



# RUCKER RANGERS

## Newsletter



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### Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker 2534

United Daughters of the Confederacy  
Enterprise, Alabama  
NEXT MEETING:  
Thurs., May 10, 2018, 5:00 pm  
1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church Gathering Room  
Program: "Loreta Vasquez, Confederate  
Soldier?" (Georgia Fleming)  
Election of Officers  
Refreshments: Donna Clark

### Coffee County Rangers Camp 911

Sons of Confederate Veterans  
Enterprise, Alabama  
NEXT MEETING:  
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Thurs., May 10, 2018, 7:30 pm  
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## Coming Events

**May 18-19 - 2018 Alabama SCV Division Reunion**, hosted by Emma Sansom Camp #252, held at the Elliott Community Center in Gadsden. For more information, go to <http://www.alscv.org/reunion/>.

**May 28 - Memorial Day at Meadowlawn Cemetery** in Enterprise; Camp members will participate in honoring veterans.

**June 4 - Troy Civil War Forum**, 6:30 pm at Old Beulah Church on South Three Notch Street in Troy. Georgia Fleming will present the program "Secret Agents in Skirts: Female Spies for the Confederacy." The public is invited to attend.

## Officers

### UDC

President ..... Laura D. Womack-Rowell  
Vice President ..... Georgia Fleming  
Secretary ..... Donna Clark  
Treasurer ..... Patsy B. Richter

### SCV

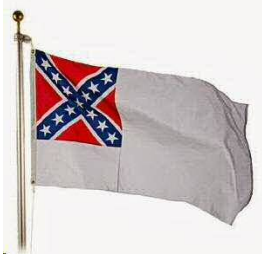
Commander ..... Joe E. Clark, Jr.  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Commander ..... Mack Lott  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Commander ..... Ray Kyle  
Adjutant ..... Larry Sasser

## Visit Our Websites

Coffee County Rangers:  
<http://www.coffeecountyrangersonline.org/>  
Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker 2534:  
<http://tinyurl.com/3eyezp6>

Camp 911 Facebook:  
[http://www.facebook.com/groups/SCVCamp  
Enterprise/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/SCVCampEnterprise/)  
SCV YouTube Channel:  
<http://www.youtube.com/user/SCVO>

## **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 5-7, 1864**

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



### **May 6, 1861**

Arkansas secedes

### **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

### **May 12, 1864**

Death of Maj. Gen.  
James Ewell Brown ("Jeb") Stuart  
of wounds received at Yellow Tavern

### **May 12-13, 1865**

Battle of Palmito Ranch,  
Cameron County, Texas  
(last battle of the war between  
organized forces)

### **May 13-15, 1864**

Battle of Resaca, Georgia



### **May 20, 1861**

North Carolina secedes; Confederate  
capital moved from Montgomery to  
Richmond.



## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Confederate History & Heritage Luncheon



UDC members and guests gathered for their annual Confederate History and Heritage luncheon at the 1<sup>st</sup> Methodist Church Gathering Room. After pledges and songs, a Table of Honor ceremony was conducted by Laura Womack-Rowell and Cathy Odom.

We had a Roll Call of Confederate ancestors,

followed by a Ceremony of Bestowal of Military Awards. The Cross of Military Service Vietnam Conflict was presented to Mr. James Byron Rials. Mr. Rials was also presented with a National Defense Medal for his service in the Korean War with the 14<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment. He is a descendant of Isham D. Crews, Private, Capt. Henry W. Laird's Company D, 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Alabama Infantry. After the presentations, the assembly enjoyed a bounteous potluck luncheon.

Chapter members attending, pictured above, were: (L-R) *Front Row*, Faye Bardolf, Marie Koach, Lavinia Helms; *Back Row*, Georgia Fleming, Tammie Evans of Thomas Randolph Thomasson 2471 in Andalusia, Laura Rowell, Jr., Cathy Odom, Donna Clark, Pat Richter, Patsy Stephens, and Laura Womack-Rowell.

(L-R) Cathy Odom, James Byron Rials, Pat Richter, Mrs. Rials, Laura Womack-Rowell



## Iron Cross Dedication

Following the luncheon, members gathered at Enterprise City Cemetery along with the Byrd family to place a Confederate Iron Cross at the grave of Richard Daniel Byrd. Byrd served as a private in Company E, 15th Alabama Infantry.



Richard D. Byrd was born September 21, 1838 in North Carolina, the son of Acrel Byrd and Nancy Gurley. He married Sarah Eleanor McGee.

Byrd died October 15, 1922 in Enterprise. He and Sarah were buried in Enterprise City Cemetery.



## Ransom David Jones Marker Dedication

Also on April 14, there was a grave marker installation ceremony for Confederate veteran Ransom Davis Jones, at the Jones Burying Ground near Providence Methodist Church between Bellwood and Geneva.



Members of the Jones family turned out for the placing of several markers in the old family cemetery, including the Confederate marker for Ransom Davis Jones, who served as a private in the Choctawhatchee Rangers. A rifle salute and a canteen salute was performed by Co E, 15<sup>th</sup> Alabama Infantry Reenactors.

(L-R) Adj. Georgia Fleming, Sgt. Mack Lott, Capt. Brian Fleming, Pvt. Fox Brunson, Pvt. Wayne Brunson



## Preparing for Confederate Memorial Day



More than 40 Confederate flags were placed on the graves of Confederate veterans at Enterprise City Cemetery in preparation for Confederate Memorial Day.

Participating were Camp 911 Commander Joe Clark, Gen. Edmond W. Rucker Chapter President Laura Womack-Rowell, Donna Clark, Cathy Odom, and Georgia Fleming.

(L-R) Georgia Fleming, Donna Clark, and Cathy Odom;  
(seated) Laura Womack-Rowell

## Geneva Festival on the Rivers

Members of Camp 911 SCV, Gen. Edmond W. Rucker Chapter UDC, the Battle of Newton Society, Inc., and Co E, 15<sup>th</sup> Alabama Infantry Reenactors participated in the Living History area at the Geneva Festival on the Rivers, in Robert Fowler Memorial Park, on April 28-29. Our

display included information tents, a medical tent, and a camp setting. Visitors enjoyed hearing about our organizations, and learning more about the War Between the States.



(L) Brian Fleming talks with Festival attendees. Behind them, our display of period flags, including the Confederate 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> National, the Bonnie Blue, the Confederate Battle Flag, and the 35-star Union flag.



(R) Georgia Fleming prepared a campfire beef stew that was enjoyed by the reenactors.



(L) The Union medical tent was staffed by Devan Montez and our surgeon, Richard “Coke” Kochendofer.

### **Troy Civil War Forum**

Camp 911 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander Mack Lott presented the program for the Troy Civil War Forum on May 7. He spoke on “Gen. Joseph E. Johnston: Always Outnumbered.” Members found the program interesting, and a lively discussion followed. Mack has a degree in History from Troy State University.

Everyone is invited to attend and participate in the Forum, which meets on the first Monday of each month.











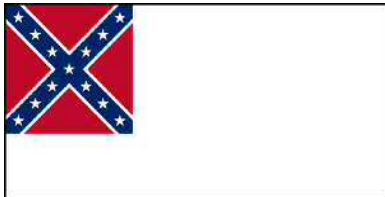
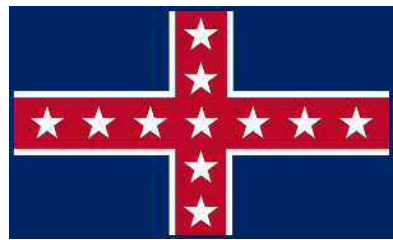



### **Chapter Social Meeting**

Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker 2534 will have its monthly social meeting at 5:00 pm on Thursday, May 24, at Chicken Salad Chick, 906 Boll Weevil Circle, near Hobby Lobby in Enterprise. All members and prospective members are invited to attend our informal get-together. We hope to see you there, and if you can't make it at 5:00, come when you can!

# Confederate Trivia

by Georgia Fleming

Can you identify these flags associated with the Confederacy?

 <p>1</p>	 <p>2</p>	 <p>3</p>
  <p>4</p>	 <p>5</p>	 <p>6</p>
 <p>7</p>	 <p>8</p>	 <p>9</p>
 <p>10</p>	 <p>11</p>	 <p>12</p>



## Trivia Answers

1. First Confederate Navy Jack, 1861–1863; 2. Flag of Louisiana; 3. Flag of South Carolina; 4. Third National Flag (after March 4, 1865); 5. Flag of Alabama; 6. First National Flag with 7 stars (March 4 – May 21, 1861); 7. Bonnie Blue Flag, unofficial but popular beginning in 1861; 8. Second National Flag (May 1, 1863 – March 4, 1865); 9. Flag of the First Corps, Army of Tennessee; 10. Flag of Virginia; 11. Flag of the Army of Northern Virginia (Robert E. Lee Headquarters Flag); 12. Van Dorn Battle Flag used in the Western theaters of operation

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 soldiers 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,



“ God bless the noble women of my dear Southland, who are to-day as thoroughly convinced of the justice of that cause. They are the guardians of the sacred honor of the departed; they will protect the memory of the hero’s spirit no less than preserve from desecration the dust of his body.”

– Julian Carr  
Dedication of Confederate Monument  
University of North Carolina, June 2, 1913

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

*Donna Clark - 9<sup>th</sup>*

*Hilda Allen - 17<sup>th</sup>*

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