

January 2023

# THE FLAGBEARER

*This issue of the Flagbearer*

*...Jan meeting is Zoom only, - no in-person meeting for January*

*... Speaker for Jan is Steven R. Stotelmyer*

*...Feb speaker is David Prentiss*

*...March speaker is Patrick H. Breen*

*...Pete Rioux's Trivia Pursuit*

*...Appomattox Surrender*

*... A picture is worth a thousand words*

*...Dues and Membership form*

*...Match General to his horse*

*...Regimental Monuments*

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

January 24, 2023, 7:00 P.M.

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

*Zoom Speaker for January 24, 2023, 7:00 p.m.*

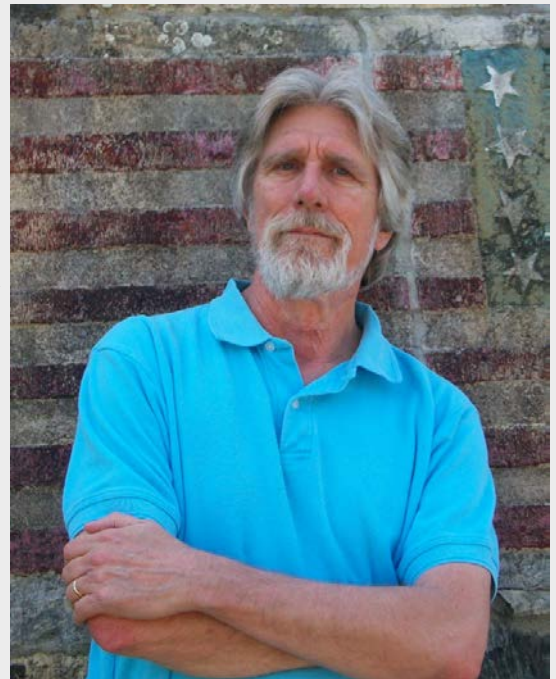
### Steven R. Stotelmyer

*A native of Hagerstown, Maryland, Mr. Stotelmyer has a B.S. from Frostburg State College, and a master of Arts from Hood College in Frederick, Maryland. He is a Navy veteran. He has taught in the Washington County Public School System for 10 years. He has walked the Antietam battlefield since he was a young child growing up nearby.*

*His topic: McClellan and his generalship*

*Based on his book:*

*"Too Useful To Sacrifice: Reconsidering the Generalship of George B. McClellan during the Maryland Campaign"*



Steven R. Stotelmyer

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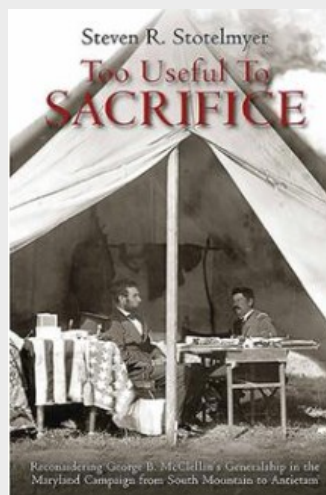
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*This will be a Zoom only meeting. We will return to in-person meetings in February.*

*Look for a Zoom link as we get closer to the January 24 meeting date.*

...More on our January speaker, Steven R. Stotelmyer, and his topic

Had Robert E. Lee's first movement north in September 1862 been completely successful, it is very likely that the late nineteenth century would have seen at least two independent nations between Canada and Mexico. Of course, that did not happen, due in large part to the generalship of George B. McClellan. Ironically, rather than receive the recognition due for guiding the Union through one of its greatest crises, this able general is largely castigated in the pages of traditional history for not accomplishing more. In this upcoming presentation, Stephen R. Stotelmyer throws light on the accepted myths of General



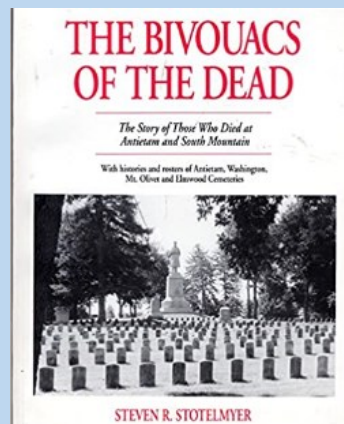
McClellan's alleged shortcomings during the Maryland Campaign of 1862. Best remembered in popular history as the bad general that Lincoln said had the "slows." McClellan has long been typecast as the slow, timid, overly cautious general who did not want to fight; however, there are several aspects of the campaign that simply do not fit the stereotype. Steve's talk explores some of the fallacies behind these long-held beliefs.

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Before retirement, Steven R. Stotelmyer was employed as a teacher, surveyor and civil engineer. In 1989 Steve was a founding member of the Central Maryland Heritage League, a non-profit land trust which helped preserve some of the South Mountain Battlefield. During his tenure with CMHL, he discovered

significant information regarding the Legend of Wise's Well. This led to the publication of the Bivouacs of the Dead: The Story of Those Who Died at Antietam and South Mountain (Toomey Press, 1992). Steve is a National Park Service Volunteer as well as a NPS Certified Antietam and South Mountain Battlefield Tour Guide.

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### FEBRUARY 28, 2023 MEETING

Speaker will be David Prentiss

This will be an in-person meeting on February 28 at 6:00 at the Low Tide Yacht Club location. Doors open at 5:15 for social hour.

David Prentiss is a long time member of our Round Table and has delivered many interesting presentations to our organization.



February 2023						
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Tuesday, Feb 28th 2023

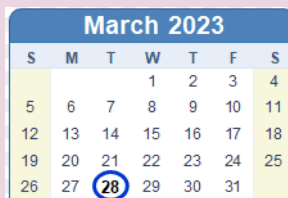
**ANNOUNCING OUR SPEAKER FOR TUESDAY MARCH 28, 2023**

Low Tide Yacht Club Location , Ft Taber Park 6:00 p.m. In-Person meeting

**PATRICK H. BREEN**

Associate Professor, Providence College

Ph. D. University of Georgia



Tuesday, Mar 28th 2023

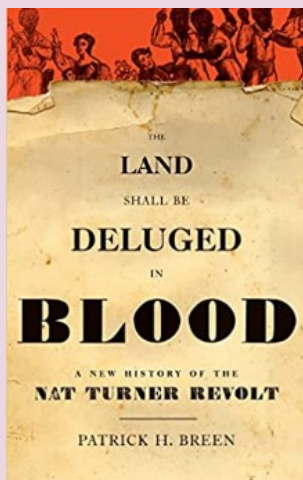


Patrick H. Breen

...From Michael W. Coffey of The North Carolina Historical Review

“ (A) fascinating account of the 1833 Nat Turner rebellion in Southampton County Virginia and its aftermath. The book provides both an excellent narrative history of the events and an analytic framework to examine im-

portant issues in southern historiography...The Land Shall Be Deluged in Blood is a significant contribution to the literature on Nat Turner and the 1831 uprising. It is highly recommended to those interested in the Turner rebellion, slave resistance, and the coming Civil War.”



...from Oxford University Press. “Challenges the argument that Thomas Gray manipulated the Confessions of Nat Turner and the figure of blacks killed without trial after the revolt.”

Also....”Offers a revisionist and comprehensive narrative of the most famous slave revolt in American history.”

**WE’VE DONE THIS BEFORE , AND THERE IS ALWAYS SOME INTEREST AND FUN**

**Match the General to his horse**

1. George Mead
2. George Thomas
3. Phillip Sheridan
4. George McClellan
5. William T. Sherman
6. John Reynolds
7. John Sedgewick
8. Joshua Chamberlain
9. Grant
10. John Buford

- A. Grey Eagle
- B. Fancy
- C. Cornwall
- D. Charlemagne
- E. Black Burns
- F. Blackie
- G. Billy
- H. Cincinnati
- I. Rienzi
- J. Dolly

Answers

- 1-F
- 2-G
- 3-I
- 4-E
- 5-J
- 6-B
- 7-C
- 8-D
- 9-H
- 10-A

SOME ARE SECONDARY HORSES



## ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE SURRENDER OF THE ARMY OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA (1865)

After the fall of Richmond, the Confederate capital, on April 2, 1865, officials in the Confederate government including Jefferson Davis, fled. The dominoes began to fall. The surrender at Appomattox took place a week later on April 9, 1865.

Shown here is the agreement reached between Grant and Lee.

Appomattox Court House Virginia

April 10, 1865

Agreement entered into this day regard to the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia to the United States authorities.

1st The troops shall march by Brigades and Detachments to a designated point, stack their Arms, deposit their flags, Sabers, Pistols, etc. and from thence march to their homes under charge of their Officers, superintended by their Division and Corps Commanders, Officers, retaining their side Arms, and the authorized number of private horses.

2. All public horses and public property of all kind to be turned over to Staff Officers designated by the United States Authorities.

3. Such transportation as may be agreed upon as necessary for the transportation of the Private baggage of Officers will be allowed to accompany the Officers, to be turned over at the end of the trip to the nearest U.S. Quarter Masters, receipts being taken for same.

4. Couriers and Wounded men of the artillery and Cavalry whose horses are their own private property will be allowed to retain them.

5. The surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia shall be construed to include all the forces operating with that Army on the 8th inst., the date of commencement of negotiation for surrender, except such bodies of Cavalry as actually made their escape previous to the surrender, and except also such forces of Artillery as were more than Twenty (20) miles from Appomattox Court House at the time of the surrender on the 9th inst.

Per The U.S. National Archives and Records Administration



... A picture is worth a thousand words, right? What does this picture tell us about the two soldiers in this picture.

In the foreground is a cavalry sergeant in a dark blue cloth uniform jacket prescribed for all enlisted men

His unit and arm are recognizable by the yellow metal insignia on his kepi, the yellow lace trimmings on the collar and cuffs, and around the edge of the jacket.

The first sergeant's yellow worsted binding chevrons and lozenge, the stripe on his trousers seam, and the red sash show his rank, while the half-chevron on his lower sleeve testifies to faithful service.

His light blue overcoat is strapped to his pommel and he is using the dark blue saddle blanket with an orange stripe adopted in 1859.



On the white horse is a major of ordnance in the dark blue, double-breasted cloth frock coat, with 2 rows of 7 buttons worn by all field grade officers. The dark blue ground of his shoulder straps shows he that he is a member of the Central Staff or Staff Corps, and the gold oak leaves show his rank as a major. The Ordnance Corps insignia on the front of his forage cap is a gold embroidered shell and flame on a lack velvet background, and on the gilt, convex buttons on the frock coat are crossed cannon and bombshell, with a circular scroll over and across the cannon, containing the words, 'Ordnance Corps'.

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### WHAT REGIMENTAL MONUMENTS AM I LOOKING AT?



1st Mass  
Vol Inf at  
Gettysburg  
2nd Div 3rd  
Corp Army  
of the Poto-  
mac



20th Mass  
Vol Inf at  
Gettysburg  
2nd Bri-  
gade, 2nd  
Div, 2nd  
Corps,  
Army of the  
Potomac



13th Mass  
Vol Inf at  
Gettysburg  
1st Brig--  
2nd Div--  
1st Corps  
Army of the  
Potomac

By popular demand from you , here is the Holiday dinner trivia pursuit.

Peter Rioux's Holiday Dinner Trivia Pursuit Questions

1. Who referred to Jefferson Davis as Jeffie and Lee as Bobby
2. Battle where Sherman, Thomas and Hooker all fought at once.
3. Name of Grant's wife
4. First name of Lincoln's mother and stepmother
5. Grant's correct full name
6. Battle where Jackson earned his nickname "Stonewall"
7. He served four years from 1853 to 1857 as Franklin Pierce's Sec. of State
8. Name the boat on which Lincoln met with Grant and Sherman in March 1865 to plan the end of the war
9. Who said let us pass over the river and rest under the shade of the trees
10. At Shiloh, name of Grant's and Albert Sidney Johnson's armies
11. In the movie, young Mr. Lincoln, who played the title role
12. Nickname given Grant after the victories at Forts Henry and Donaldson
13. When Lincoln said " my God, what will the country say, what event was he referring to?
14. Suffering from intense vertigo he ordered himself lashed to the rigging of his ship.
15. Name of college where Chamberlain served as President for 12 years
16. Battle where Lee said "it is well that war is so terrible we should grow too fond of it.
17. To whom did Lee say at Gettysburg " the enemy is there and I am going to strike him"
18. Confederate commander at Fort Sumter
19. Name of McClellan's horse
20. After Chancellorsville who said I just lost my confidence in Old Joe Hooker.
21. City presented to Lincoln by Sherman as Christmas gift in 1864
22. Two states where the most battles were fought
23. Cemetery where most Union soldiers buried
24. Who Lee was referring to when he said " I know not how to replace him"
25. He purchased pine table used by Grant and Lee to sign surrender document

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|-----------------------|--|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 1.Lincoln             | 9. Stonewall Jackson                     | 14.Farragut       | 21.Savannah               |
| 2.Chattanooga         | 10.Army of the Tennessee and Mississippi | 15.Bowdein        | 22.Virginia and Tennessee |
| 3.Julia               | 11. Henry Fonda                          | 16.Antietam       | 23.Vicksburg              |
| 4.Nancy and Sarah     | 12. Unconditional Surrender              | 17.Longstreet     | 24.Albert Sydney Johnston |
| 5.Hiram Ulysses Grant | 13.Union defeat at Chancellorsville      | 18.Beauregard     | 25.Sheridan               |
| 6.First Manassas      |  | 19.Daniel Webster |                           |
| 7.Jefferson Davis     |  | 20.Hooker himself |                           |
| 8.River Queen         |  |                   |                           |



### TIMELINE FOR JAN 1865

*Peace was in the air. Butler was removed from command. The Lincoln administration had received its mandate. The 13th amendment , abolishing slavery, passed in the Senate, failed in the House , but was back on the floor for debate. And in the South, was there any chance of an honorable settlement? Reality was beginning to set in.*

*Jan 4.Federal troops embarked at Bermuda Hundred, ready for another try at reducing Fort Fisher, but now under the command of Maj. General Alfred H. Terry.*

*Jan 8. General John A. Logan takes command of the 15th Corps. Maj. General E.O.C.Ord replaces Butler as commander of the Army of the James, the Department of Virginia and North Carolina.*

*Jan 12. Aging Francis Preston Blair, a northern political leader meets with Jefferson Davis to discuss suggestions for peace , with approval from Lincoln.*

*Jan 13.Hood resigns. Attack on Fort Fisher begins. At Fort Fisher the victory celebration by intoxicated Federal troops set off the powder magazine, killing 25 and injuring 66.*

*Jan 19. Sherman begins his march from Savannah through South Carolina. Lincoln inquired of Grant if there could be a place for his, Robert, in Grant's military family. Robert was soon commissioned a Captain on Grant's staff.*

*Jan 25. Confederate cruiser Shenandoah reached Melbourne, Australia, and later left for the Northern Pacific to plague Federal fishing and whaling fleets.*

*Jan 31. U.S. Congress passes the 13th Amendment abolishing slavery*

## THE NEW BEDFORD CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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