



RUCKER RANGERS

Newsletter



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

United Daughters of the Confederacy
Enterprise, Alabama

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, September 20, 2012, 4:30 pm

The Edberg Barn in New Brockton

Program: "Meriwether Thompson, Missouri's
Swamp Fox of the Confederacy" (Georgia Fleming)
Refreshments: Reba Blissitte

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

Sons of Confederate Veterans
Enterprise, Alabama

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, Sept. 13, 2012, 7:00 pm

First United Methodist Church Gathering Room
Program: "Reflections on Battlefield Tours" (Mack Lott)
Refreshments: Ronald Devaughn
Drinks: Deke Scott

Rucker's Belles and Beaux Chapter, Children of the Confederacy, and Camp 911 Cadets will not meet in September. For more information about C of C or the Cadets, contact Daniel and Kim Larson.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

September 10, 6:30 pm - Troy Civil War Forum, Troy Public Library on Elm Street, a program on "Dan Sickles: Sex, Violence, and Arrogance" will be presented by Dick Canady.

September 13-15, 2012, Mobile – 117th Alabama Division Convention will be held at the Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel, 64 South Water Street, Mobile.

September 22, 2012, Bristow Station, Virginia – Dedication of a monument by the Alabama Division SCV. For more information, contact Joe Clark.

October

October 1, 6:30 pm - Troy Civil War Forum, Troy Public Library on Elm Street, a program on "Partisans, Guerillas, Irregulars and Bushwhackers: The Border War in Missouri" will be presented by Georgia Fleming.

October 20 & 21, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm – 12th Annual Re-enactment of the Battle of Newton, John Hutto Park, Newton, Dale County.

OFFICERS

UDC		SCV	
President/Treasurer	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	Laura F. Rowell	Adjutant	James E. Edberg

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

September 2, 1864

Fall of Atlanta; occupied by Sherman's army on September 3

September 4, 1864

Brig. General John Hunt Morgan killed at Greenville, Tennessee



September 7, 1838

Birth of Major John Pelham
Alexandria, Alabama



September 8, 1863

Battle of Sabine Pass, Texas
46 Texans under Lt. Richard Dowling halt a Union force of 5,000 infantry, 4 gunboats, and 18 troop transports. The Confederates sank two gunboats and killed or captured 300 of the enemy, with no losses to themselves.



September 10, 1836

Birth of Maj. General Joseph Wheeler
Augusta, Georgia



September 17, 1862

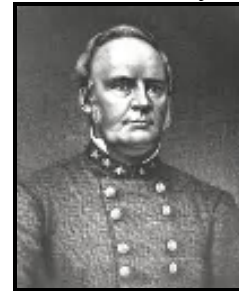
Battle of Sharpsburg, Maryland

September 19-20, 1863

Battle of Chickamauga, Georgia

September 20, 1809

Birth of Maj. General Sterling Price
Prince Edward County, Virginia



September 22, 1833

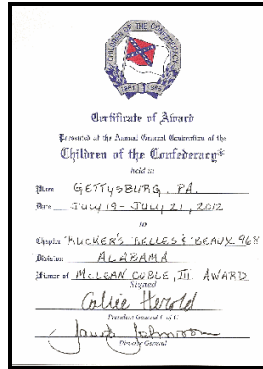
Birth of Lt. General Stephen D. Lee
Charleston, South Carolina



News

Rucker's Belles and Beaux Recognized at General Convention

The Children of the Confederacy held their 58th Annual General Convention in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, July 19th – 21st. Rucker's Belles and Beaux Chapter #968 was the recipient of three awards:



The McLean Coble III Award, honoring the President General of the Children of the Confederacy 1997-1998, is awarded to the chapter submitting the best Chapter newsletter.

Lillian Elizabeth Taylor is the editor of Rucker's Belles and Beaux newsletter, with assistance from Chapter CoC Director Kim Larson.

The Grace Clare Taylor Loving Cup is presented by Nina Webb Wallace of Morehead, North Carolina, honoring her granddaughter, awarded to the chapter registering the greatest number of new members during the year (including new and reactivated chapters).

The Bonnie Devlin Trophy is presented by Mrs. Jerome Devlin, Ex-President, Tennessee Division UDC, awarded to the chapter organizing with the greatest number of new members.

Rucker's Belles and Beaux also received a **Certificate of Appreciation**, signed by Director General Mrs. Janet Johnson and President General Miss Callie Herold, recognizing the Chapter's support and contributions towards the President General's Project "Bucks for Books" for the Jefferson Davis Presidential Library at Beauvoir.



Congratulations, Rucker's Belles and Beaux!

Dale County Historical Society Meeting

On September 3, Charles Zeigler of Newton presented a program to the Dale County Historical Society in Ozark on the history of the Battle of Newton. He was assisted by UDC member Georgia Fleming, who talked about the family of Jesse Malcolm Carmichael, one of the Home Guard heroes who defended the Town of Newton. SCV member Steve Lowery talked about the uniforms worn by Co E of the 15th Alabama Infantry Regiment. Brian Fleming, Chairman of the Battle of Newton Committee, told the members about expanded plans for the upcoming re-enactment of the Battle of Newton, to be held October 20th and 21st at John Hutto Park in Newton.



At the August meeting, Chapter President Shirley Edberg presented Donna Clark with a Certificate of Appreciation for her tireless efforts to design and get the proper approval for our chapter pin.

Confederate Trivia

by Georgia Fleming

In honor of September events:

1. What two Confederate generals were brothers-in-law of Brig. Gen. John Hunt Morgan?
2. In what four wars did Joseph Wheeler take part?
3. He was the aide-de-camp who carried Beauregard's ultimatum to surrender Fort Sumter to Union Major Anderson in 1861; he became the youngest Lieutenant General in the Confederate army at age 30. Who was he?
4. What was the northernmost Union state into which Morgan's Raid penetrated?
5. This Union Brigadier General, who later became President of the United States, served as Rosecrans' chief of staff at the Battle of Chickamauga. Who was he?
6. Stephen Dill Lee became the second Commander in Chief of the United Confederate Veterans from 1904 until his death in 1908. Who was the first Commander in Chief?
7. What was the only military decoration officially approved by the Confederate Congress?
8. Who made this statement about Maj. John Pelham? "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."
9. To Southerners, he was "The Thunderbolt of the Confederacy". To Northern sympathizers, he was "The King of Horse Thieves." Who was he?
10. The outcome of what battle prompted Lincoln to issue the Emancipation Proclamation?



"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**

TRIVIA ANSWERS

(1) Lt. Gen. A. P. Hill and Brig. Gen. Basil Duke; (2) Indian Wars (in New Mexico), War Between the States, Spanish-American War, Philippine-American War; (3) Lt. Gen. Stephen Dill Lee; (4) Ohio; (5) James A. Garfield; (6) Maj. Gen. John B. Gordon; (7) The Davis Guards Medals, to the Texas artillerymen who won the Second Battle of Sabine Pass; (8) Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson; (9) Brig. Gen. John Hunt Morgan; (10) Sharpsburg.

Sergeant Holley

Recalled by Col. William C. Oates, Commander of the 15th Alabama Infantry Regt., for inclusion in Camp Fires of the Confederacy: A Volume of Humorous Anecdotes ... by Benjamin LaBree, pub. 1898:

"A middle-aged, broad-backed man, a most excellent soldier, carried strapped to him more cups, tin pans, canteens, etc., than any other man in the regiment. He was always provided for hard times. He laughed heartily at Woodham [the subject of another anecdote, who had fallen into a puddle], but the latter soon got even with him. There was in that army a regiment of backwoods mountaineers, who were very green and had seen but little of the world. They were great stragglers on the march, and as they could pass along, one by one, each man with his gun shooting at a squirrel, always speaking of their general as Mister, they would make inquiries about in this style: 'Have you seen anything of Mr. Blank's pot and spider wagon gwine along here?' which made them the laughingstock of the more intelligent soldiers. That night, when we had gotten nearly down the red hill, Sergeant Holley stumbled and fell a considerable distance, his cups, tin pans and canteens making a tremendous clattering and rattling noise. Some man ahead cried out: 'Hello! what is that?' Woodham replied instantly: 'Oh, nothing, except Company G's pot and spider wagon has turned over.' A roar of laughter followed, and afterwards Holley was called the pot and spider wagon, until it worried him into going less well provided for by leaving off some of his very useful vessels."

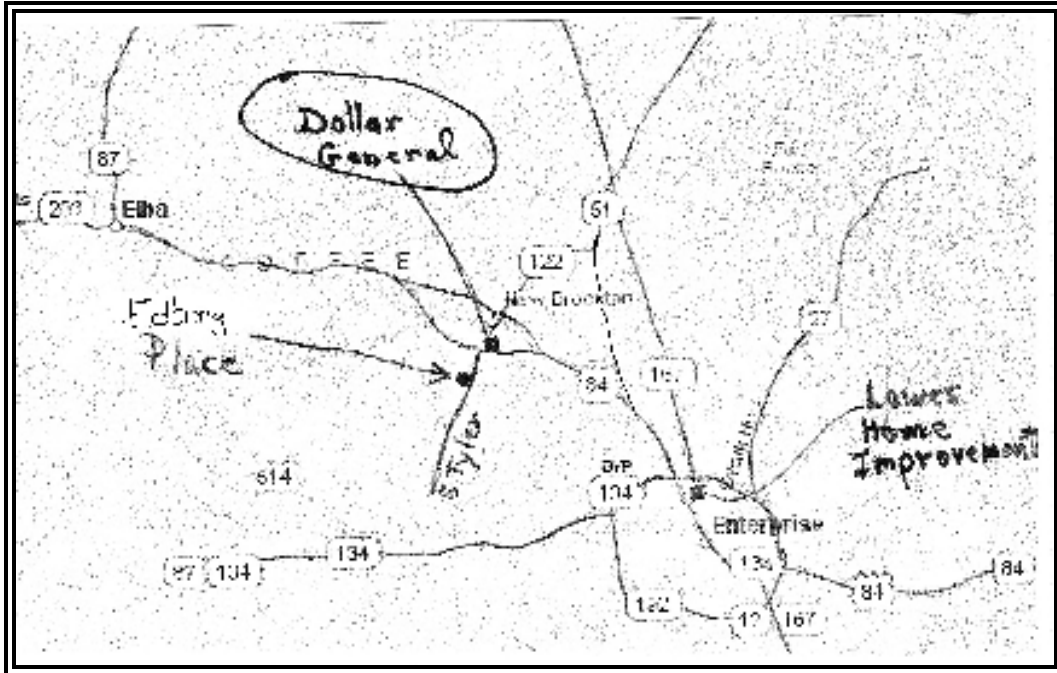
MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter #2534 38 members	Coffee County Rangers Camp #911 48 members, 6 Cadets
Rucker's Belles and Beaux #968 Children of the Confederacy 22 members	

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Ladies, please 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.

Directions to the Edberg Barn



Directions: From Enterprise, take Highway 84 West to New Brockton. There will be a Dollar General Store on the right. This is the intersection of 84 and Tyler Street. Turn left at the intersection onto South Tyler Street. Drive ½ mile to the bottom of the hill. There is only driveway frontage on the right and 426 is marked with a blue marker at the drive (directly across from 2 mailboxes on left). Note: if you pass some chicken houses on the left you have just passed our driveway.

Jim & Shirley Edberg - 426 South Tyler Street - New Brockton, AL 36351

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VISIT OUR WEBSITES

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

<http://www.flemingmultimedia.com/UDC/EWRucker2534.html>

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

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

The Battle of Newton Committee has its own website. Visit it at:

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

Battle of Newton Committee supporters also have a Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/353992361301853/>



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**The Battle of Newton Committee
Raffle Drawing
Donated Exclusively for the Battle of Newton
Custom Knife by T. Paul McGowen of McGowen Knife Works**

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Raffle tickets available at:

Fleming Multimedia, 122 S. Main St., Enterprise, AL (334-347-0017)
Newton Bookkeeping, 667 E. King St., Newton, AL (334-229-3840)
or via e-mail from Jean Watson at jmwea@sw.rr.com

Tickets sell for \$1.00 each or books of 6 for \$5.00

Drawing Sunday, October 21, 2012
John Hutto Park, Newton, Alabama

You do not have to be present to win.

12th Annual Re-enactment of the
BATTLE OF NEWTON

John Hutto Park, Newton, AL
Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 20 - 21, 2012

9 AM - 4 PM



Family Friendly Activities

- *Visit the Confederate and Union Camps & Living History Exhibits*
- *Watch a Military Field Hospital in Action*
- *Live music by Camp 1921 Tallassee Armory Guards String Band*
- *Vendors will have food and drink, and a variety of merchandise from hand-made knives to leather goods*
- *Attend the Ladies Tea Saturday at 11 AM and the Church Service Sunday at 10:30 AM*
- *Watch exciting battle re-enactments at 1:30 PM both days*
- *Bring your kids for free period crafts they can make for themselves*
- *Play period games for all ages*

ADMISSION IS FREE

Presented by the Battle of Newton Committee

<http://www.battleofnewton.org>