



THE FLAGBEARER

Our February Speaker

Mark Mello



Mark returns in February with a presentation on the fight for Devil's Den, the second day of Gettysburg.

As always, we expect Mark's presentation to be excellent, and with a fresh perspective.

Massachusetts contribution to the Civil War in terms of men furnished and the number of deaths while in service.

Furnished white troops

122,781

Furnished Sailors/marines

19,983

Furnished men of color

2,966

Total troops furnished

146,730

Killed and mortally wounded

6,115

Died of disease

5,530

Died as prisoner

1,483

Died from accidents

257

Died from other causes

557

Total Deaths—13,942

Greater New Bedford Civil War Round Table

Tuesday, **January 26, 2016, 7:00 pm**

Fort Taber~Fort Rodman Military Museum



Our January speaker is Al Smith. Al is active with several historical organizations; - The Greater Boston Civil War Round Table in Waltham, the Sons of the Union Veterans, Dept of Massachusetts Camp, the General Lander Civil War Round Table in Lynn, and the "Four Days in May" Annual Battlefield bus trip. (9 of us from New Bedford were on the bus last May). Most recently he participated in the Return of Flags Sesquicentennial commemoration ceremony at the Massachusetts State House in Boston, on December 22.



Al's subject for the January Round Table presentation is the Lincoln funeral, train route, and burial in Springfield, April 21—May 3, 1865. Lincoln was interred at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield. Mary Todd

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

Thank you for coming out to our 2015 Holiday Dinner at Me and Ed's Restaurant. There were 43 of us and we had a great evening; - good food, some social time, music by Larry Roy, and a first rate book raffle. Me and Ed's Restaurant did an excellent job handling our group. We'll do it again next year.

We're off to a good start in 2016. Let's add some new members—please consider telling your friends about us, and invite them to a meeting. Questions? Ask them to call Bob Lytle 508-542-7630.

Please note our website address:

[The New Bedford Civil War Roundtable | To preserve and ...](http://www.newbedfordcwr.org/)
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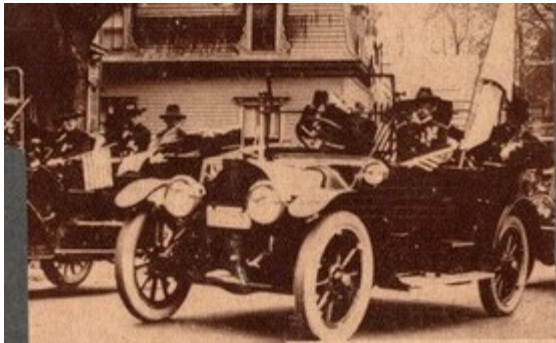
2016 Speakers

February 23	Mark Mello
March 22	James Conroy
April 26	John Rodrique
May 24	John Foskett
June 28	Picnic
July-Aug	Vacation
September 27	Matthew Cost
October 25	David Prentiss
November 15	Megan Kate Nelson
December 13	Holiday Dinner

NEW BEDFORD AND THE CIVIL WAR



Independent battalion, First Massachusetts Cavalry, Civil War Veterans pictured having a picnic at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven, August 24, 1892.



Civil War Veterans riding in New Bedford Memorial Day Parade 1916

.....New Bedford fulfills its quota, and beyond

- New Bedford sent 3,200 men to the Union Army
- This was a surplus of 1,110 men over the quota required
- In addition, New Bedford sent 1,336 into the Navy.
- Home defense was put in order— Fort Phoenix and at Clark's Cove (3 - 24 pounders)
- The Ladies' Soldiers' Home Relief Society was formed 2 days after the departure of Company L, Third Regiment. This society donated over \$20,000 during the war , and \$10,000 in cotton flannel.
- During the War , the City expended \$125,495.85 in support of the Volunteers' families, and another \$177,000 in other ways.

Definitions of Civil War Terms

Aide-de-camp - A confidential *ex officio* officer appointed by general officers to their staffs, an aide-de-camp reported directly to his commander and took orders only from him. In a position of great responsibility, and aide was required to write orders deliver them personally if necessary, and be thoroughly knowledgeable about troop positions, maneuvers, columns, orders of corps, routes, and the location of officers' quarters.

(they win or lose battles) Study Lt. Frank A. Haskell at the Third Day of Gettysburg, And, study Lt Col. James A. Hardie carrying orders to Franklin at Fredericksburg.)

Butternut - A slang term for a Confederate soldier; derived from the practice of dyeing homespun cloth in a mixture of walnuts and copper as to make a uniform of a brown, yellowish hue.

Copperheads - A label for Northerners who opposed the war and occasionally worked to undermine the war effort.

Defeat In Detail— In Civil War literature the defeat in detail is often misconstrued to mean complete destruction of a force. It actually meant to defeat a force unit by unit, usually because the individual regiments or companies were not within supporting distance of one another.

Enfilade— To fire upon the length rather than the face of an enemy position; enfilading an enemy allows a varying range of fire to find targets while minimizing the amount of fire the enemy can return.

Flank - also called a wing; either end of a mobile or fortified military position; a refused flank is attached to or protected by terrain, a body of water, or defended fortifications, while one that is not protected is said to be "in the air"; or, a maneuver that seeks to avoid a frontal assault by gaining the side of an enemy position. (study Sickles 3rd Corps position at Gettysburg)

Furlough - An enlisted man's leave from the Union or Confederate army, granted at his superior's discretion, was called a furlough. Rules in both services specified that a furlough be granted by a commander actually quartered with the soldier's company or regiment. A furloughed soldier's arms and accoutrements remained behind, and he carried furlough papers giving a detailed description of his physical appearance, return and departure dates, unit designation, and pay and subsistence allowances furnished. Furlough papers warned the soldier to rejoin his unit by the date specified "or be considered a deserter."

Retrograde— An orderly retreat usually designed to move away from the enemy.

Rampart - In fortifications, a steeply sloped earthen embankment topped by a parapet.

HISTORY FROM 150 YEARS AGO

Dec 18, 1865...The Thirteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution abolishing slavery was declared in effect by Sec. of State Seward and approval by twenty seven states.



Nov 6, 1865... The CSS Shenandoah, the famous Confederate raider that so damaged the New Bedford Whaling fleet, surrenders in Liverpool England. Originally named the Sea King, this ship was converted to a war ship in the island of Madeira, skippered by Captain James Waddell, inflicted havoc on Yankee cargo ships.

Jan-Mar, 1866... The second United States Capitol Dome is completed in Washington D.C., after 11 years of work.

...Fisk University, a historically black university, is established in Nashville, Tenn.

...The last issue of the abolitionist magazine *The Liberator* is published in Boston.

.... The first daylight bank robbery in United States history during peacetime takes place in Liberty Missouri. This is considered to be the first robbery committed by Jesse James and his gang, although James' role is disputed.

...The Wamsutta Club in New Bedford was founded by Charles Warren Clifford, ex Mass Governor, and Orchard Street resident, who organized an athletic club to play a new version of baseball.

PBS CIVIL WAR SERIES 'MERCY STREET'

BEGINS JAN 17

PBS' new min series begins Jan 17 at 10 p.m. It is the first American drama to run on PBS in more than a decade. A lot of talk and excitement is being generated about this series, which premieres directly after "Downton Abbey", the long running British period series.

The six part series set in the spring of 1862 follows the lives of New England abolitionist and nurse Mary Phinney and Confederate supporter Emma Green whose Alexandria Va. hotel is turned into a hospital.

CALENDAR OF 2016 SPRING EVENTS

Feb 7...."Impeached! The Rise and Fall of Andrew Johnson" by Ranger Angie Atkinson, Gettysburg National Military Park Winter Lecture Series. Check out all the Winter Lectures by the NPS at Gettysburg, on You Tube.

Feb 13... Valentine's Day and Lincoln Day Civil War Ball at The Union League of Philadelphia. \$120 per person , call Jim Mundy at 215-587-5592

Mar 5... Fredericksburg Civil War Relic Show. Call Lee Musselman @ 540-372-6709 for information

April 7-10..."Ed Bearss Symposium: Military Leadership and Combat" Chambersburg Civil War Seminars and Tours, Chambersburg. Speakers and guides include Ed Bearss, Lt Col. Ralph Peters, Tom Clemens, Dana Shoaf, and Steve Bockmiller. Tours of Gettysburg Day 2 and Brandywine Battlefield. See www.CivilWarSeminars.org

April 21-24...D.C., Maryland, Virginia Tour... 11th Annual Pamplin Park Spring Tour: Defending Washington, with A. Wilson Greene and local historians to site of campaigns that threatened Washington from 1861 to 1864. Includes Manassas, Ball's Bluff, Monocacy, Fort Stevens, Frederick Douglass House, and Lincoln's Cottage. For information , call 804-861-2408.

May 27-28...The 16th Biennial Stonewall Jackson Symposium to be held at Virginia Military Institute. Featured speakers include Keith Bohannon, Robert E.L. Krick, Robert K. Krick, John Mountcastle, Elizabeth Parnicza, Frank A. O'Reilly, Jeff Shaara

RECENT BOOK RELEASES

Cold Harbor to the Crater: The End of the Overland Campaign. Essays edited by Gary W. Gallagher and Caroline E. Janney.

A Just and Generous Nation: Abraham Lincoln and the Fight for American Opportunity. By Harold Holzer and Norton Garfinkle.

Lincoln and the Immigrant. By Jason H. Silverman.

Galvanized Virginians in the Indian Wars. By Thomas Power Lowry

The Capitals of the Confederacy: A History. By Michael C. Hardy

I Met a Ghost at Gettysburg: A Journalist's Journey into the Paranormal. By Don Allison

The Lost Gettysburg Address. By David T. Dixon

The Second Day at Gettysburg: The Attack and Defense of Cemetery Ridge, July 2, 1863. By Davis L. Shultz and Scott L. Mingus Sr.

BASIC ARTILLERY OF THE CIVIL WAR ERA

Field artillery weapons characteristics^[1]

Name	Tube				Projectile (lb)	Charge (lb)	Velocity (ft/s)	Range (yd at 5°)
	Material	Bore (in)	Len (in)	Wt (lb)				
6-pounder Gun	bronze	3.67	60	884	6.1	1.25	1,439	1,523
M1857 12-pounder "Napoleon"	bronze	4.62	66	1,227	12.3	2.50	1,440	1,619
12-pounder Howitzer	bronze	4.62	53	788	8.9	1.00	1,054	1,072
12-pounder Mountain Howitzer ^[2]	bronze	4.62	33 ^[3]	220	8.9	0.5	---	1,005
24-pounder Howitzer	bronze	5.82	64	1,318	18.4	2.00	1,060	1,322
10-pounder Parrott rifle	iron	2.9 or 3.0	74	890	9.5	1.00	1,230	1,850
3-inch Ordnance Rifle	wrought iron	3.0	69	820	9.5	1.00	1,215	1,830
14-pounder James Rifle ^[4]	bronze	3.80	60	875	14.0	1.25	---	1530
20-pounder Parrott rifle	iron	3.67	84	1750	20.0	2.00	1,250	1,900
12-pounder Whitworth breechloading rifle	iron	2.75	104	1092	12.0	1.75	1,500	2,800



M1857 12-Pounder "Napoleon"



3-Inch Ordnance Rifle (rear view)



10-Pounder Parrott Rifle



12-Pounder Whitworth Breechloading Rifle.