



# RUCKER RANGERS

## Newsletter



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

United Daughters of the Confederacy  
Enterprise, Alabama

**NEXT MEETING:**

**\*\*\*Thurs., November 15, 2012, 4:30 pm\*\*\***

The Edberg Barn

Program: "Lost Gold of the Confederacy"

(Kim Larson)

Refreshments: Shirley Edberg

**Coffee County Rangers Camp #911**

**12th Ala. Inf. Regt., Co D**

Sons of Confederate Veterans

Enterprise, Alabama

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Thursday, November 8, 2012, 7:00 pm**

First United Methodist Church Gathering Room

Program: "Maj. John Pelham & Artillery Tactics

of the War Between the States" (Wendell Mock)

Refreshments and Drinks: Deke Scott

**Children of the Confederacy Chapter Rucker's Belles and Beaux, and Camp 911 Cadets will not meet in November.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### November

**November 8, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm – Veterans Day Parade**, Downtown Enterprise. We will participate with floats. Line-up is at 4:00 pm.

**November 9-11 – 15th Annual Battle for the Armory**, Tallassee, Alabama. For more information, visit the website: <http://www.tallasseearmoryguards.org/reenactment/>.

### December

**December 3 at 6:30 pm - Troy Civil War Forum** at the Troy Public Library on Elm Street.

**December 6 at 6:30 pm – UDC/SCV Christmas Party** at the Edberg Barn in New Brockton.

**December 8 – "Christmas in the South"** at Confederate Memorial Park. This is the Children of the Confederacy Christmas event. The program begins at 11:00 am.

### OFFICERS

UDC		SCV	
<b>President/Treasurer</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/>

## **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

### **November 3, 1816**

Birth of Lieutenant General Jubal Anderson Early in Franklin County, Virginia

### **November 6, 1865**

CSS Shenandoah strikes her colors;  
last active CSA force  
to fly the colors.

### **November 10, 1865**

Henry Wirz, commander of the Confederate prisoner of war camp near Andersonville, Georgia, was executed in Washington on the grounds of the Old Capitol Prison after being sentenced by a military tribunal.



### **November 15, 1864**

Atlanta looted and burned by Sherman's army,  
Sherman's "March to the Sea" begins



### **November 23-25, 1863**

Battles of Chattanooga, Tennessee  
Battle of Lookout Mountain  
Battle of Missionary Ridge

### **November 28, 1861**

Missouri officially admitted to the Confederacy

### **November 30, 1864**

Battle of Franklin, Tennessee  
Death of Major General  
Patrick Ronayne Cleburne

"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

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

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

**Coffee County Rangers Camp #911**  
**46 members, 6 Cadets**

**Rucker's Belles and Beaux #968**  
**Children of the Confederacy**  
**22 members**

## Christmas Stockings for Our Troops



UDC and SCV members – please help by stuffing a large Christmas stocking with gifts for our troops. The stockings have to be mailed **no later than November 10** to reach the soldiers by Christmas. They will be going to a hospital unit and a MEDEVAC unit in Afghanistan, and to several individual soldiers. Below are some ideas for items to include in the stocking.

- ✓ Disposable razors and other small toiletries
- ✓ Thick socks
- ✓ Hot chocolate packages
- ✓ Puzzle books
- ✓ Homemade cookies (if possible package them 4 to a bag)
- ✓ Candy and other snacks
- ✓ Long sleeve "100% cotton" undershirts. The tee shirts will be going to only one location, a MEDAVAC Unit (which is the air ambulance unit) and not to the hospital. Those young men are living in tents and it gets very cold up in the mountains where they are. Shirts need to be 100% cotton, large, no fancy colors; black, white, gray, dark blue. Lounge PJs in size medium and large are also needed, these will be sent to the hospital as the hospital gowns are not very long.

Both SCV and UDC members should bring or send stockings to the SCV meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup>; the UDC meeting time is after the deadline for mailing. If you can't make it to the SCV meeting, you can drop your stocking off at Fleming Multimedia, 122 South Main Street in Enterprise between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Christmas cards (purchased or homemade) are also appreciated.

### Tour of the Brigade

This Fall, a tour of the Brigade was conducted by Southeast Brigade Commander Joe Clark, with the assistance of Brigade 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander Mack Lott and Camp 911 Webmaster Brian Fleming. The tour was well received in all five of the Brigade camps. Discussions were held about how to reach the Sesquicentennial goal of doubling our organization size. It was pointed out that a camp website and use of Facebook and other social media would greatly enhance recruiting for each camp. Brian Fleming offered his help in getting them set up. As Chairman of the Battle of Newton Committee, he asked that each camp get an ad in the Battle of Newton Program booklet, and each did so. Raffle tickets for a hand-made knife were offered by the Battle of Newton Committee to members of each camp; members of Camp 911 bought the most tickets.

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"He who feels no pride in his ancestors is unworthy to be remembered by his descendants."

-- Major David F. Boyd, 9th Louisiana Infantry, CSA

## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Battle of Newton Re-enactment – John Hutto Park, Newton, AL



The Battle of Newton Re-enactment drew the largest crowd of spectators in recent years. Our members staffed tents with items for sale for our fund-raisers, and information about our organizations. We made contact with quite a few potential members.



The Camp 1921 Tallassee Armory Guards String Band entertained the crowd with a concert of old-time music.



Re-enactors from Alabama, Florida, and Georgia joined together to make the battle re-enactments on Saturday afternoon and Sunday afternoon a great success.



Camp 911 sponsors these cars that bear the SCV logo. The cars ran at South Alabama Speedway last season by Davis Brothers Racing. They are shown here at the Battle of Newton Re-enactment in October.

## Confederate Trivia

by Georgia Fleming

1. Who were the commanding generals of the Chattanooga Campaign?
2. Who was the “Stonewall of the West”?
3. Where was Henry Wirz born?
4. When the Army of Northern Virginia surrendered, this Confederate general escaped to Mexico in the hope of continuing the war. He later lived in Cuba, and wrote his memoir in Toronto, Canada. Who is he?
5. Lt. Gen. William J. Hardee said: “Where his 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?)
6. Where did the assault sometimes called the “Pickett’s Charge of the West” take place?
7. What was the name of the Confederate prisoner of war camp near Andersonville, Georgia?
8. When Ulysses Grant was made commander of all the Union armies, who succeeded him as commander of the Division of the Mississippi?
9. Patrick Cleburne was born in Ireland; in what Confederate state did he settle?
10. To whom did Confederate States Navy Commander James Waddell surrender CSS Shenandoah in November of 1865?

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*Office Hours By Appointment*



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Dear Rucker Chapter UDC members,

We are joined together for one common goal: to proudly honor our Confederate ancestors. During the past six years, our chapter has strived to fulfill the objectives of our organization and we have been extremely successful. Our accomplishments are numerous and include: Placing an historical marker in Coffee County to mark a War Between The States battle site; holding grave marker ceremonies for 18 CSA veterans in 11 different cemeteries; presenting 11 military service awards, 3 Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medals, 4 Winnie Davis Medals, 1 Sidney Lanier Award, 5 Stonewall Jackson Medals and 28 Judah P. Benjamin Awards; supporting veterans and active duty military in parades and with prayers, cards and numerous packages and “adopting” an airfield hospital in Afghanistan; designing and ordering a chapter pin; raising project funds in excess of \$4,000.00; and chartering a Children of the Confederacy Chapter.

We have worked to educate children about our state history and the history of the WBTS. We have supported applicants for scholarships and established an Alabama Division matching scholarship at Auburn University. We have celebrated the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of the birthdays of Lee and Davis, the dedication and reopening of Beauvoir after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina and the beginning of the Sesquicentennial of the WBTS with the reenactment of the inauguration of Jefferson Davis. We also shared in the sorrow and loss of nine individuals in the devastating March 2007 tornado in Enterprise and did our part to help the community recover. We have opened our hearts and our purses in support of our benevolence goals. During this time our membership has grown from 15 to 38 members.

Words cannot express my appreciation to each of you for your dedication and support of our chapter activities during this time. The hard work, fun and fellowship have created memories that I will cherish forever. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your chapter president. It has been an honor and a privilege.

In UDC love,  
Shirley H. Edberg

### TRIVIA ANSWERS

- (1) Maj. Gen. Ulysses Grant and Gen. Braxton Bragg; (2) Maj. Gen. Patrick Cleburne; (3) Heinrich Hartmann “Henry” Wirz was born in Zurich, Switzerland; (4) Lt. Gen. Jubal A. Early; (5) Cleburne; (6) the Battle of Franklin (Tennessee); (7) Camp Sumter; (8) Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman; (9) Arkansas; (10) Great Britain.



## *Important Reminders*

**Ladies, the Benevolence Committee has a special appeal for November – please bring peanut butter and/or jelly.**

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.