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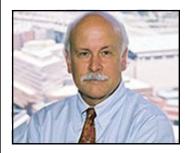


### Future Speakers

Mark Dunkelman returns in October. He will introduce his latest book. Happy to have Mark back to our Round Table



In March, 2016 we welcome writer James Conroy. His book, *Our One Common Country,* tells the story of Abraham Lincoln's presidential peace mission. His book is a 2015 Finalist for the prestigious Gilder-Lehrman Lincoln Prize





Al Smith , joins us in January, for the first time, with a wonderful presentation on the Abraham Lincoln Funeral Train. Al, and his brother Dave, lead the annual *Four Days in May Trip* to the East Coast Battlefields.

## THE FLAGBEARER

# Greater New Bedford Civil War Round Table September 22, 2015, 7:00 Meeting @ Fort Taber~Fort Rodman Military Museum

Mark Mello returns as our September 2015 speaker.

Mark's is a premier living historian, researcher, presenter (remember Pickett's Charge?), and student of Civil War history.



His presentation will cover " A Soldier's Life" This talk will be done "hands on", and will include his collection of artifacts, tools, reproductions, etc. He will detail what daily life was like for the soldier during the war. It will be a good introduction for those in the audience new to Civil War history.

Mark's September 22 talk will be a great kick off to the 2015-2016 Round Table season. Be sure to attend , and consider inviting a friend. Speaker Schedule 2015-2016

September 22, 2015 – Mark Mello, - The Live of a Civil War Soldier

October 27, 2015–Mark Dunkelman. 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 23, 2016 - Mark Mello, Devil's Den

Mar 22, 2016 – James Conroy, Our One Common Country

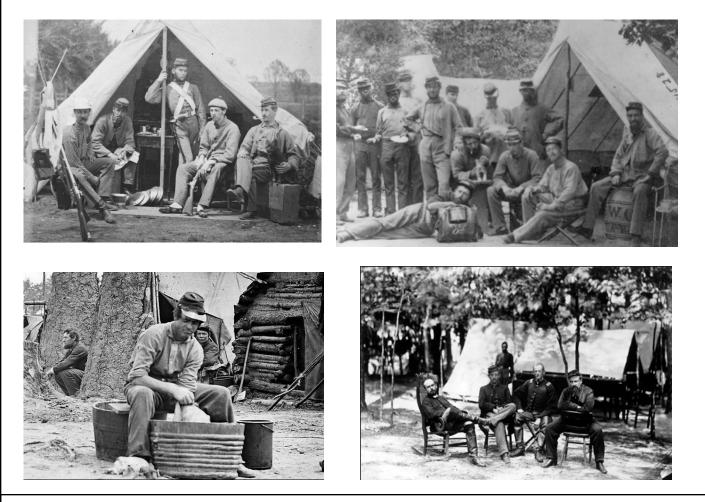
April 26, 2016–Prof John Rodrigue , Lincoln and Reconstruction

May 24, 2016 – John Foskett, Civil War Artillery

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## LIFE OF ORDINARY SOLDIER AS SEEN IN MATTHEW BRADY PHOTOS



NEW BEDFORD AND THE CIVIL WAR



Independent battalion, First Massachusetts Cavalry, Civil War veterans reunion at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven



John H. Clifford Camp, Sons of Union Veterans

## Speaker update—continued

April, 2016 brings us Professor John C. Rodrique, from Stonehill College. He will feature his book, <u>Lincoln and</u> <u>Reconstruction</u>. Professor Rodrique earned his B.A., History from Rutgers University, his M.A., History from Co-



lumbia University, and his Ph.D., History from Emory University. His teaching and research interests focus on nineteenth-century United States history, specifically the Civil War and Reconstruction era, slavery and emancipation, the U.S. South, and African-American history. He is currently working on a long-term project on the southern planters after the war.

Megan Kate Nelson returns to the Round Table in November, 2015. She is a writer, historian, and cultural critic. She has written for the New York Times, and The Civil War Times. She earned he B.A. in History and Literature from Harvard University and her PhD in American Studies from the University of Iowa, and taught at Cal State Fuller-



ton, Harvard, and Brown. She has written two books- <u>Ruin Nation: De-</u> <u>struction and The Ameri-</u> <u>can Civil War</u> (2012) and <u>Trembling Earth: A Cultural</u> <u>History of the Okefenokee</u> <u>Swamp (</u>2005)- and is working on a third, <u>Path of</u>

<u>the Dead Man: How the West Was Won- and Lost -</u> <u>during the American Civil War.</u> Megan Kate Nelson will feature this last piece of research at the November Round Table meeting.



John Foskett 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 next. John Foskett will be your guide. John is a well known expert on Civil War artillery tactics. More about our October speaker ,....Mark H. Dunkelman is well know to our Round Table , he usually speaks at our meetings once a year. He is the author of (1) <u>Brothers One and All: Esprit de</u> <u>Corps in a Civil War Regiment, (2) War's Relentless Hand: Twelve</u> <u>Tales of Civil War Soldiers, and (3) Marching with Sherman:</u> <u>Through Georgia and the Carolina with the 154th New York.</u>

This year Mark is introducing his newest book, Patrick Henry



Jones, Irish American, Civil War General, and Gilded Age Politician.

Patrick Henry Jones (1830-1900), a poor Irish immigrant began his career in journalism before gaining admittance to the New York Bar. When the Civil War erupted in 1861, Jones volunteered for service in the Union Army, where he rose steadily through the ranks of the 37th New York, became

Colonel of the 154th new York, and eventually attained the rank of Brigadier General. Mark will tell us his story.

#### ....Other News from New Bedford

...New Bedford, Mass.—New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park is proud to host the National Library of Medicine traveling exhibit titled "Life and Limb: The Toll of the American Civil War" on view to the public Monday August 31 through October 10, 2015 at the park visitor center , 33 William Street , downtown New Bedford. The visitor center is open seven days a week from 9 am to 5 pm. Admission is free. Questions? Phone 508-996-4095

...From the desk of Rev Bob Macfarlane, - a book recommendation for the Round Table membership.

"Appomattox: The Last Days of Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia"

...From PBS....The 25th anniversary *restored* version of Ken Burn's *The Civil War* will air Sept 7-11 at 9 pm. Check local listings. This rebroadcast of *The Civil War* will present for the first time a newly restored high-definition version. Over the course of two months, 50,000 feet of the original 16mm film negative, which is preserved at the George Eastman House, was scanned frame by frame at 4K (4096 x 2160 pixels), the resolution used for Ultra High Definition.

"The Civil War series has never been seen in such visual clarity", said Daniel J. White, who did the restoration. "The colors are brighter and you will see more details in the images"

Need to upgrade your television? Great excuse to do so. Bob