

THE FLAGBEARER

Greater New Bedford Civil War Round Table New Bedford, Massachusetts March 23, 2021, 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Meeting

This issue of the Flagbearer

...Our speaker will be Mark Mello, New Bedford Civil War Round Table President

Do Victors Really Write the History?

...Happy Birthday to our Round Table—15 years old !!

... Schedule of future speakers including new additions in September and October

Ron Coddington and Jim Hessler added as speakers for the fall program

...The return of Kate Taylor as Mary Todd Lincoln

...The Civil War in March of 1862

...Civil war slang and phrases

...Any questions about the March meeting, - email me at

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March 23, 2021, New Bedford Civil War Round Table Speaker—Via Zoom

Mark Mello, President

New Bedford Civil War Round Table

Mark's presentation

"Lost Cause Mythology: Do the Victors Really Write the History?"

Ever hear the old adage, "History is written by the victors"? Well, if there is any instance in our history that proves that is not always the case, it's the American Civil War.

In many ways the defeated South shaped the way that many still view this critical moment in our history. Why do we call it a Civil War? Was the outcome of the war as inevitable as people like to think? Why do Americans still romanticize plantation life? Why do we as a nation still glorify those who rebel, or fight the man? In this presentation, we will seek to answer what "Lost Cause Mythology" was and still is, and how it still effects the way that we choose to talk about the Civil War today.



Mark Mello, President

Mark has a M.A. in US History from Providence College, and B.A. in History from Bridgewater State University. Mark is a life-long historian, with a special love of the American Civil War. He currently works for the National Park Service at Blackstone Valley National Historical Park as a Park Ranger and a Public Historian. He has taught classes for Massasoit Community Collage and the Second Half Life-Long Learning Center in Fall River. He is a Civil War Reenactor and has lectured on topics related to the American Civil War, Reconstruction, and the Antebellum Period, to numerous groups including Civil War Round Tables, Historical Associations, public libraries, and schools.

If you have been on our Zoom calls in Nov-Dec-Jan-Feb, you need not register again with your email address to receive a new Zoom invite for future meetings. However, if you are new to our Round Table and wish to attend a Zoom meeting/presentation, please follow these instructions.

Zoom Talks Registration: To register please contact us at flagbearer@newbedfordcwr.org so we can send a Zoom request/invite to your email address. Let us know which talk you would like to join.

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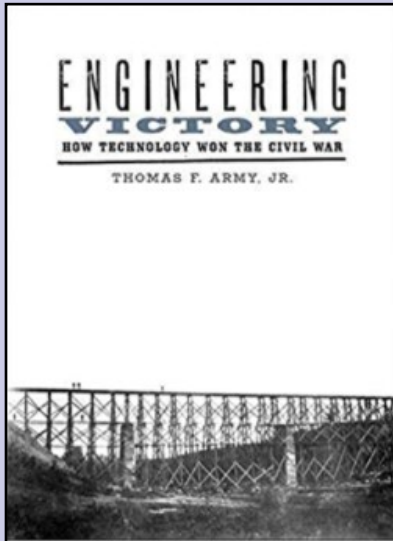
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Coming in April at The New Bedford Civil War Round Table

On **April 27, 2021** our featured speaker , via Zoom, will be Civil War Historian **Professor Tom F. Army Jr. Ph.D.** from Quinnipiac University. He is also known for his You Tube series, *History of the United States*. Some of the best You Tube videos on history that I have seen are from Dr. Army, I urge you to check out his videos. His presentation style you will find easy to understand and informative.

April 27, 2021 Zoom meeting of the New Bedford Civil War Round Table



The Civil War—March 1962

...It is springtime, Federal armies are poised outside Washington in Northern Virginia and at Harper's Ferry; on the Peninsula at Fort Monroe, threatening Richmond and Norfolk; in North Carolina, again threatening Virginia; at Port Royal, S.C. aiming at Savanna and Charleston; on the Gulf Coast, menacing Mobile and New Orleans; in northwestern Arkansas; on the Mississippi; and on the Cumberland and Tennessee.

...In the far Southwest, H.H. Sibley's Confederates, marching north along the Rio Grande in the invasion of the New Mexico Territory, forced the abandonment of Albuquerque by the Federals.

...Mar 4. In command changes, Grant was told to stay at Fort Henry, Tenn, as district commander while C.F. Smith was put in charge of the Federal advance up the Tennessee River, a direct slap at Grant by Gen. Halleck.

...March 6. Action begins at Pea Ridge Arkansas. Confederate General Van Dorn attacks the Federal Divisions of General Samuel Curtis. It was a frontier type struggle, up close and personal. After three days, Curtis and the Federals win the day, thus ending the Confederates influence in Trans-Mississippi theatre.

...Mar 9. Battle of the Monitor and Merrimack (the Virginia) Tactically the struggle was a draw. In Richmond, Pres. Davis refused to accept the reports of Brig. Genls. Floyd and Pillow, who had fled Ft Donelson before its surrender. Both officers were relieved from command.

...Mar 13. General McClellan and his new Corps commanders meet and begin the movement to the Peninsula and that approach to Richmond.

...Mar 23. First Battle of Kernstown, Virginia. General "Stonewall" Jackson drove in on the Federal forces under James Shields. This is the opening of Jackson's famous Valley Campaign.

...Mar 28. Engagement of Glorieta or Pigeon's Ranch

May 18, 2021 7:00 p.m.

David Dixon presents : *The Lost Gettysburg Address: Charles Anderson's Civil War Odyssey.*

David explains how Anderson, a slave owner, ended up sharing the spotlight with Lincoln November 1863.

David Dixon earned his M.A. in History at the University of Massachusetts in 2003. He has been on tour visiting Round Tables from coast-to-coast. As with many of our speakers, it is worthwhile to find them on You Tube and listen to their presentation work. In this case David's talk at the Gettysburg Foundation Sacred Trust symposium in 2016 is a good start to understanding this interesting piece of history. The Charles Anderson speech was never published and was forgotten for 150 years. David Dixon brings it to life in a most interesting way.



David T. Dixon

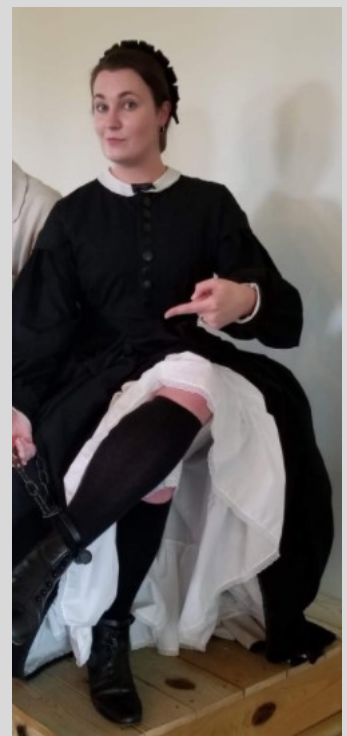


Special June 22, 2021 Program Announcement

Living historian, Kate Taylor of Mary Surratt fame will return to the New Bedford Civil War Round Table, via Zoom, on June 22, 2021. Most of you remember Kate's wonderful performance at the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park as "Mary Surratt; Guilty, or Not Guilty" as a Co-conspirator in the assassination of Abraham Lincoln.

On June 22, 2021, Kate Taylor returns as Mary Todd Lincoln.

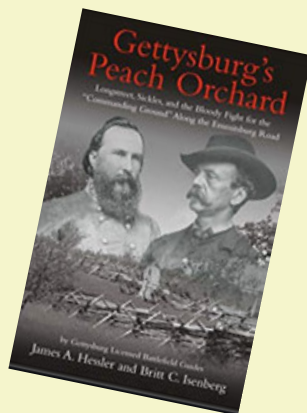
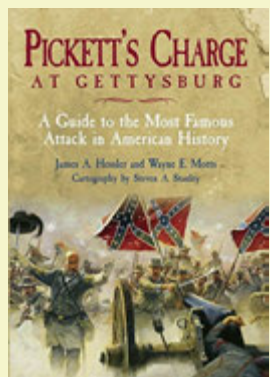
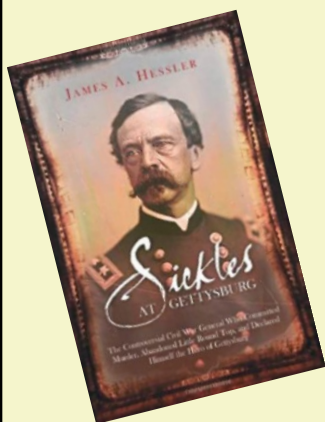
This performance is open to all—tell your friends about this great opportunity to become familiar with the New Bedford Civil War Round Table



New speaker addition at The New Bedford Civil War Round Table

September 28, 2021

Historian, author, and guide—James A. Hessler will be with us Sept 28, via Zoom. His topic; Gettysburg's Peach Orchard

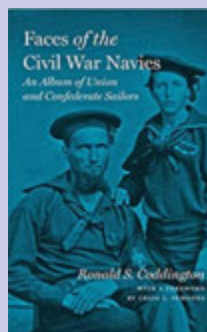
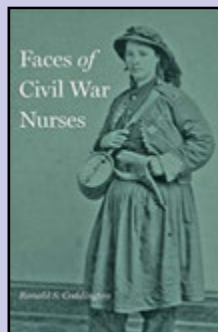
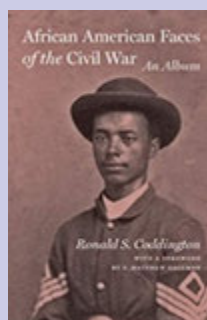


James A. Hessler

Mark your calendar; The New Bedford Civil War Round Table will showcase yet another great speaker on October 26, 2021

Introducing Ron Coddington, Historian, author, and guide

His topic; Faces of Civil War Nurses



Ronald S. Coddington



Fort Taber~Fort Rodman at Fort Taber Park; the home of the New Bedford Civil War Round Table

If you are new to the study of the American Civil War history, you may find slang words and phrases in books about the Civil War that need some definition. I have listed a few that I think you will see in your reading.

“ask no odds”: ask no favor

arroyo: a small valley or gulch, usually with a flat bottom

Algerine: pirate

and can experience a flash flood during rains

Bark juice: liquor

artillery: camp kettles, stoves, tubs, iron foundries

Billy Yank: any Federal soldier

beehive: knapsack

Bragg’s body guard: Body lice

blackleg: A gambler or swindler

Black Flag: no quarter

Blue Mass: men on sick call; named after pill

Brevet: temporary rank assigned

carte de visite: photograph on a small card

Copperhead: Northern person with Southern, anti-Union sympathies

Contraband: escaped slaves who sought refuge behind Union lines

Dog robber: soldier detailed from the ranks to act as a cook

Elephant: battle, seeing the elephant is witnessing a battle

Corduroy road: and early primitive road comprised of logs and saplings laid side by side

Dashboard: a board of leather screen located at the front of a carriage to prevent mud from splashing back from the horses hooves onto passengers

Goober/Goober pea: peanut

French leave: to go absent without leave (AWOL)

Housewife: sewing kit

Hominy: Puffed, hull-less corn

Knock into a Cocked Hat: to knock someone senseless or thoroughly shock him

New Bedford Civil War Round Table

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