

WAR BEGINS: FORT SUMTER - APRIL 1861



Fort Sumter – Before the Attack. Wikipedia. 18 July 2008. <<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Image:Sumter1.gif>>

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| November 6, 1860 | Abraham Lincoln is elected the sixteenth President of the United States |
| December 20, 1860 | South Carolina secedes from the Union |
| December 26, 1860 | In the wake of secession Major Robert Anderson abandons Fort Moultrie on Sullivan's Island off the coast of Charleston, South Carolina, and takes his men to the unfinished Fort Sumter |
| January 9, 1861 | Confederate forces repulse <i>The Star of the West</i> bringing supplies from New York to Fort Sumter |
| April 11, 1861 | The <i>Harriet Lane</i> approaches Charleston Harbor, the first of a fleet of five on a mission to forcibly re-supply Fort Sumter |
| April 12, 1861 | 4:30 AM Confederate General Pierre Beauregard fires on Fort Sumter in the harbor of Charleston, South Carolina |
| April 13, 1861 | Union forces evacuate and surrender Fort Sumter to the Confederates |