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THE GREATER NEW BEDFORD CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS TUESDAY MAY 28, 2024, 6:00 P.M.

**At the Low Tide Yacht Club, 1000 Rodney French Blvd , Fort Taber
Park , South End of New Bedford. Ample well lit parking, no fees.
Please consider inviting a friend to the meeting. Doors open at
5:15. Coffee and pastries will be served. Open to the public.**

SPEAKER FOR TUESDAY MAY 28

CHUCK VEIT

6:00 P.M. START

Chuck Veit is the author of a growing number of books. He focuses on “almost lost” or undiscovered episodes in American naval and maritime history, and has turned up evidence of a secret rocket torpedo program in 1862; detailed in the development of *Alligator*, the Navy’s first submarine; and told the story of the largest salvage operation in history in the harbor of Sevastopol (1857-62). His latest book, *A Lively Little Battle*, analyzes the little known Battle of Fort Butler in Donaldsonville, Louisiana in the pre-dawn darkness of 28 June 1863. It is based on multiple eyewitness accounts—including newly discovered letters and actual plans of the fort—and brings to light a number of standing versions of the engagement. In January 2024 the book won a Special Merit for Scholarly Research award from IPNE, the Independent Publishers of New England.

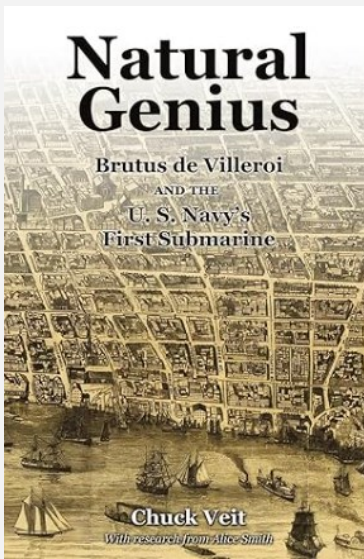
Chuck is a frequent speaker on 19th century naval topics at area historical societies and Civil War Roundtables, as well as the Naval War College in Newport R.I. Other venues have included the NOAA Maritime Heritage Education Conference, Mariners’ Museum Civil War Navy Conference, the Naval Order of the United States in St. Petersburg, FL, the 10th Maritime Heritage Conference, and the Portsmouth Navy Yard’s 238th Anniversary Ball.

Chuck has written several articles for *Naval History Magazine*, *Historical Diving Times*, *Civil War Navy*, the *American Historical Print Collector Society’s Newsletter*, and the *Company of Military Historian’s Journal*.



Chuck Veit

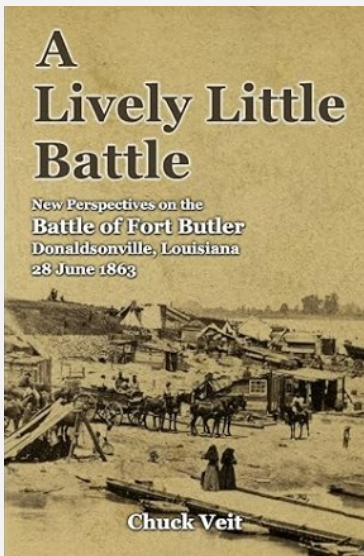
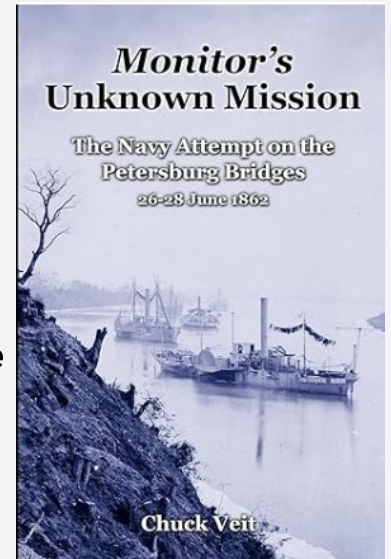
BOOKS BY CHUCK VEIT



... The story of the U.S. Navy's first submarine and its designer, Brutus de Villeroi.



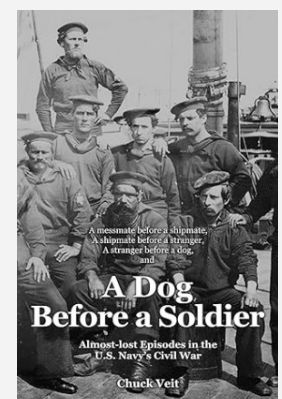
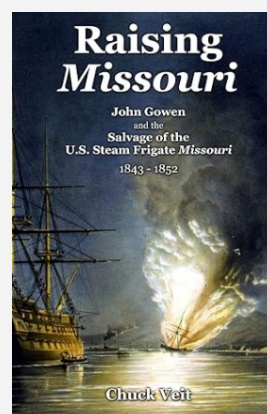
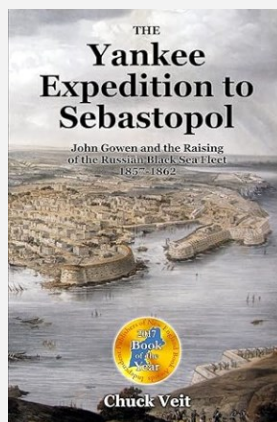
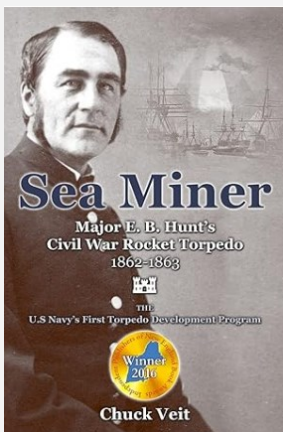
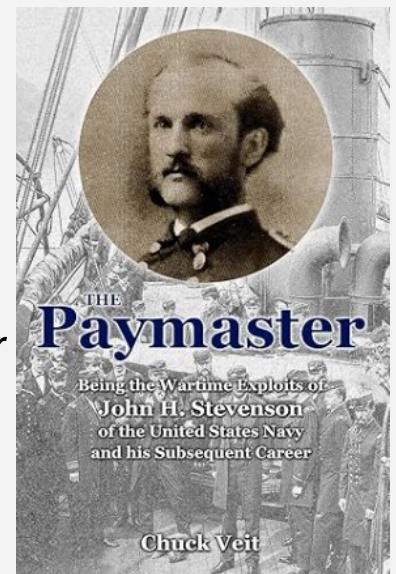
Here is the unsung and all but forgotten story of a major failed mission of the American Civil War. The mission was the destruction of the railroad bridges between Richmond and Petersburg.



Subject of May 28th presentation.



The story of the War of the Rebellion includes many heroic episodes, but, for every tale we thrill to read, there are many more that have never been told or are all but forgotten. Among these are the exploits of John H. Stevenson, Paymaster in the U.S. Navy.



...News from the New Bedford Civil War Round Table

Please be alerted that Don Brown, Digital Outreach, will be emailing you and talking to you at our May and June meetings, about purchasing merchandise that has our Round Table logo imprinted; shirts and baseball hats. The shirts and caps come in a variety of colors and the quality is excellent.



Follow us on Facebook, and don't forget that we keep our website up-to-date, thanks to Following Sea Designs web services. Did you miss a meeting, find it on YouTube. Don Brown records, edits, and links our meetings to YouTube.



Our Annual Memorial Day weekend service will be Saturday morning May 25 at 9:00 a.m. at the Civil War Burial Section at Rural Cemetery, Dartmouth Street, New Bedford. The Round Table Memorial Day committee is well along in the planning stage. Last year we were impressed with the larger than normal turnout of citizens. It is a moving ceremony. We hope you will mark your calendar and be present in support of the New Bedford Civil War Round Table.



Our Round Table is planning a day of headstone cleaning at the Civil War Section of Rural Cemetery in May or June. You will hear more about this civic project in the next few weeks. We are asking you to join us on the work detail.



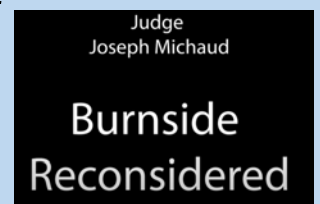
The New Bedford Civil War Round Table Joseph Langlois Book Award Committee has started it's 2024 search for area high school seniors who will qualify for this award.



Save the date—Our Annual Summer Picnic at the Low Tide Yacht Club will be June 25th. We will continue the tradition of Peter Rioux's Trivia Pursuit and a book raffle. Bring a book to put on the raffle table. Please see the flyer in this Flagbearer.



Did you miss the March in-person meeting at Low Tide yacht Club? Don Brown, Digital Outreach, produced the video of Judge Joseph Michaud's "Burnside Reconsidered" presentation and it is posted on our YouTube page. Find it at New Bedford Civil War Round Table.



New Bedford Civil War Round Table

Memorial Day Service May 25, 2024 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 NBCWRT

Raising of the American flag—Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation— Father Michael Racine, Pastor, Whaling City Catholic Community

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

Keynote address by The Honorable Jon Mitchell, Mayor of New Bedford

Gettysburg Address, - Jack Richer, Board of Directors, NBCWRT

Tenting Tonight by Caroline Blais

Laying of floral wreath by the 1850’s Ladies, Ruth and Abby, New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park

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

Sergeant First Class Robert Sousa

Gun salute—Led by Stephen Pacheco, Squad Leader

Moment of Silence—Mark Mello, pres. NB Civil War Round Table

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

Benediction—Peter Rioux, V.P. NBCWRT



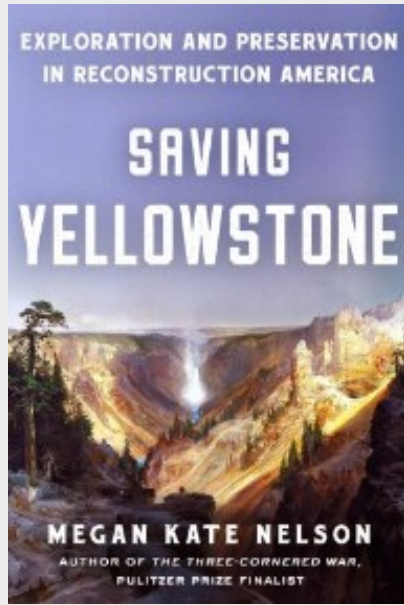
At the conclusion of the service please join us under the canopy for refreshments. Mark Mello , President, The New Bedford Civil War Round Table



More news from the Round Table...

Many of our readers are also attending the Winter Lecture Series at the Fort Taber~Fort Rodman Military Museum on Sunday afternoons. We are working to maintain a once a month schedule. Last month we hosted 50 guests in the Museum main room for John Wojtowicz's 3 D Civil War photography lecture.

We are pleased to announce the return of Megan Kate Nelson to the Ft Taber~Ft Rodman Military Museum, on Sunday May 19th, 2:00 pm as the final speaker in the Museum's 2023-2024 Winter History Series.



Her lecture will feature her latest book *Saving Yellowstone*. This book won the 2023 Spur Award for Historical Nonfiction, is one of Smithsonian Magazine's Top Ten Books in History for 2023.

She has written about the Civil War, and the U.S. West and also many articles for *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *The Atlantic*, *TIME*, and the *Smithsonian Magazine*.

She has appeared at the NB Civil War Round Table several times, but this time, for the Ft Taber~Ft Rodman Military Museum.



Megan Kate Nelson

Covid and Zoom have taken a toll on in-person attendance at meetings. Yet, we gain much more understanding of the Civil War history through being present, in person, at the Round Table meetings. We encourage you to join us at the Low Tide Yacht Club May 28th. Coffee, pastries, book raffle, speaker presentation, contact with friends, time away from the TV, topics that are interesting, - will you attend?

In the Soldiers' National Cemetery at Gettysburg, the bronze statue of Union General John F. Reynolds was cast out of Confederate cannon barrels. This was a tribute to him from the surviving members of the First Corps of the Army of the Potomac, which he commanded.

In Gettysburg, the house today referred to as Lee's headquarters, was at the time the residence of a widow by the name of Mary Thompson. It was actually owned by Congressman Thaddeus Stevens.

THE NEW BEDFORD CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE ANNUAL JUNE PICNIC

TUESDAY JUNE 25, 2024 6:00 P.M.

LOW TIDE YACHT CLUB BUILDING

1000 RODNEY FRENCH BLVD

FORT TABER PARK, NEW BEDFORD

What should you bring?

Bring a dessert to share with all

Cost?

\$10.00 per person donation at the door

No reservation needed

Guests are welcome

This will not be a catered event, the Round Table will serve a Riccardi's Restaurant takeout menu, buffet style, and we will provide coffee and soft drinks.

There will be a short business meeting, a vote on a new slate of officers for the 2024-2025 season

The Joseph Langlois Book Award recipients will be special guests

Larry Roy will have music for us to enjoy

Peter Rioux's Civil War Trivia contest.

There will be a book raffle. Please bring a book (s) for the raffle table.



TRIVIA QUESTION

Who was the youngest General in the Union Army.

Answer. Galusha Pennypacker



Uriah Galusha Pennypacker (June 1, 1841/1842/1844–October 1, 1916) was a Union General during the war. He may be the youngest person to hold the rank of brigadier general in the U.S. Army and remains the only general too young to vote for the president who appointed him. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his leadership at the Second Battle of Fort Fisher during the Civil War.

He was born in Valley Forge Pennsylvania to a family with a long history of military service. He was raised without any memory of his parents. His mother died when he was still a baby, and his father, who had taken part in the Mexican-American War, later became an adventurer in California. His grandfather served in the American Revolutionary War. Galusha and George Armstrong Custer were fifth cousins.

At the age of 16, Pennypacker enlisted as a quartermaster sergeant in the 9th Pennsylvania Infantry from West Chester, PA. In August of 1861 he help recruit a company of men for the 97th Pennsylvania Infantry, and was appointed as their Captain. He was appointed to Major the following



October. He saw action at Fort Pulaski and in battles around Charleston. In 1864, his regiment was transferred to Virginia, under Maj. General Benjamin Butler. He was wounded at the Battle of Ware Bottom Church. After the Battle of Cold Harbor and during the siege of Petersburg, he was promoted to Colonel of his regiment. He fought at the Battle of New Market Heights and was wounded again near Fort Gilmer. His brigade was attached to the Fort Fisher Expedition under Alfred Terry.



Pennypacker's greatest moment of the war came at the Second Battle of Fort Fisher, January 15, 1865, where he again was severely wounded. His wound was considered fatal and General Terry promised the young man that he would receive a brevet promotion to Brigadier General. Terry called "the real hero of Fort Fisher" and without his bravery the fort would not have been taken. He was awarded the Medal of Honor.

He stayed in the army after the war, commissioned a Colonel of the 34th U.S. Infantry, and received a brevet promotion to Maj. General in the Regular Army on Mar 2, 1867.

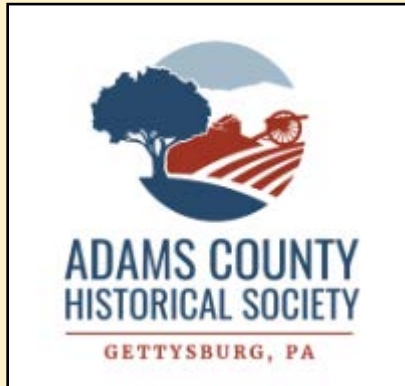
He retired in July of 1883 at the age of 39.

credit to Wikipedia

You've been to Gettysburg, Antietam, Harpers Ferry NPS, and other Battlefield Parks. There are other worthwhile Museums. I have listed several additional Museums that are recommended by several sources. I recently visited the Adams County Historical Museum in Gettysburg. It is rated as the best new Civil War museum in the USA.



The National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg, PA



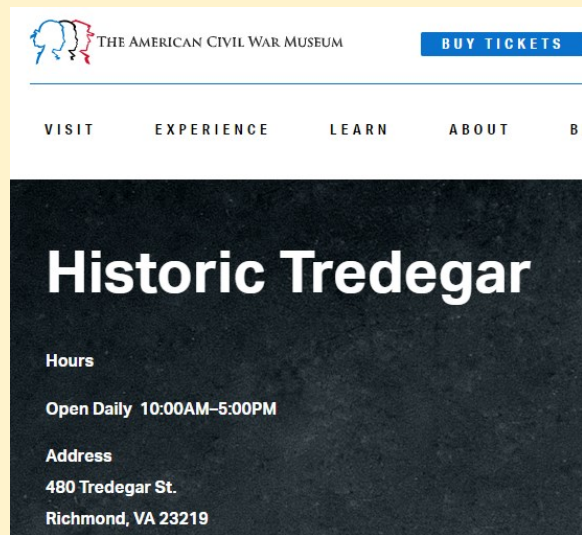
Adams County Historical Society, Gettysburg, PA



Grant's Cottage



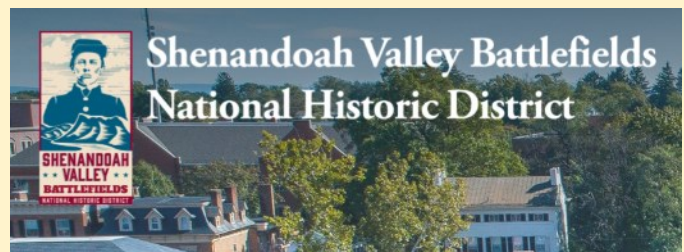
Seminary Ridge Museum
Gettysburg



The American Civil War Museum

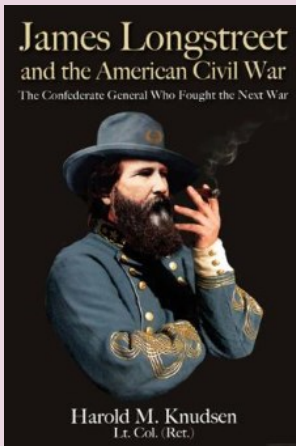


National Museum of Civil War Medicine
Frederick, Maryland



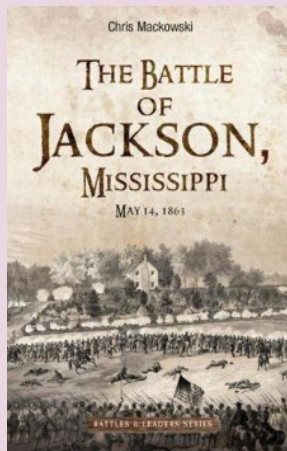
Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District
Start your tour in Winchester, VA

BOOK RELEASES THAT MAY INTEREST YOU



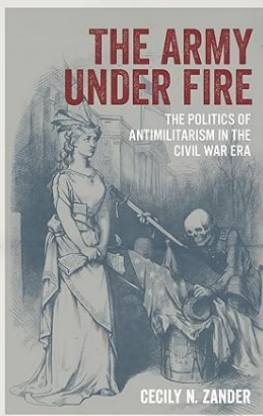
...*James Longstreet and the American Civil War: The Confederate general Who Fought the Next War*, by Harold M. Knudsen, Lt. Col. (Retired) 288 pp., 2022, Savas Beatie Publisher

This work is not a traditional biography but a doctrinal analysis and comparison to other time-periods, wars, and generals. Knudson does a good job illuminating how and why James Longstreet's execution of battles affecting the Army of Northern Virginia and the Army of Tennessee were on the right track, and were often Confederate victories.



...The Battle of Jackson, Mississippi., By Chris Mackowski, Savas Beatie Publishing 2022.

Jackson: Long ignored by historians, Chris Mackowski has written a comprehensive, eminently readable, lavishly illustrated, and historical accurate of the Battle of Jackson fought May 14, 1863. The battle itself was short, essentially a delaying action to allow General Joe Johnston to evacuate the city with as many supplies and equipment as he could carry.



...The Army Under Fire: The Politics of Antimilitarism in the Civil War Era (Conflicting Worlds: New Dimensions of the American Civil War), by Dr. Cecily N. Zander

Cecily N. Zander's *The Army Under Fire* is a pathbreaking study focusing on the fierce political debate over the size and use of military forces in the United States during the Civil War Era. It examines how prominent political figures interacted with the professional army and how those same leaders misunderstood the value of regular soldiers fighting to reunify the fractured nation.

Lee had five horses during the Civil War: Traveller, Lucy Long, Roan, Richmond, and Ajax. At the Battle of Gettysburg, it is known that Traveller and Lucy Long were with him.

One of the most popular muzzle-loading cannons was the Napoleon used by both armies. This cannon, named after Napoleon III of France, fired a 12-pound solid cannonball at a maximum range of 1,680 yards.

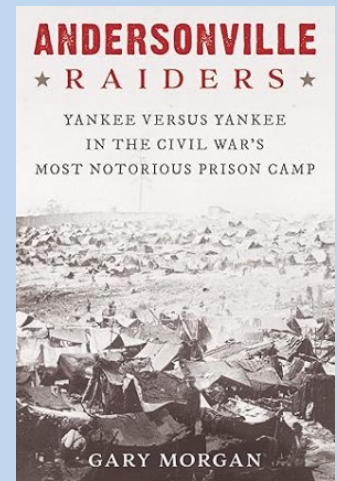
...Happenings at other Round Tables

At the Rhode Island Civil War Round Table , Dr. Andrew Zwilling, Assistant professor, Strategy and Policy, College of Distance Education, Naval War College, Newport, RI, will be speaking, May 15th, about the defense of New Orleans “ as a microcosm of the strategic failures of the Confederacy”

The Rhode Island Civil War Round Table meets at the Sprague Mansion, 1351 Cranston Street, Cranston, RI beginning at 6:30 pm.



At the Olde Colony Civil War Round Table, Endicott Estate, 656 East Street, Dedham, MA, , on May 16th, marks the return of Mary Gorman, author of Andersonville Raiders. Doors open at 6:30 for a social time. Visitors are welcome.



When does the Round Table program year begin? In other words, when will I need to pay dues next? Answer: The Round Table year begins July 1, 2024 and ends June 30, 2025. Look for dues notices in the next issue of Flagbearer this summer. We are not on a calendar year for membership and dues.

Civil War Events of interest.....

May 17-19 Virginia. Period Firearms Competition

The North-South Skirmish Association 149th National Competition near Winchester, Virginia. Over 3,000 uniformed competitors in 200 member units compete in live-fire matches with muskets, carbines, revolvers, mortars, and cannon plus costume competitions and historical lectures. The largest Civil War live-fire event in the country. Free admission, large sutler area, and food service. For more information, visit the N-SSA website: <https://www.n-ssa.org>

June 29-30 Annual Gettysburg Civil War Artifact Show

The nation’s premier Civil War relic and collectors show at the Eisenhower All Star Complex at 2634 Emmitsburg Rd., Gettysburg. For more information visit <https://www.gbpa.org/event/annual-civil-war-relic-show>