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## THE GREATER NEW BEDFORD CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

### NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

February 27, 2024, 7:00 P.M.

Zoom Meeting Only \*\*\*\*\*Zoom Meeting Only

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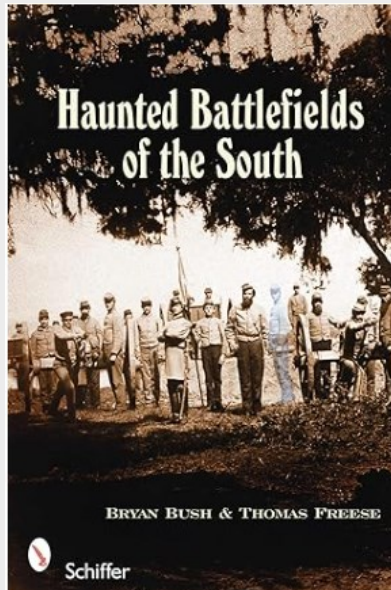
**Bryan S. Bush**

7:00 P.M.

**THIS WILL BE A ZOOM MEETING  
ONLY.**



Bryan S. Bush



We will open the February 27th Zoom meeting at 6:45. No password is needed.

The Zoom link will be sent to you 2 or 3 days before the meeting. At the January Zoom meeting we had 29 participants on line. It was an excellent presentation.

I am sure many of you have seen YouTube videos on Civil War Battlefield ghosts, or you have done battlefield ghost walks with the guide holding the lantern at dusk or in the evening. So prepare yourself for a special presentation. This should be a fun evening.

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Your editor will be absent in March, so check page 2 of this Flagbearer.

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**NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**March 26, 2024, 6:00 P.M.**  
**IN PERSON MEETING AT LOW TIDE YACHT CLUB**

**SPEAKER FOR MARCH 26TH, IN PERSON AT 6:00 P.M.**

## JUDGE JOSEPH MICHAUD

**6:00 P.M.**

**THIS WILL BE AN IN PERSON MEETING. WELCOME BACK TO IN-PERSON MEETINGS. DOORS OPEN AT 5:15. COFFEE AND PASTRIES AVAILABLE AT SOCIAL HOUR**



**Judge Joseph Michaud**

*Round Table member Joe Michaud will present a program on Major General Ambrose Burnside.*

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**JUST ANNOUNCED. THE FORT TABER~FORT RODMAN MILITARY MUSEUM WINTER HISTORY LECTURE SERIES WILL FEATURE OUR ROUND TABLE PRESIDENT, MARK MELLO, SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2024 AT 2:00 P.M.**

**WE HOPE YOU WILL SUPPORT THE WINTER LECTURE SERIES. MARK'S TALK WILL DISCUSS THE STONE FLEET ; NEW BEDFORD'S CONTRIBUTION DURING THE CIVIL WAR. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR.**



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

*We continue to remind you that dues for 2024 should be paid soon. Our dues calendar year ends June 30. Are you current? We hope so as we would not want to drop you from our membership list.*

*Please be alerted that Don Brown, Digital Outreach, will be emailing you and talking to you at our March meeting, about purchasing merchandise that has our Round Table logo imprinted; shirts and baseball hats. The shirts and caps come in a variety of colors and the quality is excellent.*

*Follow us on Facebook, and don't forget that we keep our website up-to-date, thanks to Following Sea Design web services. Find us at The New Bedford Civil War Round Table. Did you miss a meeting, check us on YouTube. Don Brown often records, edits, and links our meetings to YouTube.*

*Weather alert. If the New Bedford School system cancels school on a day when we are scheduled to have a meeting, we will cancel also. Usually the New Bedford Mayor orders the Parks and Recreation Board to close the Fort Taber gates when weather is bad or is predicted to be bad.*

*Our Annual Memorial Day weekend service will be Saturday morning May 25 at 9:00 a.m. at the Civil War Burial Section at Rural Cemetery, Dartmouth Street, New Bedford. The Round Table Memorial Day committee is well along in the planning stage. Last year we were impressed with the larger than normal turnout of citizens. It is a moving ceremony. We hope you will mark your calendar and be present in support of the Round Table.*

*Our Round Table is planning a day of headstone cleaning at the Civil War Section of Rural Cemetery on May 4th. You will hear more about this civic project in March—April. We are asking you to join us on the work detail. In partnership with the Round Table, we will be joined by local Scouts, and The New Bedford Historical Society.*

*The New Bedford Civil War Round Table Langlois Book Award Committee has started it's 2024 search for area high school seniors who will qualify for this award.*

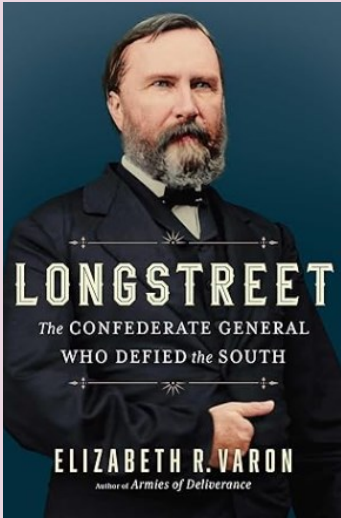
*Congratulations to Larry Monastesse for doing an excellent job at scheduling speakers for our Round Table. Larry is, however, moving on, and will not be handling this Speaker Engagement duty. We hope one of you reading this will step forward and take up this task. You will receive assistance as you learn the assignment. Interested? Contact Bob Lytle at 508-542-7630. The Round Table needs your help !*

*Let us not forget to support our sister Civil War Round Tables. We have several members also active with the Rhode Island Civil War Round Table, Olde Colony Civil War Round Table, Boston Civil War Round Table, and East Bridgewater Civil War Round Table. Check their websites and follow them on Facebook. Often their meetings are Zoom and you can be included.*

**JUST TO KEEP YOU SHARP NAME THE UNION ARMY CORPS BADGES**



## NEW BOOK RELEASES



### *Longstreet: The Confederate General Who Defied the South*

*By Elizabeth R. Varon*

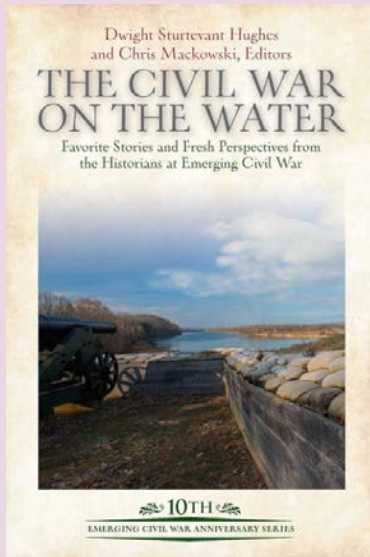
*Simon and Shuster*

*It was the most remarkable political about-face in American history. During the Civil War, General James Longstreet fought tenaciously for the Confederacy. He was alongside Lee at Gettysburg. He won a major Confederate victory at Chickamauga and was seriously wounded during a later battle.*

*After the war Longstreet moved to New Orleans, where he dramatically changed course. He supported Black voting and joined the newly elected, integrated postwar government in Louisiana. When white supremacists took up arms to oust that government, Longstreet leading the interracial state militia, did battle against former Confederates.*

*Elizabeth Varon does an excellent job of not only tracing Longstreet's career and contributions, but delves into the reasons for his actions, his justifications, and his desire to make a better life for all Southerners.*

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### *The Civil War on the Water: Favorite Stories and Fresh Perspectives from the Historians at Emerging Civil War*

*Edited by Dwight Sturtevant Hughes and Chris Mackowski*

*Although primarily a land conflict, the Civil War also raged on the water.*

*Nothing in the history and traditions of the U.S. Navy prepared it for civil war. The sea service expanded tenfold from a third-rate force to, at least temporarily, one of the most powerful and advanced navies in the world. Former shipmates now serving in the Confederacy, meanwhile, struggled to construct some semblance of a navy from practically nothing, applying innovative technologies and underdog strategies that would achieve more than anyone thought possible.*

*The resulting war on the water stretched from the Arctic Circle to the Caribbean in a stunning display of machine-age technologies that included ironclads, torpedoes, submarines, steam propulsion, and improved heavy artillery. Swift Rebel raiders like the CSS Shenandoah decimated Union commerce while hundreds of storm-tossed blockaders patrolled the meandering southern coastline from Hatteras to Galveston to interdict enemy commerce.*

*Titanic clashes erupted between seacoast fortifications and Mr. Lincoln's warships at Port Royal, New Orleans, Charleston, Wilmington, and Mobile. Massive amphibious operations on the Virginia Peninsula, in the North Carolina Sounds, and at Fort Fisher presaged 20th-century conflicts. Farther inland, the two services invented various riverine warfare tactics that played decisive roles at Memphis, Forts Henry and Donelson, Vicksburg, Island No. 10, and elsewhere.*

## TIMELINE FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH 1862

...1862

Feb... General Grant takes Fort Henry, Tennessee.

...Battle of Roanoke Island, North Carolina

...William Wallace "Willie" Lincoln died at the age of 12.

...In New York City convicted slave trader Nathaniel Gordon is hanged.

...The U.S.S. Monitor left New York City for sea trials.

Mar...Confederate forces in the New Mexico Territory under H.H. Sibley entered Santa Fe after Federals retired to Fort Union to the northeast.

...Federal troops under Nathaniel Banks advanced up the Shenandoah Valley from Harper's Ferry toward Winchester Va.

...Action begins at Pea Ridge, or Elk Horn Tavern Ark.

...Van Dorn's weakened Confederate forces retreat toward the Arkansas River. It was the last major offensive 1864.

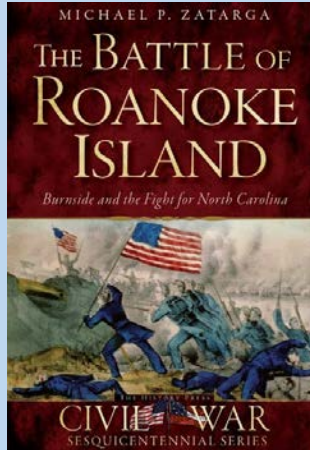
...President Lincoln issues War Order his grand movement to the Peninsula.

...The Battle of the Monitor and the Merrimack begins at 9:00 a.m. March 9

...Lincoln issues War Order #3 officially removing McClellan as General-In-Chief but retains him as Department Commander Army of the Potomac.

...Battle of Kernstown in the Shenandoah Valley—marks the beginning of Jackson's Valley campaign

...President Lincoln, believing McClellan did not honor his commitment to protect Washington D.C. with sufficient troops, orders troops back to the Capital. This back and forth is still being discussed today.



National Portrait Gallery - Smithsonian I...  
Forts Henry and Donelson ...



in the Trans-Mississippi until

#2 and McClellan begins to plan



Time for dues renewal 2023-2024. Not sure if you are current ? Or, perhaps you don't recall if you sent in a dues check. Here is easy answer, no need to call the Treasurer. If you do not have a dues card in your possession, that reads New Bedford Civil War Round Table member "2023-2024", then you haven't paid your dues. Time to remit. We value your membership. With it, we fund our annual Joseph Langlois book award scholarship, and pay our bills. Please take the time to support our Round Table. Keep the Flagbearer coming to your electronic mailbox.

**The New Bedford Civil War Round Table**

**2023-2024 Membership and Dues**

**Effective Dates July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024**



**IT IS TIME TO SUBMIT YOUR DUES FOR THE NEW SEASON ; 2023 -2024.**

**Please fill out the form and make the 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:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for being a member of the New Bedford Civil War Round Table**