



# RUCKER RANGERS NEWSLETTER



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### Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter 2534

United Daughters of the Confederacy  
Enterprise, Alabama

#### NEXT MEETING:

**Thurs., September 11, 2014, 4:30 pm**

First United Methodist Church Gathering Room  
Program: "They Rode Horseback "  
(Laura D. Rowell)  
Refreshments: Cathy Odom

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

Sons of Confederate Veterans  
Enterprise, Alabama

#### NEXT MEETING:

**Thurs., September 11, 2014, 7:00 pm**

First United Methodist Church Gathering Room  
Program: "Turner Ashby: Black Knight of the  
Confederacy" (Georgia Fleming)  
Refreshments: Brian and Georgia Fleming

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### September

**September 6** – Re-dedication of the "Battle Branch" Historical Marker and Commemoration of the Sesquicentennial of the only battle fought in Coffee County during the War Between the States, 3:00 pm at Fairview Baptist Church, Hwy. 87, Samson.

**September 8** – Troy Civil War Forum, 6:30 pm at Beulah Church in Troy. Rev. Ed Shirley will give the program "The Life of a Circuit Rider." There is no charge for admission; the public is invited.

**September 18-20** – Alabama Division Convention, UDC, in Montgomery. Further information can be found at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~aludc/convention.html>.

**September 27** – Battle of Marianna Re-enactment, at the Courthouse Square in Marianna, Florida. For more information, see <http://www.battleofmarianna.com/>

### October

**October 18-19** – 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Battle of Newton Re-enactment, John Hutto Park, Newton, Dale County, Alabama. Free admission; for more information, see <http://battleofnewton.org/>.

## OFFICERS

UDC		SCV	
President	Donna Clark	Commander	Joe E. Clark, Jr.
Vice President	Holly Muller	1 <sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander	Mack Lott
Treasurer	Shirley Edberg	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander	Ray Kyle
Secretary	Patsy B. Richter	Adjutant	John Kolkman

## 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/>

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

## **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  
Calhoun County, Alabama

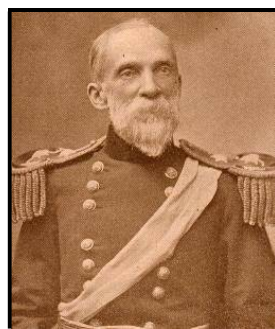


### **September 8, 1863**

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



### **September 17, 1862**

Battle of Sharpsburg, Maryland

### **September 19-20, 1863**

Battle of Chickamauga, Georgia

### **September 20, 1809**

Birth of Maj. General Sterling Price



### **September 22, 1833**

Birth of Lt. General Stephen D. Lee



## HEROES DAY

Members of Camp 911 and their families turned out to help the City of Newton celebrate Heroes Day on Saturday, August 30. Attending members were Deke Scott, Mack Lott, Brian Fleming, Tim Walton, Stuart Mock, and Ray Kyle.



A great time was had by participants and townspeople alike!



### **2014-2016 Officers**

Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter officers for 2014-2016 were installed by Henry D. Clayton District Director Tammie Evans of Thomas Randolph Thomasson 2471, Andalusia. Back Row (L-R): Georgia Fleming (Registrar), Laura D. Rowell (Recorder of Military Service Awards), Gwen Kolkman (Historian), and Cathy Odom (Chaplain). Front Row (L-R): Tammie Evans, Holly Muller (1<sup>st</sup> Vice President), Donna Clark (President), and Pat Richter (Secretary and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President).



(Left) Outgoing President Pat Richter passes the gavel to 2014-2016 President Donna Clark. The Chapter presented Pat with a gift.

## Confederate Trivia

by Georgia Fleming

1. What was the first major battle of the War to take place on Union soil?
2. This former Confederate Major General served Alabama in the U. S. House of Representatives for 18 years. Who was he?
3. How many of the 10 largest cities in the Confederacy (based on the 1860 Census) can you name?
4. As a Brigadier General in the U. S. Army, this future Confederate general served in the Mexican War, defeated a force three times his size at the Battle of Santa Cruz de Rosales. He also served as Military Governor of New Mexico. Who was he?
5. Which of the following ranks, commands, or offices were held by Joseph Wheeler?
  - a. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt., Regiment of Mounted Rifles, USA, Indian Wars
  - b. Colonel, 19<sup>th</sup> Alabama Infantry, CSA
  - c. Chairman, Ways and Means Committee, U. S. House of Representatives
  - d. Maj. General, USA, cavalry division commander, Spanish-American War
  - e. Brig. General, USA, Philippine-American War
6. What battle was second in number of casualties (after Gettysburg)?
7. Brig. Gen. John Hunt Morgan grew up in Kentucky and died in Tennessee. Where was he born?
8. In May 1864, at the age of 27, he was the senior cavalry general in the Confederate States army. Who was he?
9. He resigned from West Point only two weeks before graduation, and eventually commanded Stuart's Horse Artillery. Who was he?
10. Promoted to Lieutenant General at the age of 30, he was the youngest Confederate officer of that rank. Who was he?

### 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

James Lindsay Gordon (1860-1904) commemorated the service of Joseph Wheeler in the Spanish-American War in a poem that references Wheeler's return to the front in spite of being seriously ill. Wheeler's short stature was also noted; he barely made the height requirement for West Point.

### General Wheeler at Santiago

Into the thick of the fight he went, pallid and sick and wan,  
Borne in an ambulance to the front, a ghostly wisp of a man;  
But the fighting soul of a fighting man, approved in the long ago,  
Went to the front in that ambulance, and the body of Fighting Joe.

Out from the front they were coming back, smitten of Spanish shells --  
Wounded boys from the Vermont hills and the Alabama dells;  
"Put them into this ambulance; I'll ride to the front," he said,  
And he climbed to the saddle and rode right on, that little old ex-Confed.


From end to end of the long blue ranks rose up the ringing cheers,  
And many a powder-blackened face was furrowed with sudden tears,  
As with flashing eyes and gleaming sword, and hair and beard of snow,  
Into the hell of shot and shell rode little old Fighting Joe!

Sick with fever and racked with pain, he could not stay away,  
For he heard the song of the yester-year in the deep-mouthed cannon's bay --  
He heard in the calling song of the guns there was work for him to do,  
Where his country's best blood splashed and flowed 'round the old Red, White and Blue.

Fevered body and hero heart! this Union's heart to you  
Beats out in love and reverence -- and to each dear boy in blue  
Who stood or fell 'mid the shot and shell, and cheered in the face of the foe,  
As, wan and white, to the heart of the fight rode little old Fighting Joe!



#### TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Sharpsburg;
  2. Joseph Wheeler;
  3. (In order, beginning with the largest) New Orleans, Charleston, Richmond, Mobile, Memphis, Savannah, Petersburg, Nashville, Norfolk, Wheeling [then in Virginia, now in West Virginia]. Atlanta was 14<sup>th</sup>, with a population of 9,554;
  4. Sterling Price;
  5. All of them;
  6. Chickamauga;
  7. Huntsville, Alabama;
  8. Joseph Wheeler;
  9. Maj. John Pelham;
  10. Stephen D. Lee
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*"His record is complete, and it is spotless, it is noble. His family was the very best. His character pure, his disposition as sweet & innocent as our own Little Flora's. You have no idea how I will feel to know that if a boy, I will have an heir named John Pelham."*

-- Maj. Gen. J. E. B. Stuart

### Important Reminders

- ✓ Ladies, the Benevolence Committee is asking that we bring *peanut butter and jelly* this month. In the past, our PB&J contributions have been well-received by our donees, so please participate by bringing a jar of one or the other -- or both!
- ✓ The September meeting is our **LAST CHANCE** to 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 on September 18, 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.)



### Happy Birthday



*Georgia Fleming    Gwen Kolkman  
Kellie Lunsford    Stephanie McIntosh*

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