

October 2022

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THE FLAGBEARER

THE GREATER NEW BEDFORD CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

Tuesday October 25, 2022 6:00 p.m.

******* Note the earlier start time *******

We meet at the Low Tide Yacht Club building, 1000 So. Rodney French Blvd, New Bedford, MA located inside Fort Taber Park, open to the public, no charge, ample parking

Our October 25, 2022 Speaker

Kevin M. Levin

Kevin Levin has presented programs to our Round Table many times and does not need an introduction. However, I will do it anyway.

He has taught history full- and part-time at Gann Academy in Waltham. You can find his op-eds in The new York Times, The Washington Post, The Atlantic, Smithsonian Magazines, Civil War Times, and the Civil War Monitor. He has appeared on the Black News Channel, C-Span, NPR, Al-Jazerra, BackStory With the American History Guys, and Vox. He has been a participant in workshops at the National Park Service, Civil War Trust, Organization of American Historians, Ford's Theater, The Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College, and the Massachusetts Historical Society.

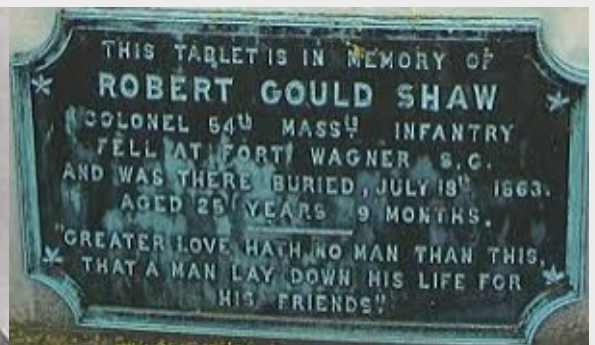
Kevin's presentation this month is titled

"Before Glory: Robert Gould Shaw and the Second Massachusetts"

This presentation will focus on Shaw's military career prior to taking command of the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry in 1863.



Kevin M. Levin
Author and Historian



... News From the Round Table

Please note the time change for our October 25 meeting.



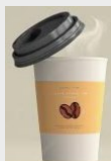
Also, we will start promptly at 6:00 p.m. Please arrive at 5:30 for coffee and social time. Thank you to a dedicated and loyal Round Table member for helping resolve gate closure issues with the City of New Bedford, at least for now.



PAY YOUR DUES

The New Bedford Civil War Round Table reminder, - Have you sent in your 2022-2023 Membership renewal?

A big Thank you to our new Secretary, Will Hunter, for supplying muffins and coffee for our September meeting. The "Social Hour (30mins) " is a very nice addition to our meetings.



Did you miss the September meeting and Dr. Megan Kate Nelson? Don Brown, Round Table Digital Outreach, will have the presentation on our You Tube Channel. I will be sending everyone a link.



... additional Round Table updates

Annual Holiday Dinner will again be at the Century House in Acushnet.

[Tuesday December 6, 2022 6:00 p.m.](#)
[Ticket information will be in the October Flagbearer.](#)



December 2022						
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Peter Rioux is already working on his Civil War Trivial Pursuit



Congratulations to Mark and Rachel Mello on the arrival of Luke Ryan Mello.

Mark, we hope you get some rest now.

Do you have the Civil War Round Table Congress on your computer or cell phone? You may wish to consider following this website.



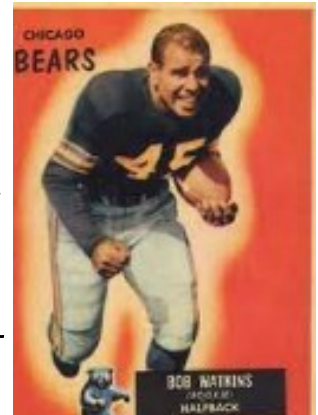
Other news from the New Bedford Civil War Round Table....

It is with a sad heart we announce the death of our long time member and Board of Director, Bobby Watkins. He died on September 25. You will recall that Bobby came out of the Ohio Sate University football program under Woody Hayes, and went on to play for the NFL Chicago Bears under "Papa" Bear Halas. (1955-1958)

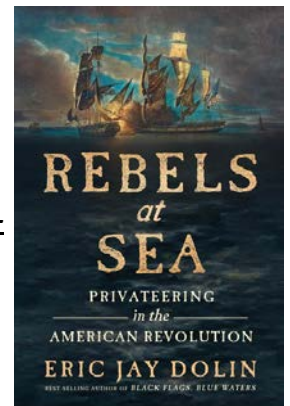


He was a recognized scholar in the works of Robert Burns, and was a life-time member of the Irvine Burns Club of Scotland. His interest in the American Civil War led him to be a loyal and active member of the Greater New Bedford Civil War Round Table. Bobby fought for civil rights through his actions, words, and accomplishments. He was a trailblazer. A natural leader. Our prayers are with Rillis, his wife.

We will miss Bobby's radiant smile and genuine warmth that he exuded with such ease.



...From the **Town of Dartmouth Historical Commission** , on October 24th, 5:30, at the North Dartmouth Library, 211 Cross Road, Eric Jay Dolin will be the featured speaker of the Dartmouth Heritage Preservation Trust. His lecture is titled, **Rebels at Sea, Privateering in the American Revolution**. This will give you the basis for the CSS Alabama and Civil War maritime law, after the Revolutionary War. More on this in early October.



Mark your calendar with future meeting dates of the New Bedford Civil War Round Table. We apply for meeting space at the Low Tide Yacht Club, and reserve our dates with the approval of the City of New Bedford Parks and Recreation Board. These dates have been approved:

Jan 24, 2023 (this will be a Zoom meeting)

Apr 25, 2023

Feb 28, 2023

May 23, 2023

Mar 28, 2023

June 27, 2023 (annual picnic)

Sept 26, 2023

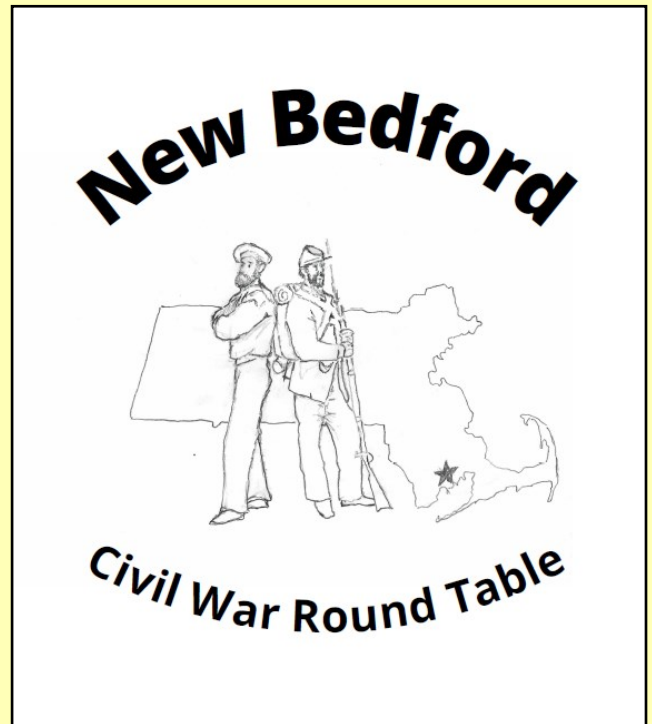
Oct 24, 2023

Nov (TBD)

Dec 5, 2023 (Century House Holiday Dinner)

Check out the New Bedford Civil War Round Table new logo !!!!

Product branding is vital to our growth as an organization, and Don Brown, Digital Outreach, has developed a new logo for the Round Table. It gives us a professional look. It will be used on our membership cards, banners, flags, posters, t-shirts, polo shirts, coffee cups, announcements, and so on. At the October meeting, Don Brown, Will Hunter, and our President, Mark Mello, will be modeling on the red carpet, a polo shirt with this logo embroidered on the front. If you like it, Don will order a shirt for you at the October meeting. Pricing will be available at the that meeting.



THE NEW BEDFORD CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

2022-2023 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Program Year is July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

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

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

Name _____

Type of Membership _____ Individual (\$25.00) _____ Family (\$30.00)

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Cell or Home phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Date: _____

November 29, 2022 Speaker

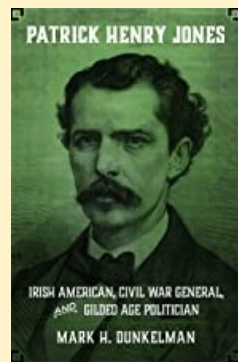
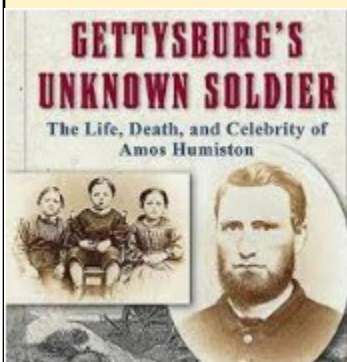
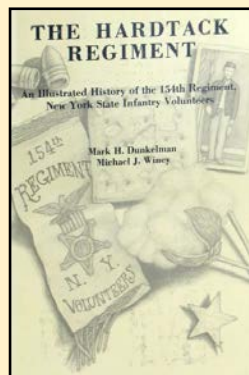
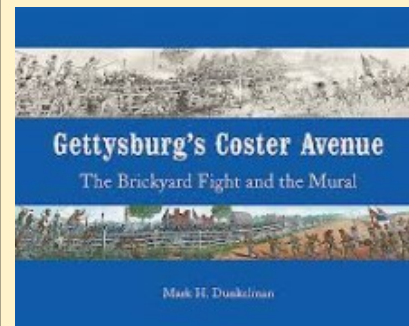
Mark H. Dunkelman returns to the New Bedford Civil War Round Table.

I have cut and pasted cover photos of just a few of his books. Mark is President of the Rhode Island Civil War Round Table. His research, over the years, has focused on the 154th New York Volunteer Infantry, a.k.a. the "Hardtack Regiment". He has contacted over 1,200 descendants of members of the 154th, locating and copying over 1,700 wartime letters, 250 portraits, 25 diaries, dozens of relics, and several other memoirs and accounts.

Mark's great-grandfather was a member of the famed 154th.

His presentation to our Round Table will cover the many stories of his adventures as a Civil War author and historian.

Welcome Mark, we are glad to host your return.



What am I looking at?



Google Earth view of Camp Joe Hooker, Lakeville
Why was Lakeville a good site for Civil War trainees? Mostly because of good transportation, and location; central to Bristol and Plymouth counties. Back then a rail line ran from Fall River to Boston. Trainees could be quickly sent to Boston and from there, by ship, to points south. So Lakeville was a good rallying point and it made good sense to establish a training camp at Lakeville.

Camp Joe Hooker was used to train the nine-month regiments, after August 1862. Two southeastern Massachusetts units, the old 3rd and 4th Mass Volunteer Militias elected to reorganize, (having served 90 day stints), and answered the call at Camp Joe Hooker. Both arrived in September 1862. The 3rd Massachusetts departed in October, and the 4th Massachusetts in December.



Camp Hooker continued to train troops and was active during World War I. In the 1920's the land was sold and converted to a racetrack, - the Golden Spur Speedway, popular up through 1975. The area is overgrown now and apparently abandoned. One can still see the outline of the race track.

A small wooden sign along Staples Shore Road notes that it was once the site of Camp Joe Hooker.





**THE NEW BEDFORD CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE
PRESENTS THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER**

When? Tuesday December 6, 2022

Time? 6:00 p.m. Start time. Food promptly served at 6:30

Where? Century House

107 South Main Street

Acushnet, MA 02743 (508) 995-3221




Tickets and reservations needed? Yes. \$37.00 per person

May I bring a guest? More than one? Yes and Yes

Buffet menu to include baked scrod, boneless chicken, steak tips, vegetables, rice pilaf, salad, rolls, ice cream, coffee and tea. A cash bar will be available.

Please note, this is the same location as last year.

Century House will provide special meals by request.

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To purchase tickets, make your check payable to the NB Civil War Round Table and mail to Bob Lytle, 76 Shipyard Lane, So. Dartmouth, MA 02748

Name (s)

Address:

Phone:

In other news from my desk....

Most of you are familiar with Troy Harman, Gettysburg NPS Ranger, Author, and Historian. He presented to our Round Table during the Covid era. He has been our bus tour guide in Gettysburg during a 5 Day s in May trip, and you have read his books on Gettysburg. Recently his Battlefield Walk series at Gettysburg has been on You Tube ; the latest is really outstanding.—"A Spot Above All Others".

Troy has recently released a new book on Gettysburg, - "All Roads Lead To Gettysburg".

You no doubt have had to listen to your "expert" friends talk about the Gettysburg battle and how it was all just an accidental meeting of the armies , or during a search for shoes, the Confederates ran into the Union Army. Troy Harman argues for a new interpretation: once Lee invaded Pennsylvania and the Union Army pursued, a battle at Gettysburg was entirely predictable, perhaps inevitable.

You can find Troy's new book on Amazon.

October 7, 1777 The Battle of Saratoga ends with an American victory over General Burgoyne. American General Gates receives the accolades of the Continental Congress.

Kevin J. Weddle, friend of this Round Table, and Professor at the U.S. Army War College Carlisle, PA, authored the book, "The Compleat Victory" .

This week, "The Compleat Victory: Saratoga and the American Revolution" has won the Gilder Lehrman Prize for Military History, the most prestigious award in the field.

The award will take place in November at the New York Historical Society in NYC.

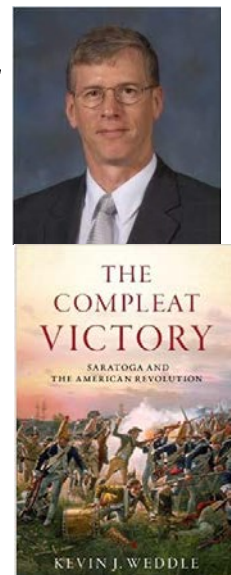
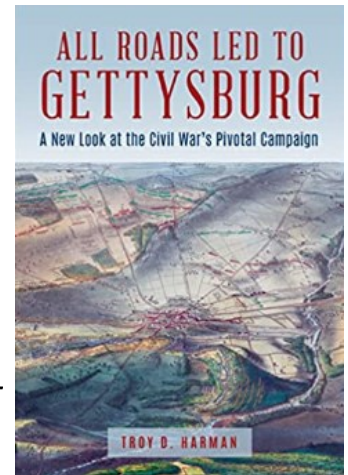
Kevin's appearance here in New Bedford covered his earlier book, " Lincoln's Tragic Admiral: The Life of Samuel du Pont"

In other October happenings.....

John Brown raids Harper's Ferry hoping to initiate a slave revolt in the Southern states by taking over the United States Arsenal , called a tragic prelude to the American Civil War.

Brown's party of 22 was defeated by a company of U.S. Marines on Oct 18th. Overall command of the U.S. troops was Col. Robert E. Lee.

Stonewall Jackson and JEB Stuart were among the troops guarding John Brown. John Wilkes Booth was at the execution on John Brown

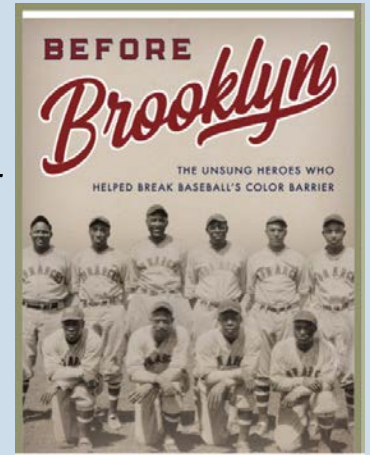


The U.S. Marines storming the engine house
Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, Library of Congress

News from other Round Tables and Historical Organizations in our Region

The Freetown Historical Society is hosting a lecture "Before Brooklyn; the unsung heroes who helped break baseball's color barrier", a book by Guest Speaker Ted Reinstein. This lecture will be Sunday October 16 at 2:00 pm., 1 Slabe Bridge Road, Assonet. RSVP at their website.

While it is too late to attend the East Bridgewater Civil War Round Table meeting, keep an eye out for Dale Julius' group, - they always have a lively discussion. They meet this Thursday, Oct 11. The topic is "Civil War Ghosts"



From the Rhode Island Civil War Round Table.



New Bedford Civil War Round Table member, Ricard Spicer, is giving a lecture titled, -"The Third New Hampshire and Hilton Head Bands" Now that sounds interesting !!!! Meeting will take place Weds October 19 at 6:30. Location is Sprague Mansion, 1251 Cranston Street, Cranston, RI

NEW BEDFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTATION
Timeless Jazzy Afternoon
OCTOBER 16TH
\$50 TICKETS
luncheon buffet included with admission
LIVE PERFORMANCE BY:
SHAWN MONTEIRO
Matt DeChamplain, Piano | David Zino, Bass | Yoron Israel, Drums

From the Olde Colony Civil War Round Table. Did you purchase tickets to the "Annual Jubilee Dinner and Preservation Raffle? The date is Oct 20, 2022 at Four Points Sheraton, Norwood Ma. Scott Mingus is the keynote speaker. Seven of us from the New Bedford CW RoundTable are going. This is an event well worth supporting. Preservation is a mainstay mission of Civil War Round Tables across the U.S.A.

Consider a membership in the Olde Colony Civil War Round Table. They meet on the third Thursday of the month at the Endicott Estate, 656 East Street, Dedham at 7:30 pm. If you would like a Zoom link, request it at OCCWRT1@gmail.com If you drive there allow about 50 minutes from New Bedford. Really a good Round Table to support.



Thank you to all those who have submitted 2023 dues. Dues season started July 1. We are a third of the way into our season. So far, 34 of you have sent in your dues. We have 69 members on the books, so 56% of you are current with dues. Thank you, Bob