

THE FLAGBEARER

Greater New Bedford Civil War Round Table

Tuesday, February 27, 2018, 7:00 pm

We meet at Fort Taber~Fort Rodman Military Museum

1000C Rodney French Blvd, New Bedford, MA

Lecture is no charge, open to all, plenty of parking

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

Thank you all for a good membership turnout in January to hear Chuck Veit's U.S.S. Albatross submarine history lecture . As a reminder to those traveling with us on the "5 Days in May" bus tour sponsored by Al and Dave Smith, Chuck Veit will be our on-the-bus tour guide.

Also, we appreciate all the help given at the museum before and after the January meeting, - the setting up and stowing away of chairs, podium, screen, etc.

We thank Marty Flinn, our Treasurer for giving us an update report at the meeting. We are working our way back to being financially sound. We now have 54 dues paying members.

Our Round Table President, Joe Langlois, continues to recover from pneumonia. Each week brings much improvement, and closer to resuming normal activities. Joe tells me he really appreciated the many cards and get well wishes he received from you.

Our February Speaker

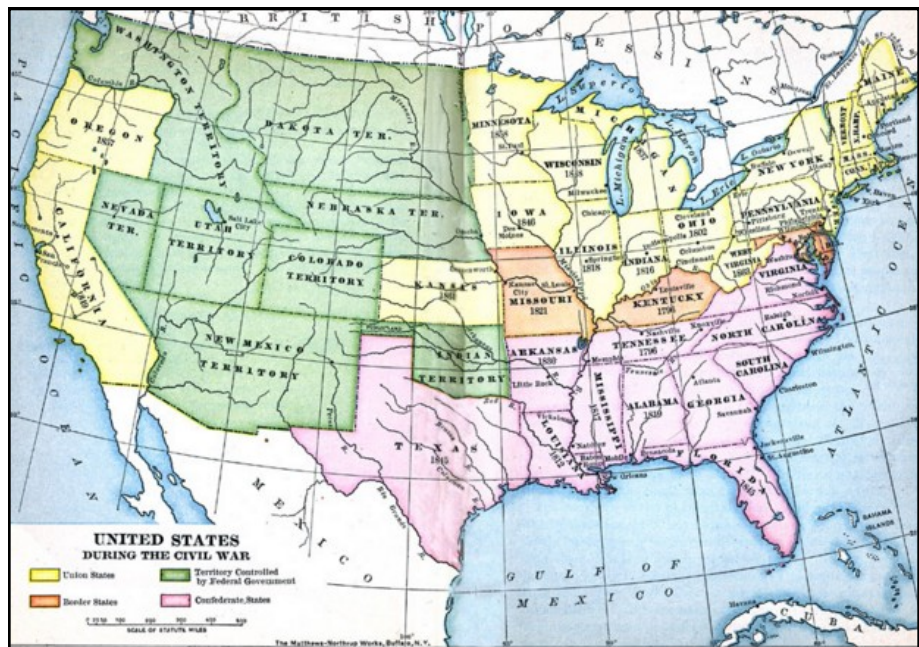
Mark Mello, NPS Ranger, Graduate Student, Round Table Member

Mark will handle the speaker duties for February. He will either be the speaker or he will introduce Jan da Silva, Cultural Resource Manager, The New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, as the evening speaker.

As we have had Mark do several talks to the Round Table, you can be assured it will be a worthwhile evening of Civil War education. If Jan da Silva is our speaker , she will be discussing contraband camps in the Carolinas, and the nearby coastal islands. If Mark is the speaker, he will be discussing either the Stone Fleet or the impact of the Confederate raiders on the New Bedford Whaling industry. Mark has also been doing research on James H. Gooding of the 54th MA.



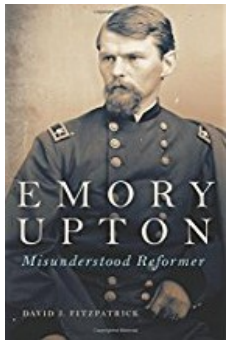
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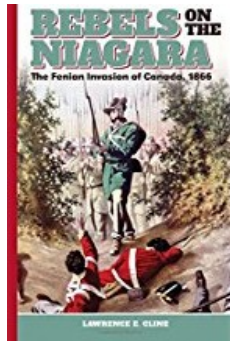
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NEWLY RELEASED BOOKS TO FOR YOU TO CONSIDER



By David J. Fitzpatrick



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This Month in Civil War History

Feb 1861

Two Presidents depart Feb 11. From Springfield President-elect Abraham Lincoln departs for Washington D.C. About 1000 people turned out in an early morning drizzle at the Great Western Station in Springfield to hear Mr. Lincoln, at sometimes shaken with emotion, surrounded by the party of family, secretaries, dignitaries, and Army officers. "Here I have lived a quarter of a century, and passed from a young man to an old man... I now leave not knowing when, or whether ever, I may return."

At Brierfield Plantation, Jefferson Davis bid farewell to family and plantation slaves before taking a boat alone for Vicksburg and eventually Montgomery, Ala, via Jackson, Miss, Chattanooga, and Atlanta. The trip was difficult due to the lack of a direct railroad, poor traveling accommodations, and the haste with which the journey was made.

Feb 1862

Fort Henry, Tennessee surrenders to U.S. Grant. And, Mid Feb, Fort Donelson surrenders to U.S. Grant.

On Feb 20, at the White House, William Wallace "Willie" Lincoln dies at the age of twelve, throwing personal tragedy upon the victories in the West.

Feb 1863

In Virginia, Hooker reorganizes the Army into eight Corps, thus eliminating Grand Divisions.

The circulation of the Chicago Times was suspended by military order for allegedly disloyal statements, only one of numerous such incidents in the North.

Feb 1864

President Lincoln, acting under the congressional conscription act, ordered 500,000 men to be drafted on March 10 to serve for 3 years or for the duration of the war.

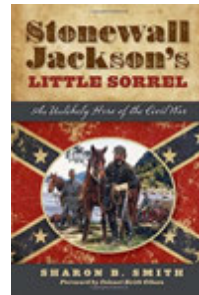
Confederate submarine sinks USS Housatonic off Charleston.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

March 27, 2018

Sharon Brooke Smith

If you haven't seen Sharon on Facebook, CSPAN, or YouTube, you'll find her here at our Round Table in March. 2 million horses and mules died during the Civil War, many times the human casualties. Stonewall Jackson's Little Sorrel did survive the war, in fact outlived his master by 23 years. You'll learn more about this interesting horse in March.



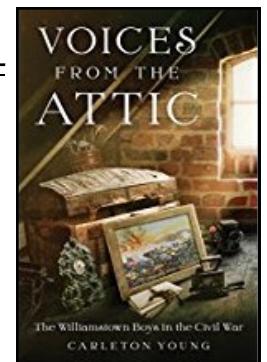
April 24, 2018

Carlton Young

Book author from Pittsburgh, PA

Voices from the Attic: The Williamstown Boys in the Civil War

Carlton's new book has received excellent reviews. We are pleased to have him on our 2018 speaker schedule.



May 22, 2018

Joe Dipoli, Pres. Olde Colony Civil War Round Table

History of Fort Warren Prison in Boston Harbor

This is New England's most historic Civil War site.

Highlights include

...The Ghost of the Lady in Black

...Confederate Prison Life

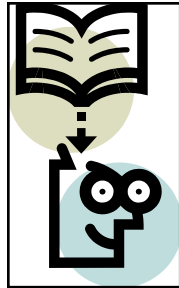
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**2018 BOOK AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE
BOOK AWARD COMMITTEE**



The New Bedford Civil War Round Table will once again be providing a \$500.00 Book Award to a deserving high school senior. The eligible schools are GNB Regional Voke, New Bedford High School, Apponequet High School, Old Colony Regional Voke, Dartmouth High School, Fairhaven High School, Bishop Stang, and Old Rochester Regional High School. The applications are to be submitted to the New Bedford Civil War Round Table by Friday, March 30, 2018, to be considered.



Want to join the New Bedford Civil War Round Table?

2017-2018 Membership Form

Membership is valid for 2017-2018 Program year, beginning September 1, 2017. Please fill out this form and along with a check payable to "Greater New Bedford Civil War Round Table", send to :

***New Bedford Civil War Round Table
C/O Martin Flinn, Treas
39 Little Oak Road
New Bedford, MA 02745***

Name: _____

Type of Membership: ____(\$25.00)Single, or ____(\$30.00)Family

Home Address: _____

Home phone: _____

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WELCOME!!

Gettysburg NPS Winter Lecture Series and Saturday Morning "Coffee with a Guide"

Have you been on You Tube or Facebook following the Guides this winter? Their lectures are excellent.



The New Bedford Civil War Round Table Website

In case you have wondered who does our website design , - its maintenance and updates. It is Following Sea , based in New Bedford. Here is what their President , Lucy Iannotti, has to say about her company.

"Following Sea is a design and development service located in historic New Bedford. We are proud to provide website services to the Greater New Bedford Civil War Round Table. We design responsive and creative solutions for your marketing and communication needs that reflect and advance your mission both online and off. "

Visit www.following-sea.com or email her at lucy@afollowingsea.net



The Annual Five Days in May Trip is Announced for 2018 by Al and Dave Smith , The Greater Boston Civil War Round Table

Plans are complete for another great Civil War field trip. The trip is scheduled for May 16,2018 through May 20, 2018. The trip will cover sites involved in the battles between the Confederate and Union navies. First up will be Fortress Monroe and Casement Museum in Newport News, Virginia, and the Nauticus National Maritime Center in Norfolk. Both museums focus on the ironclad battles.



Continuing the trip , there will be a visit to the USS Monitor Center and Museum, to view the remnants of that famous ironclad and then on to City Point (Grant's Headquarters and Supply Base), and we will learn about the USS Alligator. We will also visit Drewry's Bluff, the

site of the four year confrontation between Confederate marines and the Union Navy. We will also visit other naval battles along the James River. As an added feature of our trip, the hotel accommodations for Thursday and Friday will take us to Williamsburg and all that area has to offer. As a bonus to our weekend our ride home will take us to Gettysburg Battlefield for several hours of touring.



So if you are looking for a packed fun weekend, come join us. The trip includes 4 nights in hotels located in Salisbury, Maryland, Williamsburg, Virginia, and Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The air conditioned bus is supplied by McGinn Bus Co. Your trip price includes the 4 hotel nights, the bus fare, 3 dinners at restaurants located in Williamsburg and Gettysburg, all admissions, donations for Civil War preservation, driver tip, and tour guide. Our tour guide will be naval expert Chuck Veit, longtime friend of our Round Table.

Chuck Veit

A \$50.00 deposit will hold a reservation for this fantastic trip. Send your check payable to Civil War Round Table c/o Al Smith 11 Poplar St, Belmont, MA 02478. The total cost of the trip is \$770.00 for a single person and \$580.00 each for a double room. If you have any questions contact Al Smith at 617-484-5613 or email Al Smith ohjudyoh@yahoo.com.



Dave Smith—James Getty—Al Smith



Gettysburg



Fort Monroe

**COME JOIN UP !!!
THE ANNUAL 5 DAYS IN MAY TRIP**