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# THE FLAGBEARER

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

...Please note the change of the meeting date—November 13th, so as to not conflict with those that might be traveling Thanksgiving week.

This will be Megan Kate Nelson's third visit to the New Bedford Civil War Round Table.

...Please submit your 2018-2019 Round Table dues soon.

...Plan to attend the Nov 11 Armistice of World War 1 Ceremony at the Fort Taber~Fort Rodman Military Museum—2:00 pm Nov 11.

...Thank you the excellent turnout for the Kate Taylor / Mary Surratt October meeting.

...Please see the Round Table of Boston announcement of the 2018 "5 Days in May" trip. There will be a strong interest in this year's trip and we may need to be resourceful in getting all of us to the pick up point in Boston, the morning of departure. We will need driver volunteers.

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## Greater New Bedford, Mass Civil War Round Table

**Tuesday November 13, 2018, 7:00 pm**

**At the Fort Taber~Fort Rodman Military Museum**

**1000c Rodney French Blvd. New Bedford**

**Please note the change of date, the second Tuesday of November , so as to avoid the conflict with Thanksgiving week**

**Open to the public , no fees, bring a friend**

### Megan Kate Nelson returns.



Megan Kate Nelson is a writer and historian based in Lincoln, Massachusetts. Her book manuscript in progress, *Path of the Dead Man: How the West was Won - and Lost - during the American Civil War*, received a 2017 NEH Public Scholar Award, and will be published by Scribner in 2020.

Nelson has also written for the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Smithsonian Magazine*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Preservation Magazine*, *Civil War Times*, and *Civil War Monitor*.

Her blog, *Historista* ([www.historista.com](http://www.historista.com)), examines the surprising, cool, and weird ways that people engage with history in everyday life. She earned her BA in History and Literature from Harvard University and her PhD in American Studies from the University of Iowa, and has taught at Texas Tech University, Cal State Fullerton, Harvard, and Brown.

**ATTENTION CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE MEMBERSHIP**

On Nov 11, 2018, at the Fort Taber~Fort Rodman Military Museum there will be a ceremony commemorating the Armistice of World War 1.

Joe Langlois, President of the Fort Taber~Fort Rodman Historical Association , and President of the New Bedford Civil War Round Table , will lead the Commemoration event. The WW1 Ceremony will begin at 2:00. The event keynote speaker will be Stephan Taber, Co-Chair of the Massachusetts World War 1 100 year Anniversary Commission.

The Military Museum will be conducting an Open House during the morning, and will ring the Bells of Peace 21 times at 11:00 a.m. commemorating the signing of the Armistice at 11:00 a.m. Nov 11, 1918



There will be a formal ceremony beginning at 2:00 p.m. and will feature readings and a keynote address by Stephan Taber , Co-Chair of the Massachusetts World War 1 Commission.

It is hoped that you can find the time in your schedule on Nov 11 to visit the Military Museum.

Joe Langlois also has announced a new armory exhibit at the Museum, to be opened on Nov 11.

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The U.S Postal Service is set to once again raise the price of first class mail. This will hasten the time when we must go all digital with the distribution of the "Flagbearer" .

It is imperative that we receive from you an email address where we can send you the "Flagbearer."

Send to

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Thank you , Bob Lytle

**Spring 2019 Speaker Lineup**

Jan 22, 2019

David Prentiss "The Civil War and the American Idea of Democracy  
Great to have David back as a speaker.



Feb 26, 2019

Tom Nester, Bridgewater State University

Mar 26, 2019

Mark Mello , Park Ranger



James Henry Gooding: The 54th's  
Unsung Hero

April 23, 2019

Chuck Veit returns

This time Chuck will cover how the Union Navy prevented World War 1. What's that you say? The Union Navy's successful blockade of the Southern States and rapid build up of war ships gave pause to the Colonial powers of Europe in their contemplation of recognizing the South as a country.



...From the Civil War News Publication

The second congress meeting of Civil War Round Tables meet in August at the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, Pa. 62 Round Table leaders from 16 states met for 3 days. Agenda topics addressed such topics as how to best use advisory boards, how to best set up governing boards, the use of social media, how to increase membership, and keeping the Round Tables fresh, and on target. Presentations were given by leadership from the Brunswick, NC Round Table whose membership is about 1,200, and from Scottsdale, AZ whose membership has grown from 100 to 400 in a very brief time. This second Congress offered ample opportunity for information sharing and networking.

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Newly released books for your consideration.....

*The Commanders: Civil War Generals Who Shaped the American West*, by Robert M. Utley. University of Oklahoma Press.

*Stark Mad Abolitionists: Lawrence, Kansas, and the Battle over Slavery in the Civil War Era*, by Robert K. Sutton. Forward by Bob Dole. Skyhorse Publishing

*The Camel Regiment: A History of the Bloody 43rd Mississippi Volunteer Infantry CSA 1862-1865*, by W. Scott Bell. Pelican Publishing

*The Civil War and the Transformation of American Citizenship*. Edited by Paul Quigley. Louisiana State University Press

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Don't forget that Remembrance Day Weekend in Gettysburg is November 16-18. There will be a Civil War Expo at the Hotel Gettysburg. For more info: [genjenkins@aol.com](mailto:genjenkins@aol.com)

The Annual Lincoln Forum symposium will be Nov 16-18 at the Wyndham Hotel, Gettysburg. For information: [www.thelincolnforum.org](http://www.thelincolnforum.org)

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Do you have an ancestor the fought in the Civil War? For the Jan issue of *Flagbearer* we will feature that person, his name, unit, and engagements, if you have information on that person. Email the info to me:

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.....More from the Quartermaster Supply and Logistics

It required about 6 beef cattle to supply 4 regiments, brigade ( each regiment was 1,000 soldiers ) per day. A full strength division of three brigades consumed about 24 head of beef per day, and an army corps ( 36,000 soldiers ) 72 head of cattle per day. Credit to Rodney C. Lackey

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The war 150 + years ago.....

November 1861

McClellan replaces Winfield Scott. Election of Jefferson Davis. Maj. Gen'l Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson assumed command of the new Shenandoah Valley District. Maj. Gen'l John C. Fremont is removed. Seizure of Mason and Slidell: The Trent affair begins. In the evening of Nov 11, President Lincoln and his secretary John Hay visited Gen'l. McClellan at his home. The President waited some time before the general arrived., but McClellan retired immediately without speaking to Mr. Lincoln.

November 1862

Northern Democrats gain in mid-term elections. McClellan is relieved from command and replaced by Burnside. A quiet month.

November 1863

Lincoln delivers the Gettysburg Address. Maj'l General Benjamin Butler is returned to command. Placed in charge of the Department of Virginia and North Carolina. The siege of Knoxville Tenn. Is underway and the partial siege of Chattanooga continues. Grant is charge out west and battles occur at Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge. In the east the Battle of Mine Run is taking place.

November 1864

The Northern election commands most of the attention. For the first time in history, the armies of a major nation would vote during a war. Lincoln wins over McClellan. Sherman's march to sea begins. Lincoln's letter to Mrs. Lydia Bixby. Battle of Franklin Tennessee.

# *New Bedford Civil War Round Table*

## *2018- 2019 Membership Form*

*Membership is valid for 2018-2019 Program year, beginning September 1, 2018. Please fill out this form, along with check payable to "New Bedford CWRT" and send to:*

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*The New Bedford Civil War Round Table is a nonbiased, broad-based organization dedicated to the study of all aspects of the American Civil War, and organized exclusively for educational and charitable purposes.*



# COME JOIN UP

Plans have been completed for another great and memorable Civil War trip. The trip is scheduled for May 15, 2019 through May 19, 2019. Some of the sites chosen for this trip are the very foundation of our democracy. Other sites that will be visited are a reminder of our American Civil War. We will visit the National Archives that houses the original Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, the Constitution the Gettysburg Address and Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address. These sites will only whet your appetite as we continue our tour we will visit the Capitol Building and the Smithsonian National Museum of American History. Continuing on we will pay a visit to the Soldiers and Airmen's Home National Cemetery where we will lay a wreath at the grave Major General John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic buried alongside the graves of 27 graves of recipients of the Medal of Honor. The cemetery is included on the same property of Lincoln's summer home which we will also visit Included in this cram packed trip will be a visit to Newseum where we will experience the stories of yesteryear. A visit to the Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Office will also be visited along our journey. This is just a partial list of all the exciting sites that Washington D. C. has to offer. There are many other surprises that have been planned for this trip. In order to have the energy for such a great trip a hearty breakfast at the Quality Inn Mt. Vernon Hotel in Alexandria, Va. for the 4 nights stay and dinners for 3 nights are included. Donations, guide fee, driver tip and admissions are also included. Transportation again will be by air conditioned coach supplied by the McGinn Bus Co. Our tour guide for this great trip will be Kate Ramirez Taylor long remembered guide of our 2017 Escape Route of John Wilkes Booth trip. For those of you who missed that trip you will have an opportunity to see her on October 23, 2018 as she presents the story of Mary Surratt in New Bedford for the New Bedford Civil War Round Table. See their website.([newbedfordcwr.org](http://newbedfordcwr.org)) What would a Civil War trip be without a Civil War meeting. Therefore, we will hold a meeting on Saturday evening at the Lincoln Memorial and have as guest speaker Paul Severance, Ph.D. Professor of Military Science for the Dept. of Defense Strategy and Resourcing. Plus much more .....

A \$50.00 deposit will hold a reservation for this fantastic trip. Send your check payable to the Civil War Round Table of Greater Boston c/o Al Smith 11 Poplar St. Belmont, Mass. 02478. The total cost for this trip \$865.00 for a single room and \$660.00 each for a double room. If you have any questions please contact Al at 6174845613 or at [ohjudyoh@yahoo.com](mailto:ohjudyoh@yahoo.com)