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THE FLAGBEARER

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

April 25, 2023 6:00 P.M.

Low Tide Yacht Club Location, Doors open at 5:15, 1000 Rodney French Blvd, NB

No charge for attending meeting, ample well lit parking, bring a guest

This will be an in-person meeting. No Zoom available.

The April 25 Speaker will be

Paul Bourget



Paul Bourget is an avid American Civil War enthusiast. As a member of the federal Generals Corps, based in Pennsylvania, Bourget has been an active living historian, portraying Bvt. Major General George Sears Greene for the past thirteen years at many major reenactments.

Paul Bourget

While portraying General Greene, Bourget has given presentations on various aspects of the Civil War at various schools, colleges, museums, and historical societies.

On April 25, 2023, General Greene will discuss the impact that the battle of Chancellorsville (April 30-May 6, 1863) had on union and confederate commanders, officers, and men who fought at the Battle of Gettysburg two months later.

After an incredible start to the Chancellorsville Campaign, where Fighting Joe Hooker got behind Gen'l Robert E. Lee's forces at Fredericksburg, VA, Hooker's plan fell apart. Outnumbered over two to one, Lee's Army of Northern Virginia, overwhelmed Union forces at Chancellorsville, giving Lee his best victory of the war.



The Union Army of the Potomac was ready to avenge the defeat and were eager for a fight....even at great cost. General Greene and the XLL Corps were looking for payback.

**Meeting site is Low Tide Yacht Club,
1000 Rodney French Blvd, New
Bedford, Tuesday April 25**

Doors open at 5:15

Meeting starts at 6:00

....More about General George Sears Greene

While we all aware of his heroic effort on July 2, 1863, defending Little Round Top, let's review "Pap" Greene's beginnings as a civil engineer.

George Sears Green (May 6, 1801-Jan28,1899) was a part of the Greene family of Rhode island, which had a record of distinguished military service to the United States.

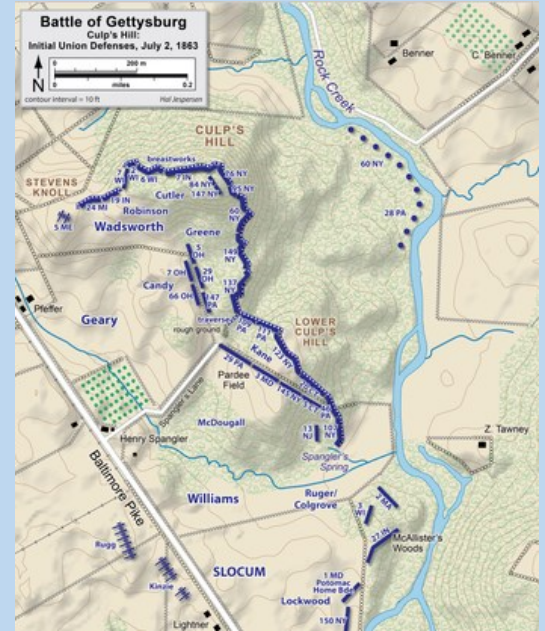
He first served in the Army from 1823 to 1836 after graduating second from his class at West Point. As a civilian, we was one of the founders of the American Society of Civil Engineers and Architects and was responsible for numerous railroads and aqueduct construction projects in the northeastern United States.

During his tenure as an assistant professor of mathematics at West Point, one of the students he taught during this period was Cadet Robert E. Lee.

As a civil engineer he built the municipal sewage and water systems for New York City and Detroit. In New York City he designed the Croton Aqueduct reservoir in Central Park and enlarged the High Bridge over the Harlem River.

Despite being out of the Army for 25 years, and over the age of 60, the crisis of the Union compelled Greene to rejoin the Army. He was appointed the Colonel of the 60th New York Volunteer Infantry on January 18, 1862. Greene was later elevated to Division and Brigade command and distinguished himself a dozen or more battles, before his famous stand at Little Round Top.

While he does not get the credit bestowed on Col. Chamberlain, 20th Maine, General Greene deserves an equal amount of credit for securing the other end of the Union line on July 2.



More about our speaker, Paul Bourget

Paul Bourget, CPA, is the owner and President of Bourget & Associates, with more than forty-five years of public accounting and consulting experience. He was the editor, researcher, and co-writer of the **Towers of Faith and Family**, a history of Woonsocket's St. Ann's parish, and he was the founding President of St. Ann's Arts and Cultural Center. He currently serves as the Past President of the Museum of Work & Culture's Preservation Foundation, Trustee of the RIC Foundation, Past Grand Knight of the Woonsocket Council 113 of the Knights of Columbus, and Chairman of the Woonsocket School Committee. Paul and his wife Denise live in Woonsocket, RI.

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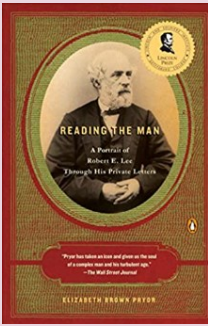
Please mark your calendar for April 25 6:00 pm, at the Low Tide Yacht Club for the next meeting of the New Bedford Civil War Round Table. Doors open at 5:15.

Follow us on Facebook or follow us on our website.

Paid your dues for 2023 ? Please see our Treasurer at the May meeting.

Tuesday, Apr 25th 2023

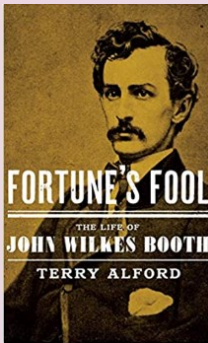
BOOK RECCOMENDATIONS



Elizabeth Brown Pryor

“Reading the Man: A Portrait of Robert E. Lee Through His private Letters

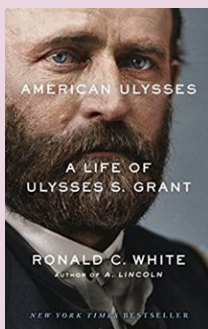
Winner of the “Lincoln Prize for Literature.” this book is as close as you will find on “Lee in his own words”



Terry Alford

“Fortune’s Fool: The Life of John Wilkes Booth”

Takes readers beyond the standard caricature of Booth as a disgruntled thespian with a villain’s mustache.



Ronald C. White

American Ulysses: A Life of Ulysses S. Grant.

Forces readers to think of Grant as more than the commander of the flagship army: He becomes a man reflective of the American Experience as the nation tore itself apart.

Credit to the magazine The Civil War Monitor

News from the New Bedford Civil War Round Table

...Please be sure to check our Facebook page for the latest news. Subscribe and check the notification tab for Round Table alerts. You will find links to videos of prior meetings

...We also keep our website current with the latest news, including the Flagbearer.

...Bring a friend to the meeting. There is no charge for guests. Remind guests that there is ample parking at the Ft Taber Park , Low Tide Yacht Club location. Doors open at 5:15 for coffee and refreshments.

...Mark your calendar, - our Memorial Day Ceremony at Rural Cemetery will be Saturday May 27, at 9:00 a.m.

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Saturday, May 27th 2023



Trivia Pursuit Questions About Lincoln's Assassination

1. *Who held Booth's horse's reins in the back alley at Ford's theatre?*
2. *The name of Laura Keene's 40 acre estate in New Bedford (now Fairhaven)?*
3. *What prep school did John Wilkes Booth attend?*
4. *Just days before the assassination what city did Booth visit?*
5. *What saloon next to Ford's Theatre did Booth visit just before the assassination?*
6. *What famous words did Booth yell out as he jumped onto the stage?*
7. *Name of the Provost Marshall responsible for the Booth search on the north side of D.C.*
8. *Who presided at the Booth trial—a military commission*
9. *The scaffolding where the defendants were hung, today is what?*

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| 1. Peanuts Borrows | 4. Newport R.I. | 7. Gen'l Timothy Ingraham of New Bedford |
| 2. Riverside Lawn | 5. Star Saloon | 8. Major General David Hunter |
| 3. Milton Academy | 6. sic semper tyrannis | 9. A tennis court |

THE NEW BEDFORD CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

2022-2023 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Program Year is July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

Please fill out this form and make check payable to "New Bedford CWRT"

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

Name _____

Type of Membership _____ Individual (\$25.00) _____ Family (\$30.00)

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Cell or Home phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Date: _____

....APRIL 1865 THE FINAL MONTH OF THE WAR—CRITICAL EVENTS DAY BY DAY

Appomattox Campaign begins

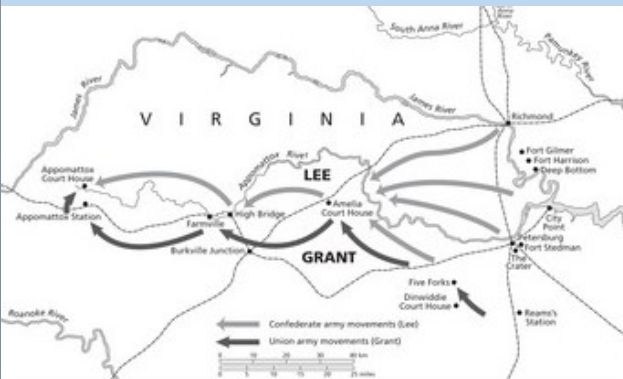
...April 1 Battle of Five Forks. “Hold Five Forks At All Hazards” Gen. Lee told George E. Pickett. If the Confederate line at Petersburg falls, the retreat route of the Army of Northern Virginia would be threatened. Five Forks collapses. Leading Confederate generals, including Pickett were attending a shad bake, unaware of the disaster..



...April 4 The Confederate government evacuates Richmond. President Lincoln arrives in Petersburg to witness fighting.

...April 4 President Lincoln travels on the River Queen and via a gig with 12 rowers to Richmond, landing near Libby prison.

... April 6 Lee meets Grant’s Army at Saylor’s Creek. Lee’s Army is gets strung out and separated.



...April 7 Grant opens correspondence with Lee. Lee asks Grant to outline his terms. They are near Farmville, Virginia. Lincoln awaits at City Point, - “Let The Thing Be Pressed”

... April 8 Lee responds to Grant that things have not yet progressed to the point of a surrender.

...April 9 Surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox Court House. Lincoln returns to Washington D.C. Fighting continues at Mobile, Alabama.



...April 13 Sherman enters Raleigh, NC. Ceremony at Appomattox Court House, Virginia



...April 14 Good Friday. U.S. Flag raised over Fort Sumter. John Wilkes Booth assassinates President Abraham Lincoln at Ford’s Theatre during performance of Our American Cousin.

...April 15 Abraham Lincoln is dead. “ Now He Belongs To The Ages” . Andrew Johnson takes oath.

...April 17 Genls. William T. Sherman and Joseph E. Johnston meet at Bennet House near Durham N.C. Booth and Davy Herold hiding in woods in Maryland. President Davis and his party are near Salisbury, N.C. enroute to Charlotte.

...April 19 Funeral services for Abraham Lincoln

...April 26 Surrender of Joseph E. Johnston. John Wilkes Booth captured and killed.



New Bedford Civil War Round Table

Memorial Day Service May 27, 2023 9:00 a.m.

Rural Cemetery, 149 Dartmouth Street, New Bedford, MA

Drive to the Civil War section in the back of the Cemetery



Welcome Remarks by Mark Mello, President of the Round Table

Raising of the American flag—Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Reading of General John A. Logan's Order #11, May 5, 1868 - Jack Byrnes

Keynote address by Honorable Jon Mitchell, Mayor of New Bedford

Gettysburg Address, - Jack Richer

Battle Hymn of the Republic by Caroline Blais, accompanied by Larry Roy

Laying of floral wreath by the 1850's Ladies, Ruth and Abby

Sounding of Taps, 215th Army Band, Massachusetts Army National Guard

Gun salute—Led by Stephen Pacheco

Moment of Silence led by Mark Mello

God Bless America by Caroline Blais

Salute to Civil War Veterans, by Peter Rioux

Benediction



At the conclusion of the service please join us under the canopy for refreshments. Mark Mello, President, The New Bedford Civil War Round Table

