

# CONFEDERATE MILITARY TIMELINE

## Key Engagements & Major Confrontations (1861-1865)

**April 12, 1861**

**Battle of Fort Sumter** *Charleston, South Carolina*

Opening engagement of the war; Confederate victory leading to Union surrender of the fort.

**July 21, 1861**

**First Battle of Bull Run (Manassas)** *Prince William County, Virginia*

First major land battle; Confederate victory that ended illusions of a short war.

**April 6-7, 1862**

**Battle of Shiloh** *Hardin County, Tennessee*

Major engagement in the Western Theater; Union strategic victory despite heavy initial Confederate advances.

**Sept 17, 1862**

**Battle of Antietam (Sharpsburg)** *Washington County, Maryland*

Bloodiest single day in American history; tactical draw, strategic Union victory halting Lee's first invasion.

**May 1-4, 1863**

**Battle of Chancellorsville** *Spotsylvania County, Virginia*

Major Confederate victory; notable for the mortal wounding of "Stonewall" Jackson.

**July 1-3, 1863**

**Battle of Gettysburg** *Adams County, Pennsylvania*

Turning point of the war; Union victory halting Lee's second invasion of the North.

**April 9, 1865**

**Appomattox Court House** *Appomattox County, Virginia*

Surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia; signaled the effective end of the conflict.