

# THE FLAGBEARER

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

Membership Dues for this program year, September 2017 through June 2018 should be paid as soon as possible. Please see the renewal form enclosed.

Look for the start of a 50/50 raffle fundraising opportunity that will support our organization. The winner will be announced at our Holiday Party on Dec 19th.

We are very pleased to announce that we have confirmed the speaker for September 25, 2018, - Col. Kevin Weddle, PhD., Professor of Military Theory and Strategy, US Army War College, Carlisle Pennsylvania. This will be a return engagement, and the topic will be one that you will find interesting: *The Events Leading to Antietam*. He will also speak to the Fort Taber~Fort Rodman Historical Association the night before our meeting, Monday, Sept 24, 2018. He will be discussing his latest book—*focused in the Revolutionary War*.

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## Greater New Bedford Civil War Round Table

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 @ 7:00 pm

We meet at the Fort Taber~Fort Rodman Military Museum

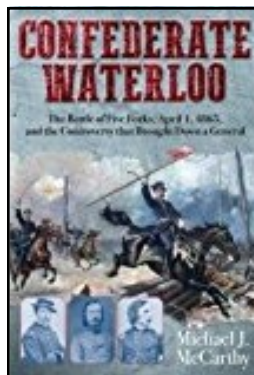


November speaker

**Michael McCarthy**

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

Michael McCarthy is a graduate of LeMoyne College, with a BA in History. He received his MA in American History in 1971. Circumstances led him to a career in government and he received MPA degrees in public finance from the University at Albany and in public management from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. During his long career with New York State he never lost his love of Civil War history, however, as he approached retirement from the position of Asst Commissioner of the State Department of Transportation, he went back to school and received his PhD. in American History from the University of Albany in 2010. His interest in the Battle of Five Forks was kindled during a Capital District Civil War Round Table trip to the battlefield, and his book, *Confederate Waterloo: The Battle of Five Forks, April 1, 1865 and the Controversy That Brought Down a General*, is a re-edited version of his dissertation.



### HOLD THE DATE OPEN

*It's our Annual Holiday Dinner and Book Raffle  
Tuesday December 19, 2017 6:00 pm*

*Me and Ed's Restaurant Buffet \$27.00 per person  
Look for the sign up invitation/ticket info in this mailing*

*This date in history.....*

1861

- Nov 1: McClellan replaces Winfield Scott
- Nov 2: Fremont is removed in the Western Dept
- Nov 6 : Official Election of Jefferson Davis
- Nov 8: Seizure of Slidell and Mason, The Trent Affair
- Nov 13: Lincoln and his secretary John Hay arrive at McClellan's home , only to be snubbed
- Nov 19: Maj. Gen'l Henry Halleck assumed command Of the Department of the Missouri
- Nov 26: A convention in Wheeling adopted a constitution for a new state to be called West Virginia

1862

- Nov 5/7: McClellan replaced by Burnside
- Nov 20: Robert E. Lee arrives at Fredericksburg
- Nov 26: Lincoln arrives at Belle Plain for a conference with Burnside

1863

- Nov 1: Near Chattanooga, Grant's new supply line began to function, siege is almost over
- Nov 2: Lincoln receives an invitation to make a few "appropriate remarks" at Gettysburg
- Nov 11: Maj. Gen'l Ben Butler returned to active Federal command, in charge of the Dept of Virginia and North Carolina
- Nov 19: Lincoln's Gettysburg address
- Nov 23: Battle of Chattanooga
- Nov 25: Battle of Missionary Ridge
- Nov 26: Mine Run, Virginia campaign begins

1864

- Nov 8: Lincoln is reelected
- Nov 16: Sherman leaves Atlanta on March to the Sea
- Nov 21: Lincoln writes famous Bixby letter
- Nov 21: Hood advances toward Tennessee
- Nov 30: Battle of Franklin, Tenn. Confederate losses include six generals.

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

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Jan 23, 2018

Chuck Viet

*Chuck returns with the story of the U.S.S. Alligator*



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*We are holding the Feb 2018 date open in hopes that we can host a visit by one of the top speakers of the Gettysburg National Park Service Ranger Corps. We are keeping our fingers crossed.*

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March 27, 2018

*Susan B. Smith  
Jackson's 'Little Sorrel'*



Jackson and Little Sorrel, painting by David Bendann

**Make Your Reservations Soon !!!**

**New Bedford Civil War Round Table Annual  
Holiday Party at Me and Ed's Restaurant**

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 19, 2017, 6:00 PM**

**Civil War Trivia**

**How many amendments to the Constitution were the direct result of the Civil War?**

**Three ( Thirteen, Fourteen, and Fifteen )**

**What structure, completed in 1897, stands 150 feet tall and is the largest mausoleum in the nation?**

**Grant’s tomb, in New York City**

**How many military engagements occurred during the war?**

**10,455**

**When elevated five degrees, what is the approximate range of the deadly Napoleon field gun”**

**A little more than 1,600 yards**

**How many prisoners of war are estimated to have died in captivity?**

**Federal: 23,000 Confederate: more than 26,000**

**When its membership peaked in 1890, how many veterans belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR)**

**427,981**

**How many men were included in a full division, if all brigades were at full strength?**

**12,000**

**How many men deserted from Union forces during a typical week in 1865-1865?**

**1,250**

**When Confederate raiders descended upon St. Albans, Vermont, how much loot did they get from the banks of the town?**

**\$200,000**

**2018 Speakers.....Continued**

**November 13, 2018**

**Megan Kate Nelson returns.**

**She will feature her newest book , “Path of the Dead Man: How the West was Won,- and Lost- during the American Civil War.” Kate was recently honored as a recipient of a 2017 NEH Public Scholar Award. This is her 3rd or 4th appearance here.**



**.....More on 2018 Round Table Speakers**

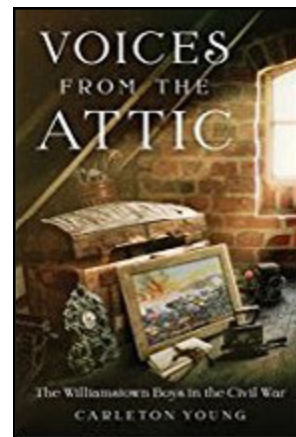
**April 24, 2018**

**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.**



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**September 25, 2018**

**.....The return of**

**Col. Kevin Weddle**

**Professor of Military Theory and Strategy at the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, Pennsylvania**



**October 23, 2018**

**Kate Ramirez, Living Historian**

**Mary Surratt, Lincoln Assassination—Co-conspirator**

**Hung on July 7, 1865**

**“Guilty or Not Guilty”**

**This will be Kate’s first New England appearance. You will not wish to miss this performance, - historical, educational, and thought provoking. Guilty ???**

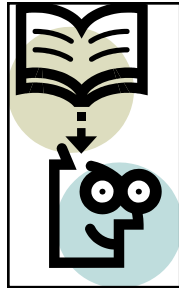




**2018 BOOK AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE  
BOOK AWARD COMMITTEE**



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.



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**UPDATE ON HOLIDAY PARTY AT ME AND ED'S**

**WE HAVE SOLD 6 TICKETS AS OF NOV 7TH. WE WILL NEED TO PICK UP THE PACE. I DO NEED TO ADVISE THE RESTAURANT AS TO HOW MANY WILL BE ATTENDING THE PARTY. PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT RIGHT NOW AND SEND IN YOUR RESERVATION AND CHECK. LAST YEAR WE HAD 48 IN ATTENDANCE FOR THE PARTY. LET'S SEE IF WE CAN HAVE 50 MEMBERS AND FRIENDS THIS YEAR THANKS....BOB LYTL**

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**The Boston Draft Riot of 1863**

On July 14, 1863, immigrants furious about conscription notices delivered to their homes instigated the Boston draft riot.

The Boston draft riot was overshadowed by the much worse anti-draft violence in New York City where an unknown number of rioters were killed and wounded.

The rioters were mostly Irish, mostly working class and they included women and children who feared poverty and starvation if the men who supported them went off to fight the Civil War.

For \$300, draftees could pay for a substitute, but that sum was out of reach of Boston's working class immigrants. They viewed the conflict as a rich man's war but a poor man's fight.

Around lunchtime David Howe and Wesley Hill, federal draft agents were walking through the North End, then a working class Irish neighborhood. They were delivering the first federal draft notices in U.S. history.

When they reached Prince Street, Irish women began screaming at the draft agents. Men coming home for lunch from the nearby gas works heard the commotion and began crowing around them.

Hill fled, but Howe was trapped and beaten. A police officer managed to rescue him. By late afternoon an angry crowd had grown. Boston police barricaded themselves in the station house.

Gov. John Andrews was at the Harvard commencement. He called in troops from the forts in the harbor and local camps. Mayor Frederic Lincoln used the police telegraph to summon the militia. He ordered the troops to protect the armories.

One company went to protect the Marshall Street Armory, two went to Cooper Street under the command of Stephan Cabot.

The mob broke through the Armory, Stephan Cabot gave the order to fire the cannon through the door. Several in the crowd were killed, including a 12-year-old boy.

The crowd next headed for the gun shops on Dock Square but the police arrived ahead of them

Tensions began to ease overnight, though small knots of people lingered. City and State officials asked for calm, while Catholic priests walked through the neighborhoods.

The next morning brought no more violence.

# New Bedford Civil War Round Table

## 2017- 2018 Membership/Dues Renewal Form

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

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

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ (Please PRINT clearly)

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

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE AND REMINDER**

**WE HAVE RECEIVED DUES OR NEW MEMBERSHIP REQUESTS FROM 22 OF YOU. THANK YOU FOR REMEMBERING THE NEW BEDFORD CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE. IF YOU HAVE NOT YET PAID YOUR DUES , THEY WERE DUE ON SEPT 1st. PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT AND SEND IN YOUR 2017-2018 DUES PAYMENT.**