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- ❖ The **February** meeting of the Charleston Civil War Roundtable is scheduled for Tuesday, **February 14th** at Ryan’s Family Restaurant on Highway 61 (St. Andrews Blvd). The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM with the Call to Order followed by a discussion of any new business.

❖ **CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2012**

- 13 **TN** Ranger program, commemoration of the "Skirmish Between the USS *Carondelet* and the Batteries at Fort Donelson," at the Fort Donelson National Battlefield near Dover. 3:30 pm. Free. www.nps.gov/fodo.
- 13 **NC** Lecture, "Changing Tides: The Burnside Expedition," at the NC Office of Archives and History, 109 Jones St, Raleigh. 11:30 am. 919-807-7090
- 14 **TN** Ranger program, commemoration of the "Naval Battle at Fort Donelson" at 2 pm and lecture about the Union ironclads at 6 pm at the Fort Donelson National Battlefield near Dover. Free. www.nps.gov/fodo.
- 18-19 **NC** Anniversary of the Surrender of Fort Anderson with ranger programs and living history at the Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson State Historic Site near Winnabow. Details: 910-371-6613

25-26 **SC** Â Reenactment, "Battle of Aiken," 1210 Powell Pond Road, Aiken. Camps and demonstrations with battles each day. Saturday night artillery firing. \$10/adult. Details: www.battleofaiken.org.

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

1861

Feb. 1st – Texas secedes from the Union

Feb. 4th - Seceded states (6) meet in convention in Montgomery, AL

Feb. 9th – Jefferson Davis elected Provisional President of the Confederacy

1862

Feb. 6th – Fort Henry on the Tennessee River surrenders to Union Flag Officer Foote after the majority of the Confederate garrison had removed itself to Fort Donelson

Feb. 8th – Battle of Roanoke Island, NC

Feb. 13th to 16th – Battle for Fort Donelson on the Cumberland River

Feb. 21st – Engagement at Valverde, New Mexico Territory

Feb. 25th – Federal troops under Maj. Gen. Buell occupy Nashville, TN

1863

Feb. 7th – Three blockade-runners successfully eluded the Federal blockading fleet and entered Charleston, SC

Feb. 28th – the Federal Monitor Montauk destroyed The Southern privateer Rattlesnake (formally the CSS Nashville)

1864

Feb. 1st – Lincoln orders 500,000 men to be drafted for 3 years or duration of the war

Feb. 14th – Federal forces under Sherman capture Meridian, MS

Feb. 17th – CSS *H.L. Hunley* sinks the USS *Housatonic* off Charleston, SC

Feb. 20th – Battle of Olustee or Ocean Pond, FL took place resulting in a Confederate victory for troops under the command of Brig. Gen. Joseph Finegan.

Feb. 22nd – Nathan Bedford Forrest defeats Federals at the battle of Okolona, MS

Feb. 27th – Federal prisoners begin arriving at Camp Sumter (Andersonville) near Americus, GA

1865

Feb. 1st – Sherman's Carolina Campaign in full operation. Sherman begins his march into South Carolina from Savannah, GA and Beaufort, SC

Feb 5th to 7th – Battle of Hatcher's Run, VA

Feb. 6th – Robert E. Lee is appointed General-in-Chief of the Armies of the Confederacy

Feb. 17th – Sherman’s troops capture Columbia, SC and Confederate forces evacuate Charleston, SC

Feb. 22nd – Wilmington, NC falls to Federal forces

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE: How would you answer the following questions regarding the Federal Ironclad attack on Fort Sumter in April 1863?

- What events led up to the attack?
 - Include your comments regarding “status of forces”
- Identify the forces engaged for both Confederacy and Union
- Can you name the vessels that made up the Federal fleet?
- Describe the tactical aspect of the battle from the view of the combatants
- What were the results of the battle and long-term effects
 - Include status of the vessels engaged