



THE FLAGBEARER

Future Speakers



We have confirmed that Megan Kate Nelson will be our speaker in

November. You'll recall that we had originally had scheduled her last Jan, but a snow storm got in the way of that plan.



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.

Greater New Bedford Civil War Round Table May 26, 2015 ,7:00, Meeting @ Fort Taber~Fort Rodman Military Museum

Our May Speaker will be Mike Ponte—Naval Blockaders



Mike is a New Bedford Civil War Round Table member. His presentation will cover Naval Blockaders. Please consider asking a friend to join you for this evening's presentation. We will also conduct a book raffle.

Please join other like minded history enthusiasts as we study the American Civil War.

The meeting is open to all , and no fees or charges are requested.

...The New Bedford Historical Society will hold its Annual Fundraiser at the Hawthorne Country Club on Sunday , May 17th , 3-8 PM in support of the Nathan and Mary Johnson House. Join them for a great afternoon of music and dancing. There will be three rooms of music with jazz headliner Elan Trotman, Monte Clara, with sounds of Cabo Verde, and Lady K, spinning R & B. Call the office at 508-979-8828 for tickets and information. Help preserve this heritage and legacy of the first home of freedom of Frederick and Anna Douglass.

Answer to Monument Riddle

Did you correctly guess the photo of the statue featured in the April Flagbearer? It is the Soldiers and Sailors Monument at Clasky Common Park , Purchase St , New Bedford.



Speaker Schedule 2015-2016

May 23 Memorial Day Program

June 23, 2015—Annual picnic

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—Dave Decker, General George Thomas

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

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Two Memorial Day Services by The Greater New Bedford Civil War Round Table

Date: Saturday May 23, 2015

First Service: Rural Cemetery 149 Dartmouth Street, New Bedford

Time: 9:00

Second Service: Oak Grove Cemetery, 185 Parker Street, New Bedford

Time: 11:00

What's happening in the months of May and June

... 150th Grand Review in Washington D.C. is scheduled on May 17th. Review sponsors believe that 3,000 to 5,000 participants will be in the parade. There will be two review stands, one for modern VIPs and one for reenactors.

...The Museum at West Point, NY will feature a special exhibit titled "Appomattox", that includes several interesting artifacts. The artifacts are a uniform coat of Ulysses S. Grant, a sash reputedly worn by Robert E. Lee, a frame of souvenirs gathered by George A. Custer, and Phillip Sheridan's Cavalry Corps badge and shoulder strap from a uniform he wore at the surrender. "Appomattox" is scheduled to run through April 2016.

...Gettysburg Guides celebrate 100 years. As Civil War 150th anniversary commemorations come to a close, the 100th anniversary of the licensed battlefield guides is being celebrated in Gettysburg. The Guides fourth annual Tuesday evening "Walks Through History" series will feature 14 guided tours from June to September. For more information about ALBG programs, visit www.gettysburgtourguides.org

...The Confederation of Union Generals living history group and the National Defense University will present a two hour play based on the trial of the Lincoln conspirators on June 20th in the original courtroom at Fort McNair. For more info, see www.uniongenerals.org

...The U.S. Postal Service unveiled the last in its series of stamps commemorating the Civil War's 150th anniversary. The 2015 souvenir sheet has two stamps, one showing Robert E. Lee's surrender to Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House on April 9, 1865, and the other depicting the Battle of Five Forks, near Petersburg, Va, on April 1, 1865.

...The above information is from [The Civil War News, May 2015](#)



We extend our thanks to our April presenter, Bob Carlson, of Connecticut, currently President of the Civil War Round Table of Central Massachusetts. As you can see in the picture above, his display of sharpshooter weapons was very impressive.

MASSACHUSETTS MAKES MEMORIAL DAY A HOLIDAY

...From the proceedings of the 16th Annual Encampment, the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic, held on January 30th, 1882, Faneuil Hall, Boston, Massachusetts, Commander George W. Creasey, at 7:00 pm, stated the following.....

There are several questions of importance that were referred by the last Encampment to the present Department officers, the first of which was the petition presented by my immediate predecessor to our State Legislature, asking that Memorial Day be made a legal holiday. The petition was favorably reported upon by the Military Committee by the Legislature to whom it was referred. The bill passed and on the eight day of March last the Governor of the Commonwealth approved the same by affixing his official signature to the bill. The pen used by his Excellency in performing this act he has presented to the Department in the following words: "With this pen was signed the bill making Memorial Day a legal holiday. It is presented to the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic, in response to whose petition the bill was enacted." Later his Excellency announced the action of the Legislature and called upon the people of the Commonwealth to observe this day by the following proclamation: -

Whereas, at the recent session of the Legislature, the thirtieth day of May in each year, being the day set apart for the decoration of the graves of deceased soldiers and sailors, and known as Memorial Day, was made a legal public holiday;Given at the Executive Chamber this twentieth day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty one. John D. Long

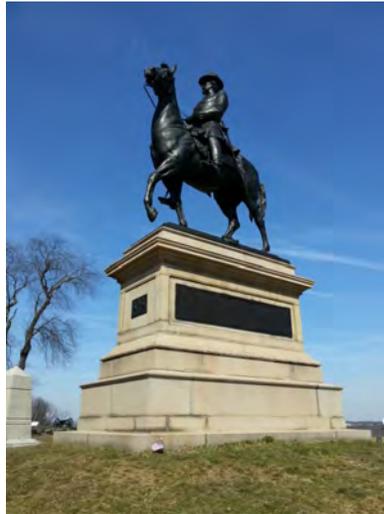
By his Excellency the Governor, Henry B. Peirce, Secretary

Order of Service—Rural Cemetery -Saturday May 23rd 9:00 AM

Welcome—Joseph Langlois
Raising of the Flag
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation
Logan's Order
A Memorial Day Reading
Roll Call of Past Veterans
Battle Hymn of the Republic
Gettysburg Address
Keynote Address—Mayor Jon Mitchell
Laying of Flowers
Rifle Salute
Sounding of Taps
Benediction
Adjournment

Memorial Day Service
Oak Grove Cemetery
185 Parker Street, New Bedford

“To Honor New Bedford Civil War Veterans”



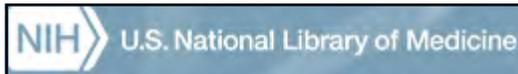
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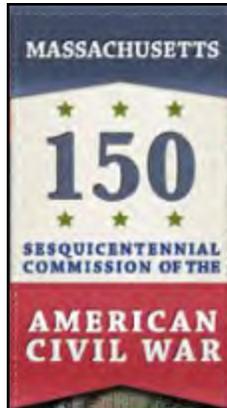
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ONLINE RESOURCES

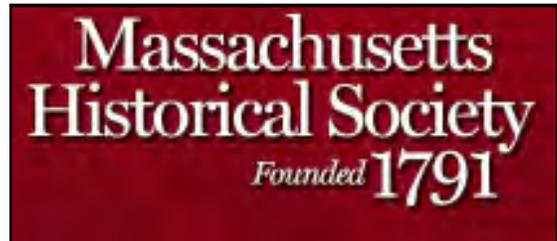
I am often asked what online resources I track and what websites are good for historical reading. Here are a few websites and programs I believe are good places to hang out. Do I read or use these websites regularly,well, when you are retired, as I am , the answer is - yes. Lots of good Civil War information. I hope you will check these websites. ... Bob



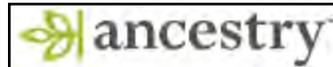
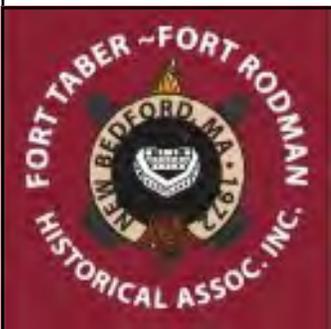
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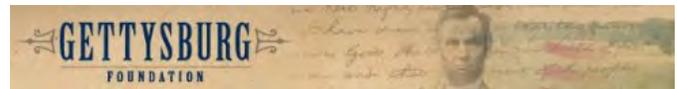


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Massachusetts Civil War Research Center



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in the Civil War section of the cemetery

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This past April 24 weekend, I traveled to Durham, N.C. , to observe the surrender of General Joe Johnston to General William Tecumseh Sherman. Saturday and Sunday were cold rainy days , but several thousand turned out to watch 400 to 500 living historians reenact the surrender. I took a few photos , as shown below. It was a quiet, but, moving ceremony. The Bennett Place farm location put a climax on the war, after the Grant–Lee surrender at Appomattox , but was just as important. More troops were surrendered here, than at Appomattox. These photos show the final stacking of arms, Sutler tents, the Unity Column, camp life, and the paroles issued to the Southern troops..... Bob Lytle

