

January 2024

# THE FLAGBEARER

This issue of the Flagbearer

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

...Timeline Jan 1862

.. Please remit dues

...Peter Rioux's Trivia Pursuit

...February Speaker, Bryan Bush—Zoom

...March Speaker, Joe Michaud—In Person

...Mark Mello to give lecture at Ft Taber~Ft Rodman Military Museum

... other Round Table January meetings

...Emerging Civil War

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

January 23, 2024, 7:00 P.M.

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

Zoom Speaker for January 23, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

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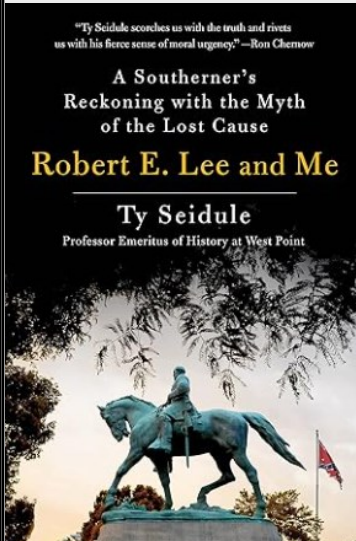
PROFESSOR EMERITUS WEST POINT

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*Ty Seidule grew up revering Robert E. Lee. From his southern childhood to his service in the U.S. Army, every part of his life reinforced the Lost cause myth; that Lee was the greatest man who ever lived, and the Confederates were underdogs who lost the Civil War with honor. Now, as a retired brigadier general and Professor Emeritus of History at West Point, his view is radically changed. From a soldier, a scholar, and a southerner, Ty Seidule believes that American history demands a reckoning.*



*Part history lecture, part meditation on the Civil War and its fallout, and part memoir, Robert E. Lee and Me challenges the deeply-held legends and myths of the Confederacy—and provides a surprising interpretation of essential truths that our country still has a difficult time articulating and accepting.*



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*Please join us via Zoom on January 23rd. I will send you a link the day before the meeting. There will not be a password necessary to join us.*

*Tell your friends that our speaker is nationally known and promises to deliver a very interesting lecture, - Zoom only.*

*We thank our speaker chair, Larry Monastesse, for scheduling Professor Seidule as our January speaker.*

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**News from the Round Table**

*...Thank you to all that attended our Annual Holiday Dinner at Century House. Forty Six members and guests were present.*

*...A reminder that our January and February meetings are Zoom only.*

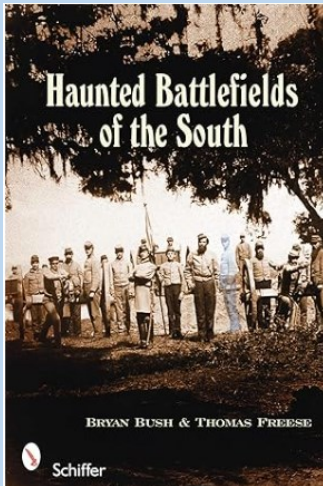
*...Dues are due so please do pay them. The application to continue your membership is included in this Flagbearer. We hope you will retain your membership in the New Bedford Civil War Round Table.*

*...Follow New Bedford Civil War Round Table on Facebook, and on our website.*

**February 27, 2024 speaker will be Bryan S. Bush**

**7:00 P.M.**

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



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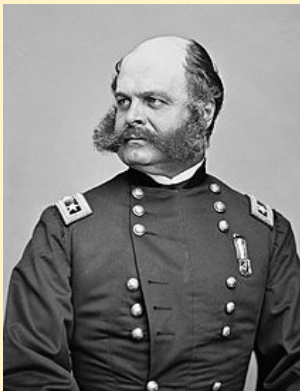
**Tuesday, February 27, 2024**



**Bryan S. Bush**

**Our March 26, 2024 speaker will be Judge Joseph Michaud. This meeting will be our first in-person meeting of the year. It will be at the Low Tide Yacht Club, Fort Taber Park, 1000 South Rodney French Blvd, New Bedford, MA**

**Joe is a New Bedford Civil War Round Table member. His topic will center on the generalship of Maj. General Ambrose Burnside**



March 2024						
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**Judge Joseph Michaud**

AT OUR ROUND TABLE HOLIDAY DINNER IN DECEMBER, PETER RIOUX, ONCE AGAIN, DELIGHTED US WITH HIS CIVIL WAR TRIVIA PIRSUIT QUESTIONS. IT IS A TRADITION THAT PETER HAS PERFECTED. HE HAS AGREED TO HAVE THEM PUBLISHED IN THIS ISSUE OF THE FLAGBEARER, FOR THOSE THAT COULD NOT ATTEND THE DECEMBER DINNER.

1. At New York City Funeral procession for Abraham Lincoln, who was the young boy viewing the event from a 2nd story window? Theodore Roosevelt
2. Who was Abraham Lincoln named after? His grandfather
3. Number of elections lost before elected President? 5
4. Just before his death Lincoln signed legislation creating what Federal agency? The Secret Service
5. How many states seceded from Union after Lincoln's election and before his inauguration? 7
6. What battle was viewed by Grant as his greatest mistake? Cold Harbor
7. Who did Lee view as a superior Union commander? McClellan
8. What future President purchased a substitute so he could care for his parents? Grover Cleveland
9. Name two of Lee's Corps commanders at Gettysburg. Longstreet, Ewell, Stuart, Hill
10. Relationship between Lee's wife and Martha Washington. Great Grand Daughter
11. At what battle was A.P. Hill killed? Petersburg
12. Lee replaced what wounded general in the Peninsula Campaign? Joe Johnston
13. What did Thomas, Farragut, and Scott have in common? All were born in Virginia
14. What was the most popular song during the Civil War? Battle Cry of Freedom
15. Battle setting for the book Killer Angels. Gettysburg
16. Battle where Jeb Stuart killed. Wilderness
17. In the West Point Class of 1853, who graduated first and last? McPherson and Hood
18. In television series Freedom Road, who played Reconstruction era U.S. Senator? Muhammed Ali
19. Who played Preston Blair in movie Lincoln and Lincoln in an earlier tv series? Hal Holbrook
20. Why is line in play Our American Cousin "You sockdologizing old mantrap" famous? Booth shot Lincoln at that very moment of the play on April 14, 1865

Peter Rioux, Vice President

New Bedford Civil War Round Table

## TIMELINE—JANUARY 1861

### THE CIVIL WAR ON THE HORIZON

*...Jan 1 New Year's Day is dark and gloomy in Washington D.C. At the White House there is the usual reception, colorful and gay on the surface, but on the surface only. At Charleston preparations continued with organization of troops, guarding of wharfs, night patrols, and general mobilization.*

*...Jan 2 President-elect Lincoln received letters threatening violence at the inauguration. USS Brooklyn was ordered to be ready to sail to Fort Sumpter with supplies for Major Anderson. Col. Charles P. Stone was ordered to organize the militia to defend the District of Columbia.*

*...Jan 3 Rumors spread of armed bands being organized to capture Washington. South Carolina seized Fort Johnson in Charleston Harbor, a no longer a military base. Georgia state troops seized Fort Pulaski near the mouth of the Savannah River.*

*...Jan 4 The deep Southern States began to seize Federal forts and arsenals. Salmon P. Chase arrived in Springfield at the invitation of Mr. Lincoln; the discussion was cabinet appointments.*

*...Jan 5 The Star of the West vessel took the place of the Brooklyn and left New York for Fort Sumter for the purpose of resupply.*

*...Jan 6 Mayor Fernando Wood of New York City proposed that if the Union were dissolved, New York should be a "free" city, able to trade with both North and South.*

*...Jan 7 At Washington, the House of Representatives approved Maj. Anderson's shift from Fort Moultrie to Fort Sumter. In the Senate, John J. Crittenden spoke for his Compromise. It is as follows. "I am for the Union; but my friends, I must also be for the equal rights of my State under this great Constitution and in this great Union." He proclaimed that residents of his state of Kentucky had as much right to take slaves into the territories as those who were opposed had a right to go without them.*

*...Jan 8 President Buchanan sends a depressing special message to Congress. He advocated the Compromise of Crittenden, dividing the territories along the line of the old Missouri Compromise Line.*

*...Jan 9 Star of the West fails to relieve Fort Sumter. First serious artillery shots fired in Charleston harbor. Mississippi becomes the second state to secede*

*...Jan 10 Major Anderson is told at Fort Sumter to act strictly on the defensive but to defend his position. William H. Seward accepted the post of Secretary of State in the Cabinet being formed.*

*...Jan 11 To Republican Congressman James T. Hale of Pennsylvania President-Elect Lincoln wrote that he had won an election and "Now we are told in advance, the government is to broken up, unless we surrender to those we have beaten, before we have taken the offices." He added "if we surrender, it is the end of us, and the government."*

*...Jan 18 Southern state legislatures continue to pass ordinances of secession. In a dramatic and moving scene in the United States Senate, five senators from Florida, Alabama, and Mississippi left the chamber. Jefferson Davis of Mississippi gave a heartfelt speech before withdrawing. "I concur in the actions of the people of Mississippi, believing it to be necessary and proper, and should have been bound by their action if my believe had been otherwise...I am sure I have no hostility to you , Senators from the North. I am sure not one of you, whatever sharp discussion there may have been between us , to whom I cannot now say, in the presence of God, I wish you well... Mr. President , and Senators, having made the announcement which the occasion seemed to me require, it only remains for me to bid you a final farewell,"*

RECOMMENDED BOOKS FOR YOU

The Bullets Flew Like Hell: Cutler's brigade at Gettysburg. From McPherson's Ridge to Culp's Hill

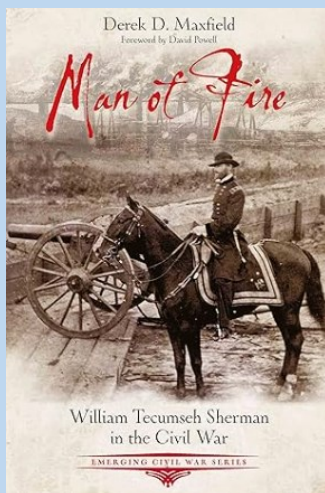
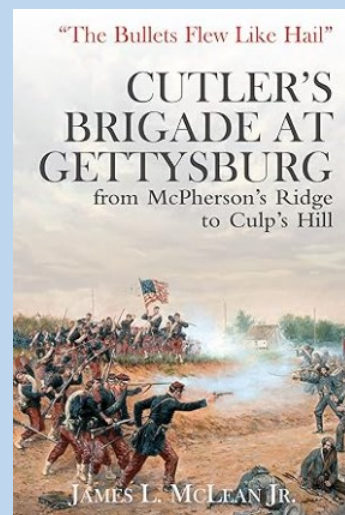
By James L. McLean Publisher: Savas Beatie

Who relieved Gen John Buford at the critical moment on the first day of Gettysburg. It was Cutler's Infantry consisting of the 76th, 95th, and the 147th New York Regiments as well as the 14th Brooklyn, 56th Pennsylvania, and the 7th Indiana.

Their heroic efforts delayed the Confederate offensive long enough for additional Army of the Potomac infantry units to arrive.

This is the third revised and expanded edition of McLean's study of Cutler's Brigade at Gettysburg.

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**Man of Fire—William Tecumseh Sherman in the Civil War**

By Derek D. Mansfield Publisher: Savas Beatie

A 133 years after his death, Gen W.T. Sherman remains one of the most controversial figures in American history.

To some, he is a military genius whose scorched earth policy help win the Civil War for the Union. To others , he is a merciless tyrant whose policies caused undue suffering to innocent children and adults.

Credit—Civil War News Jan 2024

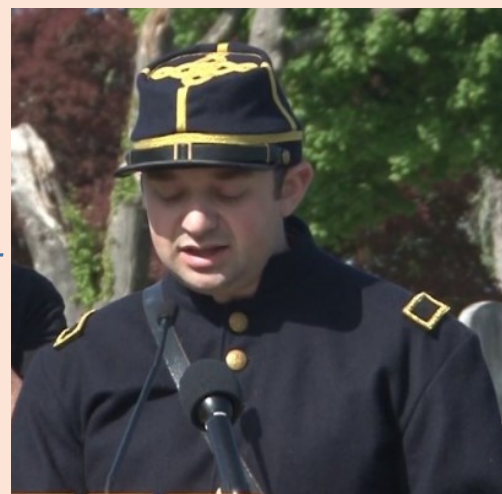
**More news from the Flagbearer**

Digital Outreach Coordinator Don Brown has been working on lining up Round Table logo merchandise for us. He has set up an order form and price list, and it is attached to this issue of the Flagbearer. He will do the ordering from the vendor for you, just let him know what you would like , - hats, polo shirts, and a long sleeve denim shirt, all sizes are available.

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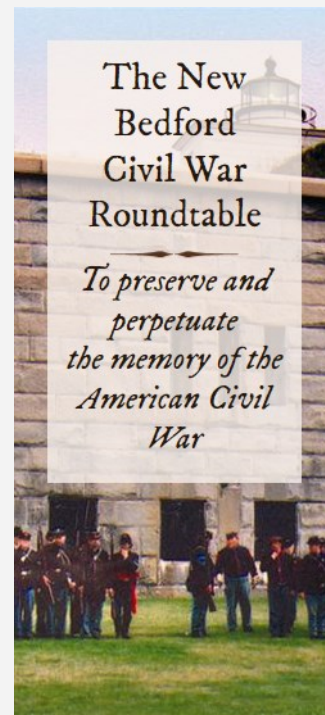
**JUST ANNOUNCED. THE FORT TABER~FORT RODMAN MILITARY MUSEUM WINTER HISTORY LECTURE SERIES WILL FEATURE OUR ROUND TABLE PRESIDENT, MARK MELLO, SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2024 AT 2:00 P.M.**

**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. MORE TO COME IN THE FEBRUARY FLAGBEARER. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR.**



**DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE. IT'S ALWAYS CURRENT-UP-TO-DATE, ALONG WITH OUR FACEBOOK PAGE**

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**The Olde Colony Civil War Round Table will meet Thursday, January 18th, 2024 at 7:00 pm. They meet at the Endicott Estate, 656 East Street, Dedham MA. The speaker will be Victor Vignola and his latest book Contrast in Command, The Battle of Fair Oaks, May 31–June 1, 1864. Want to attend? Contact me for information.**

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**From the Monthly Return of the Rhode Island Civil War Round Table, Mark Dunkelman. They will meet Weds January 17, 2024 , at the Sprague Mansion, 1351 Cranston Street, Cranston, RI. The meeting begins with a social hour at 6:30 pm.**

**The speaker will be Edward Achorn: The Lincoln Miracle: Inside the Republican Convention that Changed History.**

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**Need more Civil War history?**

**Try the Gettysburg NPS WINTER LECTURE SERIES on YouTube**

**Are you receiving email and notices from the Emerging Civil War . This is can be found at [www.emergingcivilwar.com](http://www.emergingcivilwar.com) This website is the home of Chris Mackowski . Chris will keep you up to speed on a great number of Civil War topics.**

**And for those that have not watched David Blight's Yale lecture Series , all 17 of them, on YouTube, I recommend it.**

**Looking for a Civil War event to attend this summer? Find it at [Civil War News](http://CivilWarNews.com), and their publisher →**



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**



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



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Denim Shirt

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