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- ❖ The **March** meeting of the Charleston Civil War Roundtable is scheduled for Tuesday, **March 13th** 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.

- ❖ **THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER & TOPIC : Joseph C. Mester | Project Assistant** Drayton Hall, a National Trust for Historic Preservation historic site . Mr. Mester will speak on the Drayton family and Drayton Hall during the Civil War.

❖ CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2012

- 9 **SC** Walking tour, "Batteries Pringle & Tynes," part of the Charleston Confederate defenses, with Charleston Museum curator. 1:30 pm. \$20. Register: www.charlestonmuseum.org.
- 24-25 **SC** Reenactment, "Battle of Charleston," at Legare Farms, 2620 Hanscombe Point Road, Johns Island (near Charleston). Camps, music and living history demonstrations 9 am-5:30 pm Saturday and 9 am-3 pm Sunday. Battles at 2 pm each day. www.battleofchas.com

❖ **MAJOR EVENTS IN MARCH DURING THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES**

1861

Mar. 1st – the CSA assumed control of military affairs at Charleston, SC and President Jefferson Davis named P.G.T. Beauregard, as Commanding General

Mar. 16th – Arizona territory votes to secede from the United States and join the Confederacy. The Confederate government will follow with the establishment of a territorial government in Arizona

Mar. 29th – Lincoln decides that an attempt will be made to re-supply and possibly reinforce Ft. Sumter by sea

Mar. 31st – Lincoln orders a relief expedition to Ft. Pickens, FL.

1862

Mar. 6th to 9th – Battle of Pea Ridge or Elkhorn Tavern takes place in Arkansas

Mar. 8th – CSS *Virginia* left Norfolk, VA and attacked the Federal blockading fleet in Hampton Roads, VA. This action resulted in the destruction of the Union vessels *Cumberland*, *Congress* and damage to the *Minnesota*

Mar. 9th – Battle of the *Monitor* and the *Merrimack* (CSS *Virginia*)

Mar. 14th – Federals capture New Madrid, MO and New Berne, NC

Mar. 23rd – the First Battle of Kernstown, VA is fought. This action marked the beginning of Stonewall Jackson's Shenandoah Valley Campaign

Mar. 28th – Engagement of Glorieta Pass or Pigeon's Ranch took place near Santa Fe, New Mexico Territory

1863

Mar. 9th – James Louis Petigru dies in Charleston, SC at the age of 74. Petigru was known as the outstanding pro-Northern advocate throughout the Confederacy

Mar. 14th – Union squadron under the command of Adm. Farragut runs past the batteries at Port Hudson, LA.

Mar. 17th – Battle of Kelly's Ford, VA

1864

Mar. 1st – the “Kilpatrick-Dahlgren” raid on Richmond, VA fails

Mar. 10th – Lt. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant is appointed General-in-Chief of Unions armies

Mar. 12th – the Red River Campaign begins with the advance of land and naval forces under Union general Banks up the Red River in Louisiana

1865

Mar. 2nd - Battle of Waynesboro, VA – Federal forces under Sheridan (Custer) shatter the remnants of Jubal Early’s forces effectively ending the Shenandoah Valley Campaign

Mar. 8th to 10th – Battle of Kinston, NC

Mar. 11th – Union forces occupy Fayetteville, NC

Mar. 13th – the Confederacy approves the use of negro soldiers

Mar. 16th – Battle of Averasboro, NC

Mar. 19th to 21st - Battle of Bentonville, NC

Mar. 25th – Confederate attack on Fort Stedman at Petersburg, VA

Mar. 29th – the Appomattox Campaign begins

❖ **TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE:** Can you identify the author of the following statements/comments and the circumstances upon which they are based?

- “Since my interview with you on the 18th instant, I have felt that I might ought not longer to retain my commission in the Army....save in defense of my native State, I never desire again to draw my sword.”
- “In the South the war is what A.D. is elsewhere; they date from it.”

- “we sink with our colors flying.”
- “I had rather die than be whipped.”
- “Damn the torpedoes! Captain Drayton, go ahead.”
- “The noble, the chivalric, the gallant Pelham is no more.”
- “Get ‘em skeered, and keep the skeer on ‘em.”
- “Some of us must die; cross yourself and march forward.”
- “we will sink with our colors flying.”
- “Never mind General, all this has been my fault; it is I that have lost this fight, and you must help me out of it in the best way you can.
- “If we are surrounded we must cut our way out as we cut our way in.”
- “Until we can repopulate Georgia, it is useless to occupy it; but the utter destruction of its roads, houses and people will cripple their military resources. I can make this march, and make Georgia howl.”
- “The straggler is generally a thief and always a coward, lost to all fame; he can only be kept in ranks by a quick and sanguinary discipline.”