



# THE FLAGBEARER

## News from the Round Table....

Welcome back after the summer hiatus. We hope you enjoyed the summer.

Your Board of Directors has voted to keep the 2017 dues amount unchanged, but has decided that it makes more logic to change the term of membership from a calendar year, to a program year, beginning with September 2016 and continuing through next May/June, 2017.

Therefore, a 2016/2017 Membership dues form has been attached to this newsletter.

It is my personal feeling that we deliver a pretty good bang for the buck, delivering eight quality speakers per season, and all of them not asking for compensation. Yes, we encourage them bring their books for you to purchase. In addition, we award a \$500 Scholarship in May of each year. So, it is my hope that you will support your Board of Directors on this requested change.

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## Greater New Bedford Civil War Round Table

Tuesday, **September 27 2016, 7:00 pm**

Fort Taber~Fort Rodman Military Museum



.....Our September speaker is Matthew Cost, author of the recently published historical novel, **Joshua Chamberlain and the Civil War: At Every Hazard**. Because we have



as a Round Table member, and our newly designated "Director Emeritus", Col. Joshua Chamberlain, a.k.a. Rev Bob Macfarlane, you will not need much background information on Col. Chamberlain. You already know the story of the 20th Maine Regiment, at Little Round Top, July 2, 1863. Matthew's novel is historical fiction, is 99% factual, and weaves in and creates dialog and action to move the story forward, making it more accessible to readers who are not necessarily history buffs. Matthew chose Joshua Chamberlain as the subject of his story because he is a fascinating historical character who was present at many of the major milestones of the Civil War, from Antietam

to the turning point of the war at Gettysburg and finally as the officer selected to accept the surrender of Robert E. Lee and the Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox Courthouse.

Chamberlain is the novel's gallant hero. A stodgy professor from Bowdoin College in Maine with no previous military experience sacrifices a safe life because he believes in the cause of preserving the Union. Not sure of his own military abilities, he rises to the occasion at Antietam, Marye's Heights, Gettysburg, Petersburg and Appomattox. He is a commander who leads from the front.

War becomes exhilarating for Chamberlain. He is more at home leading the 20th Maine than he ever was in a classroom. Through his bout with malaria and his mortal wounding at Rives's Salient, he thinks of nothing but returning to his beloved command. Even the persistent pleas from his wife Fanny cannot get him to stay home. He has found his calling and it has transformed him.

Join us Tuesday, September 27th, to hear this fascinating story. Please consider bringing a guest. We begin the meeting at 7:00 pm, at the Fort Taber~Fort Rodman Military Museum—the building opposite the tank, after you have entered the park. There is no charge for the lecture. The meeting is open to the public.



Chamberlain as the Governor of Maine.



The Joshua Chamberlain Museum



**Rev. Bob Macfarlane honored with status as Director Emeritus , The Greater New Bedford Civil War Round Table.**



While Bob, a.k.a. Col Joshua Chamberlain, is semi retired , currently performing Interim Minister duties in Atkinson, N.H. , the Round Table thought it timely that we should honor Bob before he drifts too far away, physically , either in full retirement, or with a new Interim assignment.

The Round Table made this announcement at their Annual Cook Out Picnic and Annual Meeting in June 2016. Congratulations Rev. Bob Macfarlane, a Founding Father of our Round Table.

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The Olde Colony Civil War Round Table announces their Annual Jubilee Dinner and Preservation Raffle. I have attached their Jubilee Flyer and Ticket Application. This dinner will be on October 20th , at Lombardo's in Randolph MA. The program highlight will be

***An Evening with General Robert E. Lee***

***Presented by Kent A. Sinram***

Last year we had two carloads make the trip to the dinner and I would assume the same this year. Tickets are \$40.00. It would be wonderful if more of us considered attending this event. The raffle is quite something. There were about 80 items on the raffle table last year—and not just Civil War books. All of us , with the exception of Joe Langlois, usually walk away with something. Generous donations by businesses and individuals make this raffle possible. Plus, the dinner is first rate , and the lecture/presentation is always excellent. Lombardo's is conveniently located off of 128 , near the Braintree split with Rte 24.

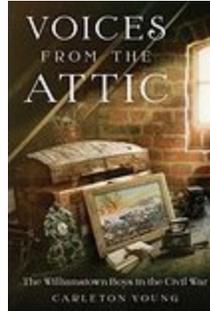
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**Meet the October 25 Speaker**



David Prentiss, Professor and New Bedford Civil War Round Table Member. ***“The Lesson of Lincoln: What Can Abraham Lincoln Teach Us Today”***

**New book releases for you to consider,.....**



**Voices from the Attic: The Williamstown Boys in the Civil War: By Carlton Young**

Carlton Young's family possessed a treasure trove of Civil War Letters penned by two ancestors from Williamstown, Vt. Young sought to find out who they were, what part they played in the war, and how they lived through the terror of battle and the rigors of army life.

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***This is a new book to be released October 15th , by James Conroy, a friend of the New Bedford Civil War Round Table.***

***James Conroy presented at our Round Table last year , “Our One Common Country: Abraham Lincoln and the Hampton Roads Peace Conference of 1865.” A recent email from Mr. Conroy presents an interesting offer to***

***us. He would like to speak at our Round Table—his new book being the topic. As a Round Table , we are booked on monthly speakers through May of 2017. Here is the question , would you consider attending a second Round Table meeting during a month that has five Tuesdays, such as November this year. We have Megan Kate Nelson scheduled Nov 15th, the week before Thanksgiving. Would you consider coming to a second Round Table meeting November 29th to hear James Conroy?***

***We will need some guidance from you at the September meeting.***

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***James Conroy's Lincoln's White House is the first book devoted to capturing the look, feel, and smell of the executive mansion from Lincoln's inauguration in 1861 to his assassination in 1865. Mr. Conroy brings to life the people who knew it, from servants to cabinet secretaries. We see the constant stream of visitors, from ordinary citizens to visiting dignitaries and diplomats. Conroy enables the reader to see how the Lincolns lived and how the administration conducted day-to-day business during four tumultuous years in American history.***