



For the week of January 10th, the 2nd week of the year:

"In the beginning of a change the patriot is a scarce man, and brave, and hated and scorned. When his cause succeeds, the timid join him, for then it costs nothing to be a patriot." Mark Twain (Writer)

On January 14, 1861, Federal troops under Union Captain John Milton Brannan moved his 1st U.S. Artillery unit from the Key West Barracks to Fort Taylor. In April, Major William H. French arrived with his artillery unit. Their orders were to prevent the fort from falling into Confederate hands and in doing so it became a key outpost for threatening blockade runners and it remained in Union control throughout the war.

In 1862 on the 10th, the Battle of Middle Creek in Floyd County, Kentucky is fought by Union Col. (and future president) James A. Garfield and his brigade of Kentucky and Ohio units against Brig. Gen. Humphrey Marshall and his 5th Kentucky confederates.

One year later, from the 9th to the 11th, Brig. Gen. John S. Marmaduke led a division of confederate troops against union forces led by Col. Samuel Merrill in the Battle of Hartville in Wright County, Missouri.

At the same time, the Battle of Arkansas Post (Fort Hindman) in Arkansas was a combined ground and naval Union action that was part of the Union's Vicksburg Campaign.

In 1864 on the 11th, Confederate Brig. General Thomas L. Rosser conducted a successful raid that destroyed vital Union warehouses and supplies in New Creek, West Virginia.

On January 13, 1865, the Union's second attack on Fort Fisher, North Carolina was successful and a major supply line to General Robert E. Lee was severed in the process. On the 16th, a powder magazine there exploded killing 200, both Union soldiers and Confederate prisoners.

with Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

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