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- ❖ The **April 2011** meeting of the Charleston Civil War Roundtable is scheduled for Tuesday **April 12th** at Ryan's Family Restaurant on Highway #61 (St. Andrews Blvd.). The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM with the Call to Order and a discussion of New Business.

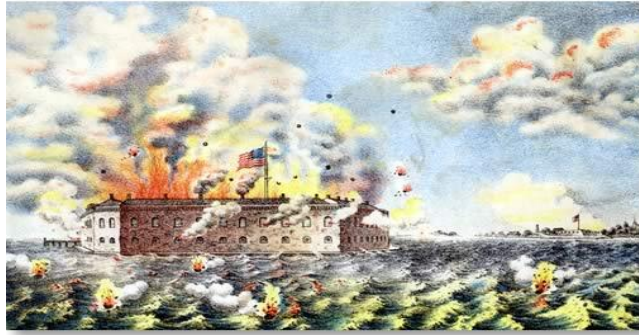
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- ❖ **THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER AND TOPIC:** Our speaker for this month will be Mr. Michael Schaffer. He will give a presentation on "Clerks" during the Civil War.
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❖ CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR APRIL 2011

- 2-3 **SC** Reenactment, "Battle of Anderson," near Honea Path. Camps and demonstrations 9 am-5 pm Saturday; 9 am-4:30 pm Sunday. Battles at 2 pm each day. \$5/day. Details, directions: www.battleofanderson.com.
- 3 **SC** Curator tour of the exhibit "Threads of War: Clothing and Textiles of the Civil War" at the Charleston Museum. 10:30 am. Free with admission. 843-722-2996 or www.charlestonmuseum.org.
- 8 **SC**  Lecture, "Before the Storm: South Carolina and Charleston on the Eve of War," at the Charleston Museum in Charleston. 7 pm. Free. www.charlestonmuseum.org.

- 8-12  **SC** Play, "Civil War Voices Charleston, SC," at the Memminger Auditorium, 56 Beaufain St, Charleston. Tickets, more info: www.barthertheatre.com/shows/show.
- 9 **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 or www.charlestonmuseum.org.
- 9 **SC** Film, "The Civil War, A film by Ken Burns," at the Olde North Charleston Picture House, 4920 Jenkins Ave, Park Circle, in North Charleston 7 pm. www.fortsumtertrust.org.
- 9-14  **SC** Living history, camps with civilian and military demonstrations at Patriot's Point, Mount Pleasant (near Charleston). 9 am-6:30 pm. \$10/adult. www.patriotspoint.org.
- 9-17  **SC** Living history, camps and demonstrations at Fort Sumter, Charleston Harbor. Union artillerists April 9-14, Confederate artillery April 14-17. Free with fort tours. www.nps.gov/fosu.
- 9-17  **SC** Living history, Confederate camps and demonstrations at Fort Moultrie on Sullivan's Island near Charleston. Free with park admission. www.nps.gov/fosu.
- 9-17  **SC** Living history at the Fort Sumter Visitor Education Center, 340 Concord St, Charleston. Civilian and military camps and demonstrations. Free. www.nps.gov/fosu.
- 12  **SC** Candlelight Sunrise Concert commemorating the First Shot at White Point Gardens, the Battery, in Charleston. 4:30 am. Free. www.sccivilwar.org.
- 12 **SC** Lecture, "Reflections on the 150th Anniversary of the American Civil War: Volunteers in Blue and Gray: Why They Fought," by James McPherson at the Gibbes Museum of Art, 135 Meeting St, Charleston. 7 pm. Free. Reservations suggested. 843-722-2706.
- 14 **SC** Lecture, "Winslow Homer and the Civil War," at the Gibbes Museum of Art, 135 Meeting St, Charleston. 6 pm. \$10. Reservations suggested. 843-722-2706.
- 16  **SC** "Fort Sumter Soiree," on the USS Yorktown, Patriot's Point, Mt. Pleasant (near Charleston). Period dancing and music, refreshments. \$40. Complete details: www.fortsumtersoiree.com.
- 29 **SC** Tour, "Battery Pringle," Confederate fort on James Island (Dill Sanctuary, 1153 Riverland Drive) near Charleston. Led by Charleston Museum curator. 1:30 pm. \$10. 843-722-2996 or www.charlestonmuseum.org.
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❖ MAJOR EVENTS IN APRIL DURING THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES



Bombardment of Fort Sumter

1861

Apr 6th – President Lincoln informs Governor Pickens of South Carolina that he intends to re-supply Fort Sumter with provisions only.

Apr 11th – Surrender of Fort Sumter demanded by representatives of Governor Pickens

Apr 12th – A signal shot, fired from Fort Johnson, signaled the commencement of the bombardment of Fort Sumter and the beginning of the War for Southern Independence

Apr 13th – After 34 hours of bombardment, Major Anderson, Commanding Officer, U.S. garrison at Fort Sumter, agreed to surrender the fort to Confederate Forces under the command of General P.G.T. Beauregard.

Apr 14th – Formal surrender ceremony at Fort Sumter; Maj. Anderson and garrison evacuate the fort

Apr 17th – Virginia votes to secede from the United States

Apr 19th – President Lincoln declares a blockade of the Confederate states

Apr 20th – Federals evacuate Norfolk Naval Shipyard

1862

Apr 5th – Siege of Yorktown, VA begins

Apr 6th & 7th – Battle of Shiloh (Pittsburg Landing). The battle was a strategic victory for the North with Grant holding the field of battle and Gen. Beauregard withdrawing towards Corinth, MS.

Apr 11th - Fort Pulaski falls to Federal troops and naval vessels under the overall command of Gen. Quincy Gilmore

Apr 24th – A Federal fleet under Farragut passes the Confederate forces below New Orleans thus exposing the city to capture

Apr 28th – Forts Jackson and St. Philip surrender to Federals opening the Mississippi to New Orleans

1863

Apr 2nd – The “bread riot” took place in Richmond, VA

Apr 7th – The Federal ironclad attack on Fort Sumter was repulsed with severe damage.

Apr 16th – the Federal fleet of 12 vessels pass the Confederate batteries at Vicksburg

Apr 17th - The Grierson (Federal) and Marmaduke (Confederate) raids begin

Apr 20th – President Lincoln declares that the new state of West Virginia is part of the Union

1864

Apr 8th – Battle of Mansfield (Confederate) or Sabine Crossroads (Federal), LA

Apr 9th – Battle of Pleasant Hill, LA

Apr 12th – Confederate forces under Nathan Bedford Forrest capture Ft. Pillow, TN

Apr 28th – A minor bombardment at Fort Sumter occurs with the Federals firing 510 rounds at the fort.

1865

Apr 1st – Battle of Five Forks, VA

Apr 2nd - The Confederate lines at Petersburg are taken by the Federals resulting in the evacuation of Richmond by the Confederate government

Apr 2nd – Federals capture Selma, AL, a critical manufacturing center for the South

Apr 3rd – Union troops occupy Richmond and Petersburg, VA

Apr 6th – Battle of Sayler’s Creek, VA

Apr 9th – Gen. Robert E. Lee surrenders the Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox Court House, VA

Apr 12th – Mobile, AL surrenders to Federal troops under Gen. E.R.S. Canby

Apr 14th – President Lincoln is assassinated by John Wilkes Booth in Washington, DC

Apr 14th – The Federal flag is raised over Fort Sumter

Apr 26th – Gen. Joseph Johnston surrenders to Gen. Sherman at the Bennett House in Durham, NC

❖ **TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE:** Can you define the following military terms relative to the War Between the States?

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| <input type="radio"/> Butternut | <input type="radio"/> Cards | <input type="radio"/> See the Elephant |
| <input type="radio"/> Cotton-Clads | <input type="radio"/> Deadline | <input type="radio"/> Teeth Dullers |
| <input type="radio"/> Embalmed Beef | <input type="radio"/> Foot Cavalry | <input type="radio"/> Zou-Zou |
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