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- ❖ The **October 2012** meeting of the Charleston Civil War Roundtable is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 9th** 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.

- ❖ **THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER & TOPIC: CWRT Member Jack Thomson will make a presentation on the operations against Weldon RR in June of 1864.**

- ❖ **MAJOR EVENTS IN OCTOBER DURING THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES**

1861

- ★ **October 2nd** – Confederate government makes a peace treaty with the Great Osage Indian tribe.
- ★ **October 6th** – Confederate blockade-runner *Alert* was captured by Federal Navy vessels off Charleston, SC
- ★ **October 12th** – the steamer *Theodora* ran the Federal blockade off Charleston, SC and journeyed to Cuba carrying among its passengers, John Slidell and James Mason, Confederate Commissioners to France and Britain respectively.
- ★ **October 21st** – Battle of Balls Bluff (Leesburg) VA

1862

- ★ **October 3rd-4th** – Battle of Corinth, Mississippi
- ★ **October 8th** – Battle of Perryville (Chaplin Hills), KY
- ★ **October 12th** – J.E.B. Stuart's cavalry skirmishes with Federals near the mouth of the Monocacy River in Maryland. Stuart then crosses the Potomac to Virginia completing another ride around McClellan.
- ★ **October 18th** – John Hunt Morgan and his raiders capture the Federal garrison at Lexington, KY
- ★ **October 24th** – Rosecrans replaces Buell as the Commander of Federal forces in KY and TN

1863

- ★ **October 5th** – Confederate Torpedo Boat, *David*, attacks and severely damages the Union Ironclad, *New Ironsides*.
- ★ **October 14th** – Engagement at Bristoe Station, VA
- ★ **October 15th** – Confederate submarine *H.L. Hunley* sinks for the second time during a practice dive in Charleston harbor. Her inventor and seven crewmembers perish. The vessel was recovered.
- ★ **October 19th** – Jeb Stuart and his cavalry routed Gen. Judson Kilpatrick and the Federal cavalry at Buckland Mills, VA. This engagement became known as the "Buckland Races".
- ★ **October 27th** – The Confederate siege of Chattanooga, TN was relieved following the laying of a pontoon bridge across the Tennessee River below the city by Union troops
- ★ **October 27th-31st** - The second major bombardment of Fort Sumter took place in Charleston harbor. The Union forces fired 3586 rounds at the fort during the bombardment without obtaining the surrender of the Confederate garrison

1864

- ★ **October 1st** – the British blockage-runner *Condor* went aground off New Inlet, near Fort Fisher, NC while being pursued by USS *Nippon*. The *Condor* had among her passengers, Mrs. Rose Greenhow, Confederate spy. Mrs. Greenhow was carrying \$2000.00 in gold as well as dispatches. Fearing capture, she left in a small boat only to drown when the boat capsized.
- ★ **October 5th** – Engagement at Allatoona, GA

- ★ **October 6th** – Richmond Enquirer printed an article favoring enlistment of Negroes into the Confederate Army – a sentiment gaining support throughout the South.
- ★ **October 7th** – the Confederate commerce raider CSS *Florida* surrendered to the USS *Wachusett* off of Bahia, Brazil after taking 37 prizes during her 26 month career as a commerce raider
- ★ **October 9th** – Engagement at Tom’s Brook, VA
- ★ **October 19th** – Battle of Cedar Creek (Belle Grove), VA; Confederate raid on St. Albans, VT
- ★ **October 23rd** – Battle of Westport, Missouri
- ★ **October 27th** – Engagement at Burgess’ Mill (Boydton Plank Road), VA; CSS *Albemarle* sinks after being struck by a torpedo attached to a Federal launch near Plymouth, NC

1865

- ★ **October 11th** – Confederate Vice-President Alexander Stephens and other cabinet members were paroled by President Johnson
- ★ **October 12th** – Martial law ends in Kentucky by Presidential proclamation

