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

September 26, 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

September 26 Speaker

Aaron Bolis

Topic

**Clothing and Equipment issued to
the Army of Northern Virginia
throughout the war**

Doors open at 5:15



Dear Friends in the Civil War,

I hope that this message finds you healthy and rejuvenated from a relaxing summer. Whether you spent time this summer reading a book by your favorite Civil War author, visiting hallowed ground, or watching your favorite Civil War movie, summer is quickly coming to a close and our next Round Table speaker season is nearly upon us. Larry, our speaker coordinator, has worked hard to put together a top-notch series of talks for this year. We hope you'll be able to join us.

We are also planning some new things for the 2023-2024 season. A group outing is in the works for this Fall (more to come soon), and a day (or two) of service is also being planned. We hope these new additions will build upon this organization's legacy of honoring and commemorating the sacrifice of numerous individuals who fought during the Civil War.

As always, I want to extend a word of thanks to each one of you. If it was not for your support and participation in this organization, we wouldn't have the New Bedford Civil War Round Table. In a time when many Round Tables are struggling for membership, our membership remains robust. It is a testament to your dedication as students of the American Civil War.

If you have any questions or ideas for things you would like to see us do as an organization, don't hesitate to reach out.

Your humble and obedient servant,

Mark Mello
President
New Bedford CWRT

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FALL MEETING SCHEDULE, 2023 AND WINTER 2024

October 24, 2023	David Prentiss	Ulysses S. Grant
November 28, 2023	Michael Murphy	Gen'l P.T.G. Beauregard
December 12, 2023	Holiday Dinner	
January 23, 2024	Ty Seidule	Zoom only. <u>Robert E. Lee and Me</u>
February 27, 2024	Brian Bush	Zoom only
March 26, 2024	Joe Michaud	Gen'l Ambrose Burnside
April 23, 2024	Robert Kane	Lincoln and War Powers
May 28, 2024	Chuck Veit	Chuck's latest book
June 25, 2024	BBQ Picnic	At Low Tide Yacht Club

Where will your fall travels take you? What's new in Gettysburg National Park?

From the Friends of Gettysburg

September 30

"History of the National Cemetery and Its Early Visitation: Or Just A Bunch of Names In Some Dusty Old Books", with Sue Boardman



October 21

"Stories of the Fallen: Willard to Woodruff, July 2nd-3rd, 1863' with Rick Schroeder and Fran Feyock

These programs start at 9:00 am at the Ford Room at the Gettysburg National Park Visitor Center for a brief introduction before moving onto the battlefield via a bus. The tour ends at noon.



The following are repeating events at the Park.

- **Gettysburg History Hike** Every day until September 17, 2023 10 am - 11:30
- **David Wills House Open** Every week on Friday, Saturday, Sunday until November 19, 2023
- **Four Score and Seven Years Ago: Lincoln and the Soldiers' National Cemetery** Every Day until September 17, 2023 1:30–2:15



67th Annual Remembrance Day Parade

11/18/23
Time: typically at 1 p.m.

67th Annual Remembrance Day Parade
Middle, Baltimore Streets and Steinwehr Ave
Gettysburg, PA

AND, OF COURSE, DON'T FORGET—REMEMBRANCE DAY

The New Bedford Civil War Round Table

2023-2024 Membership and Dues

Effective Dates July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024



IT IS TIME TO SUBMIT YOUR DUES FOR THE NEW SEASON ; 2023 -2024.

Please fill out the form and make the 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



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

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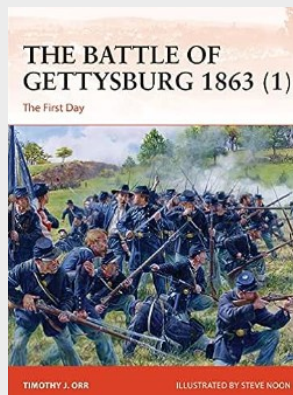
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Thank you for being a member of the New Bedford Civil War Round Table

How is your summer reading coming along? From the Civil War News comes additional suggestions.

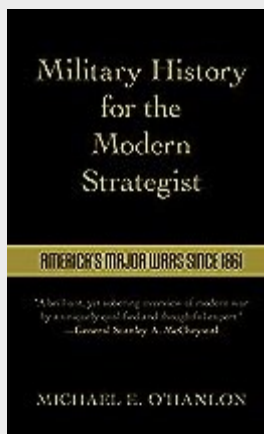


The Battle of Gettysburg (1) The First Day

By Timothy J. Orr

Osprey Publishing 2022

This book is well written, historically accurate, and provides a good primer for any student of Gettysburg.

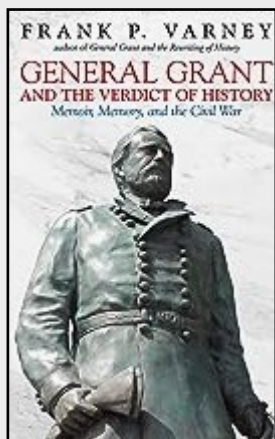


Military History for the Modern Strategist: America's major Wars Since 1861

By Michael O. Hanlon

Brookings Institution Press

This book is heavily researched and documented and is an interesting reappraisal of the conduct and outcomes of America's major wars since 1861. It is recommended to those with special interest in strategy, decision making at high levels of authority and unintended consequences.



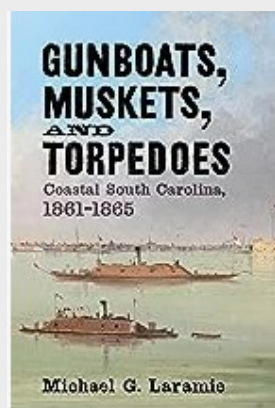
General Grant and the Verdict of History: Memoir, Memory and the Civil War

By Frank P. Varney

Savis Beaty Publishing

Varney does not pull his punches. Regarding Grant's various statements and actions, the author uses phrases such as "disingenuous," "false legend," and "pattern of deceit."

This book is not for the novice, but for readers who already know the plot and the characters in the drama.



Gunboats, Muskets, and Torpedoes

By Michael G. Laramie

Westholme Publishing

The four year-long battle for the control of the South Carolina coastline. This is where 3 New Bedford boys were awarded the Medal Of Honor.

Olde Colony Civil War Round Table

Jubilee Dinner & Preservation Raffle



GUEST SPEAKER: Author Chris Mackowski, Ph.D. His presentation will be about his book **The Last Days of Stonewall Jackson: The Mortal Wounding of the Confederacy's Greatest Icon.**
(Coauthored by Kristopher White).

When: Thursday, October 26, 2023

Time: 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM, Dinner at 7:00 PM

Where: Four Points Sheraton, 1125 Boston Providence Turnpike (Rt.1)
Norwood, MA 02062

Ticket cost \$52.00 each, includes a three-course chicken dinner.

OLDE COLONY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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TICKETS: \$52.00 each, includes a three-course boneless chicken dinner.

Time: 6:00pm to 10:00pm, dinner at 7:00pm.

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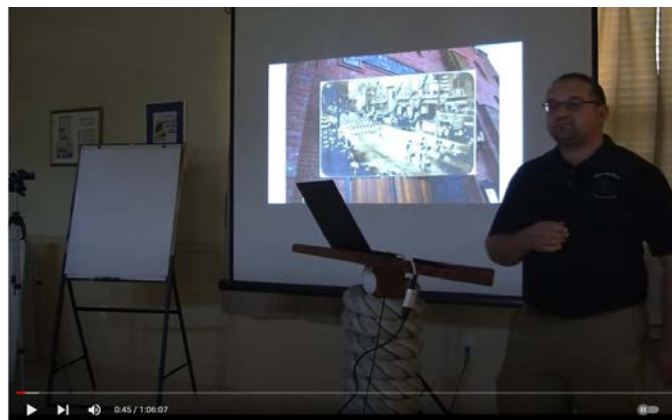
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TICKET REQUESTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 19, 2023

...other news from the Round Table


- *September is dues renewal month. We hope you will take time to fill out a dues renewal form and send it to our Treasurer Membership is critical as we finance our website, conduct an annual Book Scholarship program, subsidize social events, and maintain programming with electronics such as projectors, etc.*
- *We are kicking off a new program season. We would like to see our membership grow. Please consider bringing a potential new member to the September meeting.. I know this will take some extra effort, but please help us grow the Round Table.*
- *Please don't forget to visit and "like" our Facebook page and subscribe to our YouTube Channel.*



New Bedford Civil War Round Table May meeting 2023



A shout out to two local museums —



OPEN WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS: 1 - 5 PM

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INFO@BHPSRI.ORG



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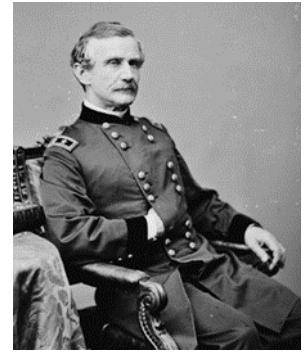
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Check their websites for hours, location, and current events.

Andrew Atkinson Humphreys, By Bob Lytle

This is a short biography of General A.A. Humphreys. At home he was a scholar of note but in battle a fearless general. He did not attract attention or the press that he deserved; or was not a big handsome man like Hancock. And he did not shout or wave his hat like General Sheridan in the stress of battle. He always maintained his composure even when things seemed to be going against him.



Humphreys was one of the best fighting Generals in the Army of the Potomac. The best information of Humphreys life and career are to be found in family records and biographies. Biographical accounts do bring out the little-known fact that Humphreys was one of the smartest of civil war generals. He was a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the National Academy of Science, and several foreign societies. He held an LLD from Harvard. These and other honors had been bestowed upon him before the Civil War for his pioneering work on the surveying of several US river systems.

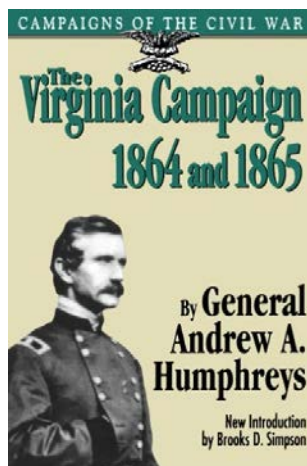
Andrew Atkinson Humphreys was born in his father's home in Philadelphia on November 2nd, 1810. He was a healthy, fun-loving youngster with a dislike for schools and tutors.

The future general entered West Point July 1, 1827, when he was only 16. By joining the army, he broke a family tradition of service with the Navy. He graduated from West Point in 1831 13th in a class of 33. He stood higher academically, but his demerits held him down in his class standing.

Humphreys grandfather was generally known as the father of the modern U.S. Navy. His grandfather, Joshua Humphreys, was the chief of naval construction for the United States, and under his supervision were built the famous fighting ships Constitution, Congress, United States, Constellation, Chesapeake, and the President.

In 1850 Humphreys was placed in charge of a survey of the Mississippi River, his job being to recommend improvements. His work was interrupted by sunstroke, and after recuperating, he was sent to Europe to study river control. On his return in 1854 he was appointed by his friend Jefferson Davis, then Secretary of War to make a survey for the best railroad route from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Coast. His report submitted the following year describes 5 routes that were later used by the Great

Northern, Northern Pacific, Union Pacific, Santa Fe, and the Southern Pacific railroads



When the Civil War broke out Humphreys was a 50-year-old Captain of Topographic Engineers on duty in Washington DC. On August 9th, 1861, Humphreys was promoted to Major and soon thereafter assigned to McClellan's staff. He was made Colonel in March 1862 and Brigadier General the following month. This rapid rise while on staff duty indicated that McClellan recognized his ability.

During the Peninsula Campaign in the spring and early summer of 1861 Humphreys was in charge of all map making for the Army of the Potomac. While he was highly qualified for this work, and did well, it was not to his liking. Humphreys was a fighter at heart. He had applied for a combat assignment, but it was slow in being granted. Being a friend of Jefferson Davis and having a brother serving in the Confederate Navy, he was regarded with suspicion in higher military circles. Finally, on August 30th, 1862, he was given command of the Third Division Porters Fifth Corps, consisting of eight regiments of newly recruited Pennsylvanians. Two weeks later they marched north to overtake McClelland 's army in Maryland; but



failed to reach the Antietam battlefield in time to participate in the engagement.

At Fredericksburg on December 13th the new division was flung into its first battle. After crossing the Rappahannock on the upper pontoon bridge and in advancing along Hanover St., they were ordered into battle at dusk. Their momentum at Marye's Heights was stopped by double canister fired by rebel artillery.

One of Humphrey's horses was disabled by wounds, two were killed under him, his hat was shot from his head, and his clothing was riddled with mine balls, but he was untouched. His division suffered 1,016 casualties in less than 30 minutes. During the Chancellorsville campaign the Division did a lot of marching but little fighting. General Hooker, having a high regard for Humphrey 's abilities, gave him command of the Second Division of General Dan Sickles Third Corps.



At Gettysburg on July 2nd Sickles ordered Humphreys to move forward to an exposed position along the Emmitsburg Rd., with his left flank in the Peach Orchard and his right flank in the air. Longstreet launched his attack on the Third Core and eventually Humphreys realized the hopelessness of his unsupported position and led his men in a fighting withdrawal to Cemetery Ridge.

When Mead had taken control of the Army of the Potomac shortly before the Battle of Gettysburg, he asked for Humphreys as his Chief of Staff. Humphreys, preferring a fighting assignment declined even though it would have meant a second Star. On July 12 Mead renewed his offer and Humphreys accepted.

After the war Humphreys was appointed Chief of Engineers of the Army. He reorganized this office into an efficient well-coordinated Bureau. One of his duties was to prepare accurate maps of many of the battlefields, and these beautiful examples of the surveyors and draftsmen skill are now to be found in the Official Records of the War.

On June 30th 1879 he retired from service and settled in Washington DC.

He died on December 27th 1883 and was buried in the Congressional Cemetery in Washington DC.

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Wikipedia.org, Andrew A. Humphreys