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THE FLAGBEARER

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

MAY 23, 2023 6:00 P.M.

Low Tide Yacht Club Location, Doors open at 5:15, 1000 Rodney French Blvd, NB

No charge for attending meeting, ample well lit parking, bring a guest

This will be an in-person meeting. No Zoom available.

The May 23 Speaker will be Patrick Donovan

Patrick Donovan is Vice President of the Varnum Continentals, Inc., an all volunteer, non profit organization that owns and manages two museum properties: the James Mitchell Varnum estate and the Varnum Memorial Armory Museum.

As Armory Vice president, Patrick is responsible for the Varnum Armory museum which houses the largest collection of Rhode Island military history on display.

The Varnum Continentals mission since 1907 has been to preserve and share RI military history with the ultimate aim to educate and encourage patriotism and service of all kinds to our state and country.

Patrick's topic; he will explain recent efforts to restore the historic armory, professionalize the care of the museum collection, and add professional conservation services to the Varnum Continental historic, non-profit organization. He will also bring in some of the museum's latest and most special Civil War relic acquisitions and will share their amazing stories with our Round Table.



Patrick is also a Senior Research Analyst and Project Manager in the office of the Chief Technology Officer at Schneider Electric. He has over 25 years experience in global product line management ; developing critical power and cooling systems.



NEWS FROM THE ROUND TABLE

To all that attended the April meeting and experienced the visit of General and Mrs. George Sears Greene, we thank you for your support. Without your attendance and dues support our Civil War Round Table we would cease to exist. We



General and Mrs. Greene

realize it is an effort sometimes to attend meetings, and we wish you to know that we appreciate your presence. We will strive to continue providing quality speakers, and friendly comradeship within our Round Table community.

As you know we have expanded our online presence, the website, and Facebook. And we tape and show our meetings on YouTube and on Public Access TV New Bedford. We also have two of our members enrolled in the classes at New Bedford Public Access for training in producing television programming for the Round Table. The training includes camera, and sound expertise, editing,, field camera equipment, and overall studio production. Do you want to enroll in a new class and be a Public Access Certified Producer? Now is your opportunity. There are no fees or expenses, just a lot of fun , with excellent instruction. Contact our Digital Outreach Mgr, Don Brown, or myself. Help us reach out to the community and expand our membership through public television. - Bob Lytle

One of our members, Dave Greene has contacted me in hopes of finding a new home for his extensive collection of Civil War books, the focus is on Lincoln. If you are interested , contact him at dbgreene@comccast.net

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Many of you know Bob Carlson, of the late Central Mass Civil War Round Table, and of the Rhode Island Civil War Round Table. He recently let me know that there is a very interesting

arms show coming up June 9-10 at the Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center. It is the annual "Sturbridge Show" sponsored by the New England Antique Arms Society. For more information, check their website. Sounds like a great weekend get-a-way.

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Please mark your calendar for May 23, 6:00 pm, at the Low Tide Yacht Club for the next meeting of the New Bedford Civil War Round Table. Doors open at 5:15.

Follow us on Facebook or follow us on our website, New Bedford Civil War Round Table.

Tuesday, May 23rd 2023 Did you miss the March or April meetings? Don Brown has posted them on YouTube. Contact me for the link. Bob



REMINDER , - PLEASE SUPPORT THE NEW BEDFORD CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE AS WE CONDUCT OUR ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE AT RURAL CEMETERY SATURDAY MAY 27 AT 9:00 A.M.

YOUR LEADERSHIP AND OUR MEMBERS GO ALL OUT TO PROVIDE A SOLEMN AND MOVING CEREMONY. PLEASE COME TO THIS OBSERVANCE AT RURAL CEMETERY SATURDAY AT 9:00 , MAY 27.

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Saturday, May 27th 2023

PLEASE SEE THE DETAILS ON PAGE 6 OF THIS FLAGBEARER.



WHAT AM I LOOKING AT?

Answer, - the New Bedford Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument

Location: Clasky Common Park, New Bedford

What is notable is the inscription.

"Erected by the Citizens of New Bedford in the Tribute of Gratitude to her Sons who fell defending their Country in the Struggle with Slavery and Treason."

Give the committee credit , no ambiguity in those words

60 African-Americans from New Bedford served with the Mass 54th.



The Fort Taber~Fort Rodman Military Museum recently hosted the City of New Bedford's Exercise Tiger Memorial Ceremony. The open house at the Museum gave a large number of guests the opportunity to tour the Museum , including the Civil War artifacts on display.

The Museum is open Weds—Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00. New Volunteers/docents are always welcome. Past military experience is not required to be a volunteer. Interested? Only one day week. Contact Bob Lytle

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TIMELINE FOR MAY 1865

The war is over. Much has just happened; the surrenders, Lincoln assassination, Booth killed, conspirators to be tried in a Military Court, and families to be reunited.

...May 1 President Johnson names nine army officers to make up the military commission to try the eight conspirators for the Lincoln assassination.

...May 2 Confederate forces in Alabama and Mississippi accepted terms of surrender. Davis is in Abbeville, S.C. trying to continue the war.

...May Abraham Lincoln is buried in Springfield. The first of several burials.

...May 8 Paroles of Western Confederate forces accepted.

...May 10 Jefferson Davis is captured near Irwinville, Georgia



Lincoln Funeral Train



Capture site Monument

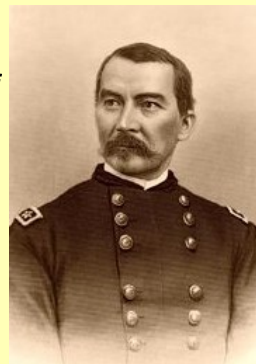
While he was wearing a raincoat, rumor had it that he was wearing a woman's dress. This was probably not true.

William Quantrill, 27 years old, Confederate guerrilla leader who terrorized Missouri was fatally wounded by an irregular force of Federals, near Taylorsville Ky.

President Johnson issues a proclamation that "armed resistance to the authority of this Government in the said insurrectionary States may be regarded as virtually at an end"

...May 17 Maj. General Philip H. Sheridan was assigned general Federal command west of the Mississippi River and south of the Arkansas River, this appointment angered many Southerners due to his reputation from the destruction in the Shenandoah Valley.

...May 23 Grand Review of the Army of the Potomac in Washington D.C.. Fighting continues in Missouri.



General Sheridan



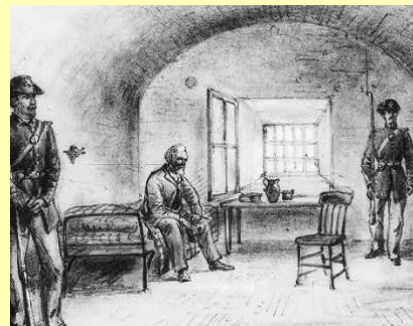
...May 24 Grand Review of Sherman's Army. A colorful organization.

Fighting continues in Charlton County Missouri

... May 29 President Johnson issues a proclamation giving amnesty to all persons who directly or indirectly participated in the "existing rebellion" with a few exceptions. An oath was required that such persons would "henceforth" fully support, protect, and defend the Constitution and abide by the laws.

...May 31 A Federal military expedition operated from Barrancas to Apalachicola Florida.

...The War is over and Peace begins. All major forces of the Confederate States of America have surrendered and Jefferson Davis is in prison for the next 2 years.



THE NEW BEDFORD CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE ANNUAL JUNE PICNIC



TUESDAY JUNE 27, 2023 6:00 P.M.

LOW TIDE YACHT CLUB BUILDING

1000 RODNEY FRENCH BLVD

FORT TABER PARK, NEW BEDFORD

What should you bring?

A dessert to share with all (please provide paper plates, serving utensils, napkins if needed)

Cost?

\$20.00 per person donation at the door

Guests are welcome

This will be a catered event, - hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, tossed salad, corn on the cob, watermelon, chips, and drinks

There will be a short business meeting; a vote on a new slate of officers for the 2023-2024 season

The Joseph Langlois Book Award recipients will be special guests

Larry Roy will have music for us to enjoy

Peter Rioux will once again conduct a table vs. table Civil War Trivia Pursuit contest.



PLEASE RSVP—TELLS US IF YOU ARE COMING TO THE JUNE BBQ PICNIC

YES—I AM COMING TO THE PICNIC, HOW MANY?

RSVP to Bob Lytle, bobbylee76@comcast.net, or, call or text 508-542-7630, or clip and mail to Bob Lytle 76 Shipyard Lane, Dartmouth, MA 02748

New Bedford Civil War Round Table

Memorial Day Service May 27, 2023 9:00 a.m.

Rural Cemetery, 149 Dartmouth Street, New Bedford, MA

Drive to the Civil War section in the back of the Cemetery



Welcome Remarks by Mark Mello, President of the Round Table

Raising of the American flag—Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

General John A. Logan's Order #11, May 5, 1868 - Joseph Michaud

Keynote address by Honorable Jon Mitchell, Mayor of New Bedford

Gettysburg Address, - Jack Richer

Battle Hymn of the Republic by Caroline Blais, accompanied by Larry Roy

Laying of floral wreath by the 1850's Ladies, Ruth and Abby

Sounding of Taps, 215th Army Band, Massachusetts Army National Guard

Gun salute—Led by Stephen Pacheco

Moment of Silence led by Mark Mello

God Bless America by Caroline Blais

Benediction



At the conclusion of the service please join us under the canopy for refreshments. Mark Mello, President, The New Bedford Civil War Round Table

