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- ❖ The **June 2011** meeting of the Charleston Civil War Roundtable is scheduled for Tuesday **June 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 and a discussion of New Business.

❖ THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER AND TOPIC:

Our speaker this month will be CWRT member Jack Thomson. Jack will share some very interesting stories concerning the War Between the States as well as family connections to the war (Confederate General James Cantey).

❖ CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JUNE 2011

- 6 **SC** Curator tour of the exhibit "Threads of War: Clothing and Textiles of the Civil War" at the Charleston Museum. 10:30 am. Free with admission. 843-722-2996 or www.charlestonmuseum
- 11 **VA** Walking tour, "Fredericksburg 1861." Meets at Market Square downtown. 7 pm. Free. www.nps.gov/frsp or 540-373-6122

- 17-19 **NC** Living history, "Storm of Shot and Shell: Civil War Artillery," with book debut and photography demonstrations at Fort Fisher in Kure Beach. 11 am-3 pm. Free. 910-458-5538.
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- 25 **MO** Reenactment, "First Battle of Boonville," at the Dr. Avery Farm, 1800 Rocheport Road, Booneville. Living history, exhibits, weekend battles, talks and music. Saturday night firing. www.goboonville.com or 660-621-2105
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- 25 **NC** Living history, "Presentation of Colors," recreating presentation of the colors of the 6th NC Regiment by the "ladies of North Carolina" between the Town Hall and Historic Page House in Morrisville Station. 10 am-4 pm. Free. www.mindspring.com/~nixnox.
- 25 **DC** Bus tour, "Montgomery Meigs in Washington: Beyond the Civil War," leaves from 550 C St SW. \$175. www.civilwarstudies.org.
- 25 **DC** Bike tour, ranger-led mountain bike ride, "Fort Dupont: Topography of Defense," 5-mile ride begins at the Fort Dupont activity center, Fort Dupont Drive SE. 11 am. Free. www.nps.gov/cwdw.
- 25 **MD** Living history, "Ship's Company," see Union seamen at work on the USS Constellation in Baltimore Harbor. 10 am-4 pm Free with admission. www.historicships.org.
- 25 **MD** Living history, "Confederate Surgeon," at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick. 11 am-4 pm. Free with admission. www.civilwarmed.org.
- 25 **VA** Living history, "Mosby: Scout Along the Turnpike," special programs along Route 50 between Atoka and Aldie. Noon-5 pm. wwwmosbyheritagearea.org.
- 25-26 **VA** Car-caravan tour, "Battle of Brandy Station (Fleetwood Hill)" begins at the Graffiti House Visitor Center, 19484 Brandy Road, Brandy Station. 10 am. \$10. www.brandystationfoundation.com.
- 30 **NC** Living history, camps plus drill and medical demonstrations at the Mint Hill Historical Society, 7601 Matthews Mint Hill Road, Mint Hill. Free with admission. www.minthillhistory.com.
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- VA** Lecture, "United States Marines at First Manassas," at the Old Manassas Courthouse, 9248 Lee Ave, Manassas. 7 pm. Free. 703-367-7872.

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

★ **1861**

June 3rd – Federals under the command of Brig.Gen.T A. Morris rout Col. G. A. Porterfield's Confederates at Philippi in Western Virginia. The engagement became known as the "Philippi Races".

June 10th – Engagement at Big Bethel, VA

June 17th – Engagement at Boonville, MO. This engagement strengthened Union control of the Missouri River

June 30th – CSS *Sumter* commanded by Raphael Semmes, ran the Union blockade below New Orleans to begin its illustrious career as a commerce raider.

★ **1862**

June 1st – Battle of Seven Pines (Fair Oaks) concludes with Confederate forces now under the command of Robert E. Lee, withdrawing to their original positions

June 3rd – Evacuation of Fort Pillow, TN by Confederate forces

June 6th – Battle of Memphis, TN

June 8th – Battle of Cross Keys, VA [Jackson's Valley Campaign]

June 9th – Battle of Port Republic, VA [Jackson's Valley Campaign]

June 12th – Stuart begins his ride around McClellan

June 16th – Engagement at Secessionville, SC

June 25th – the Seven Days Campaign begins in Virginia

June 26th – Battle of Mechanicsville, VA [Seven Days Campaign]

June 27th – Battle of Gaines' Mill, VA [Seven Days Campaign]

June 29th – Battle of Savage Station, VA [Seven Days Campaign]

June 30th – Battle of Frayser's Farm, VA [Seven Days Campaign]

★ **1863**

June 9th – Battle of Brandy Station, VA

June 14th – Battle of Second Winchester, VA

June 23rd – Tullahoma, TN campaign begins

★ **1864**

June 1st thru 3rd – Battle of Cold Harbor, VA

June 10th – Battle of Brice's Crossroads, MS

June 11th thru 12th – Battle of Trevilian Station, VA

June 12th – Union Army of the Potomac begins to move across James River in Virginia

June 15th thru 18th – Union assaults on Confederate lines at Petersburg fail resulting in the beginning of the siege.

June 19th – CSS *Alabama* is sunk by the USS *Kersearge* off Cherbourg, France

June 27th – Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, GA

★ **1865**

June 2nd – General Kirby Smith, CSA, accepted surrender terms given at New Orleans, LA on May 26th

June 22nd – CSS *Shenandoah* captures two Yankee whalers in the Bering Sea

June 23rd – President Johnson declares the blockade of Southern ports at an end

June 23rd – Cherokee leader Brig. Gen. Stand Watie surrendered the Cherokee, Creek, Seminole and Osage Battalion to Union forces

June 26th thru 28th – CSS *Shenandoah* captures 17 whalers in the Bering Sea

June 30th – Lincoln conspirators (Dr. Samuel Mudd, Samuel Arnold, Michael O'Laughlin, Edward Spangler, David Herold, Lewis Payne, George Atzerodt, and Mary Surratt) were convicted by a military tribunal. Payne, Atzerodt, Herold and Mrs. Surratt were sentenced to death. O'Laughlin, Arnold, Spangler and Mudd were sentenced to life imprisonment at Ft. Jefferson in the Dry Tortugas.

❖ **TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE:** How would answer the following questions regarding Civil War battles that involved mountains?

○ Name the campaign, the principal commander (CS & US) and results of battles involving the mountains listed below.

- Cheat Mountain
- Ivy Mountain
- Cedar Mountain
- South Mountain
- Droop Mountain
- Lookout Mountain
- Cloyd's Mountain
- Rocky Face Ridge
- Kennesaw Mountain

Bonus Question – Can you identify the circumstances surrounding the Battle of Killdeer Mountain and the Union general who commanded Federal troops in this action?