



**COUNCIL ON AMERICA'S MILITARY PAST**  
**54th ANNUAL MILITARY HISTORY CONFERENCE**  
**Charleston, SC**

**October 12-15, 2021 (Tuesday-Friday)**  
**October 16, 2021 (Saturday Add-On Day)**

**DoubleTree by Hilton Charleston Mount Pleasant**

1330 Stuart Engals Blvd.  
Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina 29464

\$139/night, free buffet breakfast, free parking  
Call 843.352.5100, mention CAMP  
(Discount rate is good for stays October 11-17, 2021)

**CONFERENCE COORDINATOR**

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**SCHEDULE**

(as of July 15, 2021; subject to change)

All meetings at conference hotel unless otherwise noted.

*NOTE: We are excited to hold many activities with the Coast Defense Study Group (CDSG). The activities we are doing together Tuesday through Thursday are noted. When CAMP stays in Charleston after Fort Sumter on Thursday morning, CDSG heads to Savannah for the rest of their conference.*

**Tuesday, October 12, 2021**

**3:00-5:00pm**

*Board of Directors' meeting*

**5:30-8:00pm**

*Registration and Welcome Reception*

**6:00-6:15pm**

*American Military Museum reps*

**7:00-8:00pm**

*KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Carl Borick, Director, The Charleston Museum: "The British Siege of Charleston 1780"*

## Wednesday, October 13, 2021

**8:00am**

*Depart Hotel*

**8:30am-Noon (with Coast Defense Study Group (CDSG))**

*Sullivan's Island Fortifications*

Tour Fort Moultrie, Battery Jasper, Battery 230, Battery Logan, Officer's Row, Reinforced Switchboard, and Lifesaving Station, Base End Station on your own with a route and suggested timetable. Some of the structures are on private property; the owners will be standing by during certain times.

**Noon-1:00pm (with CDSG)**

*Boxed lunch*

**1:30-2:30pm**

*The Charleston Museum*

Founded in 1773, The Charleston Museum is commonly regarded as "America's First Museum." Inspired in part by the creation of the British Museum, the Charleston Library Society established it on the eve of the American Revolution. It features artifacts and other materials from the 1780 British siege and later occupation of the city.

**2:30-4:00pm**

*British 1780 Siege Line Tour*

**5:00-7:00pm**

*Papers and Dinner*

**7:00-7:45pm (with CDSG)**

*Briefing on Castle Pinckney from current owners*

## Thursday, October 14, 2021

**7:30am**

*Depart hotel for Patriot's Point*

**8:00-8:30am (with CDSG)**

*Boat to Fort Sumter*

**8:30-9:50am (with CDSG)**

*Tour Fort Sumter*

Fort Sumter is a sea fort built on an artificial island protecting Charleston from naval invasion. Here, the opening shots of the American Civil War blasted away at its sturdy brick protective walls, forcing its surrender. And, it was here that the commander who surrendered the fort to the Confederacy returned to raise Old Glory to the top of the pole once more.

**10:00-10:30am (with CDSG)**

***Boat from Fort Sumter***

**10:30am-1:30pm (includes boxed lunch)**

***Patriot's Point Naval & Maritime Museum***

Patriots Point features a naval and maritime museum on Charleston Harbor. Its centerpiece is a World War II aircraft carrier, USS YORKTOWN. It's also home to a fleet of National Historic Landmark ships, the Cold War Memorial, and the only Vietnam Experience Exhibit in the U.S. The campus includes the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, and its official Medal of Honor Museum. These are all part of our one-price admission ticket.

**1:30-2:00pm**

***Travel to CSS Hunley***

**2:00-3:30pm**

***Private tour Hunley & historic metal preservation projects***

*H. L. Hunley*, often referred to as *Hunley* or as *CSS Hunley*, was a submarine of the Confederate States of America that played a small part in the American Civil War. *Hunley* demonstrated the advantages and the dangers of undersea warfare. She was the first combat submarine to sink a warship (USS *Housatonic*), although *Hunley* was not completely submerged and, following her successful attack, was lost along with her crew before she could return to base. The Confederacy lost 21 crewmen in three sinkings of *Hunley* during her short career. She was named for her inventor, Horace Lawson Hunley, shortly after she was taken into government service under the control of the Confederate States Army at Charleston.

**4:00-5:00pm**

***Charles Towne Landing State Historic Site***

Charles Towne Landing State Historic Site sits on a marshy point, located off the Ashley River, where a group of English settlers landed in 1670 and established what would become the birthplace of the Carolina colony. Charles Towne Landing introduces visitors to the earliest colonial history of Charleston. We will interact with hands-on exhibits in the Visitor Center, talk to knowledgeable staff members, and take an audio tour on the self-guided history trail.

**5:00pm**

***Dinner on your own***

CAMP van will drop off at Historic Old Town Charleston (drop-off site based on attendee preference) then return to hotel for those who do not want to stay downtown.

**~8:30pm**

***If desired, CAMP van will pick up at earlier drop-off site***

## Friday, October 15, 2021

**7:00am**

*Depart hotel to Beaufort*

**9:00-11:00am**

*Tour Fort Fremont*

Fort Fremont was a U.S. military installation on Saint Helena Island. The fort and battery are historically significant as an example of late 19th and early 20th century military architecture. It is one of two surviving coastal fortifications in the United States intact from the Spanish–American War era. The U.S. Congress authorized the construction of additional coastal batteries under the \$50 million Harbor Fortification Defense Act of 1898. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers built Fort Fremont, beginning construction in 1899. The Corps hired labor from the Beaufort area to build the military complex. Today the fort is a Historical Preserve. Only the 10-inch battery, the rapid-fire battery, and the brick hospital built in 1906 survive. All the other structures were made of wood and were demolished at various points before 1989, when documentation was submitted to the National Register of Historic Places. The documentation states that “Fort Fremont is one of only two extant Spanish–American War fortifications which retain their character from that period.”

**11:00-11:30am**

*Drive to Fort Frederick*

**11:30am-Noon**

*Tour Fort Frederick*

Fort Frederick Heritage Preserve is a three-acre property owned by the SC. Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) and located in Port Royal, SC. Fort Frederick is the oldest surviving tabby fort in South Carolina, and the oldest known tabby structure in Beaufort County. Built by the British colonial government between 1733 and 1735, its most important contribution to history was over one hundred years later on Jan. 1, 1863 when people walked across a dock over the top of Fort Frederick to hear the first reading of the Emancipation Proclamation in the Southern states. In 1999, the site was acquired and dedicated as a Heritage Preserve by the SCDNR with funds from the National Park Service's Federal Lands to Parks Program and funds from the DNR's Heritage Land Trust Fund. In 2017, the preserve was included in the Reconstruction Era National Historical Park.

**Noon-12:30**

*Drive to Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD) Parris Island*

**12:30-1:30pm**

*Lunch at Traditions at MCRD Parris Island*

**1:30-3:30pm**

***MCRD base tour, including walking tour at the Charlesfort/Santa Elena site***

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island is used for United States Marine Corps Recruit Training of enlisted United States Marines.

The Charlesfort-Santa Elena Site is an important early colonial archaeological site on Parris Island. It contains the archaeological remains of Charlesfort, settled by the French in 1562 and abandoned the following year, and the later 16th-century Spanish settlement known as Santa Elena. The Spanish remains include a fort built directly on top of the abandoned Charlesfort remains. Because of their remarkable state of preservation, and their importance in understanding early French and Spanish colonial practices, the site earned designation as a National Historic Landmark in 2001. (Note: Bring mosquito repellent just in case!)

**3:30-5:00pm**

***Parris Island Museum Tour***

The Parris Island Museum consists of a 10,000-square-foot facility and includes exhibits of the history of the United States Marine Corps as well as the history of the Port Royal region. Exhibits cover the span of time and occupancy of the island, from Native American civilization and French and Spanish colonies to modern day. Other exhibits display artifacts from the early 19th century to the present day.

**5:00-5:30pm**

***Annual Meeting reception at Parris Island Museum***

**5:30-7:30pm**

***Annual Meeting + Dinner at Parris Island Museum***

***SPEAKER: Larry Rowland, World War Two in the Sea Islands and its effect on Beaufort County***

Professor Lawrence S. Rowland is the Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History for the University of South Carolina Beaufort. He previously held roles with the university as Professor of History and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. He holds a BA from Hamilton College (New York), and both a masters and doctorate from the University of South Carolina. Professor Rowland is the premier historian for the South Carolina Low Country and is the author of numerous articles and book reviews on South Carolina and Sea Island history. He served in the Navy 1964-1968.

Dr. Rowland is the author of the following texts: *The History of Beaufort County, South Carolina*, Vol. I, 1514-1861, with Alexander Moore and George C. Rogers, Jr., 1996 (Columbia: USC Press, 1996); *Window on the Atlantic: The Rise and Fall of Santa Elena, South Carolina Spanish City* (South Carolina Department of Archives and History, 1990); *The Civil War in South Carolina: Selections from the South Carolina Historical Magazine*, Co-editor with Stephen G. Hoffius (Charleston: Home House Press, 2011); *The History of Beaufort County, South Carolina*, Vol. II and Vol. III, 1861-1990, with Dr. Stephen R. Wise.

**7:30pm**

***Return to hotel***

***Conference ends at conclusion of Annual Dinner.***

**Saturday, October 16, 2021**  
**Optional Add-on Day**

**8:00am**

***Depart hotel for Eutaw Springs Revolutionary War Battlefield***

**9:00-11:00am**

***Eutaw Springs Revolutionary War Battlefield tour***

Eutaw Springs Battleground Park is a historic site located near Eutawville, Orangeburg County, SC. It was the site of the American Revolutionary War Battle of Eutaw Springs. The battle occurred on September 8, 1781 and was the last major engagement of the war in the Carolinas. The site includes a historic marker and the tomb of British Commander Major John Marjoribanks. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1970.

**11:30am-12:30pm**

***Lunch at Gilligan's on the Dock, Monck's Corner***

**1:00-2:00pm**

***Berkeley County Museum, Monck's Corner***

At the museum we will see fossils and remains of prehistoric animals and plant life, Native American settlement, The Swamp Fox and the County's part in the Revolutionary War, The Little David, African-American history, development of the Lakes and the Santee Cooper project, local heroes, and piracy in Colonial America.

**2:30-4:30pm**

***Historic Charleston walking tour***

Old jails and auction block houses from colonial times and more led by CAMP Membership Director Patrick Swan

**4:30pm**

***Return to hotel***

**Add-on day ends upon return to hotel after Charleston tour.**