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- ❖ **THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER AND TOPIC:** Our speaker this month is Mr. Doug Bostic. The subject of Mr. Bostic's presentation will be Frank Vizetelly, correspondent for the *Illustrated London News* during the Civil War and known for his drawings of battle scenes and imagery.
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❖ **CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JULY 2010**

- 9 **SC** Talk, "The Mystery of the H.L. Hunley," at the South Carolina State Museum in Columbia. 11 am, noon, and 1, 2 and 3 pm. Free with museum admission. www.scmuseum.org.
- 15 **VA**   Lunch talk, "Battle of First Manassas," at the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond. Noon. Free with admission. www.moc.org or 804-649-1861
- 23 **VA**   Living history tours, "You are There, Pringle House Hospital, July 21, 1861," the chaos of a field hospital at the site of one of the first ones -- the Ben Lomond Historic Site, 10321 Sudley Manor Drive, Manassas. Tours every 30 minutes, 6-9:30 pm. \$15. Reservations suggested. 703-367-7872.
- 23-24 **VA** Walking tours, "Bristoe Station Battlefields," at the battlefield park, 10708 Bristow Road, Bristow (near Manassas). 11 am-3 pm. \$5/adult. 703-792-5546

- 23-24 **TN** Living history, artillery camp and demonstrations at the Shiloh National Military Park. \$3/adult. 731-689-5696 or www.nps.gov/shil.
- 30 **VA** Walking tour, "Drewry's Bluff: Battlefield and Resort," at the Drewry's Bluff unit of the Richmond National Battlefield Park, south of Richmond. 7 pm. Free. www.nps.gov/rich.
- 30 **MD** Living history, "Ship's Company," see Union seamen at work on the USS Constellation in Baltimore Harbor. 10 am-4 pm. Free with admission. www.historicships.org.
- 30-31 **VA** Anniversary living history and special tours, "Battle of the Crater," at the Petersburg National Battlefield. 9 am-5 pm Saturday, 10 am-2 pm Sunday. Free with park admission. 804-732-3531 or www.nps.gov/pete.
- 31 **DC**
VA Bus tour, "The Peninsula Campaign: Seven Days Battle," with Ed Bearss. Leaves from 550 C St SW. 7 am-8 pm. \$161. www.civilwarstudies.org.

❖ MAJOR EVENTS IN JULY DURING THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES

1861

- July 5th – Engagement at Carthage, Missouri
- July 6th - CSS. *Sumter* deposits 7 prizes at a Cuban port in the first commerce-raiding foray of the War
- July 11th – Engagement at Rich Mountain, VA
- July 21st – Battle of First Manassas, Manassas, VA

1862

- July 1st – Battle of Malvern Hill was fought ending the "Seven Days Campaign" foiling McClellan's plan to take Richmond
- July 12th – Nathan Bedford Forrest captures Murfreesboro, TN
- July 15th – CSS. *Arkansas*, Confederate Ironclad passes through the Union fleet and anchors under the bluffs at Vicksburg, MS. The *Arkansas* engages Farragut's fleet that same evening severely damaging 3 Union vessels
- July 29th – CSS. *Alabama* left Liverpool, England to rendezvous with tenders carrying her arms and ammunition and to begin her legendary journey as a Commerce Raider
- July 29th – Confederate spy, Belle Boyd, was captured by the Federals near Warrenton, VA only to be released 30 days later on lack of evidence. Upon her release, she again commenced her espionage activities for the Confederacy

1863

- July 1st thru 3rd – Battle of Gettysburg fought in Pennsylvania resulting in a Confederate defeat
- July 4th - Vicksburg surrenders to Federal forces under Gen. U.S. Grant

- July 8th – Confederate garrison at Port Hudson, Louisiana surrenders to Federal forces under Nathaniel Banks effectively opening the entire Mississippi River to the Union
- July 10th – Siege of Battery Wagner begins with Federal troops landing on the southern end of Morris Is., SC
- July 11th – First assault made on Battery Wagner
- July 13th thru 15th – New York draft riots resulted in approximately 1000 people killed or wounded and property damage at \$1.5 million
- July 18th – Second assault on Battery Wagner fails with Federal losses exceeding 25% [participating in this assault was the 54th Mass. Colored Infantry]
- July 26th – Confederate raider, John Hunt Morgan was captured with 364 of his men at Salineville, Ohio.

1864

- July 9th – Battle of the Monocacy, Maryland
- July 11th – Confederate troops under the command of Gen. Jubal Early invade the Washington, D.C. suburbs
- July 14th – Battle of Tupelo (Harrisburg), Mississippi
- July 17th – John Bell Hood replaces Joseph Johnston as Commander of the Army of Tennessee marking a doctrinal change from one of strategic withdrawal to one of tactical offense
- July 20th – Battle of Peachtree Creek, GA
- July 22nd – Battle of Atlanta
- July 24th – Second battle of Kernstown, VA
- July 28th – Battle of Ezra Church, GA
- July 30th – Federals detonate a mine under the Confederate lines at Petersburg, VA which leads to the “Battle of the Crater”
- July 30th – Confederate cavalry under the command of John McCausland burn the town of Chambersburg, PA after the residents fail to raise \$500,000 in currency (\$100,000 in gold) as payment to spare the town

1865

- July 7th – Lincoln conspirators executed by hanging at the Old Penitentiary Building [located at present-day Ft. McNair], Washington, D.C.

❖ **TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE:** How would you answer the following questions concerning the “River War”.

- What was the technical name for the River War?
- What US Naval officer was instrumental in commencing these operations for the Union?

- Name three major operations in which the “river navy” participated.
- Define the following terms as they relate to the river wars“
 - “Brown water Navy
 - Tin Clads
 - Cotton Clads
 - Pook’s “Turtles”
 - City-class Gun Boats
 - Who was Col. Charles Ellet