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- ❖ The October 2011 meeting of the Charleston Civil War Roundtable is scheduled will take place on Tuesday, **October 11th** at Ryan's Family Restaurant located on Highway #61 (St. Andrew's Blvd.). The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM with the call to order. Following a discussion of new business/old business, CWRT member Charlie Hiers has asked for time to address our membership regarding donations for the purchase of the *Hunley* replica.
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❖ CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 2011

- 2 **GA** Living history, artillery demonstrations at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park in Kennesaw. Demonstrations at 11 am, noon and 2 and 3 pm. Free. www.nps.gov/kemo.
- 6 **SC** Guided tour of the "Threads of War" exhibit at the Charleston Museum. 10:30 am. Free with admission. www.charlestonmuseum.org.
- 7 **GA** Lecture, "Ambrose Bierce: The Truth and Fiction of Chickamauga," at the Chickamauga battlefield visitor center. 6 pm. Free. www.nps.gov/chch.
- 15 **GA** Guided bike ride on the Chickamauga battlefield. Ranger-led ride begins at 9:30 at the visitor center. www.nps.gov/chch or 706-866-9241

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| 15-16 | SC | Living history, camps, demonstrations and a skirmish plus Civil War-oriented corn maze at Denver Downs Farm on Hwy 76 near Anderson. More info, directions: www.denverdownsfarm.com . |
| 29-30 | WV | Living history, "Under Fire: The Battle of Harpers Ferry 1862," artillery camp and demonstrations at the Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. 11 am-4 pm. Demos at 1, 2 and 3 pm. Free with park admission. www.nps.gov/hafe or 304-535-6029 |
| 29-30 | MD | Living history, "Artillery at Antietam," camps and demonstrations at the Antietam National Battlefield near Sharpsburg. Union Saturday, Confederate Sunday. Free with park admission. www.nps.gov/anti . |
| 30 | VA | Talk, "War, Peace and Memory," at the Sailor's Creek Battlefield Historical State Park between Amelia and Farmville. 2 pm at the visitor center. Free. 804-561-7510. |

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

1861

- ★ **October 2nd** – Confederate government makes a peace treaty with the Great Osage Indian tribe.
- ★ **October 6th** – Confederate blockade-runner *Alert* was captured by Federal Navy vessels off Charleston, SC
- ★ **October 12th** – the steamer *Theodora* ran the Federal blockade off Charleston, SC and journeyed to Cuba carrying among its passengers, John Slidell and James Mason, Confederate Commissioners to France and Britain respectively.
- ★ **October 21st** – Battle of Balls Bluff (Leesburg) VA

1862

- ★ **October 3rd-4th** – Battle of Corinth, Mississippi
- ★ **October 8th** – Battle of Perryville (Chaplin Hills), KY
- ★ **October 12th** – J.E.B. Stuart's cavalry skirmishes with Federals near the mouth of the Monocacy River in Maryland. Stuart then crosses the Potomac to Virginia completing another ride around McClellan.

- ★ **October 18th** – John Hunt Morgan and his raiders capture the Federal garrison at Lexington, KY
- ★ **October 24th** – Rosecrans replaces Buell as the Commander of Federal forces in KY and TN

1863

- ★ **October 5th** – Confederate Torpedo Boat, *David*, attacks and severely damages the Union Ironclad, *New Ironsides*.
- ★ **October 14th** – Engagement at Bristoe Station, VA
- ★ **October 15th** – Confederate submarine *H.L. Hunley* sinks for the second time during a practice dive in Charleston harbor. Her inventor and seven crewmembers perish. The vessel was recovered.
- ★ **October 19th** – Jeb Stuart and his cavalry routed Gen. Judson Kilpatrick and the Federal cavalry at Buckland Mills, VA. This engagement became known as the “Buckland Races”.
- ★ **October 27th** – The Confederate siege of Chattanooga, TN was relieved following the laying of a pontoon bridge across the Tennessee River below the city by Union troops
- ★ **October 27th–31st** - The second major bombardment of Fort Sumter took place in Charleston harbor. The Union forces fired 3586 rounds at the fort during the bombardment without obtaining the surrender of the Confederate garrison

1864

- ★ **October 1st** – the British blockage-runner *Condor* went aground off New Inlet, near Fort Fisher, NC while being pursued by USS *Niphon*. The *Condor* had among her passengers, Mrs. Rose Greenhow, Confederate spy. Mrs. Greenhow was carrying \$2000.00 in gold as well as dispatches. Fearing capture, she left in a small boat only to drown when the boat capsized.
- ★ **October 5th** – Engagement at Allatoona, GA
- ★ **October 6th** – Richmond Enquirer printed an article favoring enlistment of Negroes into the Confederate Army – a sentiment gaining support throughout the South.
- ★ **October 7th** – the Confederate commerce raider CSS *Florida* surrendered to the USS *Wachusett* off of Bahia, Brazil after taking 37 prizes during her 26 month career as a commerce raider
- ★ **October 9th** – Engagement at Tom’s Brook, VA

- ★ **October 19th** – Battle of Cedar Creek (Belle Grove), VA; Confederate raid on St. Albans, VT
- ★ **October 23rd** – Battle of Westport, Missouri
- ★ **October 27th** – Engagement at Burgess’ Mill (Boydton Plank Road), VA; CSS *Albemarle* sinks after being struck by a torpedo attached to a Federal launch near Plymouth, NC

1865

- ★ **October 11th** – Confederate Vice-President Alexander Stephens and other cabinet members were paroled by President Johnson
- ★ **October 12th** – Martial law ends in Kentucky by Presidential proclamation

❖ **TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE:** Can you identify the battles and/or campaigns in which the following forts were involved. As part of your answer, please cite the significance of each fort to the overall conduct of the war.

Fort Monroe	Fort Delaware
Fort Pickens	Forts Henry & Donelson
Fort Darling	Fort Gibson
Fort Beauregard	Fort Sanders
Fort Pulaski	Fort Stevens
Fort Fisher	Fort Steadman
Fort Clark	Fort Pillow
Ft. Gregg	Fort Sumter
Fort Sanders	Fort McAllister
Fort Huger	Fort Smith