

June 2022

THE FLAGBEARER

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

June 28, 2022 Tuesday 6:00 p.m. **(Note early start time)**

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

THE NEW BEDFORD CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE ANNUAL JUNE PICNIC

TUESDAY JUNE 28 6:00 P.M.

LOW TIDE YACHT CLUB BUILDING

1000 RODNEY FRENCH BLVD

FORT TABER PARK, NEW BEDFORD

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What should you bring? A dessert to share with all

Cost? \$15.00 per person donation at the door

Guests are welcome

This will be a catered event, with hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, pasta salad, corn on the cob, watermelon, and chips

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**Message from the Civil War Round Table
President, Mark Mello**

Dear friends in the Civil War,

Our long-awaited return to in person meetings finally arrived this past January. Since then, we have had a great turnout to each of our monthly meetings. It has been great to once again see all of you in person! Our new meeting location at the Low Tide Yacht Club has worked out perfectly. The new space provides us with plenty of room to spread out, and once again soak in the knowledge of our fantastic presenters. A special thanks to Joe Pacheco and all those at the Low Tide Yacht Club for their hospitality.

Don Brown, our outreach coordinator, has been filming and posting our presentations to YouTube and New Bedford Public Broadcasting. This way, those members who feel safer at home or physically cannot join us in person, can still enjoy our meetings. The first four presentation have over 90 views! I encourage you to check out our YouTube page and view the past four presentations.

Another new addition since our return to in-person meetings is a social hour prior to our formal meeting. I want to encourage members to arrive a little earlier than we normally would, grab a cup of coffee, and catch up. Doors open at 6:15 PM. I want to thank our Board Members for providing the new addition of coffee for our meetings at their own personal expense.

As we continue on our track towards normalcy, the board has decided to reinstate dues to their pre-pandemic levels. Two years ago, the board decided to drop dues as we were not providing the same level of services that we had before the outbreak of COVID-19. However, as we are now back to in-person meetings, and starting to return to normal, the board decided to return our dues to \$25 for an individual and \$30 for a family membership.

One of the things that our dues fund every year is the Joe Langlois Memorial Book Award. This award goes to a local high school student who has a passion for history. This year there was an incredibly close race. Evan Garcia of Dartmouth High School was selected as the first-place winner and was awarded \$500. The second-place finisher, Phillip Tran of New Bedford High School, was awarded \$250. Phillip is the first student from New Bedford to ever apply, and he certainly proved his

worthiness in his own right for this award. I would like to congratulate Evan and Phillip for a job well done, and the best of luck as they begin their adventure in their respective institutions of higher education.

I would also like to thank Peter Rioux and Jack Richer who did the difficult and thankless work of reading applications and selecting these two highly deserving winners.

It truly does “take a village” to make this group function. I would like to encourage members to reach out to me if you are interested in joining the board. We are badly in need of a Secretary and could use any help that folks would like to provide. Please reach out to me at m3mello@comcast.net or 508-728-3953 if you are interested in joining the board. We could use the help, so please reach out if you’re interested. The deadline for interested parties to reach out to me is June 22, 2022. We will vote on the new slate of officers at our June Picnic.

As always, thank you for your continued support of this organization. It is your passion for the American Civil War which gives meaning to the sacrifice of those who gave their lives 160 years ago.

Your obedient servant,

Mark Mello

President New Bedford Civil War Round Table

Messages from the Round Table

There will no Flagbearer for July and August, as usual, summer vacation

Time to renew your membership for 2022–2023. The dues / membership form is in **this** issue of the Flagbearer. Please take a moment and renew your membership in the Round Table. Thank you.

Please consider talking to your friends about the Round Table and encourage them to attend a meeting. New members are welcomed here.

Message from the Round Table Joseph E. Langlois Book Scholarship Committee

The committee received the following thank you note from the Book Award recipient, **Evan Garcia**

"I want to thank you for awarding me the \$500 Joseph E. Langlois Book Award. Your generosity will not be forgotten on an exciting new chapter in my life: college ! I am especially honored to be recognized by such an important organization, one that preserves the vital history of both our region and nation. Again, thank you so much. Sincerely, Evan Garcia"

The New Bedford Civil War Round Table is pleased to announce that it has awarded a second **Joseph E. Langlois Book Award** in the amount of \$250 to **Phillip Tran**, who is a graduating senior from New Bedford High School. Phillip is a well deserving recipient based upon his superior academic record, extensive leadership and participation in school activities, community activity involvement, and the quality of his submitted essay on New Bedford's role in the Civil War. Phillip has been chosen as the valedictorian for his 2022 graduating class. Phillip intends to pursue his education at UMass/Amherst majoring in Computer Science. We extend our congratulations to him and express our very best wishes to him for a very successful college experience.

Rededication of the Robert Gould Shaw and the 54th Regiment Memorial

On June 1, 2022 The Shaw 54th Memorial was rededicated on Boston Commons, after an extensive \$3 million dollar multi year renovation. The sculptor, Augustus St. Gaudens labored over this piece for 14 years. The restoration work was completed by Louis C. Allegrone Construction and a team of bronze conservators at Skylight Studios, in partnership with the NPS, city of Boston, Friends of the Public Garden, and Museum of African American History, Boston and Nantucket.



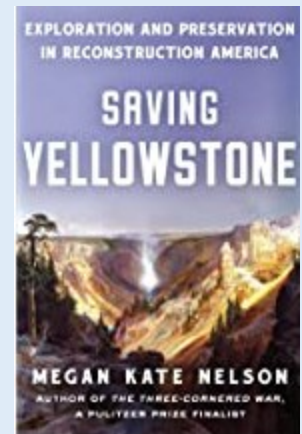
Speaker for September 27, 2022

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 Cook, 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 Bearss family invites the public to attend a celebration of the life of Edwin C. Bearss, to be held in Gettysburg, Pa, on June 26, 2022. This day would have been his 99th birthday. The event will begin at 1:00 pm and will last about an hour. American Battlefield Trust President David N. Duncan will emcee the event, welcoming speakers who will reflect on aspects of Ed's amazing life and career: US Marine Corps Lieutenant General (Ret.) Richard P. Mills; Jerome Greene, retired historian for the National Park Service; and James Lighthizer, president emeritus of the American Battlefield Trust.



AMERICAN BATTLEFIELD TRUST EVENT
 June 26, 2022 @ 1:00 PM EDT
 American Battlefield Trust land adjacent to
 Seminary Ridge Museum, 111 Seminary Ridge
 Gettysburg, PA 17325

SALUTE TO SUSAN T. SALISBURY OF NEW BEDFORD

The only female Civil War veteran buried in the Civil War section of Rural Cemetery. She was a Union Army nurse. Born in Baltimore in Feb of 1821, moved to New Bedford, died of a stroke July 27, 1913. Lived at 124 Campbell St, New Bedford. Employed as a dressmaker. A widow. Buried with her fellow Civil War veterans. Headstone erected by the Massachusetts Woman's Relief Corps Post #53. Grand Army of the Republic



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: _____

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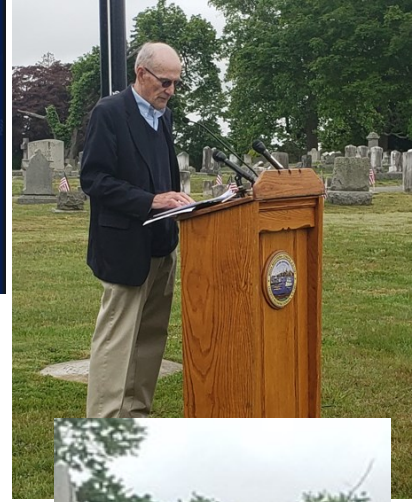
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On Saturday June 4th our Civil War Round Table conducted its annual Remembrance Service honoring all Civil War veterans who fought in the war, and in particular, are buried at Rural Cemetery in New Bedford.. The June 4th ceremony was a rain date as we were rained out Memorial Day weekend. We wish to that those that participated , our Round Table leadership, the Massachusetts National Guard 215th Army Band, the National Park Service and the 1850's Ladies, our soloist, Caroline Blais, Larry Roy, Pastor Emily Kellar of the Congregational Church of So. Dartmouth, Sgt. Stephan Pacheco, Sgt Albert Smith , Sons of the Union Veterans, and the City of New Bedford for the preparation of the Cemetery ceremony site. And finally, we thank those that attended this service.



NEW BEDFORD IN THE CIVIL WAR

New Bedford Gave Beyond its Quota in Civil War

(Reprint from the Morning Mercury Jan 13, 1940 and the Standard Times Jan 13, 1941)

Historical sketches of New Bedford published by the Merchants National Bank

Though New Bedford had been lukewarm in former wars, It felt a deep interest in the conflict between the states. Few other cities did more in proportion to its means and its population to uphold the union's cause. On the morning of April 16, 1861, four days after the attack on Fort Sumter, the New Bedford Guards, Company I, Third Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry responded to President Lincoln's first call and entrained for service.



Thus went the first of 3,200 men furnished by New Bedford during the war, a surplus of 1,110 men over the number demanded by the government.



In addition to furnishing its quota for the army, New Bedford sent about 1,336 men into the navy. Home defense was undertaken by putting Fort Phoenix in order, and by erecting a sand battery on Clark's Point which mounted three 24 pounders. The Ladies' Soldiers Relief Society was formed two days after the departure of the Home Guards. This society donated in cash over \$20,000 and \$10,000 in cotton goods, flannel and hospital stores.

During the four years' war the city expended \$125,495.85 for the support of Volunteers' families, and \$177,000 in other ways on account of the year. Loyally responding to the first call in every local and national emergency since 1925, The Merchants National Bank continues to aid the community in every banking capacity. (end of reprint)



Company 'I' left from this train station



New Bedford Union Street



New Bedford Civil War Veterans marching in parade

Civil War veterans of New Bedford in the Memorial Day parade in 1895.

The Olde Colony Civil War Round Table has announced plans for its annual Jubilee Dinner



Olde Colony Civil War Round Table

Nonprofit organization

Our sister Round Table, the Olde Colony Civil War Round Table of Dedham, MA, has announced their annual Jubilee Dinner.

When: Thursday October 20, 2022 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Location: Four Points Sheraton, Norwood, MA

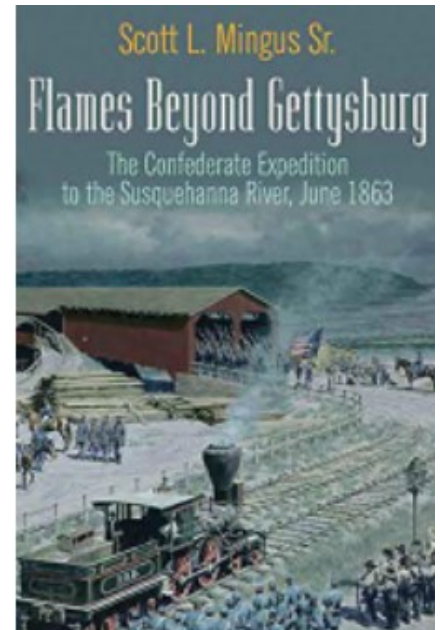
Guest Speaker: Scott L. Mingus, Sr.



Flames Beyond Gettysburg: The Confederate Expedition to the Susquehanna River, June 1863



Tickets: \$50.00



Reservations are required. Ticket information will be forthcoming. The New Bedford Civil War Round Table has supported Olde Colony's Jubilee Dinner for many years. We usually have a full table of our members in attendance. The dinner is excellent. The raffle of Civil War artifacts and books is impressive, and Olde Colony has always tried to have the best speakers present for your evening's enjoyment. Mark your calendar for October 20th.

Olde Colony Civil War Round Table's President, Dana Zaiser, is also a long time member of the New Bedford Civil War Round Table.