

April 2022

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...Al Smith canceled the "4 Days in May" trip

..Our Round Table needs your help. We need a recording Secretary to publish minutes of our quarterly Executive Board Meeting.

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# THE FLAGBEARER

## THE GREATER NEW BEDFORD CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

Tuesday April 26, 2022 7:00 p.m.

Low Tide Yacht Club building, 1000 So. Rodney French Blvd, New Bedford, MA located inside Fort Taber Park, open to the public, no charge, ample free parking

### OUR SPEAKER FOR APRIL 26, 2022

#### DAVID PRENTISS

David Prentiss is a long time member of the New Bedford Civil War Round Table. He has delivered many presentations to our organization.

His topic for April 26th is "The Art of Generalship: Grant's Vicksburg Campaign"

The capture of Vicksburg was on of the most difficult military objectives of the Civil War. Grant's campaign is the spring of 1863 which led to the siege of the city was a masterful example of generalship hat at the time was compared to Napoleon's greatest military achievements. David will examine the intricacies of Grant's operations and the critical decisions he made which led to the campaign's success.

David teaches part-time at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth in the Political Science department. He is currently the President of the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra and sits on several boards of local non profits. He has a B.A. in Philosophy from Assumption College, a M.A. in Political Science from Boston College, and a

Juris Doctor degree from New England School of Law.

We look forward to another interesting evening with David Prentiss.



**Save the Date**

The Annual June picnic of the New Bedford Civil War Round Table will be at the Low Tide Yacht Club building on



Tuesday June 28 at 6:00. Details will be in the May Flagbearer.

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**Salute to the Civil War Veterans**

Memorial Day weekend - Annual New Bedford Civil War Round Table Remembrance Service at Rural Cemetery, Dartmouth Street, New Bedford.

Saturday morning 9:00 A.M. May 28th in the Civil War Section of the Cemetery. Keynote speaker is scheduled to be New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell.



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**ON THIS DATE—APRIL 9, 1865**



Traveling to Civil War historical sites this year? Here are some recommendations for your touring adventures.

April 22 - 24...Spring Muster at the Gettysburg National Military Park

July 1-3...Sacred Trust event at Gettysburg National Park

November 18... Remembrance weekend events at Gettysburg, PA

May 21...Encounters with History The Friends of Gettysburg sponsors " Monument Madness" with Sue Boardman. Begins 9:00 am at visitor center

May 18-11...The North-South Skirmish Association 145th National Competition near Winchester, VA

April 30-May 1...THE 44th Annual Ohio Civil War Show and Sale , Mansfield Ohio

May 14-15 ...The 34th Annual Artillery School at Old Fort Niagara State Park , in Youngstown, NY

May 29...Philadelphia. Memorial Day observance at Laurel Hill Cemetery.

June 25-26...Annual Gettysburg Civil War Artifact Show

Aug 5-7... 160th anniversary reenactment of the Battle Cedar Mountain in Culpepper, Virginia

Nov 12... 41st Central Virginia Military Antique Show, Richmond Raceway Complex

July 23-24... Chattanooga Antique Military and Americana Show , East Ridge, TE



May 24, 2022 Speaker

Jamie Malanowski, Author and Screenwriter

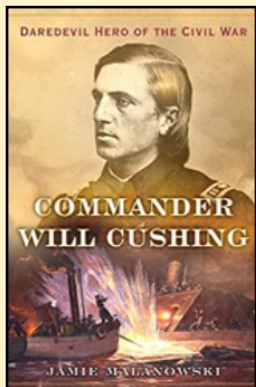
*“Commander Will Cushing, U.S. Navy, Daredevil Hero of the Civil War*

*It was October 1864. The Confederate ironclad CSS Albermarle had sunk two Federal warships and damaged seven others, taking control of the Roanoke River. Twenty-one year old Navy Lieutenant William Barker Cushing hatched a daring plan; to*



Jamie Malanowski

*attack the fearsome warship with a few dozen men in two small wooden boats. What followed, the close range torpedoing of the Albermarle and Cushing’s two day escape downriver is one of the most dramatic individual exploits in American military history.*



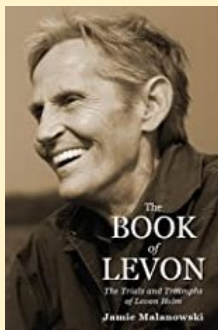
*Theodore Roosevelt said that Cushing “comes next to Farragut on the hero roll of American naval history”, but most have never heard of him*

*today. A thrilling narrative biography, steeped in tactics, weaponry, and battle techniques of the Union Navy, Commander Will Cushing brings to life a compelling but flawed figure. Along with three brothers, including the one that fell at Gettysburg, Cushing served with bravery and heroism. But he was irascible and complicated—a loveable rogue, prideful and impulsive, who nonetheless possessed a genius for combat.*

*In telling Cushing’s story, Melanowski paints a vivid, memorable portrait of the army officials, engineers, and politicians scrambling to win the war.*

*Please note Jamie’s other book shown here.*

*Do you remember “The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down”?*



Speaker for September 27, 2022

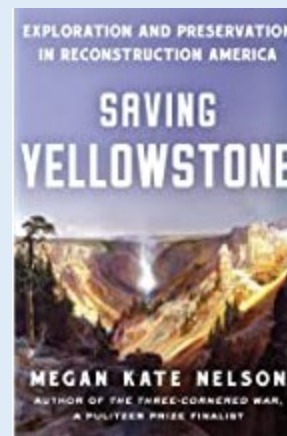
Megan Kate Nelson, Ph.D.

*Dr. Nelson returns to the New Bedford Civil War Round Table for the third or fourth time, this time to introduce her newest book,*



*“Saving Yellowstone”. Each year nearly four million people visit Yellowstone National Park, but few know the fascinating historical context in which it was established. In late July 1871, the geologist-explorer Ferdinand Hayden led a team of scientists through a narrow canyon into Yellowstone Basin, entering one of the last unmapped places in the country. The survey’s discoveries led to the passage of the Yellowstone Act in 1872, which created the first national park in the world.*

*Saving Yellowstone follows Hayden and two other protagonists in pursuit of their own agendas: Sitting Bull, a Lakota leader who asserted his peoples’ claims to their homelands, and financier Jay Cooke, who wanted to secure his national reputation by building the Northern Pacific Railroad through the Great Northwest. Hayden, Cooke, and Sitting Bull staked their claims to Yellowstone at a critical moment in Reconstruction, when the Grant Administration and the 42nd Congress were testing the reach and the purpose of federal power across the nation.*



*You may wish to purchase her book prior to the September 27th Round Table meeting.*

The Civil War Timeline for April

April 1861

War begins!! Fort Sumpter is fired upon and surrender April 13th  
Baltimore riots. Pres. Lincoln declares a blockade of Confederate states



April 1862

Siege of Yorktown  
Battle of Shiloh or Pittsburg Landing Tennessee  
Great Locomotive chase



April 1863

Siege at Vicksburg  
Moves toward Chancellorsville begins—Battle starts early May



April 1864

Banks' Red River campaign



April 1865

Surrender of Confederate forces  
Sultana tragedy

THE NEW BEDFORD CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

2021-2022 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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