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- ❖ The **November** meeting of the Charleston Civil War Roundtable is scheduled for Tuesday, **November 13<sup>th</sup>** at Ryan's Family Restaurant on Highway 61 (St. Andrews Blvd). The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM with the Call to Order to be followed by a discussion of any new business.

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- ❖ **THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER & TOPIC:** The Charleston Civil War Round Table is delighted to welcome Professor Kyle S. Sinisi, Professor of History at The Citadel. Dr. Sinisi is graduated from The Virginia Military Institute and earned his M.A. and **Ph.D.** from Kansas State University. He is the author of *Sacred Debts: State Civil War Claims and American Federalism, 1861-1880*.

The subject of Dr. Sinisi's presentation will be Sterling Price's 1864 Invasion of Missouri.

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## ❖ MAJOR EVENTS IN NOVEMBER DURING THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES

### 1861

- ★ **November 7<sup>th</sup>** – Battle of Port Royal Sound, South Carolina
- ★ **November 8<sup>th</sup>** – The “Trent Affair” begins: the British mail packet, *Trent*, was intercepted by the USS *San Jacinto* in international waters and Confederate Commissioners Mason and Slidell were taken aboard the Union vessel as prisoners
- ★ **November 28<sup>th</sup>** – Confederate Congress officially admits Missouri to the Confederate States of America

### 1862

- ★ **November 7<sup>th</sup>** – Burnside assumes command of the Army of the Potomac following the relief of McClellan by Lincoln on November 5<sup>th</sup>.
- ★ **November 21<sup>st</sup>** – James Seddon of Virginia is appointed Confederate Secretary of War

### 1863

- ★ **November 1<sup>st</sup>** – Bombardment of Fort Sumter, begun in later days of October, continues with 786 rounds thrown against the fort.
- ★ **November 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>** – 1,454 rounds fired at Fort Sumter
- ★ **November 7<sup>th</sup>** – Union forces under Meade are engaged by elements of the Army of Northern Virginia at Rappahannock Station and Kelly’s Ford, VA
- ★ **November 19<sup>th</sup>** – Lincoln gives his Gettysburg Address at the newly established military cemetery in Gettysburg, PA
- ★ **November 20<sup>th</sup>** – Bombardment of Fort Sumter continues with 1344 rounds thrown against the fort
- ★ **November 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>** – Battle of Chattanooga, TN
- ★ **November 24<sup>th</sup>** – Battle of Lookout Mountain, TN
- ★ **November 25<sup>th</sup>** – Battle of Missionary Ridge, TN

- ★ **November 26<sup>th</sup>** – Mine Run Campaign begins in Virginia
- ★ **November 29<sup>th</sup>** – Confederate Assault on Fort Sanders, TN

## **1864**

- ★ **November 8<sup>th</sup>** – Lincoln is reelected at President of the United States
- ★ **November 16<sup>th</sup>** – Sherman leaves the Atlanta, GA area and begins his “march to the sea”.
- ★ **November 25<sup>th</sup>** – Confederate agents attempted to burn down New York City by setting fires in 10 or more hotels and to Barnum’s Museum. The fires were extinguished with little damage and the expected support from Copperheads did not materialize
- ★ **November 30<sup>th</sup>** – Battle of Franklin, TN. The Confederates lost six general officers in this battle which ended Hood’s attempt to get between the Federal forces at Pulaski and Nashville, TN

## **1865**

- ★ **November 6<sup>th</sup>** – Confederate cruiser, CSS *Shenandoah*, surrendered to the British at Liverpool, England
  - ★ **November 10<sup>th</sup>** – Capt. Henry Wirz, Commandant of the Confederate prison at Andersonville, GA, was hanged following his conviction by military tribunal of cruelty to Union POWs
  - ★ **November 13<sup>th</sup>** – South Carolina ratifies the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution
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