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- ❖ The September 2011 meeting of the Charleston Civil War Roundtable is scheduled will take place on Tuesday, **September 13th** at Ryan's Family Restaurant located on Highway #61 (St. Andrew's Blvd.). The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM with the call to order.
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❖ CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2011

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| 3 | GA | Living history, camps and demonstrations at Fort McAllister Historic Park near Richmond Hill. \$5. 912-727-2339 |
| 4-5 | VA | Living history, artillery demonstrations at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park in Kennesaw. Demonstrations at 11 am, noon and 2 and 3 pm. Free. www.nps.gov/kemo . |
| 4 | WV | "Construction of Civil War Forts," NPS ranger program at Fort Marcy on the 150th anniversary of the fort's construction. Fort located off the northbound George Washington Memorial Parkway in Arlington. 1 pm. Free. www.nps.gov/cwdw . |

- 10-11 **MD** Reenactment, "Battle of Carnifex Ferry," at the State Park near Summersville. Living history camps and demonstrations all weekend. Battle at 2 pm Sunday. 304-872-0825
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www.carnifexferrybattlefieldstatepark.com.
- 14 **NC** Walking tours, anniversary "real time" walks on the South Mountain State Battlefield near Boonsboro. Fox's Gap begins at 10 am and Crampton's Gap at 3 pm. Details: 301-432-8065.
- 17 **GA** Living history, "Military Through the Ages," at the CSS Neuse State Historic Site in Kinston. 10 am-4 pm. Free. 252-522-2091
- 17-18 **VA** Anniversary activities with living history, tours and more at the Chickamauga National Battlefield. Includes Saturday morning guided bike ride beginning at 9:30 am. 8:30 am-5 pm. Free. www.nps.gov/chch.
- 21 **VA** Lecture, "Battle of the Ironclads," with John Quarstein at the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond. \$15 includes light reception and book signing. 5:30 pm. \$15. www.vahistorical.org.
- 25 **SC** Lecture, "Fauquier County in 1860 and 1861," at the Graffiti House Visitor Center, 19484 Brandy Road, Brandy Station. 2 pm. Free. Donations welcome. www.brandystationfoundation.com.
- 30 **VA** 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.

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

1861

- * **September 3rd** – Confederate forces under Gideon Pillow enter Kentucky thereby ending that state's neutrality.
- * **September 6th** – Federals capture Paducah, KY
- * **September 10th** – Engagement at Carnifex Ferry in western Virginia
- * **September 11th** – Cheat Mountain campaign begins in western Virginia. R. E. Lee is Confederate commander and his reputation suffers following a CS withdrawal.
- * **September 12th** - Siege of Lexington, MO begins with the surrender of Lexington to Confederate forces under the command of Sterling Price on September 20th

1862

- * **September 1st** – Fighting at Chantilly or Ox Hill, VA effectively ends the 2nd Battle of Manassas
- * **September 6th** – Stonewall Jackson’s troops occupy Frederick, MD as the ANV establishes its base of operations north of the Potomac.
- * **September 13th** – “Lost Order” is found by Federal troops in the Frederick, MD area
- * **September 14th** – Battle of South Mountain
- * **September 14th** – Battle of Crampton’s Gap
- * **September 15th** – Confederates capture Harper’s Ferry, VA
- * **September 17th** – Battle of Antietam (Sharpsburg), MD
- * **September 17th** – Federal garrison at Munfordville, KY surrenders to Confederate troops under Gen. Braxton Bragg
- * **September 19th** – Battle of Iuka, MS
- * **September 22nd** – Lincoln announces the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation to the public following the Union victory at Sharpsburg, MD

1863

- * **September 1st-2nd** – Union forces fire 627 rounds at Battery Wagner and Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor thus ending the second phase of the first major bombardment.
- * **September 5th** – the “Laird Rams” (constructed for the Confederate Navy) were detained by order of the British government thus averting a major crisis with the U.S.
- * **September 6th** – The Confederate garrisons at Battery Wagner and Battery Gregg evacuate
- * **September 8th** – Confederate troops under General Magruder defeat a Federal force at Sabine Pass, TX
- * **September 9th** – Federals enter Chattanooga after Bragg and the Confederate Army of Tennessee abandoned the city
- * **September 10th** – Little Rock, Arkansas falls to Federal troops
- * **September 18th-20th** - Chickamauga Campaign occurs in Georgia ending with a great tactical victory for the Confederates

1864

- * **September 1st** – Confederates evacuate Atlanta, GA & Battle of Jonesborough, GA continues
- * **September 4th** – Confederate raider, John Hunt Morgan was killed by Federal cavalry in Greenville, TN
- * **September 19th** – Third Battle of Winchester (Opequon Creek) VA
- * **September 22nd** – Battle of Fisher’s Hill, VA
- * **September 29th-30th** – Battles of Peebles’ Farm and Fort Harrison (Chaffin’s Farm) both take place in and around the Richmond-Petersburg front in Virginia

1865

- * **September 14th** – Representatives of the Cherokees, Creeks, Choctaws, Chickasaws, Osages, Seminoles, Senecas, Shawnees and Quapaws sign a treaty of loyalty with the U.S. and renounce all Confederate agreements.
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❖ **TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE:** Since we did not get to the quiz last month, here is your chance to see how would you answer the following questions regarding the related operations and actions culminating in the Battle of Mobile Bay?

- When and where did these actions take place?
- What were the tactical and strategic considerations/reasons for these actions/operations?
- Name the principle naval and military commanders (CS, US) during the battle.
- Identify the CS and US naval vessels participating in the battle.
- Although usually viewed as a naval operation, there were fortifications and military forces involved. Can you identify the fortifications?
- What were the end results of the battle and operations in Mobile Bay?
- **Bonus Question:** Can you identify the well-known statement attributed to the Federal commander during the Battle of Mobile Bay and describe the circumstances leading to same.