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- ❖ The January 2011 meeting of the Charleston Civil War Roundtable is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 11th** 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 the January meeting is Richard W. Hatcher III, National Park Service Historian, Ft. Sumter National Monument. His talk is entitled, "**Edmund Ruffin: Agriculturist and Secessionist**" which is quite timely. Rick is well-known to many of us through his many years of membership in the Charleston Civil War Round Table. Plan to attend the meeting to hear an extremely knowledgeable and gifted speaker.
 - ❖ **Nominations/ Election News:** At our December meeting, CWRT President Monroe stressed the need for nominations for President, Vice President and Treasurer for 2011. Elections will be held at our January meeting. This is an unusual election year as the President (Jim Monroe), Vice President (Lee Wilson) and Treasurer (Becky Calcutt) are not seeking reelection. Consequently, members are urged to step up to the plate and fill these positions. Nominations are to be submitted to our Secretary, Jeanne Weil, 720 N. Godfrey, Charleston, SC 29407. Nominations can also be made from the floor at our January meeting at which time voting will then take place. The January meeting is very important so please plan to attend.
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❖ CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JANUARY 2011

- 12 **VA** "Civil War Conversation: Secession" at Baine's Books and Coffee, 205 Main St, Appomattox. 12:15 pm. Free. 804-649-1861 or www.moc.org.
- 14 **VA** Lecture, "The Life of Major General William Mahone," at Centre Hill Museum, 1 Centre Hill Ave, Petersburg. 7 pm. Free. 804-733-2400 .
- 14 **VA** Lecture, "Civil War Photos: Richmond in 3-D," at the Lucy Corr Village, 6680 Lucy Corr Blvd, Chesterfield. 7 pm. Free. 804-751-4946.
- 15 **GA** Tour, "Hazen's Approach March: Behind-the-Scenes tour," at the Pickett's Mill Battlefield Historic Site near Dallas. 11 am-2 pm. \$4. 770-443-7850.
- 20 **DC** Lecture, "*The New York Times Complete Civil War 1861-1865*, with co-authors Harold Holzer & Craig Symonds," at the President Lincoln Cottage. 6 pm. \$10. www.lincolncottage.org.
- 21 **VA** Lunch talk, "Seceding States Establish a Government," at the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond. Noon. Free with admission. www.moc.org or 804-649-1861.
- 21 **VA** Free tours at the Stonewall Jackson House in Lexington in honor of the general's birthday. Refreshments. 9 am-5 pm. www.stonewalljackson.org or 540-463-2552 540-463-2552.
- 22 **GA** Living history, "Sesquicentennial Weekend at the Old Governor's Mansion," 120 S Clarke St, Milledgeville. 10 am-4 pm. www.gcsu.edu/mansion. or 478-445-4545, 478-445-4545.
- 22 **KY** Anniversary commemoration at the Mill Springs Battlefield in Nancy. 1 pm. Free with admission. 606-636-4045 or www.millsprings.net.
- 22 **VA** Civil War dance with dining at the Spotswood Country Club, 1980 Country Club Road, Harrisonburg. Noon-5 pm. \$22. Details, registration: 540-421-9319.
- 22 **VA** Manassas Blue and Gray Ball at the Hylton Performing Arts Center, 10900 University Blvd, Manassas. Civil War food, music and dancing. \$150/person. 703-361-6599, extension 102.
- 22 **PA** Lecture, "1861: First Blood: The First Battle of Manassas," at the Gettysburg National Military Park visitor center. 1:30 pm. Free. www.nps.gov/gett or call 717-334-1124, extension 8023.
- 23 **PA** Lecture, "Meade Stops Longstreet," at the Gettysburg National Military Park visitor center. 1:30 pm. Free. www.nps.gov/gett or call 717-334-1124, extension 8023.

- 23 **VA** "Sailor's Creek Battle Interpretive Talk," at the Sailor's Creek Battlefield Historical State Park visitor center. 2-5 pm. Free. The park is located between Amelia and Farmville. Call 804-561-7510 for details and directions.
- 24 **VA** "Ghost Watch," annual event at Centre Hill Mansion in Petersburg. Free tours focus on "ghostly activity" by Civil War ghosts. 6-9 pm. Fee charged. Reservations: 804-733-2401.
- 26 **DC** Lecture, "Libby Prison Breakout: The Daring Escape from the Notorious Civil War Prison," at the National Archives Building, Room 105 (Pennsylvania Avenue entrance). Noon. Free. 202-357-5000 or w.archives.gov/calendar.
- 27 **VA** Lecture, "There Stands Jackson': The Life and Times of General Thomas Jonathan Jackson," at the Old Manassas Courthouse, 9248 Lee Ave, Manassas. 7 pm. Free. 703-367-7872.
- 28 **MS** "Secession of Mississippi," anniversary commemoration at the War Memorial Building, 120 S State St, Jackson. 6:30 pm. 228-596-4828.
- 28 **KS** Living history, "Kansas Day," historical characters recreate the proslavery 1857 Constitutional Convention at Constitution Hall State Historic Site in Lecompton. 9 am-5 pm. Free. 785-887-6520.
- 29 **PA** Lecture, "1861: Equipping the Armies - The Weapons of 1861," at the Gettysburg National Military Park visitor center. 1:30 pm. Free. www.nps.gov/gett or call 717-334-1124, extension 8023.
- 29 **VA** Civil War Ball at Gadsby's Tavern in Alexandria. Dance instruction, refreshments and music at this annual event. 8-11 pm. \$45/person in advance. Reservations, details: www.gadsbytaavern.org or 746-4242.
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❖ MAJOR EVENTS IN JANUARY DURING THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES

1861

- 🌟 **January 7th** – Fort Marion at St. Augustine, FL was seized by Florida State troops
- 🌟 **January 9th** – the merchant vessel, *Star of the West*, was fired upon by South Carolina batteries on Morris Island and Fort Moultrie
- 🌟 Five states join South Carolina in seceding from the Union : **Jan. 9** – Mississippi, **Jan. 10** – Florida, **Jan. 11** – Alabama, **Jan. 19** – Georgia, **Jan. 26** – Louisiana

1862

- 🌟 **January 13th** – Burnside’s expedition to NC lands at Hatteras Inlet, NC
- 🌟 **January 19th** – Battle of Mill Springs or Logan’s Cross Roads, KY
- 🌟 **January 30th** – USS *Monitor* launched at Greenpoint, Long Island, NY
- 🌟 **January 31st** – Britain’s Queen Victoria declared that it was her purpose to observe neutrality during the American Civil War

1863

- 🌟 **January 1st** – Lincoln issues the Emancipation Proclamation
- 🌟 **January 1st** – Robert Yeadon of Charleston, SC offers a \$10,000 reward for the capture and delivery of Ben Butler, dead or alive
- 🌟 **January 2nd** – Second day of the Battle of Murfreesboro or Stone’s River, TN
- 🌟 **January 11th** – Federal naval and land forces capture Arkansas Post (Fort Hindman), Arkansas
- 🌟 **January 22nd** – Burnside’s (MGen, USV) “mud march” fails, thus adding to the Union disaster at Fredericksburg during the previous December
- 🌟 **January 31st** – Confederate gunboats, CSS *Chicora* and CSS *Palmetto State*, attack Federal blockading fleet at Charleston, SC, resulting in severe damage to the USS *Mercedita* and USS *Keystone State*

1864

- 🌟 **January 10th** – Federal blockader, USS *Iron Age* was destroyed by Confederate fire after running aground off of Lockwood’s Folly Inlet, SC
- 🌟 **January 29th to January 31st** – Federal Bombardment of Charleston intensifies with 583 rounds fired at the City

1865

- 🌟 **January 15th** - Fort Fisher, NC, falls to Federal forces under the command of General Terry, following a two day bombardment
- 🌟 **January 15th** – USS monitor *Patapsco* strikes a torpedo in Charleston harbor and sinks within a minute with the loss of 62 men

- 🌟 **January 19th** – Sherman issues orders to his command to begin moving north from Savannah into South Carolina
 - 🌟 **January 31st** – Robert E. Lee is named General-in-Chief of Confederate armies
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❖ **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.