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- ❖ The February 2011 meeting of the Charleston Civil War Roundtable is scheduled of Tuesday, February 8th 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 guest speaker for our February 8 meeting is John Monkaitis who is the President of the Low Country Civil War Round Table, Hilton Head, SC. His presentation is entitled "The Battle of Port Royal". This rather early battle had an adverse strategic impact on the Confederacy for the entire war. Come to our February meeting to learn all about what happened in November 1861.

- ❖ **NOTICE:** Round Table 2011 dues (\$25) are now due. Please pay our Treasurer, Brenda Winstead, at our meeting. Make checks payable to "Charleston CWRT". If you can not attend the meeting, please mail your check to Brenda Winstead, 117 Tall Oak Avenue, Charleston, SC 29407.

❖ **CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2011**

1	VA	Lecture, Military Geology of the Antiedam Battlefield, “Geology, Terrain, and Casualties” at Radford University – Details: 540-731-5031
3-5	SC	Conference, “Storm Clouds on the Horizon”, lectures and tours in Charleston. Details, registration: www.blueandgreyeducation.org .
12	TN	Living History, “Encampment of the 50 th Tennessees” – camp and demonstrations at the Ft. Donelson National Battlefield near Dover. 10 am – 4pm; free www.nps.gov/fodo .
19	VA	Car-caravan tour, “Fortifications”. Extensive tour of the Civil War fortifications in the Richmond-Petersburg area. Begins at the main visitor center of the Petersburg Nat’l Battlefield. 9:15 am-5pm. Reservations necessary: 804-732
26-27	SC	Reenactment, “Battle of Aiken,” camps, demonstrations and battles (2:30pm) at Confederate Park, 1210 Powell Pond Road, Aiken, #29801. 9am-5pm. \$10/adult. www.battleofaiken.org
27	PA	Lecture, “Most everything blown up”: Cushing’s Battery at Gettysburg”. At the Gettysburg National Military Park visitor center 1:30pm . Free www.nps.gov/gett or call 717-334-1124, ext 8023

❖ **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 railroads during the WTBS?

- What was the “state of affairs” with regard to railroads at the commencement of hostilities?
- Did either government (CS, US) take legislative and/or executive action with regards to the railroads?
- What were “hospital trains”?
- What was the Andrews Raid?
- What are “Sherman’s Hairpins or Sherman’s Bowties”?
- Give 3 examples of railroads having a material effect on military actions.