



THE FLAGBEARER

....News from the New Bedford Civil War Round Table

.....The New Bedford Historical Society is sponsoring a visit to New Bedford by noted author Douglas Egerton, in March. The New Bedford Civil War Round Table is lending its support to this effort. Please see details as shown in page 3 of this issue of the Flagbearer.

....We filled in our last open speaker slot, November 2017, with **Michael McCarthy**, author of **Confederate Waterloo:- the Battle of Five Forks**. We are now officially booked for the year.

.....I've published the 2017 meeting dates along with the speaker names and topics in this issue of the Flagbearer. I suggest you save the dates in your calendar. Please talk to your friends that might be interested in attending a first rate historical lecture. We are always interested in attracting new members. It is difficult getting someone to walk through the door for the first time.

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Greater New Bedford Civil War Round Table

Tuesday, February 28th 7:00 pm

**Fort Taber~Fort Rodman Military
Museum**

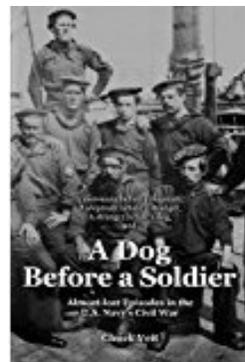
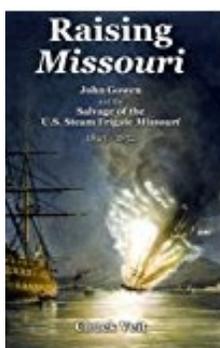
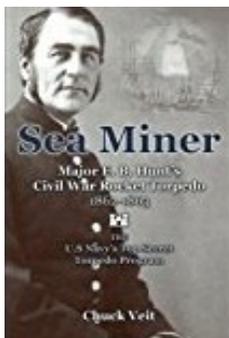


FEBRUARY SPEAKER

Chuck Veit is an author of a growing number of original research books, including **A Dog Before a Soldier, Sea Miner, The Yankee Expedition to Sebastopol, Raising Missouri**, two books focusing on the salvage exploits of Lynn native, John E. Gowen, and to be released in 2018, his fifth book, - **Alligator: The Navy's First Submarine**. He is a frequent speaker on 19th century naval topics at area historical societies and Civil War Round Tables, as well as at the Naval War College in Newport, and has had numerous articles in **Naval History** and other magazines. Chuck is also **President of the Navy & Marine Living History Association**, an organization dedicated to sharing America's naval history. He has remained happily married for 35 years to his best friend and editor, Lori.



CHUCK VEIT



.Chuck's Feb 28 presentation to our Round Table will be based on his book **Sea Miner**. Please see page 2 of the **Flagbearer** for his story of the U.S. Navy's first sponsored torpedo development program

Chuck Veit's subject for the Round Table lecture

Chuck will present his subject from his book , **Sea Miner**. This is the painstakingly reconstructed story of the U.S. Navy's first sponsored torpedo development program. Begun in 1862, the project was beyond "top secret", for the weapon it sought to create would overnight make the U.S. Navy supreme upon the oceans. The inventor, Major Edward B. Hunt of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, succeeded, but his mania for secrecy left no details of his activities — all plans, records, and diagrams were destroyed at the conclusion of each stage of development.

In the absence of hard facts, historians have long considered Sea Minor to be a failure; nothing could be further from the truth. The devise he created was considered so dangerous that, decades later, writers hesitated to describe it in depth for fear that a foreign government might build the weapon.

This is a story from the Civil War that doesn't seem to belong to that period at all; it is wholly unexpected. The advances made by Hunt would not be seen again for eighty years, and not replicated by the U.S. Navy until the mid 1950's. Aspects of the devise continue to elude us, and have only been approximated using incredible technology—yet Hunt managed in 1862 to create "a weapon of impressive simplicity" that continues to keep some of its secrets..... Per Chuck Veit

ALEXANDER HAMILTON

While this is not Civil War related , except to say that Alexander Hamilton did , in the Federalist Essays, advocate a national army, I recently had the privilege to attend a living historian reenactment of Alexander Hamilton's life by Charles W. Stockbridge , up to and including the infamous duel on the plains of Weehawken. This reenactor resides in Mattapoisett and if you hear of his doing this performance near you , don't miss it.



Book Recommendations

After the Civil War: The Heroes, Villains, Soldiers, and Civilians Who Changed America, by Dr. James Robertson

Gathering to Save a Nation: Lincoln & the Union's War Governors, by Stephan D. Engle

Six Encounters with Lincoln: A President Confronts Democracy and Its Demons, by

Elizabeth Brown Pryor



UPCOMING SPRING SPEAKERS FOR THE NEW BEDFORD CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE.

March 28, 2017

David Prentiss

"The Lessons of Lincoln: What Abraham Lincoln Can Teach Us Today



April 25, 2017

John Foskett

John Foskett returns with Part 2 of his presentation on Civil War Artillery. Not to worry , he will bring a review handout of Part 1.



May 23, 2017

Kevin Levin

The History of the Confederate Battle Flag.

You can find Kevin's commentary on Twitter and many other websites



June 27, 2017 Annual New Bedford Civil War Round Table Picnic

.....Save The Date



Al Smith announces Annual 5 Days in May Civil War Bus Tour for 2017

David and Al Smith have been doing the Annual Civil War trips for about 40 years, always a good value, especially with the tour guide/experts they have onboard the bus. Approx 9-10 New Bedford Round Table members have been taking advantage of this good value in Civil War historical tours, the past several years. It's an early departure from the Boston T-Station parking lot, May 17th, with a return May 21, 2017.

This year's trip follows the escape route of John Wilkes Booth, after his assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. We will stay at Days Inn Pentagon in Arlington, Va. Site visits included in the tour are: Ford's Theater, Old Capitol Prison, Surratt Boardinghouse, Mt. Olive Cemetery, Port Royal, Belle Grove, Site of Garrett Farm, Greenmount Cemetery, and other locations. **The tour guide will be Kate Ramirez, noted Lincoln Assassination expert, and re-enactor of Mary Surratt.**

Al's price is an all inclusive, admission charges, guide expense, hotel, dinner on Thursday night, Friday night, and Saturday night and tips. A \$50.00 deposit will hold your reservation. Price will be \$895.00 for a single reservation, a double reservation is \$650.00 ea.



If you wish to go, send your deposit to Al Smith, 11 Poplar Street, Belmont, MA 02478. Make check payable to The Civil War Round Table of Greater Boston.

Questions? Call Al Smith at 617-484-5613 or email him at ohjudyoh@yahoo.com



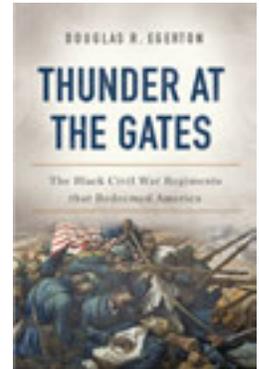
Till The Curtain Falls: The Genius of Edwin Booth by Kate Ramirez

See Kate Ramirez, trip guide, on You Tube

New Bedford Historical Society announcement

New Bedford Historical Society is sponsoring a book talk in March. Noted author, Douglas Egerton, will be coming to New Bedford on March 11. Lee Blake, President of the New Bedford Historical Society, has invited our Round Table to co-sponsor this appearance of Mr Egerton, and our Board of Directors has agreed to this request.

Thunder at the Gates chronicles the sacrifices made by the first black regiments in American history, whose members helped transform the Civil War from a white man's conflict into a revolutionary struggle for freedom.



Douglas Egerton's book covers the formation of the 54th, 55th, Massachusetts Infantry Regiments, and the 5th Massachusetts Cavalry, and shows how the sacrifices of these recruits on the battlefields at Fort Wagner and Olustee not only proved that African-Americans could be dedicated fighters but also opened the way to securing rights, including equal pay for military service and the opportunity to be promoted into the ranks of commissioned officers.

This book lecture is planned for March 11, at the New Bedford Library. **This lecture is in addition to our regularly scheduled March 28th Round Table meeting, with speaker David Prentiss.**

READY TO JOIN THE NEW BEDFORD CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE?

Fill out 2017 application and mail your check to Martin Flinn, Treas, New Bedford Civil War Round Table, 39 Little Oak Road, New Bedford MA 02745

Make check out to NBCWRT

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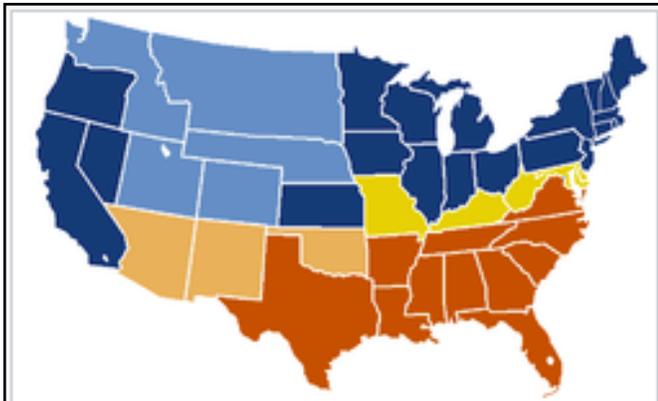
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The New Bedford Civil War Round Table announces its annual Book Award

Al Caron, Chairperson of the NB Round Table Book Award Committee has released information about the 2017 program and details are printed in the attachment to this issue of the Flagbearer. If you know of a graduating senior in one of the Greater New Bedford area high schools, please take note of this Award of \$500. Eligible schools are New Bedford High School, Dartmouth High School, Fairhaven High School, Old Colony Regional Vocational, Freetown Lakeville Apponequet Regional, Old Rochester Regional High School, Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational, and Bishop Stang High School. I have enclosed an application form. Materials requested in the application must be received by Friday March 31, 2017. Details and questions about this Award may also be found at www.newbedfordcwr.org



New Bedford Drawbridge (New Bedford-Fairhaven Bridge)



US Secession map 1863. The Union vs. the Confederacy.

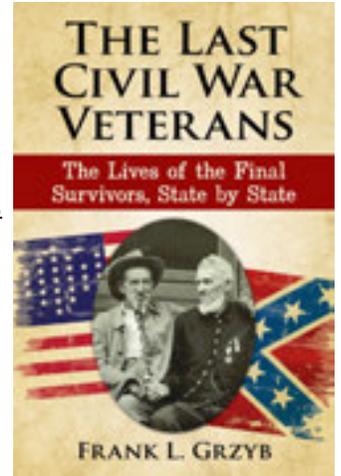
- Union states
- Union territories not permitting slavery
- Border Union states, permitting slavery
- Confederate states
- Union territories permitting slavery (claimed by Confederacy)

.....More on 2017 Round Table Speakers

September 26, 2017

Frank L. Grzyb

Frank has authored seven books. His work has been featured in Civil War Times, America's Civil War, Civil War Monitor, and North and South. He is a member of the Rhode Island Civil War Round Table.



October 24, 2017

Jim Thayer

Jim is a teacher and expert on Frederick Law Olmsted. His presentation will be

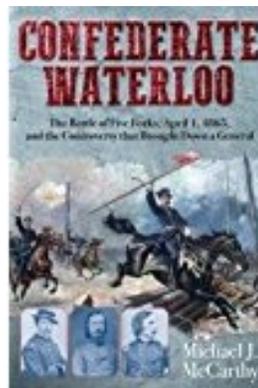
"Olmsted's War"



November 14, 2017

Michael McCarthy

Confederate Waterloo—The Battle of Five Forks, April 1, 1865, and the Controversy that Brought Down a General



CIVIL WAR QUIZ #1

Match up famous Civil War Books with their authors

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| 1. Battle Cry of Freedom | a. Michael Shara |
| 2. Killer Angels | b. Margaret Mitchell |
| 3. The Civil War: A Narrative | c. Irene Hunt |
| 4. Across Five Aprils | d. Charles Frazier |
| 5. "Stonewall Jackson" | e. James McPherson |
| 6. Red Badge of Courage | f. Stephen Crane |
| 7. A Stillness at Appomattox | g. Douglas S. Freeman |
| 8. Gone with the Wind | h. Bruce Catton |
| 9. Lee's Lieutenants | i. Shelby Foote |
| 10. Cold Mountain | j. James Robertson |

Answers

1)e 2)a 3)i 4)c 5>j 6)b 7)h 8)b 9)g

CIVIL WAR QUIZ #2

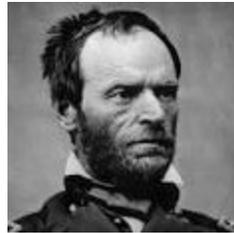
Match the battles with the state in which it was fought

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| 1. Honey Hill | a. Tennessee |
| 2. Sabine Pass | b. Alabama |
| 3. Wilson's Creek | c. Maryland |
| 4. Champion Hill | d. North Carolina |
| 5. Bentonville | e. Missouri |
| 6. Spanish Fort | f. Mississippi |
| 7. Shiloh | g. Georgia |
| 8. Perryville | h. Kentucky |
| 9. Chickamauga | i. South Carolina |
| 10. South Mountain | j. Texas |

Answers

1)i 2)j 3)e 4)f 5)d 6)b 7)a 8)h 9)c 10)c

WHO ARE THESE GENERALS?



ANSWERS

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| George B. McClellan | George Meads |
| Ambrose Burnside | John Pope |
| William Tecumseh Sherman | Henry Halleck |
| Winfield Scott Hancock | John Bell Hood |
| Phillip Sheridan | Joseph Hooker |

Next time we'll make it harder.....

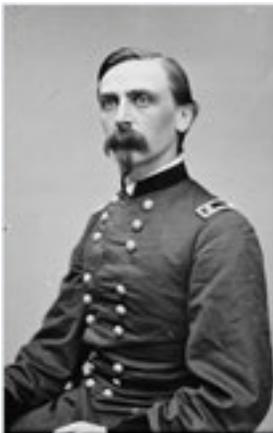
WHAT THEY DID AFTER THE WAR



Major General Francis C. Barlow.... Of Barlow's Knoll fame, first day Gettysburg. Died at age 61, Place of burial: Walnut Street Cemetery, Brookline Massachusetts. "Looked like a highly independent mounted newsboy." Always wore checked flannel lumberjack shirt into battle. Second wife was sister of Col. Robert Gould Shaw. After the war he served as a U.S. Marshall and New York Secretary of State and New York State Attorney General, prosecuting the Boss Tweed ring. He was the founder of the American Bar Association. Died of Bright's disease.



Major General Henry Warner Slocum.... Nickname at Gettysburg: "Slow Come" Held the Union right at Gettysburg. First commander to enter Atlanta in Sherman's campaign. Commanded XII Corps, XIV Corps, XX Corps, and Army of Georgia. Resided in Brooklyn after the war with his wife Clara. Worked as a lawyer. Was elected as a companion of the New York Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. Elected as a Democrat to the 41st and 42nd Congresses. Worked for the exoneration of Major General Fitz John Porter who was court-martialed after the Second battle of Bull Run. Active in the building of the Brooklyn Bridge where his name is prominent on a bronze tablet. Remained a close friend of Wm. Sherman and planned his funeral. Slocum never wrote his memoirs. He died in 1894 at age 66.



Major General Adelbert Ames. Born in Rockland Maine and grew up as a sailor on a clipper ship. West Point graduate. Commanded 20th Maine prior to Chamberlain. Son-in-Law to Ben Butler. When he died in 1933, he was the last surviving full-rank general of the Civil War. Medal of Honor result of action at First Bull Run. Great-grandfather to George Plimpton. 30th Governor of Mississippi during Reconstruction. Also United States Senator from Mississippi during Reconstruction. Commanded a Brigade at the Battle for San Juan Hill during Spanish-American War in 1898. Ames settled briefly in Northfield Minnesota in 1876, joining his father and brother in a flour-milling business. During his residence there Jesse James and his gang of former Confederate guerrillas raided the town's bank, largely because of Ames's investment in it. Ames's life was recently chronicled by the Gettysburg NPS Rangers in their Winter Program series lectures. Adelbert is buried in the Butler cemetery, also known as Hildreth Cemetery, only open one day of the year, and I believe this to be on Ben Butler's birthday.



WHERE AM I?