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THE FLAGBEARER

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THE GREATER NEW BEDFORD CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

November 28, 2023 6:00 P.M.

Low Tide Yacht Club Location, Doors open at 5:15, 1000 Rodney French Blvd, NB

No charge for attending meeting, open to the public, ample well lit parking, bring a guest

SPEAKER: MICHAEL S. MURPHY

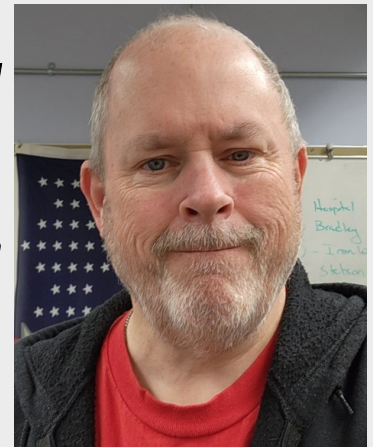
New Bedford Civil War Round Table presents Mr. Michael Murphy at our regularly scheduled meeting location; The Low Tide Yacht Club, 1000 S. Rodney French Blvd, New Bedford

When: Tuesday November 28 at 6:00 pm

Doors open at 5:15 for coffee and pastries

Cost: Free. Please consider asking a guest to attend with you

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Tonight's presentation will tell the story of Company H of the 12th Massachusetts Volunteer Regiment, based on his book Webster's Regiment: The Twelfth Massachusetts Volunteer Regiment.

This regiment fought in every major battle in the Eastern Theater of Operations. The 12th Massachusetts suffered more than many regiments, but continued to demonstrate their bravery and valor right up to when they were pulled off the line in 1864. Murphy's book details their exploits and their leaders, Fletcher Webster, son of Daniel Webster, killed in his first big action, and James L. Bates, who took up the mantle of leadership and led the regiment through the balance of the war.

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....ADDITIONAL NEWS FROM THE ROUND TABLE

Please do not delay in making your reservations for the Annual Holiday Dinner. We're counting on you being present for the fun , comradery, and good food. See the reservation form in this issue of the Flagbearer.

We are five months into our new season and not all of our members have sent in their dues renewal. Please take a moment and add your name to the membership for 2023-2024. Our dues support the Book Award in a very big way, - high school seniors benefit from the Round Table—we need your support.

As we approach the winter months, in-person meetings can be impacted by adverse weather. We will be following the cancellation notices of the New Bedford School System. However, our January and February meetings will be Zoom only, with excellent speakers.

Be reminded that if you miss a meeting, our Digital Outreach Director , Don Brown, records and places the meetings on YouTube. The last two meetings were particularly good, Mark Mello and David Prentiss were outstanding speakers. See them on YouTube. Don Brown's effort is a wonderful addition to the Round Table. He not only picks up the camera equipment the day before our meeting from New Bedford Public Access, then records the meeting, returns the equipment to the TV Studio, he then sits at the editing computer at the Studio and puts it all together for you to see on YouTube , plus it is on New Bedford Cable Access Channel 95.

We are looking for your support to recruit new members. We are, like many organizations, aging out, we must attract new members, revitalize, and renew at The New Bedford Civil War Round Table. Can you help? Your leadership is trying to think outside the box, - coffee and pastries, a social hour (45 minutes) , field trips, Holiday Dinner , YouTube, Round Table website, Facebook, Flagbearer, Email Blasts, and so on. We are working hard to provide good speakers in a welcoming environment at the Low Tide Yacht Club location. Please talk to your friends and people you meet about our Round Table and who have a passion for history. Thank you for your support.



**MAKE YOUR HOLIDAY DINNER RESERVATIONS THIS WEEK. SEE THE
RESERVATION FORM IN THIS ISSUE OF THE FLAGBEARER**

THANK YOU

THE NEW BEDFORD CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

FALL MEETING SCHEDULE, 2023 AND WINTER 2024

November 28, 2023	Michael Murphy	12th Massachusetts Vol Regiment
December 12, 2023	Holiday Dinner	Century House, Acushnet
January 23, 2024	Ty Seidule	Zoom only. <u>Robert E. Lee and Me</u>
February 27, 2024	Brian Bush	Zoom only
March 26, 2024	Joe Michaud	Gen'l Ambrose Burnside
April 23, 2024	Robert Kane	Lincoln and War Powers
May 28, 2024	Chuck Veit	Chuck's latest book
June 25, 2024	BBQ Picnic	At Low Tide Yacht Club



A Salute to the Reenactors and Living Historians of the New Bedford Civil War Round Table, past and present



UNION ARMY HEADGEAR



Hardee "Black" Hat



Union Kepi



"Slouch Hat"



Another Slouch Hat



Forage High Crown Kepi



General Sherman's Cavalry Hat



Union Officer Kepi



Union Top Hat



Burnside pattern hat

TIMELINE—NOVEMBER IN THE CIVIL WAR

1861

...McClellan replaces Lt. General Winfield Scott. In St. Louis Maj. General John C. Fremont is replaced by Maj. General David Hunter

...Maj. General Stonewall Jackson assumed command of the Shenandoah Valley District.

...Seizure of Mason and Slidell: The Trent Affair begins

...Maj. General Henry Halleck replaces Hunter in the Department of Missouri

...A convention in Wheeling in western Virginia adopted a constitution for a new state to be called West Virginia

1862

...“Little Mac” is replaced by Maj. General Ambrose E. Burnside, in the aftermath of Antietam. Maj. General Fitz John Porter is relieved of command of his Corps for willful disobedience at second Manassas.

...James Longstreet and Thomas are promoted to command the First and Third Corps of the Confederate Army

...Burnside moves toward Fredericksburg. R.E. Lee arrives at Fredericksburg.

...The fame of Federal Naval Lieut. William Cushing begins with the raid in New River N.C. with the steamer “Ellis”

...Lincoln confers with Burnside at Aquia Creek, VA. I recommend you look up Aquia Landing and its importance in American history. One did not travel south from the north without going through Aquia Landing, VA

1863

...Near Chattanooga Grant’s new supply line began to function and siege was lifted.

...Lincoln receives his invitation to make a few remarks at the dedication of the new National Cemetery at Gettysburg.

...Maj. General Ben Butler returns as the head of the Department of Virginia and North Carolina. He orders the arrest of anyone annoying loyal citizens by “opprobrious and threatening language”

...Battle of Chattanooga begins. Battle of Missionary Ridge

1864

...Nathan Bedford Forrest heads “south” up the Tennessee River. The Second Congress of the Confederate States gather in Richmond

...Lincoln is reelected. Jubal Early moved north against Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley.

...In response to another election victory serenade, Lincoln said, “It has long been a grave question whether any government, not TOO strong for the liberties of its people, can be strong ENOUGH to maintain its own existence, in great emergencies...”

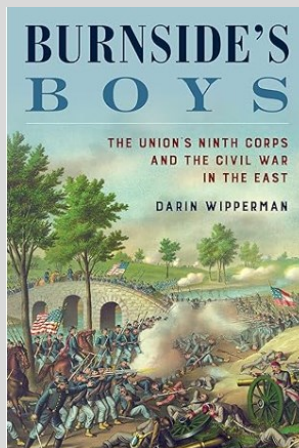
...Sherman leaves Atlanta on march to the sea. Lincoln writes the letter to Mrs. Lydia Bixby, known the world over.

1865

The war is over. President Johnson declares the Federal blockade of the Southern states in existence since since April 1861, at an end.

...In July, on a hot oppressive midsummer day in Washington a large crowd gathered in the Arsenal grounds at the Old Penitentiary Building to see the coconspirators of the Lincoln assassination hung.

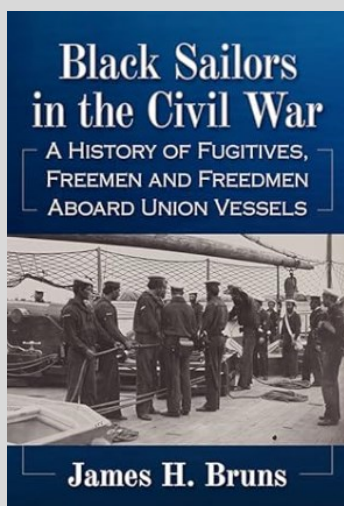
NEW BOOKS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER



The Ninth Corps - - Burnside's Favorite

By Darin Wiperman. Stackpole Books. The Ninth Corps is unique among Union Army Corps, because the Ninth fought in both the Eastern and Western Theaters of the Civil War. The Corps' veterans called their service a "lesson in U.S. geography". Others have called the Ninth, the "wandering corps", because it covered more ground than any other Union Corps.

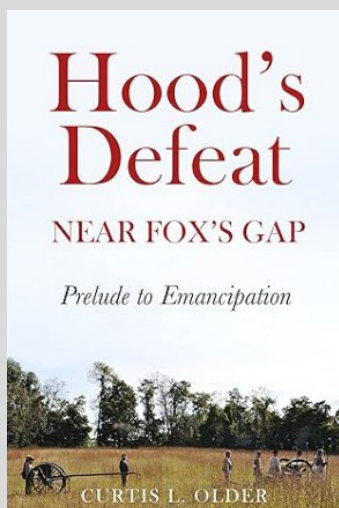
The roots of the Ninth Corps lay in the early 1862 coastal expeditions in the Carolinas under Ambrose Burnside. After this successful campaign—a master class in Civil War amphibious warfare that turned Burnside into a star—Burnside's units coalesced into a corps, part of which reinforced Pope's Army of Virginia at Second Bull Run during the summer of 1862. The Ninth fought with the Army of the Potomac in the Maryland campaign in September 1862. After the disaster at Fredericksburg the Ninth fought in Kentucky with the Army of Ohio, and later with Grant at Vicksburg.



Black Sailors in the Civil War: A History of Fugitives, Freedmen Aboard Union Vessels.

By James H. Bruns, McFarland and Co. , Publishers

This author does an excellent job of tracing the contributions of black naval recruits from the manning of the blockade of Southern ports to the Mississippi River patrols. By the spring of 1863, black sailors had become essential for the Union navy operations. By earl 1863 the Union Navy's composition approached 35% African American. The Union Navy constantly needed new recruits as the blockade expanded and the Mississippi operations began. These new recruits were gleaned from free blacks, contrabands, army transfers, and young boys hoping to escape strict homes and seek their glory and riches. Secretary of the Navy, Gideon Welles, an ardent abolitionist welcomed their service and onboard work.



Hood's Defeat: Near Fox's Gap, - A Prelude to Emancipation , by Curtis Older

Hood's Defeat Near Fox's Gap is an exceptional analysis of Confederate brigadier General John Bell Hood's troop movements during the battle of South Mountain. For the past 160 years, all other authors misplaced Hood's troop positions on the Foz's gap battlefield by approximately a half-mile. The actual location of Hood's attack reconfigures the entire placement of the competing forces in the battle and thus, the conclusion one makes about the struggle.

***THE NEW BEDFORD CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE
PRESENTS THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER***



When? Tuesday December 12, 2023
Time? 6:00 p.m. Start time. Food promptly served at 6:30
Where? Century House
107 South Main Street
Acushnet, MA 02743 (508) 995-3221

Tickets and reservations needed? Yes. \$37.00 per person

May I bring a guest? More than one? Yes and Yes . Dress is casual

Buffet menu to include baked honey ham, New England baked scrod, grilled chicken caprese, vegetables, five cheese tortellini, sweet bell pepper rice, mixed salad greens, focaccia herb bread, ice cream with chocolate sauce, coffee and tea. A cash bar will be available.

Please note, this is the same location as last year; Century House Crystal Room

Century House will provide special meals by request.; - Vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free, special allergies

To purchase tickets, make your check payable to the NB Civil War Round Table and mail to Bob Lytle, 76 Shipyard Lane, So. Dartmouth, MA 02748

Name (s)

Address: _____

Time for dues renewal 2023-2024. Not sure if you are current ? Or, perhaps you don't recall if you sent in a dues check. Here is easy answer, no need to call the Treasurer. If you do not have a dues card in your possession, that reads New Bedford Civil War Round Table member "2023-2024", then you haven't paid your dues. Time to remit. We value your membership. With it, we fund our annual Joseph Langlois book award scholarship, and pay our bills. Please take the time to support our Round Table. Keep the Flagbearer coming to your electronic mailbox.

The New Bedford Civil War Round Table

2023-2024 Membership and Dues

Effective Dates July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024



IT IS TIME TO SUBMIT YOUR DUES FOR THE NEW SEASON ; 2023 -2024.

Please fill out the form and make the check payable to "New Bedford CWRT"

Mail to New Bedford Civil War Round Table

C/O Martin Flinn, Treas., 39 Little Oak Road, New Bedford, MA 02745



Name : _____

Type of Membership: _____ ***Individual (\$25.00)*** _____ ***Family (\$30.00)***

Address: _____

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Thank you for being a member of the New Bedford Civil War Round Table