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- ❖ The August 2011 meeting of the Charleston Civil War Roundtable is scheduled will take place on Tuesday, **August 9th** 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.
 - ❖ **THIS MONTH’S SPEAKER AND TOPIC:** Our speaker this month is **Mr. Rick Hatcher**, NPS Liaison to the Charleston Civil War Round Table. The subject of Mr. Hatcher’s presentation will be “**Wilson’s Creek, The Second Major Battle of the Civil War**”.
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❖ CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR AUGUST 2010

- 6 **VA** Living history, “Cavaliers, Courage and Coffee,” first-person stories from the Mosby Heritage Area, at the Rector House , 4161 Atoka Road, Marshall (4 miles west of Middleburg on Route 50). 7:30 pm. \$5.
www.mosbyheritagearea.org.
- 6-7 **GA** “Inventing a New Navy,” special program on Civil War technology at the Civil War Naval Museum at Port Columbus. Free with admission.
www.civilwarnavalmuseum.com
- 12-14 **MO** Reenactment, “Battle of Wilson’s Creek,” at a site adjacent to the national battlefield near Springfield. Battles, demonstrations, camps, exhibits and more. Details, ticket info: www.wilsonscreek.com.

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- 13 **SC** Talk, “The Mystery of the H.L. Hunley,” at the South Carolina State Museum in Columbia. 11 am, noon, and 1, 2 and 3 pm. Free with museum admission. www.scmuseum.org.
- 13 **NC** Music and living history, “Sounds of Fort Fisher: 19th Century Music and Artillery,” at Fort Fisher in Kure Beach. 11 am-3 pm. Free. 910-458-5538
- 13-14 **GA** Southeastern Civil War Show, relics and more for show and sale at the Southeastern Civil War Show at the Cobb County Civic Center in Marietta. www.ngrha.com.
- 25-27 **NC**  Conference, “Flags Over Hatteras,” 150th anniversary event focuses on early Civil War battles and events on the Outer Banks at the Hatteras Village Civic Center in Hatteras. \$175 includes some meals. More information, registration: www.flagsoverhatteras.com.
- 27-28 **VA** Walking tours, “Bristoe Station Battlefields,” at the battlefield park, 10708 Bristow Road, Bristow (near Manassas). 11 am-3 pm. \$5/adult. 703-792-5546
- 27-28 **VA** Living history and special tours commemorating the Second Battle of Manassas (1862) at the Manassas National Battlefield Park. 10 am-4 pm. Free with admission. www.nps.gov/mana or 703-361-1339

❖ MAJOR EVENTS IN AUGUST DURING THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES

1861

- ★ **August 1st** – Brazil recognizes the Confederacy as a “Belligerent”.
- ★ **August 10th** – Battle of Wilson’s Creek, MO.
- ★ **August 16th** – Lincoln proclaims that the inhabitants of the Confederate States “are in a state of insurrection against the United States”.
- ★ **August 28th** – Union forces under the joint command of Commodore Stringham and General Butler capture Fort Hatteras, NC

1862

- ★ **August 5th** – Engagement at Baton Rouge, LA
- ★ **August 9th** – Battle of Cedar Mountain (Slaughter Mountain), VA
- ★ **August 11th** – Confederate guerrillas capture Independence, MO in a daring raid
- ★ **August 24th** – C.S.S. *Alabama* commissioned near the Azores as a Confederate States cruiser

- ★ **August 26th** – 2nd Bull Run campaign begins as Confederate cavalry under Gen. Fitzhugh Lee capture the rail point at Manassas Junction, VA
- ★ **August 28th** – Bragg begins Confederate campaign into Tennessee and Kentucky
- ★ **August 29th** – 2nd Battle of Bull Run begins
- ★ **August 30th** – 2nd Battle of Bull Run ends in a Confederate victory

1863

- ★ **August 1st** – Federals begin build-up for an attack on Battery Wagner and Ft. Sumter in Charleston harbor
- ★ **August 2nd** – Confederate steamer *Chesterfield* was attacked by Federal forces on Cummings Point in Charleston harbor
- ★ **August 4th** – Battery Wagner on Morris Is., SC sustains its fourth day of bombardment by Union naval vessels; the “Swamp Angel” is emplaced on Morris Island
- ★ **August 11th** – Gen. Beauregard orders the “James Island Lines” shortened; Confederate batteries at Battery Wagner and Ft. Sumter halt Federal work parties on Morris Island.
- ★ **August 17th to 23rd** – First great bombardment of Fort Sumter [Federals fired 5009 rounds]
- ★ **August 21st** – Lawrence, KS is sacked by Confederate irregulars under William Quantrill
- ★ **August 22nd** – the “Swamp Angel” explodes while firing its 36th round at the City of Charleston
- ★ **August 25th to 26th** – Federal assaults on Battery Wagner’s rifle pits
- ★ **August 29th** – the *H.L. Hunley* sinks with the loss of five crewmen but is raised by Confederate authorities

1864

- ★ **August 5th** – Battle of Mobile Bay, AL
- ★ **August 6th** – C.S.S. *Tallahassee* leaves Wilmington, NC for 3-week cruise on which she takes more than 30 prizes
- ★ **August 7th** – Ft. Gaines in Mobile Bay surrenders to Union forces
- ★ **August 18th to 19th** – Battle of Weldon Railroad (Globe Tavern), VA
- ★ **August 20th** – Federals burn Legareville, SC
- ★ **August 23rd** – Fort Morgan in Mobile Bay surrenders to Union forces
- ★ **August 25th** – Battle of Reams Station, VA
- ★ **August 31st** – Battle of Jonesborough, GA

1865

- ★ **August 2nd** - C.S.S. *Shenandoah* en route from the Arctic to San Francisco learns from a British bark that the war is over.

- ❖ **TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE:** How would you answer the following questions regarding the related operations and actions culminating in the Battle of Mobile Bay?
- When and where did these actions take place?
 - What were the tactical and strategic considerations/reasons for these actions/operations?
 - Name the principle naval and military commanders (CS, US) during the battle.
 - Identify the CS and US naval vessels participating in the battle.
 - Although usually viewed as a naval operation, there were fortifications and military forces involved. Can you identify the fortifications?
 - What were the end results of the battle and operations in Mobile Bay?
 - Bonus Question: Can you identify the statement attributed to the Federal commander during the Battle of Mobile Bay and describe the circumstances leading to same.