



THE FLAGBEARER

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

Mark your calendar—The New Bedford Civil War Round Table Memorial Day Service will be Saturday May 27, 2017 at Rural Cemetery , 149 Dartmouth St, New Bedford , at 9:00 a.m. Our keynote speaker will be Mayor Jon Mitchell. This year please stick around after the Memorial Service and enjoy comradeship under the Civil War era fly canopy. Refreshments will be offered

It will be June before you know it. Time for our Annual Round Table Picnic. Again , on the calendar, reserve Tuesday June 27th 6:00 p.m.

Many thanks to those you that arrive at our monthly meeting early, - ready to help set up the chairs , screen , podium , etc. It is very helpful, and the same for after the meeting when it all needs to be stored in the closet.

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Greater New Bedford Civil War Round Table

Tuesday, May 23 7:00 pm

**Fort Taber~Fort Rodman Military
Museum**



May 23rd Speaker— Kevin M. Levin

When Kevin Levin was with us last , his topic was based on his book, **Remembering The Battle of the Crater: War as Murder**. He also has written , **Searching For Black Confederates: The Civil War's Most Persistent Myth**. The topic for this month's Round Table meeting is ; **Teaching the History and Memory of the Confederate Flag**. Kevin is the creator and editor of the Blog , **Civil War Memory**. He is an historian and former high school history teacher based in Boston. Over the last fifteen years he has taught history on the high school and college levels, most recently as a Visiting Instructor of History at the American Antiquarian Society in Worcester, MA. Previously he taught at Gann Academy in Waltham and the St. Anne's—Belfield School in Charlottesville, Virginia., where he offered courses in American and European History, American Studies, the Civil War Era, Lincoln, Race and Gender, Women's History, and the Holocaust.



He is currently working as a consultant with the National Humanities Center's Transpacific Teacher Scholars program. The project involves developing the curriculum around the upcoming anniversaries of the Vietnam War. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the National Council for History Education. He writes regularly for **The Daily Beast**. His essays have appeared in **The New York Times**, **Smithsonian**, and **the Atlantic**.

Our country is engaged in a discussion about the display of Confederate iconography from flags to monuments and even the names of streets and buildings. Communities across the country are debating whether reminders of the Civil War and the Confederacy specifically should continue to be displayed in public places. Kevin's talk on May 23rd is therefore very timely. Kevin has been engaged in helping history teachers improve their classroom practices and engage in positive debate as to why the history of the Civil War era matters and why, 150 years later, it is still being fought over.

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Plans for summer travel , perhaps a Civil War battle-field? I have a couple suggestions for places to see and helpful websites to help you make good use of your time.

Check out the website civilwar.travel . They have compiled , by region , by state, Civil War Events, maps, an e-newsletter, tours, lectures, exhibits, living history , and more.

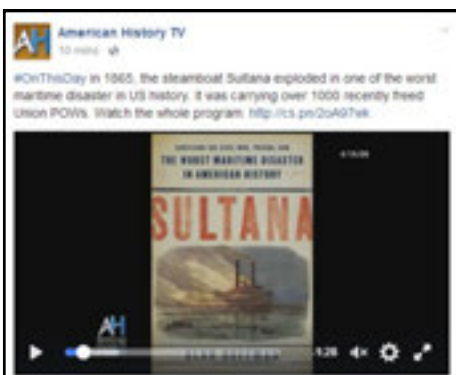
Check on Gary Adelman's Civil War Trust Facebook page regularly. He will bring battlefield live streaming to you, which will interest you in making a battlefield visit.



Please consider a subscription to Civil War Times, where news and events, along with book reviews, are featured monthly.



Keep you eye on American History TV, for events and ideas as to where you might wish to travel.



UPCOMING SPRING SPEAKERS FOR THE NEW BEDFORD CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE.

June 27, 2017

Annual New Bedford Civil War Round Table Picnic

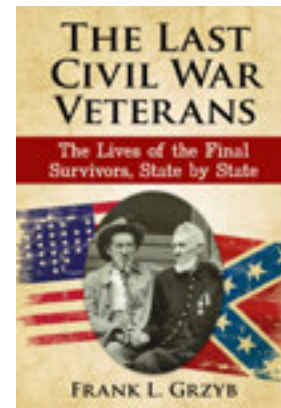
.....Save The Date



September 26, 2017

Frank L. Grzyb

Frank has authored seven books. His work has been featured in Civil War Times, America's Civil War, Civil War Monitor, and North and South. He is a member of the Rhode Island Civil War Round Table.



October 24, 2017

Jim Thayer

Jim is a teacher and expert on Frederick Law Olmsted. His presentation will be "Olmsted's War"



November 14, 2017

Michael McCarthy

Confederate Waterloo--The Battle of Five Forks, April 1, 1865, and the Controversy that Brought Down a General



MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces. The holiday, which is observed every year on the last Monday of May, originated as Decoration Day after the American Civil War in 1868, when the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Union veterans founded in Decatur, Illinois, established it as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the Union war dead with flowers.



The practice of decorating soldiers' graves with flowers is an ancient custom. The sheer numbers of soldiers of both sides who died in the Civil War (more than 600,000) meant that burial and memorialization took on new cultural significance. Under the leadership of women during the war, an increasingly formal practice of decorating graves had taken shape. In 1865, the federal government began creating national military cemeteries for the Union war dead.

The Richmond *Times-Dispatch* newspaper claimed in 1906 that Warrenton, Virginia, was the location of the first Civil War soldier's grave ever to be decorated; the date cited was June 3, 1861. There is also documentation that women in Savannah, Georgia, decorated Confederate soldiers' graves in 1862. The 1863 cemetery dedication at Gettysburg, PA, was, of course, a ceremony of commemoration at the graves of dead soldiers. In addition, local historians in Boalsburg, PA, claim that ladies there decorated soldiers' graves on July 4, 1864, and Boalsburg promotes itself as the birthplace of Memorial Day.

Historian David Blight cites an observance by African Americans in Charleston, South that could be construed as the beginning of Decoration Day. Despite this lively debate, there is an "official" birthplace. On May 26, 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson proclaimed Waterloo, NY as the holder of the title.

WHO WAS MAJ. GENERAL JOHN A. LOGAN?

He was: General Grant's favorite officer, one of Illinois' most powerful Senators, Founder of Memorial Day as a national holiday, and Mark Twain's favorite public speaker. As one historian said, "John A. Logan may be the most noteworthy nineteenth century American to escape notice in the twenty-first century."

Major General John A. Logan was born in 1926 in what is now Murphysboro, Illinois. Upon the outbreak of hostilities in 1861, Logan volunteered his services as a soldier and served with a Michigan regiment at the battle of Bull Run. After the battle, he returned home to Illinois and recruited a regiment, the 31st Illinois, and was named its Colonel. Nicknamed "Black Jack" for his black hair and dark eyes and complexion, Logan led his regiment into combat, and proved to be a natural military leader. He later fought with distinction at Fort Donelson, Corinth, and Vicksburg.

During the Atlanta campaign, he commanded the XV Corps, was wounded, and replaced by General O.O. Howard. Upon Logan's return to command, he dutifully served under Sherman until the surrender of Confederate General Joseph E. Johnston in April 1865 in No. Carolina. Many historians consider Logan the best of the Union Army's political generals. Logan served as the second national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. On March 3, 1868 he issued General Order #11, which called for a national day of remembrance for Civil War dead, - Memorial Day.

READY TO JOIN THE NEW BEDFORD CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE?

*Fill out 2017 application and mail your check to
Martin Flinn, Treas, New Bedford Civil War Round Ta-
ble, 39 Little Oak Road, New Bedford MA 02745*

Make check out to NBCWRT

Name _____

_____ Individual (\$25) _____ Family (\$30)

Home Address: _____

Phone: _____

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THE NEW BEDFORD CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE WILL CONDUCT A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THOSE CIVIL WAR VETERANS BURIED AT RURAL CEMETERY.

Where: Rural Cemetery 149 Dartmouth Street, New Bedford, MA



When: 9:00 a.m. Saturday May 27, 2017

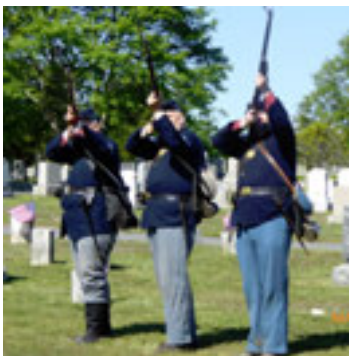
Keynote Speaker: Major Jon Mitchell

Please note that we will conduct this service in the usual location, - the back section where many Civil War veterans are interred.



Please see the full program listed on page 5 of this Flag-bearer.

Your Round Table works hard to present a meaningful program. Please support them with your presence.



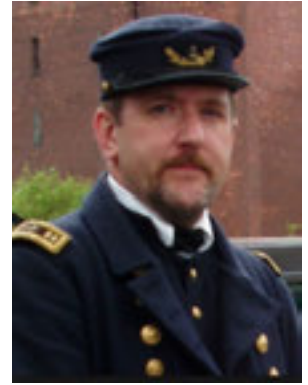
.....More on 2017-18 Round Table Speakers

Jan 22, 2018

The return of.....

Chuck Veit

U S S Alligator story



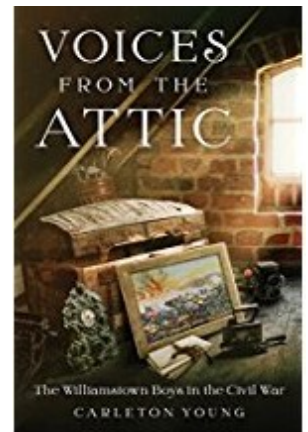
April 24, 2018

Carlton Young

Book author from Pittsburgh, PA

Voices from the Attic: The Williamstown Boys in the Civil War

Carlton's new book has received excellent reviews. We are pleased to have him on our 2018 speaker schedule.



September 2018

.....The return of

Col. Kevin Weddle

Professor of Military Theory and Strategy at the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, Pennsylvania

Civil War Round Table Memorial Service- Rural Cemetery - May 27,2017

Welcome Remarks by Joseph Langlois, President
The Greater New Bedford Civil War Round Table



Raising of the Flag - Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

General John A. Logan's Order #11, dated May 5, 1868 – Read by
Robert Lytle

Civil War Poem by Joseph Langlois

Readings by Mark Mello – Salute to fallen Civil War Veterans

Keynote Address- by the Honorable Jon Mitchell - Mayor of New Bedford

Gettysburg Address - Abraham Lincoln, a.k.a. Larry Bedell

Battle Hymn of the Republic accompanied by Larry Roy

Laying of Flowers by Ruth and Abby assisted by Mark Mello

Rifle Salute – 2nd Rhode Island infantry

Harmonica Selection – Larry Roy

Sounding of Taps by Lt. Bob Bromley, 1st Rhode island Artillery
Battery “B”

God Bless America accompanied by Larry Roy

Benediction



The Olde Colony Civil War Round Table, Dedham, MA, has announced its annual Jubilee Dinner. This is a great event ;- dinner, raffle, speaker, camaraderie with all the New England Civil War Round Tables. The New Bedford Round Table usually has a strong showing. Can we include you? ...Bob Lytle

OLDE COLONY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE
ANNUAL JUBILEE DINNER
MICHAEL CHESSON, Ph.D.
PROFESSOR EMERITUS, HISTORIAN AND AUTHOR

DATE: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017, COCKTAILS AT 6:00 PM

LOCATION: LOMBARDO'S, RANDOLPH, MA

COST: \$45.00

TICKET ORDER FORM

NAME _____ TELEPHONE # _____

STREET _____

TOWN _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: OCCWRT

SEND TICKET REQUESTS AND CHECK TO:

BOB HEARSEY
311 SHERMAN STREET
CANTON, MA 02021
781-828-3183

TICKET REQUESTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 10, 2017. (A LATE FEE OF \$5.00 PER MEAL WILL BE CHARGED BY LOMARDOS AFTER OCTOBER 16,2017).

*CIVIL WAR ARTIFACTS EXHIBITS

*PRESERVATION RAFFLE

CASH \$ _____

CHECK # _____

TICKET # _____