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- ❖ The **May 2011** meeting of the Charleston Civil War Roundtable is scheduled for Tuesday **May 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 and a discussion of New Business which includes establishing a policy for quest speaker honorariums.

- ❖ **THIS MONTH’S SPEAKER AND TOPIC:** Due to a last minute cancellation, there will be no speaker this month.

❖ **CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MAY 2011**

7 ★ 150	VA	Boat tour, "Potomac Blockade," tour identifies sites associated with the Confederate blockade of the river September 1861-March 1862. Boats leave from the dock at Leesylvania State Park in Woodbridge at 10 am, noon, 2 pm and 4 pm. \$10. Reservations required. 703-730-8205
11-14	SC	Conference, National Genealogical Society's Family History Conference, in Charleston. Includes talk on Civil War records. Details, registration: www.ngsgenealogy.org .

12-15	VA	Bus tour, "Civil War in Virginia's Piedmont, 1862-1863," includes the Cedar Mountain, Brandy Station and Second Manassas battlefields and more. Headquarters in Culpeper, organized by Pamplin Historical Park. Registration info: www.pamplinpark.org or 877-PAMPLIN
14-15	GA	Living history, "History Through the Ages," at the Southern Museum in Kennesaw. 10 am-4 pm Saturday, noon-4 pm Sunday. www.southernmuseum.org or 770-427-2117 extension 3180.
15	VA	Movie premier, "Life and Legacy of Richard Kirkland," the "Angel of Marye's Heights," at the Manassas Museum. 2 pm. Free. 703-368-1873 or www.manassasmuseum.org .
21	VA NC	Van tour, "Eastern North Carolina," includes battle of South Mills, Fort Branch and more. 8 am-6 pm. \$50. Leaves from Lee Hall in Newport News. Reservations: 757-888-3371.
27	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 .
28-29	MD	Living history, "War Returns to South Mountain," camps, talks and demonstrations at Washington Monument State Park near Boonsboro. Parking fee. 301-432-8065.
28-30	TN	Memorial Day commemoration at the Shiloh National Military Park. Living history, ranger programs, demonstrations and more. 9 am-4 pm. \$3/adult. 731-689-5696 or www.nps.gov/shil .

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

1861

May 6th – Arkansas and Tennessee secede from the Union becoming the ninth and tenth states to do so. The Confederacy recognizes that a "state of war" exists with the United States.

May 13th – U.S. troops occupy Baltimore, MD.

May 20th – North Carolina secedes from the Union.

May 23rd – Virginia votes to secede from the Union.

1862

May 3rd – The Confederate army under Joseph E. Johnston evacuate their positions at Yorktown, VA.

May 5th – The Battle of Williamsburg occurs.

May 8th – The Battle of McDowell, VA is fought resulting in a Confederate victory. This battle was the second engagement of Stonewall Jackson's famous Shenandoah Valley Campaign.

May 9th – Confederate forces evacuate Norfolk, VA. One result of this withdrawal was to require the destruction of the *CSS Virginia* (Merrimac)

May 11th – *CSS Virginia* is scuttled by Confederates off Norfolk, VA.

May 23rd – The Battle of Front Royal, VA

May 25th – The Battle of Winchester, VA -

May 31st – The Battle of Seven Pines (Fair Oaks), VA. Confederate commander, Joseph E. Johnston, was severely wounded in this action and was succeeded by Gen. R.E. Lee.

1863

May 1st to 4th – Battle of Chancellorsville, VA

May 10th – Gen. Stonewall Jackson dies from complications of a wound received during the Battle of Chancellorsville.

May 16th – Battle of Champion's Hill, MS

May 18th – The siege of Vicksburg, MS begins.

1864

May 5th to 7th – Battle of the Wilderness, VA

May 7th – Sherman begins his march on Atlanta, GA

May 8th to 19th – Battle of Spotsylvania Court House, VA

May 14th to 15th - Battle of Resaca, GA

May 15th – Battle of New Market, VA

May 16th – Battle of Drewry's Bluff (Fort Darling), VA

May 23rd to 26th – Battle of the North Anna, VA

1865

May 4th – Gen. Richard Taylor surrenders the Confederate forces in the Department of Alabama, Mississippi and East Louisiana.

May 10th – President Jefferson Davis is captured by Federal troops near Irwinville, GA

May 12th – The last significant land engagement of the war occurred at Palmetto Ranch, TX

May 26th – Gen. S. B. Buckner surrenders the Confederate Army of Trans-Mississippi marking the surrender of the last significant Confederate Army.

❖ **TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE:** Can you define the following military terms relative to the War Between the States?

- Acoustic Shadow
- Buck and Gag
- Line Closers
- Butternut
- Cards
- See the Elephant
- Cotton-Clads
- Deadline
- Teeth Dullers
- Embalmed Beef
- Foot Cavalry
- Zou-Zou
- Acorn Boys
- Get the Drop
- Ironclad Oath
- Gray Back