></p>  <p><b>DR. KENNETH W. CHANCEY</b><br/>FAMILY &amp; COSMETIC DENTISTRY</p> <p>534 Boll Weevil Circle<br/>Enterprise, AL 36330</p> <p>TEL. (334) 347-0036<br/>Fax (334) 308-2217</p> | <p><b>Fleming<br/>Multimedia</b></p> <p>122 S. Main St., Enterprise, AL 36330<br/>334-347-0017</p> <p><b>COMPUTER SALES &amp; SERVICE</b><br/>Brian Fleming, Owner</p>  |
| <p><b>Happy Birthday!</b></p> <p><b>Nancy Brunson - 5<sup>th</sup></b><br/><b>Marie Koach - 6<sup>th</sup></b><br/><b>Jean Spurlin - 14<sup>th</sup></b><br/><b>Lavinia Helms - 26<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker 2534</b></p>  | <p>To place an advertisement, greeting or memorial in the newsletter, contact Brian or Georgia Fleming at 347-0017 or e-mail Georgia <a href="mailto:hyacinth@ala.net">hyacinth@ala.net</a> or Brian <a href="mailto:mpegcd@yahoo.com">mpegcd@yahoo.com</a></p> |