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- ❖ The **January** meeting of the Charleston Civil War Roundtable is scheduled for Tuesday, **January 10th** 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. The election of the CWRT Board will be held at our January meeting. Members are reminded that they must be current in their dues in order to vote and/or run for a position on the Board.

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- ❖ **THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER AND TOPIC:** Our speaker this month will be **Heather Welch**. Ms. Welch will speak on plantation life during the Civil War.
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❖ CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JANUARY 2012

- 7-8 **SC** Civil War Show at the Omar Shrine Temple, 176 Patriots Point St, Mt. Pleasant. 9 am-5 pm Saturday, 9 am-3 pm Sunday. \$8. www.mkshows.com.
- 14 **SC** Talks, "The Mystery of the H.L. Hunley," at the South Carolina State Museum in Columbia. 11 am; noon; and 1, 2 and 3 pm. Free with museum admission. www.southcarolinastatemuseum.org.
- 28 **SC** Symposium, "Religion in the Civil War," at the SC Department of Archives and History and the South Carolina Confederate Relic Room & Military Museum in Columbia. Lectures and bus tour. \$30/advance. Register: 803-737-8094 8094 www.crr.sc.gov.

❖ **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 Harpers Ferry, VA during the War Between the States?

- On 16-18 October 1859, a raid was conducted against the U.S. Arsenal at Harpers Ferry.
 - Who organized and led the raid?
 - What was the objective of the raid?
 - What was the ultimate outcome of the raid and its effect on the future of the Union?
 - Three future Confederate generals were present either during the raid and/or the subsequent trial of the “raiders”. Can you name these individuals and the circumstances of their involvement?
 - Harpers Ferry “changed hands” numerous times during the WBTS. Can you identify the dates and circumstances of these occupations?
 - Describe the part Harpers Ferry played during the Antietam Campaign of 1862.
 - In 1864, Harpers Ferry was raided by a well-known Confederate partisan. Can you name the partisan and describe the raid?