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- ❖ The **July 2012** meeting of the Charleston Civil War Roundtable is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 12th** at Ryan's Family Restaurant on Highway 61 (St. Andrews Blvd). The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM with the Call to Order followed by a discussion of any new business.
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- ❖ **THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER & TOPIC** : Our speaker this month is Karen Stoker who will speak on her new book, *South Carolina Civilians in Sherman's Path* which focuses on one of the narratives in it about the Trapiers, a family in Camden, S.C. whose house was occupied and pillaged by Sherman's soldiers. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at our meeting.
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❖ **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:** Can you answer the following questions regarding Civil War Marines?



- On what dates were the CSMC and USMC established and what were the principal duties of each?
- Name the respective Commandants (CS & US)
- Identify the event prior to the beginning of the WBTS in which US Marines were commanded by a future Confederate general
- The first major action during the War in which US marines participated was a “land” battle. Can you identify this battle?
- Can you identify the first successful action in which the CS Marines were involved? (hint – the action took place in the Gulf of Mexico)
- In what well-known naval engagement (off the VA coast) did CS marines and US marines face each other?
- A detachment of CS Marines was transferred from VA to SC to assist in the defense of Charleston. The Marines were posted as the Marine guard aboard the CSS *Charleston*. During this assignment, the Marines participated in three engagements - Can you name these engagements?
- The last action in which CS marines were actively involved occurred during the Appomattox Campaign. Can you identify this action?