

# THE FLAGBEARER

## Greater New Bedford Mass Civil War Round Table

**Tuesday October 22, 2019 7:00 pm**

**at the Fort Taber~Fort Rodman Military Museum**

**1000c Rodney French Blvd. New Bedford**

**Open to the public , no fees, no reservations needed**

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

...Thank you to those that are arriving early to help with the chair setup for our meeting. It is appreciated.

...Look for the membership annual dues appeal in this issue of the Flagbearer. It's that time of the year.

...Our thanks to Prof. John Rodrigue for an excellent September presentation.

...I will include a form to be completed for tickets to our Holiday dinner December 10th. We will have a deadline on ticket sales because we will need to give a final head count to the Century House well before Dec 10.

...Please ask a friend to join you for the October and Nov meetings—our speakers are experienced and knowledgeable; - well worth an evening at the Military Museum.

...Please note a change in our November meeting date—it will be moved to November 19th

...Please tell your friends to "like us" at our new Facebook page.

October 22, 2019

**David A. Kelly Jr.,J.D.**

Associate Professor, Joint Maritime Operations  
Program Manager, Graduate Degree Program  
College of Distance Education  
U.S. Naval War College  
Newport R.I.

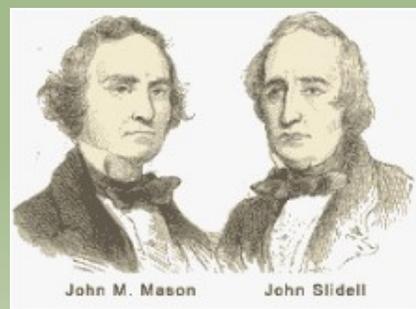


**DAVID A. KELLY, JR., J.D.**

Associate professor Kelly is the program manager of the Naval War College's Non-Resident Graduate Degree Program since 2010. He joined the faculty of the College of Distance Education as an associate professor in 2007 working on the Navy's online professional military education courses.

He served as a Surface Warfare Officer aboard the USS Barnstable County ( LST 1197 ) where he participated in Non-combatant Evacuation Operations and as a Naval Gunfire Liaison Officer with Third Battalion, Eleventh Marines with whom he took part in Operation Restore Hope in Mogadishu, Somalia. He is a graduate of Texas Tech University School of Law. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1986. His MBA is from National University.

His areas of expertise are: Amphibious Warfare, Civil War, International Law, and Operational Warfare. And while he has published " Sultana: Victim of Courtenay's Coal Torpedo", his topic for our meeting will be the very interesting story of the capture of the southern diplomats James Mason and John Slidell from the British ship "Trent", in 1861, an event that almost started a war with Great Britain.



John M. Mason

John Slidell

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**This month in Civil War history—1861**

*Transcontinental Telegraph is completed by Western Union. Often broken by wind, weather, Indians, and buffalo, it represented a gigantic leap forward in communication.*

*A remnant of the Missouri legislature voted the state out of the Union and into the Confederacy at Neosho, which in effect created Missouri as a state in both nations.*

*The Battle of Ball's Bluff takes place in Leesburg, VA, just across the Potomac. Under the command of General Charles P. Stone, the Union forces fight a losing battle and precipitates a disaster withdrawing troops. As a result Oregon Senator and close friend of Lincoln, Col. Edward D. Baker, falls in battle. General Stone, a defender of Washington earlier in the year, is accused in the press and elsewhere of friendliness with the enemy, ineptness in command, and downright treason. He is imprisoned without being formally charged. He is later returned to service, but his career is forever marred by the defeat at Ball's Bluff.*

*The Pony Express was officially disbanded after a brief but spectacular eighteen month career.*

*The new Confederate ironclad ram, Manassas, headed down the Mississippi to challenge the Federal squadron at the mouth of the river. It did damage but the disruption was short lived. The incident spelled future trouble for the Union navy.*

*Pres. Lincoln authorizes the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus.*

*At Greenpoint, Long Island, the keel of the USS Monitor is laid.*

*Lincoln receives a formal request from General-in-Chief, Winfield Scott to retire from his office.*

*The people of West Virginia vote to form a new state.*

**Background to our October speaker's topic;**

**THE TRENT AFFAIR**

*The "Trent Affair" was a diplomatic incident in 1861, during the Civil War that threatened a war between the United States and the United Kingdom. The U.S. Navy illegally captured two Confederate diplomats from a British ship; the United Kingdom protested vigorously. The United States ended the incident by releasing the diplomats.*

*On November 8, 1861, the USS San Jacinto, commanded by Union Captain Charles Wilkes, intercepted the British mail packet RMS Trent and removed, as contraband of war, two Confederate diplomats: James Murray Mason and John Slidell. The envoys were bound for Britain and France to press the Confederacy's case for diplomatic recognition and to lobby for possible financial and military support.*

*Public reaction in the United States was to celebrate the capture and rally against Britain, threatening war.*

*Now, please join us October 22, at 7:00 pm and hear the rest of the story from David A. Kelly.*

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**Name this Colonel from New Bedford?**

**He's buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, New Bedford, MA**

**Killed June 27, 1863**

**Shot through the heart**

**Went to Friend's Academy**

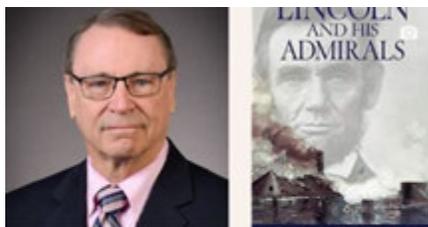
**A Harvard graduate**

**Answer: email me and I will respond with his name**

**bobbylee76@comcast.net Bob Lytle**



**We hope you will search us out on Facebook and "like" our page. Stay up-to-date on our upcoming events. Be sure you click on "notifications" so you will know when something new has been added.**



**NOV 19** Lincoln and His Admirals - Free Event and Open to All  
Public · Hosted by New Bedford Civil War Roundtable

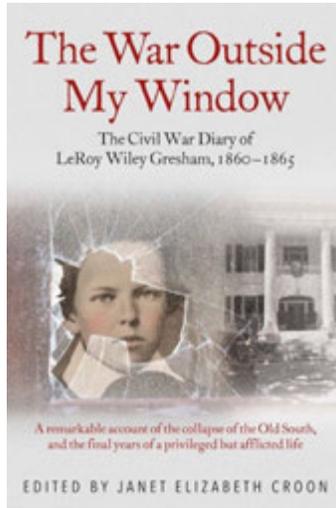


**TUE, OCT 22 AT 7 PM** The Trent Affair - Free Event and Open to All  
Fort Taber Military Museum, 1000C Rodney French...  
You like New Bedford Civil War Roundtable

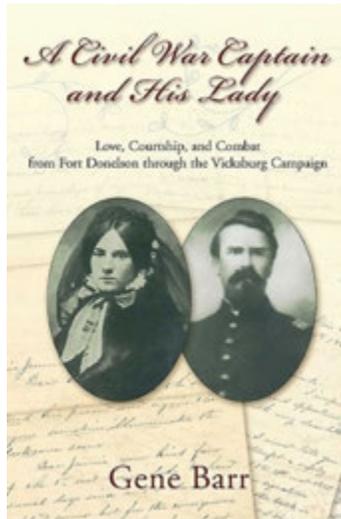
New Books for your Library

The Civil War Diary of Leroy Wiley Gresham ( young readers edition), 1860-165

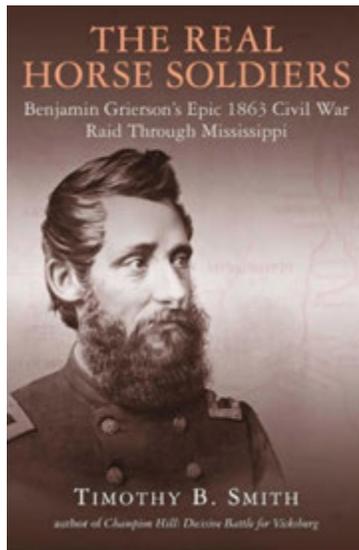
The Library of Congress considered Grisham's journal a masterpiece, and one of it premier holdings. Edited for young readers, this journal introduces a new generation to one of the most unique and important firsthand accounts to come out of our Civil War. Leroy Grisham will be remembered as the young voice of the Civil War South.



More than 150 years ago, 27-year-old Irish immigrant Josiah Moore met 19-year-old Jennie Lindsay, a member of one of Peoria Illinois' most prominent families. The Civil War had just begun., Josiah was the captain of the 17th Illinois Infantry, and his war would be a long and bloody one. Their courtship and romance, which came to light in a rare and unpublished series of letters, forms the basis of this book.



Benjamin Grierson's Union cavalry thrust through Mississippi is one of the most well-known operations of the Civil War. The last serious study was published more than six decades ago. Other accounts have appeared, but none as in-depth as this book by Timothy B. Smith. Grierson's raid broke a vital Confederate rail link at Newton Station that supplied Vicksburg.



Spring /Fall 2019 Speaker/Meeting Schedule

November 19, 2019

Craig L. Symonds

Professor of History Emeritus

U.S. Naval Academy

Chief Historian U.S.S. Monitor Center at the Mariners' Museum in Newport News, Virginia



His topic: Based on his book "Lincoln and His Admirals", winner of the Lincoln Prize. Mr. Symonds also is the recipient of the Samuel Eliot Morrison Award for Naval Literature.

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December 10, 2019

Annual Holiday Dinner

Tuesday December 10, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

Century House

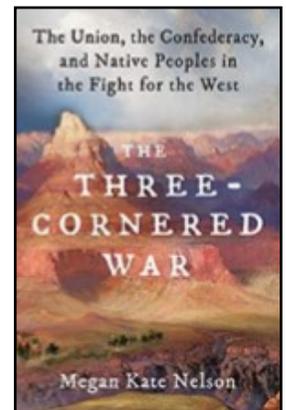
107 Main Street

Acushnet, MA 02743

Tickets will be available for sale in Oct and Nov

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...A frequent speaker and friend of this Round Table , Dr. Megan Kate Nelson, will be kicking off her 2020 book tour with a visit to the New Bedford Civil War Round Table, on March 24, 2020. Her new book, Three Cornered War, is set for a spring release; - Feb 11. This is her third book



*Al Smith of the Greater Boston Civil War Round Table has announced the details and schedule of his "Annual 5 Days in May" trip. I have included his flyer here for you to consider. This past May the New Bedford contingent totaled 12 of us. As always, Al provides a great guide and an even better value for your dollar spent.*

### Al Smith's 2020 5 Days in May Battlefield Tour

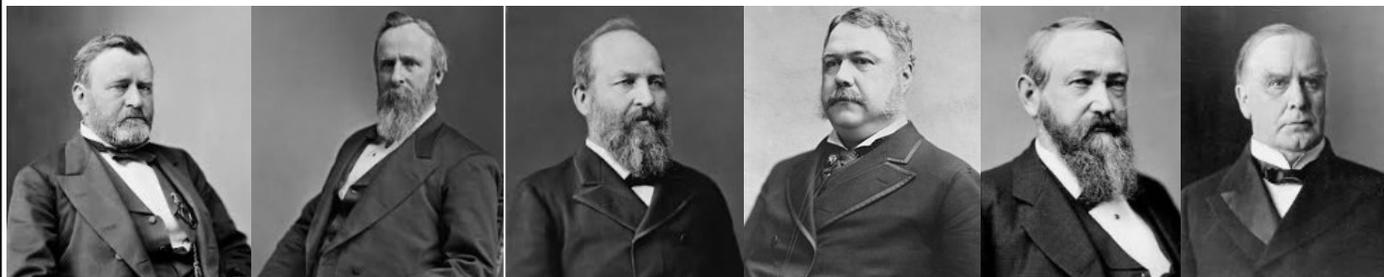
Join us for another fabulous trip to the many sites in the battles of the Shenandoah Valley. The dates selected for this great 5 day trip are Wednesday, May 13, 2020 to Sunday May 17, 2020. I have asked longtime friend and expert on the Valley Campaigns, Scott Patchan to take us back in time to visit the other sites involved in the Civil War. Come and see the beauty of the Shenandoah Valley when we will visit on our first day the New Market Hall of Valor Museum and battlefield, the Town of New Market, the Shenandoah Valley Battlefield Museum. Our second day will take us to the sites in the Battle of Piedmont, then on to the Battle of Mt. Crawford where Confederate General John Imboden was defeated which lead to the Confederate defeat at the Battle of Cedar Creek. A visit to the Piedmont Battlefield and the Port Republic Museum and then we can stroll down the quaint streets of Staunton, Va. to view the sites of this Civil War manufacturing town. In June of 1864 Union Major General David Hunter would lead an army of 10,000 troops and destroy the town. As we conclude our trip on day 3 we will be we will visit the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, the Court House Museum and Stonewall Jackson's Headquarters. As an added bonus to our journey we will get to see the site of the Court House used for the Trial of John Brown and the site of his execution in Charles Town, W. Va. We will also get the to view the sites of cavalry action Generals Sheridan, Custer and Fitz Lee.

Our accommodations for the trip will be at Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites in Winchester, Va. Our travel will be by air conditioned motor coach supplied by the McGinn Bus Co. Dinner for three nights will be at Piccadilly's Restaurant, Brewbaker's Restaurant and the Wayside Inn. Tips and gratuity, tour guide, and complimentary hot breakfast and donations are included.

A \$50.00 deposit will hold a reservation for this fantastic trip. Send your check payable to the Civil War Round Table of Greater Boston c/o Al Smith 11 Poplar St. Belmont, Ma. 02478. The total cost of this trip will be \$815.00 for a single room and \$630.00 each for a double room. If you have any questions please contact Al at 617 484 5613 or at ohjudyoh@yahoo.com

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*Name the six Civil War veterans that later became President of the United States of America?*



Grant

Hayes

Garfield

Arthur

Harrison

McKinley

*Attached to this issue of the Flagbearer is your 2019-2020 Annual Dues form. Quite a number of you have already paid your dues. Thank You for being prompt !!!*

# NEW BEDFORD CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

## 2019-2020 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership is valid for 2019-2020 Program Year, beginning September 1, 2019. Please complete this form, along with check payable to "New Bedford CWRT" and mail to:

New Bedford Civil War Round Table  
C/O Martin Flinn, Treas.  
39 Little Oak Road  
New Bedford, MA 02745

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ (Please print)

Type of membership: Individual (\$25.00) \_\_\_\_\_ Family (\$30.00) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**NEW BEDFORD CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE HOLIDAY DINNER**

**WHEN?**            **DEC 10, 2019**  
**WHERE?**           **CENTURY HOUSE**  
                      **107 SOUTH MAIN STREET**  
                      **ACUSHNET, MA 02743**  
                      **508-995-3221**

**WHAT TIME?**    **6:00 PM**

**DO I NEED RESERVATIONS?**    **YES**

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS:**        **DEC 1 - WE MUST NOTIFY CENTURY HOUSE AND GUARANTEE OUR FINAL NUMBER OF ATTENDEES BY THIS DATE**

**COST: \$31.00 PER PERSON ( INCLUDES TAX AND SERVICE CHARGE )**

**BUFFET: STEAK TIPS, SCOD, COUNTRY FRIED CHICKEN, RICE, VEGETABLE GARDEN SALAD, ROLLS, DESSERT, COFFEE/TEA**

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**Make check out to New Bedford Civil War Round Table and mail to Martin Flinn 39 Little Oak Road, New Bedford, MA 02745**

**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions? Call Bob Lytle 508-542-7630**