



# Challenge Yourself

## Round 1

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During this down time occasioned by the fight against the spread of the Coronavirus, we want to keep our members in touch with the Civil War with a bi-weekly round of questions and ponderables. Some will be easy, some will not. This is not a formal quiz, but a way to keep your ACW expertise sharp. No response is needed; however, if you do want to comment, send them via email to Emil at [emilposey@ardmore.net](mailto:emilposey@ardmore.net), and he will post with the next "Staying in Touch," which will also contain the "school solution" to this set of questions.

1. Who were the "Fire Eaters?"
  - a. The 11th New York Volunteer (Firemen's) Infantry Regiment, which captured Alexandria, Virginia on May 24, 1861, less than 24 hours after the Commonwealth seceded.
  - b. A group of Radical Southern Democrat Secessionists in the Antebellum South.
  - c. The Palmetto Battery, the South Carolina Military Academy (The Citadel) artillery battery guarding Charleston harbor that fired on the unarmed civilian merchant ship *Star of the West* in January 1861.
  - d. Pro-slavery "Doughface" supporters of Northern Democrat James Buchanan in his 1856 Presidential campaign.
  
2. What triggered the first state to secede?
  - a. President James Buchanan's attempt to resupply Fort Sumter.
  - b. Radical abolitionist John Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry.
  - c. Republican candidate Abraham Lincoln's election.
  - d. President Abraham Lincoln's inauguration.
  
3. Who was the guest of honor at Captain and Mrs. Winfield Scott Hancock's dinner party in Los Angeles on June 15, 1861?
  - a. Captain Richard B. Garnett
  - b. Major Lewis A. Armistead
  - c. Captain George E. Pickett
  - d. Colonel Albert Sidney Johnston

4. What flag was the original “Old Glory?”
  - a. The US flag at Fort Sumter.
  - b. The US flag atop the Capitol when Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated.
  - c. The US flag flown by sea captain William Driver during his career at sea and later brought to Nashville, Tennessee, where he settled.
  - d. The US flag raised atop Arlington Heights when first occupied by Union troops.
  
5. Union forces fired the first shot at Ft. Sumter on April 12.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
6. What was the most legendary river ford in the Civil War?
  - a. Norman’s Ford
  - b. Kelly’s Ford
  - c. Beverly’s Ford
  - d. Freeman’s Ford
  
7. What was the Dare Line?
  - a. The Potomac River
  - b. The Rapidan River
  - c. The Upper Rappahannock River
  - d. The line of fortifications around Petersburg in 1865.

This week’s ponderable: Was secession Constitutional?

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