



# THE FLAGBEARER

## Future Speakers



Meet Thom Bassett, our September speaker. His topic, - 13th USCT, Battle of Nashville in Dec 1864.



Mark Dunkleman returns in October. He will introduce his latest book.

Happy to have Mark back to our Round Table



Writer James Conroy's book *Our One Common Country* tells the story of Abraham

Lincoln's presidential peace mission. His book is a 2015 Finalist for the prestigious Gilder-Lehrman Lincoln Prize

Please note the earlier start time (6:00 pm) for the June meeting, and the fact we will meet next door to our usual meeting space at the Museum.

Also, there will be no charge for the dinner, but, please consider bringing a dessert.

## 2015 Officers

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Sgt Carney received the Medal of Honor for his gallantry during the Battle of Fort Wagner in 1863. He is the first African American to be granted this Medal. Sgt Carney was wounded several times, but made it back to his lines, saying "Boys, I only did my duty; the old flag never touched the ground!" He is buried at Oak Grove Cemetery, in New Bedford.



Mr. Carl Cruz, at the Memorial Day Oak Grove Cemetery ceremony, honoring his ancestor and recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, Sgt William H. Carney.

## Rural Cemetery Ceremony



## Greater New Bedford Civil War Round Table

**June 23rd, 2015, 6:00 Meeting and Dinner**

**@ Fort Taber~Fort Rodman Military Museum**

**We will meet next door at Low Tide Yacht Club**

**See insert on Annual BBQ social event. Please note 6:00 start**

....Please consider donating a Civil War book to our monthly "book raffle", in support of our scholarship and preservation program. Your donation will be very much appreciated.

....Thank you to Mike Ponte for an excellent May meeting lecture—Real Admiral Raphael Semmes, Confederate Navy, Captain of the CSS Alabama.

....Please make an effort to invite a potential new member to the June picnic. It would be a great way to get to know new people, interested in the American Civil War.

....**We will not have a July meeting or August meeting.** Enjoy the summer. We reconvene September 22, with an excellent program by Thom Bassett, and the 13th USCT, Battle of Nashville. Thom teaches at Bryant University. His Civil War knowledge is extensive. He has spoken to our Round Table in the past and was very impressive.

....Have a suggestion on how we can improve the Flagbearer?—please send me an email.

....Should you wish be a speaker for our Round Table, please contact me at 508-542-7630 or email me at **bobbylee76@comcast.net** Bob Lytle

## Speaker Schedule 2015-2016

**June 23, 2015**—Annual picnic and election of officers

**July-August**—Summer Vacation

**September 22, 2015** –Thom Bassett, 13th USCT, Battle of Nashville in Dec 1864

**October 27, 2015**—Mark Dunkleman. Introducing his newest book

**November 17, 2015**—Megan Kate Nelson

**December 15, 2015**—Annual Holiday dinner and book raffle

**January 26, 2016**—Albert Smith, The Lincoln Funeral

**Feb 23, 2016**— TBA

**Mar 22, 2016**— James Conroy, *Our One Common Country*



## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE GNB ROUND TABLE 2015 MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES



Support /Visit Fort Taber~Fort Rodman this summer.



The Annual WW11 Living History Encampment around the gun batteries of historic Fort Rodman will be June 27—June 28.

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On July 10-12 experience three days of piratical mayhem as professional pirates and privateers, from New England to the Caribbean, come to defend the Historic Port of “Bedford Village” in “Old Dartmouth” (now New Bedford, MA) Witness a living encampment of pirates and privateers within the walls of Historic Fort Rodman. Daily land and sea battles with 2 fully gunned ships, special effects and exciting stunts.

<http://forttaber.org/fort-rodman-pyrate-invasion/>

...And now for the rest of the story. A question was raised at the last meeting as to what five whalers were burned and captured by the CSS Alabama. Well, I didn't discover their names, but the 21st Governor of our state, John H. Clifford, buried near the civil war section in Rural Cemetery, was a member of the law firm Crapo, Clifford, & Clifford, Admiralty Law. John was engaged in the prosecution on behalf of the New Bedford whalemens in the “Alabama Claims”, whereby the British Government paid \$1,500,000 to the U.S. Government for losses suffered due to the collusion of the British with the Confederate privateers.

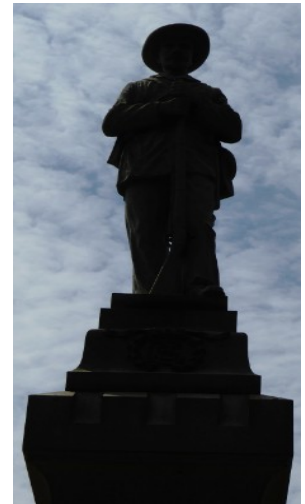
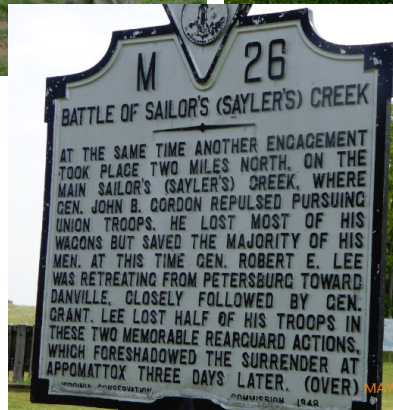


John H. Clifford also served on the commission to either try or release Jefferson Davis held in prison at Fort Monroe, VA, as a traitor. The charges were dropped and Clifford resigned this commission and his duties in this case. John Clifford came to national attention as a result of his serving as the Attorney General in Boston, - the murder trial of the century, - the conviction of John Webster for the murder of George Parkman. Google that one for details...Bob



### Annual 4 Days in May trip

The Greater Boston Civil War Round Table sponsored its annual "4 Days in May" trip. This year we traveled to Richmond, and followed Lee's retreat to Appomattox Court House, and the final surrender to General Grant. There were 41 Civil War "buffs" on board the bus, from 6 New England Civil War Round Tables. This included 9 of us from New Bedford. Next year, the "4 Days in May" trip will travel to Winchester Virginia and study the Shenandoah Valley campaign. Scott Pachon, noted Civil War author and historian, will again be our tour guide. We hope you will join us. It is fun and educational.....Bob Lytle





# THE GREATER NEW BEDFORD CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

## ANNUAL PICNIC AND MEETING TO ELECT 2015-2016 OFFICERS

*JUNE 23RD @ 6:00 PM, a Tuesday*

*(Please note the earlier start time)*

**AT THE FORT TABER~FORT RODMAN MILITARY MUSEUM**

**AT THE LOW TIDE YACHT CLUB SIDE OF THE BUILDING**

**(NEXT DOOR TO OUR USUAL MEETING LOCATION)**

This will be a catered picnic—BBQ chicken and side dishes

Please bring a dessert to share with all

As the location is on the bay - bring a jacket

There will be no charge for the BBQ

We will hold a book raffle for our scholarship and preservation fund

Bring a guest—family, friend, potential new member

## New Bedford Civil War Round Table Awards Annual Scholarship

The New Bedford Civil War Round Table Scholarship Committee has announced its award of our 2015 Annual Scholarship to New Bedford High School graduating senior , Dayva Briand. Dayva has been accepted at several universities, including Boston University, Boston College, Stonehill College, and UMASS Amherst. Her field of study will be Political Science/Law.

Her achievements while at New Bedford High School are many; - V.P. of the Local Chapter of the National Honor Society, Captain of the Field Hockey Team, Captain of the Winter and Spring Track Teams, Editor of the New Bedford High School Newspaper, and a Gold Scholar Athlete all 4 years. She attended and graduated from the Sea Lab Program, was a volunteer for Gifts To Give, and represented NBHS as one of three athletes on the Winter Pentathlon.

She was a volunteer for the Special Olympics, volunteered at the Mattapoisett July 4th Road Race, and at St. Mary's Church , was a Eucharistic Minister, a Teacher of the 1st Grade CCD, and an alter server. She danced at the 50's Hop at Downtown New Bedford, and at the Christmas Holiday Fair Downtown New Bedford , for the Cheryl McCormick Dance Team. She also was a volunteer student mentor for the 6th Grade at Roosevelt Jr. High School.

She has worked at Trucchi's as a cashier, and at the New Mayor's Office with Mass in Motion,— a Dept. of Public Works project.

Dayva is one of five children. Congratulations to our scholarship winner, - Dayva Briand.

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### 150 YEARS AGO IN CIVIL WAR HISTORY

**June 2...** Confederate Gen. E. Kirby Smith at Galveston officially accepted the surrender terms made May 26 at New Orleans

The British government officially withdrew belligerent rights from the Confederacy. President Johnson lifted military restrictions on trade in the United States except on contraband of war.

**June 3...** Southern naval forces on the Red River officially surrendered.

**June 6...** William Clarke Quantrill died in Louisville of wounds received May 10.

Confederate prisoners of war who were willing to take the oath of allegiance were declared released by President Johnson. Officers above the rank of captain or navy lieutenant were excepted.

**June 8...** The Sixth Army Corps, which had missed the big review, had its own parade in Washington.

**June 23...** C.S.S. *Shenandoah* in the Bering Sea captured two whaling vessels. Six more on June 26.

**June 30...** After a lengthy trial the military commission sitting in Washington found all eight alleged Lincoln assassination conspirators guilty. An outcry went up over the decision to execute Mrs. Surratt.

**July 7...** On a hot, oppressive midsummer day in Washington a large crowd gathered in the Arsenal grounds at the Old Penitentiary Building. Four graves were dug, four prisoners brought in, and four hanged; - Lewis Payne, George A. Atzerodt, David Herold, and Mrs. Mary E. Surratt.

**July 24...** Ford's Theater was rented by the United States Government for \$1500 per month. The building was later purchased by the government. On June 9, 1893, a section of the front of the building collapsed, killing 22 and injuring 65.

**August 2...** C.S.S. *Shenandoah* under Lt. Waddell, en route from the Arctic toward San Francisco, learned from a British bark that the war was over.

**October 11...** Confederate VP Alexander H. Stephens, Cabinet members John H. Reagan and George A. Trenholm, Gov. Charles Clark of Mississippi and Asst. Sec. of War John A. Campbell were paroled by President Johnson. All had been held in prison.

**October 12...** Martial law was ended in Kentucky by presidential proclamation

**November 6...** Confederate cruiser *Shenandoah* was surrendered by Lieut. James Waddell to British officials at Liverpool England

**November 10...** Capt. Henry Wirz, who commanded the notorious Andersonville, Ga., Confederate prison, was hanged after conviction by a military commission on charges of cruelty.