

# THE FLAGBEARER

## Greater New Bedford Civil War Round Table New Bedford, Massachusetts October 26, 2021, 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Meeting

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Our October 26 Speaker

**Ronald S. Coddington**

Historian, author, and guide

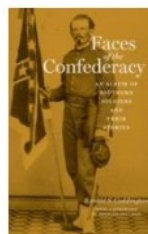
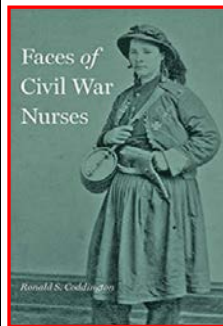
His topic: *Faces of Civil War Nurses*



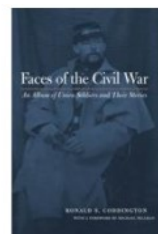
While other kids in his Middlesex, N.J. neighborhood collected baseball cards, 14-year-old Ronald S. Coddington browsed flea markets looking for old photographs. Collecting historic images would become his lifelong pursuit. He began to write about the lives of identified Civil War Soldiers in his collection in 2001. Many are included in his books, “Faces of the Civil War,” “Faces of the Confederacy,” and “African American Faces of the Civil War”. Ron is a regular contributor to the New York Times series *Disunion*, and a columnist for the *Civil War Times*.

Ron is a 1985 graduate of the University of Georgia and he lives in Arlington Virginia with his wife Anne.

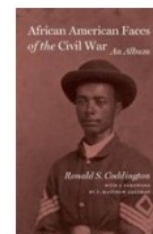
Tonight’s presentation will feature his book “Faces of Civil War Nurses.”



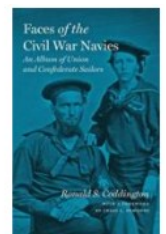
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NEW BEDFORD CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE HOLIDAY DINNER

DECEMBER 7, 2021 6:00 P.M.

CENTURY HOUSE, 107 SOUTH MAIN STREET, ACUSHNET, MA 02743

**ATTENTION—ADDED TO OUR FALL 2021 SPEAKER SERIES**

*The New Bedford Civil War Round Table presents:*

**Mr. Codie Eash, Operations Manager**

*Seminary Ridge Museum and Education Center  
Gettysburg, PA*

*Tuesday, November 9, 2021, 7:00 P.M.*

**Written in Ink and Marked with Blood:  
Frederick Douglass's Gettysburg Address**



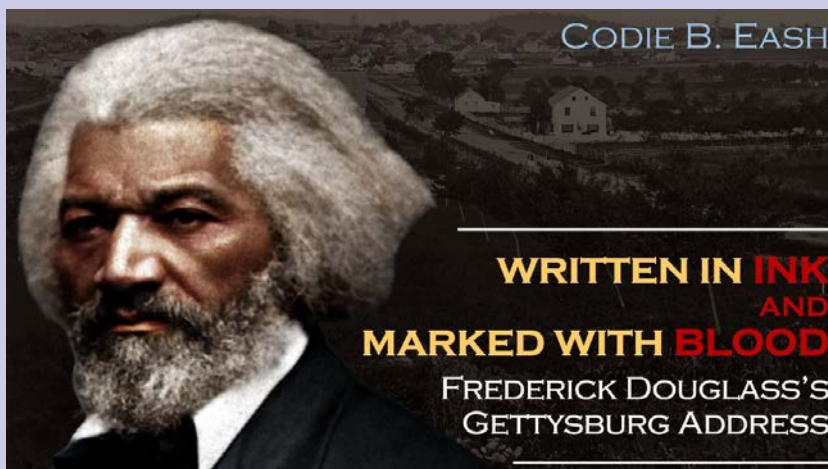
*Mr. Codie Eash*

*On January 25, 1869, Frederick Douglass visited Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, the site of the Civil War's costliest engagement. There, the formerly enslaved and self-emancipated activist, author, and lecturer delivered a speech in which he reflected upon the words spoken and deeds done on battlefields across the country during the "Abolition War" (as Douglass called it) from 1861-1865 and the Reconstruction that followed. Through written word and commanding oratory, he brought meaning to the bloodletting of fallen United States soldiers and the martyred Abraham Lincoln, and placed the racial and political results of the war—constructive as well as destructive—within the context of world history. Join Codie Eash for this discussion of the motivations for Douglass's address, how it was received by those who heard it, and what it means in our collective memory today.*

*Codie Eash serves as Operations Manager at Seminary Ridge Museum and Education Center in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and is a 2014 graduate of Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, where he earned a bachelor degree in*

*communication/journalism and held a minor in history.*

*Codie regularly lectures for National Park Service sites, historical societies, Civil War roundtables, and educational groups. He has published articles and essays in local newspapers, regional magazines, and national history journals. Codie contributes to the blog "Pennsylvania in the Civil War"; writes book reviews for "Civil War Monitor" magazine; serves as a co-host on "Battles and Banter," a military history podcast; and maintains the Facebook page "Codie Eash - Writer and Historian," which primarily focuses on the Civil War era.*





**DUES REMINDER**



We are four months into our membership drive for the 2021-2022 speaker season for the Civil War Round Table. Your membership dues should be paid by now and half of you have responded. Thank you. We need the rest of you to step up and support the Round Table. Please remit your dues to our Treasurer this month. Please see the last page of the Flagbearer for the membership renewal form.

Not sure if you have paid your dues? Email me; - Bob Lytle [bobbylee76@comcast.net](mailto:bobbylee76@comcast.net)



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**Ed Bearss Memorial Service**

A memorial service was held for the legendary historian Edward C. Bearss at the Manassas National Battlefield Park on October 9th. The family and the American Battlefield Trust have set up a memorial fund in his name to help preserve the Vicksburg battlefields. Questions? Contact Bill Vodra at [billvodra1@gmail.com](mailto:billvodra1@gmail.com)



**NEWS FROM THE ROUND TABLE**

... The New Bedford Civil War Round Table is moving to a new and permanent meeting location. Beginning with the January meeting, 2022, we will meet at the Low Tide Yacht Club. This location is next door to our traditional meeting space at the Ft Taber~Ft Rodman Military Museum. The Yacht Club room offers us a larger facility, and you will feel comfortably spaced, not jammed together. The New Bedford Civil War Round Table is a growing organization and a larger meeting room was a necessity.

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...Please mark your calendar now for the **Annual Holiday Dinner at the Century House**. The date is set for December 7, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. We will provide a reservation form and tickets in a future Flagbearer.



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**19th Remembrance Day Illumination Sat, Nov 20th 5:30-9:30**

The Gettysburg Foundation presents the 19th Annual Remembrance Day Illumination on Saturday, Nov 20, in the Gettysburg National Cemetery. Sponsor a Liminary Candle in honor or memory of a loved one. A candle sponsorship is \$18.63. To sponsor a candle or request to volunteer for this event email

[epearce@gettysburgfoundation.org](mailto:epearce@gettysburgfoundation.org)



February 22, 2022

Megan Kate Nelson, Ph. D returns to the New Bedford Civil War Round Table.

She will introduce her latest book, "Saving Yellowstone"

Each year nearly four million people visit Yellowstone National Park, but few know the fascinating and complex 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.



Author Megan Kate Nelson examines the larger context of this American moment, illuminating Hayden's survey as a national project meant to give Americans a sense of achievement and unity in the wake of a destructive civil war.

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 Cooke, 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.

A narrative of adventure and exploration, Saving Yellowstone is also a story of indigenous resistance, the expansive reach of railroad, photographic, and publishing technologies, and the struggles of Black southerners to bring racial terrorists to justice. It reveals how the early 1870's were a turning point in the nation's history, as white Americans ultimately abandoned the higher ideal of equality for all people creating a much more fragile and divided United States.



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### Timeline for October 1863

We are now in our third autumn of the war. The South is besieged but is breathing easier as they have beaten back Federal forces at Charleston and Texas, and have won a battle;- Chickamauga. East Tennessee has fallen to the Federals, as has Little Rock. In Virginia both Lee and Meade have sent troops to the West and there were questions about what would happen next.

...Oct 1 President Lincoln sent the following message to General John M. Schofield in command in Missouri, "Your immediate duty, in regard to Missouri, now is to advance the efficiency of that establishment, and to so use it, as far as practicable, to compel the excited people there to leave on another alone. "

Put yourself in Schofield's shoes , - what would you do with that order?

...Oct 12 Lincoln wrote Gen'l Rosecrans at Chattanooga that he and Burnside now had the enemy by the throat.

...Oct 12 Lincoln wrote Meade for the third time , in Virginia, "What news this morning? "

...Oct 15 In Charleston harbor, the Confederate submarine 'H.L. Hunley', sank for a second time during a practice dive . Hunley, the inventor, and seven men died.

...Oct 17 In Washington, Lincoln issued a proclamation calling for an additional 300,000 volunteers for the Federal armies.

...Oct 23 Grant takes command at Chattanooga and orders a "cracker line" to be opened to relieve the beleaguered federal troops.

...Oct 27 Chattanooga is relieved and Charleston bombardment is renewed

Tough Civil War Trivia questions. Email me the answers. [bobbylee76@comcast.net](mailto:bobbylee76@comcast.net)

#### Question #1

The gross sales amount for Grant's memoirs. Was it \$500,000, \$1,500,000, \$750,000, or **\$1,000,000 (winner)**

#### Question #2

General John Bell Hood and his wife died of yellow fever in New Orleans during the epidemic of 1878-79, as did his oldest daughter, Lydia, leaving 10 destitute orphan children. What General stepped in and had Hood's memoirs published, which supported and saved the family?

**Jack Richer was the winner—General P.T.G. Beauregard provided the much needed aid to the Hood children**

March 22, 2022

Mary Gorman A.K.A. Gary Morgan

*"The Andersonville Raiders"*

The first book devoted exclusively to the Andersonville Raiders.

On the evening of July 11, 1864, six men were marched into Andersonville Prison, surrounded by a cordon of guards, the prison commandant, and a Roman Catholic priest. The six men were handed over to a small execution squad, and while 26,000 Union prisoners looked on, the six were hung. The six, part of a larger group known as the Raiders, were killed, not by their Rebel enemies but by their fellow prisoners for the crimes of robbing and assaulting their own comrades.



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May 24, 2022

Jamie Malanowski

Commander Will Cushing, U.S. Navy, Daredevil Hero of the Civil War

Theodore Roosevelt said Will Cushing "comes next to Farragut on the hero roll of American naval history"

Come hear the story by noted author Jamie Malanowski next May, in person at the Low Tide Yacht Club.



**New Bedford Civil War Round Table  
2021-2022 Membership Form**

**Program Year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022**

**Please fill out this form and make check payable to "New Bedford CWRT"**

**Mail to: New Bedford Civil War Round Table**

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**Thank you for being a member of the New Bedford Civil War Round Table**