



RUCKER RANGERS

Newsletter



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Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter 2534

United Daughters of the Confederacy
Enterprise, Alabama

NEXT MEETING:

Thurs., May 8, 2014, 4:30 pm

First United Methodist Church Gathering Room

Program: "Confederates Without a Home:

The Orphan Brigade" (Donna Clark)

Refreshments: Holly Muller

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

Sons of Confederate Veterans
Enterprise, Alabama

NEXT MEETING:

Thurs., May 8, 2014, 7:00 pm

First United Methodist Church Gathering Room

Program:

Election of Officers

Refreshments: Brian and Georgia Fleming

UPCOMING EVENTS

May

May 3, & 4 - Old Clinton War Days, 150th Re-enactment, Clinton, Georgia. For more information, go to http://scvcamp1399.org/old_clinton_war_days.php.

May 3 - Battle of Newton Society Meeting, 3:00 pm at the Pea River Historical & Genealogical Society Gift Shop and Library, Enterprise.

May 5 - Troy Civil War Forum, 6:30 pm at the Troy Public Library, 500 E. Walnut Street, Troy. Mac Holmes will present the program. All are invited to attend.

May 16-17 - Alabama SCV Division Reunion, Athens, Alabama, on the campus of Athens State University.

June

June 2 – Birth of Jefferson Davis (Jefferson Davis Day) celebrated, Alabama state holiday.

OFFICERS

	UDC		SCV	
President		Pat Richter	Commander	Joe E. Clark, Jr.
Vice President		Holly Muller	1st Lt. Commander	Mack Lott
2nd Vice President		Donna Clark	2nd Lt. Commander	Daniel Larson
Secretary		Georgia Fleming	Adjutant	James E. Edberg

VISIT OUR WEBSITES

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

http://www.flemingmultimedia.com/UDC/E_W_Rucker_2534.html

Camp 911 has a page on Facebook - Click on "Ask to Join Group":

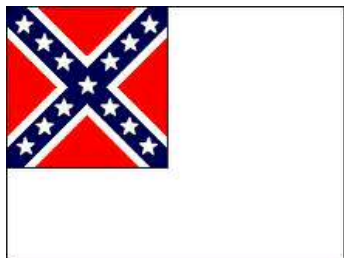
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/SCVCampEnterprise/>

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

MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

May 1, 1863

The Second National Flag, the "Stainless Banner" was officially adopted by the Confederate Congress.



May 1-6, 1863

Battle of Chancellorsville, Virginia, General Lee's "perfect battle".



May 3, 1861

The Confederate Congress approved Bill 102, authorizing the appointment of chaplains in the Confederate Army; the appointments were to expire "whenever the existing war shall terminate."

May 5-7, 1864

Battle of the Wilderness, Spotsylvania County and Orange County, Virginia

May 6, 1861

Arkansas and Tennessee secede.

May 9-19, 1864

Battles around Spotsylvania Courthouse, Spotsylvania County, Virginia

May 10, 1863

Death of Lt. Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson

May 11, 1864

Battle of Yellow Tavern, Henrico County, Virginia.



May 12, 1864

Death of Maj. Gen. J. E. B. Stuart of wounds received at Yellow Tavern.

May 12-13, 1865

Battle of Palmito Ranch, Texas (last battle of the war).

May 13-15, 1864

Battle of Resaca, Georgia.



May 20, 1861

North Carolina secedes; Confederate capital moved from Montgomery to Richmond

Confederate History & Heritage Luncheon – April 12, 2014

Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter 2534 celebrated its 8th Annual History and Heritage Luncheon at Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church in Coffee County. After our Ritual, we had a Roll Call of our Confederate ancestors. A Table of Honor was also laid out as a memorial. Two medals were presented in a Ceremony of Bestowal of Military Awards: Jerry McWaters was presented with the Vietnam Cross of Military Service, and W. E. "Rick" Richter received the National Defense Medal. Steve Lowery was honored with the Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal, and Amanda Reeves received the Judah P. Benjamin Award. Following the ceremony, we enjoyed a covered dish luncheon.

Below (L-R): Jerry McWaters, W. E. "Rick" Richter, Steve Lowery, and Amanda Reeves



(L) Laura F. Rowell lights candles at the Table of Honor; (Above, L-R) Division President Donna Clark, Chapter President Pat Richter, and Chapter Historian Marie Koach.

1st Annual Black Powder/Shotgun "Turkey Shoot" April 19, 2014

Camp 911 sponsored a black powder/shotgun target shooting, along with a BBQ rib sale. Volunteers grilled the ribs throughout the night to be ready for pick-up. The event was held at Lodge 150 in Elba.



(Top Right) Slabs of ribs slow-cooked on an array of grills manned by camp members and supporters; (Above, Left) An information table was set up offering posters and literature about the SCV and UDC, and the Battle of Newton Society; (Above, Right) Black powder enthusiasts braved a rain-soaked field to take part in the shooting; (Left) Wayne Brunson brought many period items and artifacts for his living history exhibit. Funds raised at the event will be used for the Coffee County Confederate Veterans Monument.

Grave Marker Dedication for Real Daughter

April 12, 2014

Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter 2534 dedicated a Real Daughter marker at the grave of Bonnie Eva Jane (Day) Morgan, at Pine Level Cemetery. Mrs. Morgan was the daughter of Henry Joel Day, Co B, 15th Alabama Infantry Regiment.



Elder Morgan gave a tribute to Mrs. Morgan.



Chapter members attending (L-R): Cathy Odom, Georgia Fleming, Laura D. Rowell, Chapter President Pat Richter, Division President Donna Clark, Laura F. Rowell, Gwen Kolkman

Many members of the Morgan family were present for the dedication. Members of SCV Coffee County Rangers Camp 911 served as Color Guard.

**Confederate Soldiers
Remembered with Flags
April 21, 2014**

Mack Lott, Morgan Oglesby, Brian Fleming and Georgia Fleming placed flags on the graves of Confederate veterans at Enterprise City Cemetery.

(Right) Mack Lott placed a Confederate flag on the grave of Pvt. Daniel Stephens, Co F, 15th Alabama Infantry Regiment.

There are 40 Confederate soldiers buried in City Cemetery.



**Coloring Contest Winner
April 23, 2014**

Mia Benjamin, a 4th Grader in Mrs. Johnson's Class at Enterprise Preparatory Academy, won the UDC Coloring Contest. Donna Clark and Georgia Fleming visited the school to present the award and talk to the class about the flags of the Confederacy.

**Geneva Festival on the Rivers
April 25-27, 2014**



Members and friends of Camp 911 set up information tables and living history displays at the annual Geneva Festival on the Rivers. Many visitors stopped to learn more about the Confederacy.

(L) Mack Lott's antique gasoline engine attracted crowds eager to hear about the machine and its capabilities.



Amanda and Deke Scott

Deke provided camp members with campfire-cooked meals both days of the event. He and his family also gave a living history demonstration.



Tim Walton (center) and Brandon Grant (left) participated in the living history exhibits.

Confederate Trivia

by Georgia Fleming

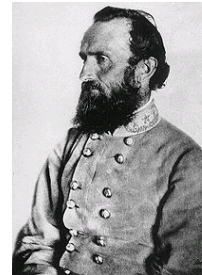
May is the anniversary of the deaths of two of our great generals, “Stonewall” Jackson and J.E.B. Stuart. How much do you know about them?

1. Jackson’s birthplace is now in what state?
2. What does “J. E. B.” stand for?
3. What Union officer was Stuart’s father-in-law?
4. Where did Jackson first meet Robert E. Lee?
5. When Jackson was wounded at Chancellorsville, who took temporary command of his infantry corps?
6. What did Stuart develop for which he received a U.S. Patent and \$5000 for a right-to-use license from the U.S. Government?
7. What nation named an American-made World War II tank after Gen. Stuart?
8. What was the informal name of Jackson’s brigade before it became the Stonewall Brigade after First Manassas?
9. At what institution was Jackson employed as a professor before the War?
10. Who said of Stuart, “He made me all that I was in the war. ... But for his friendship I would never have been heard of.”?



“Stuart and Jackson were an unlikely pair: one outgoing, the other introverted; one flashily uniformed, the other plainly dressed; one Prince Rupert and the other Cromwell. Yet Stuart’s self-confidence, penchant for action, deep love of Virginia, and total abstinence from such vices as alcohol, tobacco, and pessimism endeared him to Jackson. ... Stuart was the only man in the Confederacy who could make Jackson laugh — and who dared to do so.”

-- James I. Robertson, Jr., Stonewall Jackson



MEMBERSHIP

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

- ❖ PLEASE BRING CAN TABS AND CANCELLED STAMPS TO THE MAY MEETING - Thanks!
- ❖ Ladies, please participate in our fund-raiser for the conservation of the flag of the 26th Alabama Infantry by bringing cash to "stuff the backpacks." 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) West Virginia, (2) James Ewell Brown, (3) Brig. Gen. Philip St. George Cooke, (4) Mexico, (5) Stuart, (6) a cavalry saber hook, (7) Britain - the M3 Stuart tank, (8) Virginia’s First Brigade, (9) VMI, (10) Col. John S. Mosby.



Donna Clark

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CHAPTER 2534**

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