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- ❖ The November meeting of the Charleston Civil War Roundtable is scheduled will take place on **Tuesday, November 8th** 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.
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❖ CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2011

- 10 **MD** Lecture, "The Role of Sharpshooters in the Civil War," at Carroll Community College in Westminster. 6:30 pm. \$35. More info, register: (click on Personal Enrichment, then History, Culture) or 410-386-8100
- 12 **NC** Lecture, "USS Monitor" with focus on artifacts from the wreck, at the NC Maritime Museum in Beaufort. 3 pm. Free. 252-728-7317
- 12 **SC** Tour, "Batteries Pringle and Tynes" Confederate forts on James Island (Dill Sanctuary, 1153 Riverland Drive) near Charleston. Led by Charleston Museum curator. 11 am-12:30 pm. \$15. 843-722-2996
- 12-13 **SC** Reenactment, "Battle of Secessionville," at Boone Hall Plantation, 1235 Long Point Road, Mt. Pleasant (near Charleston). Camps, talks, demonstrations and battles at 3 pm Saturday and 2 pm Sunday. Camps open 9 am-6 pm each day. \$17.50/adult includes house tour. Tickets: www.battleofsecessionville.org.

- 18 **VA** Talk, "The Trent Affair," at the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond. Noon. Free. www.moc.org.
- 19 **VA** Boat Tour, "Civil War on the James," begins at Deep Bottom Boat Landing southeast of downtown Richmond. Two-hour tours begin at 10:30 am and 1 pm. \$40. Reservations: 804-938-2350
- 19 **VA** Walking tour, "Fort Huger," Confederate fort on the James River (15080 Talcott Terrace, Smithfield, follow signs from Route 10). 10 am. Free. 757-357-
- 19-20 **NC** "The Uniform," program featuring uniforms of the Confederate Navy and Marines, at the CSS Neuse State Historic Site in Kinston. Free. 252-522-2901.
- 19-20 **VA** Civil War Show, relics, books and more for show and sale at the Richmond Raceway Complex in Richmond. 9 am-5 pm Saturday, 9 am-3 pm Sunday. \$8. www.mikekentshows.net.

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

1861

- ★ **November 7th** – Battle of Port Royal Sound, South Carolina
- ★ **November 8th** – 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 28th** – Confederate Congress officially admits Missouri to the Confederate States of America

1862

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

1863

- ★ **November 1st** – Bombardment of Fort Sumter, begun in later days of October, continues with 786 rounds thrown against the fort.
- ★ **November 2nd-3rd** – 1,454 rounds fired at Fort Sumter
- ★ **November 7th** – Union forces under Meade are engaged by elements of the Army of Northern Virginia at Rappahannock Station and Kelly's Ford, VA
- ★ **November 19th** – Lincoln gives his Gettysburg Address at the newly established military cemetery in Gettysburg, PA
- ★ **November 20th** – Bombardment of Fort Sumter continues with 1344 rounds thrown against the fort
- ★ **November 23rd-25th** – Battle of Chattanooga, TN
- ★ **November 24th** – Battle of Lookout Mountain, TN
- ★ **November 25th** – Battle of Missionary Ridge, TN
- ★ **November 26th** – Mine Run Campaign begins in Virginia
- ★ **November 29th** – Confederate Assault on Fort Sanders, TN

1864

- ★ **November 8th** – Lincoln is reelected as President of the United States
- ★ **November 16th** – Sherman leaves the Atlanta, GA area and begins his “march to the sea”.
- ★ **November 25th** – 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 30th** – 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 6th** – Confederate cruiser, CSS *Shenandoah*, surrendered to the British at Liverpool, England

- ★ **November 10th** – 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 13th** – South Carolina ratifies the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution
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❖ **TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE:** How would you respond to the following trivia Questions?

1. For which side did Missouri send 39 Regiments to participate in the Siege of Vicksburg?
2. Where were Confederate generals John Bell Hood and A.P. Hill during the advance on Sharpsburg (Antietam)?
3. Who was the last U.S. president to have served during the Civil War?
4. On Sherman's "March to the Sea", (1864), his men stopped at Milledgeville Ga. and built bonfires with what item?
5. What did the U.S. Government manufacture at Harper's Ferry that attracted John Brown's attention?
6. What was the most common medical complaint?
7. Which Rear Admiral scuttled the Confederate fleet in James River when Richmond fell in 1865?
8. What was the largest ironclad which eventually surrendered in Mobile Bay in August 1864
9. What did the anti-slavery settlers in Kansas call their Sharps rifles?
10. Which old friends (pre-civil war) faced each other's forces at the "Angle in the Battle of Gettysburg?"