



MEET THE MAY SPEAKER- **JOHN FOSKETT**

John Foscett is our May, 2016 speaker. He earned his B.A. from Notre Dame and his J.D. from Boston College Law School. His topic? Let's assume you know the Governor of Massachusetts. Abraham Lincoln has called for 75,000 troops after Fort Sumter. The Massachusetts Governor has stopped by your home and appointed you Captain, Battery "A", 1st Mass Light. This is a newly formed Battery. What do you do next. John Foscett will be your guide. John is a well known expert on Civil War artillery tactics.

This will be a very educational presentation. Please consider inviting a friend. Let's continue to build membership.



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THE FLAGBEARER

Greater New Bedford Civil War Round Table

Tuesday, May 24th, 2016, 7:00 pm

Fort Taber~Fort Rodman Military Museum



NEWS FROM THE NEW BEDFORD CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE.....

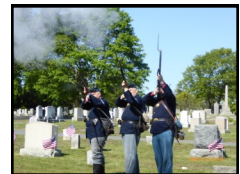
The Scholarship Committee Announces 2016 Award

Each year the New Bedford Civil War Round Table awards a \$500 scholarship to a deserving New Bedford area high school senior. This year's award goes to Paige Watterson, Old Rochester Regional High School. She has been accepted at the University of Vermont for 2017, and plans to study history. Her list of accomplishments are impressive. She participated in the Math Team, Debate Team, Drama Club, and Student Organizing Labor Equality. She has the Superintendent's Award, was Commended in the National Merit Program, is an AP Scholar, and had the highest average in French, History, and English. Her essay was on New Bedford's role in the Civil War.

Plan to attend the Round Table's 2016 Memorial Day Ceremonies

Honoring the New Bedford Civil War Veterans is an annual tribute that we organize and execute. We would like your support. Please plan to attend. There will be two ceremonies. The first will be at Rural Cemetery, 149 Dartmouth Street, New Bedford at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday May 28th. Mayor Jon Mitchell is scheduled to deliver the keynote address. However, this is not yet finalized.

The second ceremony will be at St. Mary's Cemetery, Rte 6, on the Dartmouth—New Bedford border, across from Shaw's. We will be commemorating Civil War Medal of Honor recipient, William Downey. This ceremony begins at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, May 28th. We will meet at the gravesite of William Downey.

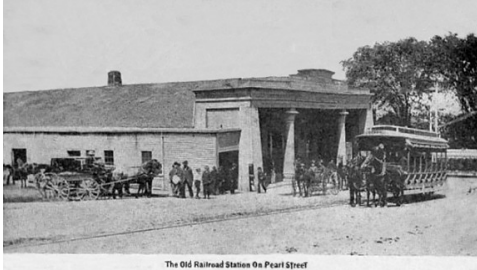


Our speaker line up is set through the summer of 2017

Please check the enclosed speaker schedule, mark your calendar, and plan to attend our monthly events. Learn more about American Civil War history. As always, our lectures are free and open to the public.

History in New Bedford– 1860's

April 16, 1861.... 4 days after the attack on Fort Sumter, The Bedford Guards, Company L, Third Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, commanded by Captain Timothy Ingraham, stood in line in front of City Hall (today's Public Library), to receive the tributes of praise from ex–Governor John H. Clifford. Major Taber was ill and at home that day , but , sent a message of good wishes. Company L,, 41 volunteers, departed for Boston from the downtown New Bedford rail station.



Captain Timothy Ingraham , a New Bedford man, later commanded the 38th Mass Vol. Regiment in the 19th Corps, in the Red River campaign, and was promoted to a Brigade command in that Corps.



July 4, 1866.... The imposing Soldiers and Sailors monument in Common Park was dedicated. It still stands today in the middle of Common Park, since the 1990's it has been also known as Clasky Park.. Here is President Taft at the Park.



Civil War and Horses

Every so often I like to list the names given to horses by their famous riders. So here goes.

Philip Sheridan	Rienzi (later Winchester)
Ben Butler	Almond Eye
George Meade	Old Baldy (still on display at the Philadelphia CW Round Table meeting hall)
	Also Gertie, Blackie, Old Bill
Henry Hunt	Bill
George H. Thomas	Billy
Jefferson Davis	Blackjack
George McClellan	Burns, Daniel Webster, Kentuck
John Hunt Morgan	Black Bess
Wade Hampton	Butler
Joshua Chamberlain	Charlemagne
U.S. Grant	Cincinnati, Fox, Methuselah, Kangaroo, Rondo
William T. Sherman	Dolly, Duke, Sam
John Gibbon	Fanny
John Reynolds	Fancy, Prince
Phil Kearny	Decatur, Moscow
Albert Sydney Johnston	Fire-Eater
Belle Boyd	Fleeter
James Longstreet	Fly-By-Night, Hero
Dan Sickles	Grape, Grand Old Canister, Tammany
John Buford	Grey Eagle
John Sedgwick	Handsome Joe, Rambler
George Armstrong Custer	Harry, Lancer, Roanoke
J.E.B. Stuart	Highfly, Skylark, My Maryland
Nathan Bedford Forrest	Highlander, King Philip
John Bell Hood	Jeff Davis
Isaac Trimble	Jinny
Stonewall Jackson	Little Sorrel
Joe Hooker	Lookout
Robert E. Lee	Lucy Long, Traveller, Richmond
John B. Gordon	Milroy
Ambrose Burnside	Old Bob
Richard Garnett	Red Eye

You are now ready to amaze your friends with useless trivia

Dr. Douglass Southall Freeman

Many of you became familiar with the American Civil War through reading books authored by Dr. Douglass Southall Freeman. Dr. Freeman was a Pulitzer Prize winner, and the definitive historian of the Confederacy. He is most known for his four volume biography of Robert E. Lee. A work that he labored over for twenty years. In 1936, he began his work on the story of the soldiers who fought in Lee's army. The three volume set, "*Lee's Lieutenants*" was completed in 1944. I recently purchased a used first edition book on the Civil War, and stuck in among the pages was a clipping; the original New York Times obituary for Dr. Freeman, dated June 14, 1953. As you might imagine it was lengthy. There were two interesting pieces of information in the obituary. Dr. Freeman suggested to President Roosevelt that the term "liberation of Europe" but substituted for the then widely talked about "invasion". The President agreed. Secondly, Dr. Freeman strongly urged and advocated that if 18 year olds were taken from college for military service, the Government should promise to help them complete the studies after the war. This became a provision of the new G.I. Bill.

Fort Warren Massachusetts

I was recently asked if Jefferson Davis was ever imprisoned at Fort Warren after the Civil War. The answer is no, but, you might be interested in who was imprisoned there.

James M. Mason and John Slidell, Confederate diplomats seized in the *Trent* affair.

General Richard S. Ewell

General Issac Trimble

General Simon Bolivar Buckner, Sr.

Confederate VP Alexander Stephens

2016-2017 Speakers

June 28	Picnic
July-Aug	Vacation
September 27	Matthew Cost—Joshua Chamberlain
October 25	David Prentiss— TBA
November 15	Megan Kate Nelson—TBA
December 13	Holiday Dinner
Jan 24, 2017	Fred Wexler—The Tammany Regiment
Feb 28, 2017	David Dixon— The Lost Gettysburg Address
Mar 28, 2017	Jim Thayer— Frederick Law Olmsted
April 25, 2017	Chuck Veit—TBA
May 23, 2017	Kevin Levin— Confederate Battle Flag

News from Civil War Publications

From the *Civil War News*...

Gettysburg, Pa.—The Civil War Trust completed interior cleanup work and began exterior demolition of non-historic buildings on the "Lee Headquarters" site on the Chambersburg Road in Gettysburg. The land sits on Seminary Ridge, just north of the Lutheran Seminary and was part of Lee's command complex during the 2nd and 3rd days of the battle.

Hanover, Pa. – For more than 50 years, a visit to the Electric Map was one of the essential first stops before a tour of Gettysburg. Within a few months, the flashing lights may once again be delighting visitors, though they will have to travel 12 miles to nearby Hanover to see it.

The first electric map was installed in the private Rosensteel Museum in the 1930's. A newer and larger map was installed in 1963. Both maps used a series of flashing lights to illustrate the Battle of Gettysburg., as a narrator read a script. The National Park Service took over the Rosensteel Museum in 1971 and used it as its Visitor Center until the new one opened in 2008.

Despite occupying a place of honor in the old Visitor Center, it did not make the cut to move over to the new Visitor Center. The last Electric Map show was April 13, 2008.

Scott Roland bought the 12-ton map for \$12,000 at auction in 2012. Over the last three years his team has removed the asbestos and rewired and relit the entire map, - a total of more than 800 LED bulbs. The job is nearly done and he hopes to open the map for viewing before the end of this school year. His location is at 22 Carlisle St, in Hanover, Pa.

Credit to Leon Reed—Civil War News

NEW BEDFORD CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

2016 MEMBERSHIP

Membership is valid from January to December. Please fill out this form, with a check made out to "**New Bedford CWRT**", and mail to **Barbara Bedell, Treasurer, New Bedford Civil War Round Table, 74 Hidden Bay Drive, South Dartmouth, MA 02748**

Annual fee is \$25.00 for individual and \$30.00 for a family

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Civil War Artillery

Our May speaker will be giving us an education on artillery used in the Civil War. However, I thought you might like to see the results of the artillery bombardment of Fort Sumter in 1863



Fort Sumter after it had been bombarded by siege artillery in 1863

Civil War Trivia

1. Describe a "Squibb Pannier"

A compact medical chest.

Edward Robinson Squibb (1819-1900) was a Navy doctor who saw the need to improve the quality of medicine available on ships during the Mexican War. In 1858 he founded his own pharmaceutical laboratory to produce uniform, high-quality medicines. Squibb made these medicines available to the Union Army during the Civil War with the invention of the Squibb Pannier which was filled with some 50 medicines to enable doctors to treat casualties on the battlefield. It sold for about \$100, and included ether, chloroform, quinine, whiskey, and herbal treatments for dysentery. The chest included a chart glued to the inside lid which showed where each of the numbered medicines were located in the box.

2. What state was described as "too small to be a republic and too large to be an insane asylum?"

South Carolina

Spoken by former congressman James Petigru.

3. Who said, "No pack of whining, snarling, ill-fed vagabond street dogs....ever more strongly produced the impression of forlorn, outcast, helpless, hopeless misery."

This quote by Frederick Law Olmsted describes the retreating Union Army after the First Battle of Bull Run

4. Name the Ex-Union General who motivated Jesse & Frank James to rob the First National Bank of Northfield Minn

Adelbert Ames , Brother-in-Law to Ben Butler

Happy Birthday to the National Park Service—100 years old



The Centennial is Circulating! >

The U.S. Mint is celebrating the 100th birthday of the National Park Service with three new commemorative coins.

