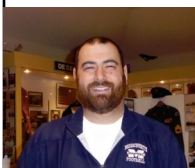


April 2015



In May, Mike Ponte, a New Bedford Round Table member

will present Naval Blockaders and Raiders



We have confirmed that Megan Kate Nelson will be our speaker in

November. You'll recall that we had originally had scheduled her last Jan, but a snow storm got in the way of that plan.



Meet Thom Bassett, our September speaker. His topic, - 13th USCT, Battle of Nashville in

Dec 1864.



Mark Dunkleman returns in October. He will introduce his latest

book. Happy to have Mark back to our Round Table

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THE FLAGBEARER

Greater New Bedford Civil War Round Table

April 28, 2015 ,7:00, Meeting

@ Fort Taber~Fort Rodman Military Museum

Our April Speaker will be Bob Carlson—Sharpshooters

In April, **Bob Carlson**, Central MA Civil War Round Table will present a program on sharpshooter weapons of the Civil War. Bob's background is that he has been the President of the



Massachusetts Antique Arms Collectors, Treasurer of the New England Antique Arms Society, and he is currently the President of The Civil War Roundtable of Central Massachusetts, and the Antique Arms Collectors Association of Connecticut. He is also a member of the American Society of Arms Collectors, the Company of Military Historians, the Rhode Island Civil War Roundtable, and the NRA. He retired about seven years ago from his practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery. He served in the U.S. Army from 1973 to 1977, at William Beaumont Army Medical Center and in Nurnberg, Germany.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

....Please note that our Round Table will be conducting two Memorial Day services on Saturday, May 23rd, - our usual 9:30 service at Rural Cemetery, on Dartmouth St, New Bedford , and , now, an 11:00 service at Oak Grove Cemetery, Parker St, New Bedford.

We ask that all Round Table members be present.

See page 6 for the Oak Grove announcement

We continue to work at building our membership. We're a friendly organization. And , we try to have fun. Please consider bringing a friend who may also have an interest in the American Civil War. Please talk up our organization when possible. See you on April 28th. Questions , call Bob Lytle , 508-542-7630. bobbylee76@comcast.net

The Greater New Bedford Civil War Round Table

- We study, discuss, and learn , in depth, America's War Between the States
- No particular side is espoused
- We study battles, leaders, issues, personalities, strategies, tactics, politics, blunders and all facets that make up the American Civil War
- We listen to speaker presentations on all aspects of the War
- No pre-registration necessary to attend
- No charge—open to the public

Speaker lineup / Events 2015

May 24 Memorial Day Program

May 26, 2015— Mike Ponte, Naval Blockaders & Raiders

June 23, 2015—Annual picnic

July-August—Summer Vacation

September 22, 2015 —Thom Bassett, 13th USCT, Battle of Nashville in Dec 1864

October 27, 2015—Mark Dunkleman. Introducing his newest book

November 17, 2015—Megan Kate Nelson

December 15, 2015—Annual Holiday dinner and book raffle

January 26, 2016—Albert Smith , The Lincoln Funeral

Feb-Mar-Apr-May 2016— Shaping up to be outstanding

Timeline—April 1865

...Convinced that the loss of Five Forks would threaten the Confederate line of retreat, Lee sends Pickett a message to hold that position “at all costs”. (See Pickett’s Shad Bake)

...In Richmond, Jeff Davis receives a message in church, from Lee, on Palm Sunday, that he will have to evacuate the Confederate capital. Lee is forced to abandon Petersburg.

...Jeff Davis arrives in Danville Virginia, after fleeing Richmond. Richmond burns.

...General Grant orders full scale assault on all Confederate lines. The Federals break through.



(Library of Virginia)

...President Lincoln travels to Richmond and is cheered by the crowds.

...Lee moves his army to Farmville Virginia in hopes of feeding his hungry army.

...Hearing through General Sheridan that Lee might surrender if pressed, Lincoln tells Grant, “Let the *thing* be pressed”



A painting of Ulysses S. Grant accepting Robert E. Lee's surrender at the McLean House in 1865.

20th REGIMENT MASSACHUSETTS VOLUNTEER INFANTRY

The 20th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, also known as the “Harvard Regiment”, was a regiment of infantry in the American Civil War. The regiment was so nicknamed because officers had attended Harvard. The 20th was organized at Readville August 29 to September 4, 1861. After training they left Massachusetts for Washington D.C., Sept 4th. They would fight until the war’s conclusion; being mustered out on July 16 and discharged July 28, 1865.

With the exception of First Bull Run the 20th participated in all of the major battles fought by the Army of the Potomac. The 20th lost 17 officers and 243 enlisted men killed and mortally wounded. One officer and 148 enlisted men by disease. Total casualties were 409. Notable members were Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. and Paul Joseph Revere. Col. Paul Revere, grandson of Paul Revere, commanded at Gettysburg, and fell mortally wounded on July 2, 1863.

One of the more unusual monuments at Gettysburg, is shown here. It is made of “puddingstone” from Roxbury.

FORT TABER~FORT RODMAN FUND RAISER

ANNOUNCING A MAJOR SPRING EVENT YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS !!!!

IT'S A PYRATE INVASION—A PYRATE BALL

IT IS COSTUME EVENT—COME AND HAVE SOME FUN AND HELP OUR HOSTING ORGANIZATION—THE FORT TABER~FORT RODMAN MILITARY MUSEUM



FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2015 7:00 P.M. AT THE TRIWORKS BUILDING
71 EIGHTH STREET, NEW BEDFORD, MA

\$25.00 PP



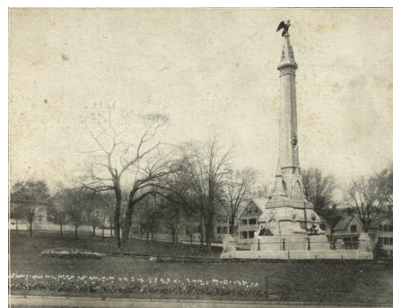
Civil War Trivia

- A. How many people came to Lincoln's bedside during the night after his assassination?
- B. Who was the oldest General at the Battle of Gettysburg? And where is he buried?
- C. What General founded the National Academy of Sciences?
- D. What General took out a Patent for a San Francisco cable car design?
- E. What General's grandfather founded the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick?
- F. What nickname was given to the 1st Brigade, 1st Division, 1st Corps of the Army of the Potomac?
- G. What General's sister played a key role in the building of the Brooklyn Bridge?
- H. Name the only Confederate General honored with an outdoor statue in Washington D.C.
- I. What was Lincoln's first official act as President?
- J. Who was the youngest General in the Civil War?
- K. How many Medal of Honor recipients from New Bedford Mass?
- L. How many G.A.R. Posts were in located in New Bedford?
- M. Name the only female recipient of the Medal of Honor in the Civil War. Captured by the Confederates. Died of natural causes at age 86.

Origins of Civil War Round Tables

More than 50 years ago, the late Ralph G. Newman came up with a brilliant idea. Newman was a famous rare book dealer. He and his Abraham Lincoln Book Shop were featured once on the golden age TV show , "Person to Person". His great idea was to hold monthly meetings with like-minded Civil War enthusiasts and invite historians to give after dinner lectures. The result was the birth of the Civil War Round Table movement, in 1940. Chicago's was the first, and it has been meeting without pause ever since. By tradition, Round Tables offer not only speakers , but book raffles, and funding for preservationists. They also run battlefield tours, and give out awards for historic achievement, and for scholarships to colleges and universities. We are grateful to the founding fathers of the Greater New Bedford Civil War Round Table for starting something significant here in the Southcoast region. We are growing , and we are having fun doing it.

This monument is located where?



2015 Membership Form

Membership is valid from January to December. Please fill out this form, along with check payable to "New Bedford CWRT" and send to:

*New Bedford Civil War Round Table
C/O Barbara Bedell, Treas.
74 Hidden Bay Drive
So. Dartmouth, MA 02748*

Name(s): _____ (Please PRINT clearly)

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

Home Address: _____

City, State, & Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E Mail Address: _____

Trivia Answers

- A. 46
- B. George Green—62
Warwick, RI
- C. Andrew A. Humphries
- D. Abner Doubleday
- E. George Meade
- F. The Irish Brigade
- G. Gouverneur K. Warren's sister Emily Warren Roebling
- H. Albert Pike
- I. Appointed John Nicolay as his secretary
- J. Galusha Pennypacker age 20
- K. 5
- L. 3
- M. Mary Edwards Walker

The Grand Army of the Republic

After the Civil War had ended and the soldiers who survived the war had gone home, some of the veterans began to miss the camaraderie that they shared during the war. Veterans' clubs began to spring up all around the country. Many were local and most did not last very long, but a few went on to become nationwide organizations. One of these was the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Grand Army of the Republic, often referred to as the G.A.R., was founded at Decatur, Illinois on April 6, 1866. Dr. Benjamin Franklin Stephenson founded the organization on the three cardinal principles of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty and these principles guided the organization throughout its existence. Local organizations were called Posts and it was to a Post that a man applied for membership in the G.A.R. The members of the Post would vote to accept or reject each applicant. Posts from a state or region joined together to form Departments and the Departments formed the national organization. Departments and the National Organization held conventions called Encampments each year. Encampments were the ruling bodies of the G.A.R. and delegates would decide the business of the organization at these meetings. General John A. Logan was elected Commander-in-Chief in 1867. Gen. Logan is best remembered as the man who established May 30 as Memorial Day in his order # 11.

The first Post, established East of the Mississippi, was in New Bedford, Massachusetts, William Logan Rodman Post #1. I found two pictures of them—shown below. They have quite an interesting history. Two additional Posts were in New Bedford.

(Found at the Digital Commonwealth website)



Memorial Day Service
Rural Cemetery
149 Dartmouth Street, New Bedford

“To Honor New Bedford Civil War Veterans”



Saturday, May 23th, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. –
in the Civil War section of the cemetery

**Sponsored by the Greater New Bedford Civil
War Round Table**

*******SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT*******

**FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE ROUND TABLE WILL CONDUCT A SECOND
MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE**

**THIS WILL BE AT 11:00 A.M. AT OAK GROVE CEMETERY, PARKER
STREET, NEW BEDFORD**

Additional News From the Round Table

...A number of you have been paying annual dues to the Round Table , but, have not done so this year. Just a reminder that it is that time of year to pay dues. Your membership helps support our annual scholarship to a deserving high school senior. Please double check your records, or see Barbara Bedell , Treas, at the April meeting, if you need to bring your past due membership up-to-date.

...Please mark your calendar for June 23rd , our Annual Picnic , a great social event.

...The Greater New Bedford Civil War Round Table has updated its website. Check it out !!!!!

The New Bedford Civil War Roundtable | To preserve and ...
www.newbedfordcwrt.org/ ▼

Speaker scheduling, meeting dates, links to our newsletter "Flagbearer" are all at the up-to-date website.

...We have lined up excellent speakers for the Fall, Winter, and Spring of 2016. The list includes Al Smith , The Lincoln Funeral, Professor John Rodrigue, next April on Lincoln and Reconstruction, Dave Decker, next Feb on General George Thomas, John Foscett , May 2016, on Civil War Artillery, and James B. Conroy, Author of *Our One Common Country*

We count on you for continued support and monthly attendance.

Message from Bob Macfarlane

Book Raffle News by Bob Macfarlane

Your Round Table Board of Directors has asked me to take charge of the "Book Raffle" which takes place occasionally at our monthly CWRT meetings. I say "occasional" because sometimes we have a raffle, and sometimes we don't even have books with which to have a raffle.

Sooooo.....Here's the scoop!

WE NEED YOUR BOOK DONATIONS. Please scour your personal Civil War libraries, and find at least one or two books you are able to part with, and bring them to the next meeting you attend. That will help immensely with the quality of offerings, and encourage each of us to purchase a few \$1 raffle tickets each time we come.

WE NEED YOU TO BRING A COUPLE EXTRA BOOKS each month, ready to purchase raffle tickets. I hope you might think of buying at least one, perhaps more than one. If enough books are donated, it is my hope to draw two tickets each month, and you can choose which book you'd like if you're a winner. Many round tables make a great deal of extra money from these book raffles, which helps with our scholarship awards and support of Civil War programs. Join the fun and help our local Round Table.

Thanks...Bob Macfarlane



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The New Bedford Civil War Round Table has announced a second Memorial Day Service at the Oak Grove Cemetery on Parker Street , New Bedford. The Memorial Day Service is set for 11:00 a.m. on Saturday , May 23rd.

This service will follow the 9:30 service at Rural Cemetery, and will follow a similar format.

We ask for as many Round Table members as possible to be present at both services.

President,

Joe Langlois—New Bedford Civil War Round Table

SCENES FROM 2014 MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

