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- ❖ The March 2011 meeting of the Charleston Civil War Roundtable is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8th 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.

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- ❖ **THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER AND TOPIC:** Our speaker this month will be CWRT member Bob McFarlane (Interim Minister at Charleston's Circular Church). The subject of Bob's presentation will be a first person "glimpse into the life of Col. Joshua L. Chamberlain, USA."

❖ CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MARCH 2011

- 3-5 **SC** Conference, "Civil War – Global Conflict," at the College of Charleston in Charleston. More info: spinner.cofc.edu/atlanticworld/conferences.html.
- 12 **SC** Living history, "The Language of Fans," at the Charleston Museum. 10 am-1 pm. Free with admission. 843-722-2996 or www.charlestonmuseum.org.

23 **SC** Lecture, "Very Respectfully: Letters from the Ft. Sumter Copy Book," at the Charleston Museum. 6:30 pm. Free. 843-722-2996 or www.charlestonmuseum.org.

25 **SC** 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 MARCH DURING THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES**

1861

Mar. 1st – the CSA assumed control of military affairs at Charleston, SC and President Jefferson Davis named P.G.T. Beauregard, as Commanding General

Mar. 16th – Arizona territory votes to secede from the United States and join the Confederacy. The Confederate government will follow with the establishment of a territorial government in Arizona

Mar. 29th – Lincoln decides that an attempt will be made to re-supply and possibly reinforce Ft. Sumter by sea

Mar. 31st – Lincoln orders a relief expedition to Ft. Pickens, FL.

1862

Mar. 6th to 9th – Battle of Pea Ridge or Elkhorn Tavern takes place in Arkansas

Mar. 8th – CSS *Virginia* left Norfolk, VA and attacked the Federal blockading fleet in Hampton Roads, VA. This action resulted in the destruction of the Union vessels *Cumberland*, *Congress* and damage to the *Minnesota*

Mar. 9th – Battle of the *Monitor* and the *Merrimack* (CSS *Virginia*)

Mar. 14th – Federals capture New Madrid, MO and New Berne, NC

Mar. 23rd – the First Battle of Kernstown, VA is fought. This action marked the beginning of Stonewall Jackson’s Shenandoah Valley Campaign

Mar. 28th – Engagement of Glorieta Pass or Pigeon’s Ranch took place near Santa Fe, New Mexico Territory

1863

Mar. 9th – James Louis Petigru dies in Charleston, SC at the age of 74. Petigru was known as the outstanding pro-Northern advocate throughout the Confederacy

Mar. 14th – Union squadron under the command of Adm. Farragut runs past the batteries at Port Hudson, LA.

Mar. 17th – Battle of Kelly’s Ford, VA

1864

Mar. 1st – the “Kilpatrick-Dahlgren” raid on Richmond, VA fails

Mar. 10th – Lt. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant is appointed General-in-Chief of Unions armies

Mar. 12th – the Red River Campaign begins with the advance of land and naval forces under Union general Banks up the Red River in Louisiana

1865

Mar. 2nd - Battle of Waynesboro, VA – Federal forces under Sheridan (Custer) shatter the remnants of Jubal Early’s forces effectively ending the Shenandoah Valley Campaign

Mar. 8th to 10th – Battle of Kinston, NC

Mar. 11th – Union forces occupy Fayetteville, NC

❖ **TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE:** Can you identify what was the post-war activity for the following Confederate general officers?

- John C. Breckinridge
- James Longstreet
- Pierre Gustave Toutant
- Joseph Wheeler
- Kirby Smith
- Fitzhugh Lee

- Joseph E. Johnston
- Nathan Bedford Forrest
- John Mosby
- Wade Hampton
- Stand Watie
- Braxton Bragg
- Jubal Early
- Edward Porter Alexander
- Henry Heth
- Richard Anderson