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THE GREATER NEW BEDFORD CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE
NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS
TUESDAY APRIL 23, 2024, 6:00 P.M.

At the Low Tide Yacht Club, 1000 Rodney French Blvd , Fort Taber Park , South End of New Bedford. Ample well lit parking, no fees. Please consider inviting a friend to the meeting. Doors open at 5:45. Coffee and pastries will be served. Open to the public.

April Speaker

Judge Robert J. Kane

Topic: Lincoln and the War Powers

Judge Kane graduated from Fairfield University and has his law degree from Boston College Law School.

He has served in the Bristol County District Attorney’s office, and as a defense attorney with the Massachusetts Defenders Committee, a District Court Judge, and as executive director of the Governor’s Committee on Criminal Justice under Governor Michael Dukakis



He was appointed to the Massachusetts Superior Court as an associate justice, by former Governor Paul Cellucci. Judge Kane retired in 2017.

On May 28th, our speaker will be Chuck Veit, Naval Historian and author. Chuck has been with us several times and never fails to impress. His naval history knowledge is formidable. We look forward to his return.

Covid and Zoom meetings have taken a toll on in-person attendance at meetings. Yet, we gain much more understanding of the Civil War history through being present , in person, at the Round Table meetings. We encourage you to join us at the Low Tide Yacht Club April 23. Coffee, pastries, book raffle, speaker presentation, contact with friends, time away from the TV, topics that are interesting, - what’s not to like????



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

We continue to remind you that dues for 2024 should be paid soon. Our dues calendar year ends June 30. Are you current?



Please be alerted that Don Brown, Digital Outreach, will be emailing you and talking to you at our April meeting, about purchasing merchandise that has our Round Table logo imprinted; shirts and baseball hats. The shirts and caps come in a variety of colors and the quality is excellent.

Follow us on Facebook, and don't forget that we keep our website up-to-date, thanks to Following Sea

Designs web services. Also, find us at our website The New Bedford Civil War Round Table. Did you miss a meeting, find it on YouTube. Don Brown records, edits, and links our meetings to YouTube.



Our Annual Memorial Day weekend service will be Saturday morning May 25 at 9:00 a.m. at the Civil War Burial Section at Rural Cemetery, Dartmouth Street, New Bedford. The Round Table Memorial Day committee is well along in the planning stage. Last year we were impressed with the larger than normal turnout of citizens. It is a moving ceremony. We hope you will mark your calendar and be present in support of the New Bedford Civil War Round Table.

Save The Date—Our Round Table is planning a day of headstone cleaning at the Civil War Section of Rural Cemetery in May. You will hear more about this civic project in the next few weeks. We are asking you to join us on the work detail.



The New Bedford Civil War Round Table Joseph Langlois Book Award Committee has started it's 2024 search for area high school seniors who will qualify for this award.

Save the date—Our Annual Summer Picnic at the Low Tide Yacht Club will be June 25th. We will continue the tradition of Peter Rioux's Trivia Pursuit and a book raffle.



Judge
Joseph Michaud

**Burnside
Reconsidered**

Did you miss the March in-person meeting at Low Tide yacht Club? Don Brown, Digital Outreach, did the video of Judge Joe Michaud's "Burnside Reconsidered" presentation and it is posted on our YouTube page. Find it at New Bedford Civil War Round Table.

Here is a message from one of the founding members of the New Bedford Civil War Round Table, Rev. Bob Macfarlane, - Board of Directors Emeritus. In the message he references the first and third Round Table Newsletters in 2007. I have them at my desk should you wish to borrow and read. It does establish that the first Newsletter was January 7, 2007. In the January 7th Newsletter, Bob references a write up of the November 2006 meeting, Dana Zaiser was the speaker, and no surprise, his topic was Civil War tokens.

Therefore, we can say with certainty, come November 2024, we will be 18 years old as an organization.

Thank you Rev Macfarlane for your contribution to our archives.

Dear Fellow Members of the Greater New Bedford Civil War Roundtable:

I have recently written to Bob Lytle, sending him some material from my early archives of our CWRT, which I discovered while rummaging through a box of "stuff" in my basement. There are two four-page documents, which are the first and third NEWSLETTERS of our fledgling Roundtable: Volume 1, #1; and Volume 1, #3. If I discover the Volume 1, #2m or #4, I'll send them along as well.

Early this March, I drove to Cape Cod to help celebrate my Uncle Freeman Johnson's 104th Birthday. Some of you may recall that he's a Pearl Harbor Survivor, and is still in excellent health. During that visit, I drove by Mattapoissett and stopped to see Bruce & Pat Baggarly. The photo here is a picture of my handing Bruce a copy of those two NEWSLETTERS. Bruce, of course, was one of our very first speakers and one my first Board of Directors members, along with Joe Langlois and Calvin Wright. And what was Bruce's first presentation topic? "The Stone Fleet from New Bedford's Whaling Ships!"

My very best to each of you, and perhaps I might get by once again to say hello in person. In the meantime, I continue to speak as General Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain locally and across the country, in schools, libraries, churches, and of course Civil War Roundtables.

Best wishes for continued success!
Bob Macfarlane

TRIVIA QUESTION

Who was the youngest General in the Union Army.

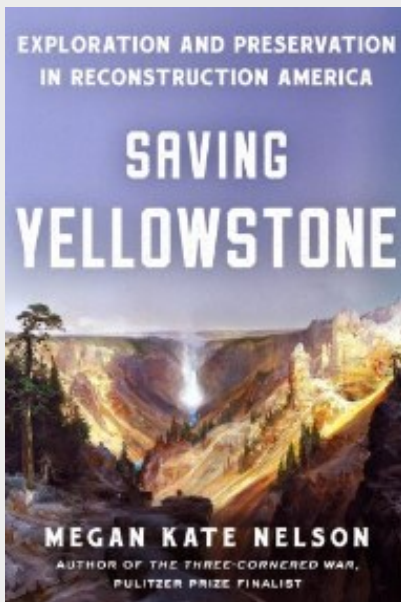


More news from the Round Table...

Many of our readers are also attending the Winter Lecture Series at the Fort Taber~Fort Rodman Military Museum on Sunday afternoons. We are working to maintain a once a month schedule. Last month we hosted 50 guests in the Museum main room for John Wojtowicz's 3 D Civil War photography lecture.

April 28th will feature the Exercise Tiger ceremony, plus the unveiling of the WWII canvas mural tracing the route across Europe of New Bedford's 212th Field Artillery Bn , attached to the Super Sixth Armored Division of General Patten's Third Army .

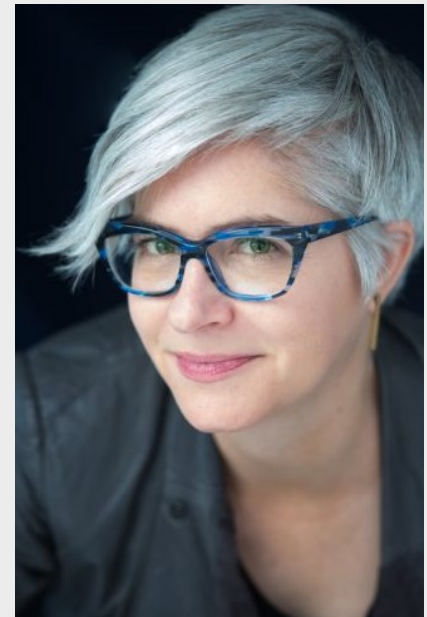
We are pleased to announce the return of Megan Kate Nelson to the Ft Taber~Ft Rodman Military Museum, on Sunday May 19th, 2:00 pm as the final speaker in the Museum's 2023-2024 Winter History Series.



Her lecture will feature her latest book Saving Yellowstone. This book won the 2023 Spur Award for Historical Nonfiction, is one of Smithsonian Magazine's Top Ten Books in History for 2023.

She has written about the Civil War, and the U.S. West and also many articles for The New York Times, Washington Post, The Atlantic, TIME, and the Smithsonian Magazine.

She has appeared at the NB Civil War Round Table several times, but this time , for the Ft Taber~Ft Rodman Military Museum.



Megan Kate Nelson

What do we see and hear from other New England Civil War Round Tables?

The East Bridgewater Civil War Round Table featured speaker Dr. Mudd, not Samuel but David. He talked about his famous ancestor.

Olde Colony Civil War Round Table recently hosted Mark Mello.

The Boston Round Table hosted Chris Kolakowski, Director of the Wisconsin Veterans Museum located in Madison Wisconsin. His books include "The Civil War at Perryville", "Battling the Bluegrass and Stones River", "The Army Does Not Retreat", and the "Virginia Campaigns, March thru August 1862".

Joshua Chamberlain Round Table in Brunswick Maine is featuring Pat and Don Trefethen on "Fitz John Porter". In May it will be Curtis Weber, "Lincoln and His Boys" (Secretaries)

The Rhode Island Round Table will meet April 17th with the speaker being Kellie B. Gormly of Neville Island Pennsylvania. The presentation will feature her book, Cease Firing! : Life and Death at The Swope Manor. Social hour is a 6:30 and the program is a 7:00. This meeting will take place at Sprague Mansion, 1351 Cranston Street, Cranston, RI

New Bedford Civil War Round Table

Memorial Day Service May 25, 2024 9:00 a.m.

Rural Cemetery, 149 Dartmouth Street, New Bedford, MA

Drive to the Civil War section in the back of the Cemetery



Welcome Remarks by Mark Mello, President of the Round Table

Raising of the American flag—Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

General John A. Logan's Order #11, May 5, 1868 - Joseph Michaud

Keynote address by The Honorable Jon Mitchell, Mayor of New Bedford

Gettysburg Address, - Jack Richer

Tenting Tonight by Caroline Blais

Laying of floral wreath by the 1850's Ladies, Ruth and Abby

Sounding of Taps, 215th Army Band, Massachusetts Army National Guard

Gun salute—Led by Stephen Pacheco

Moment of Silence—Mark Mello

Battle Hymn of the Republic by Caroline Blais, accompanied by Larry Roy

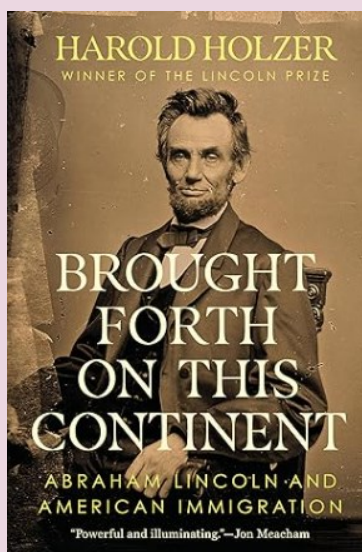
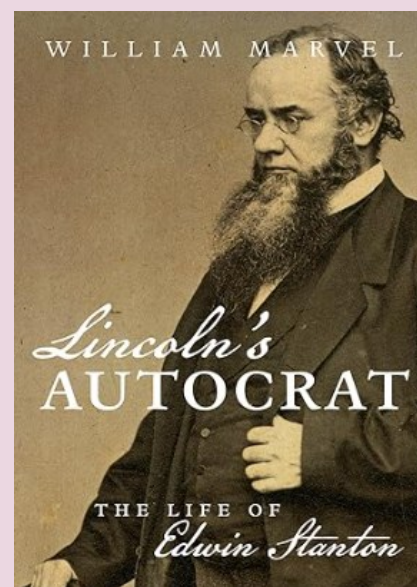
Benediction—Peter Rioux

At the conclusion of the service please join us under the canopy for refreshments. Mark Mello , President, The New Bedford Civil War Round Table

BOOK RELEASES THAT MAY INTEREST YOU

Lincoln's Autocrat: The Life of Edwin Stanton, by William Marvel

Edwin M. Stanton (1814-1869), one of the nineteenth century's most impressive legal and political minds, wielded enormous influence and power as Lincoln's Secretary of War during most of the Civil War and under Johnson during the early years of Reconstruction. Marvel argues that while Stanton was a formidable advocate and politician, his character was hardly benign. Climbing from a difficult youth to the pinnacle of power, Stanton used his authority, and the public coffers, to pursue political vendettas, and he exercised sweeping wartime powers with a cavalier disregard for civil liberties.



Brought Forth On This Continent: Abraham Lincoln and American Immigration, by Harold Holzer

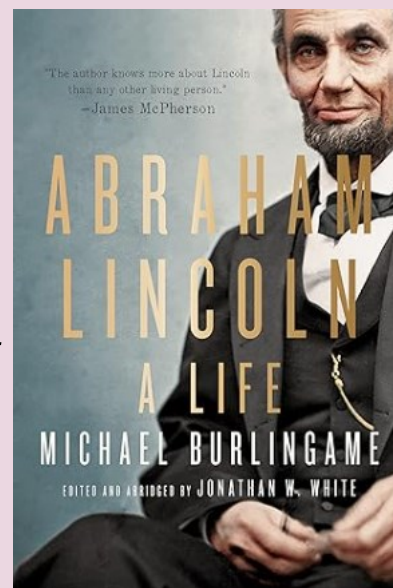
From the acclaimed Abraham Lincoln historian Harold Holzer, a groundbreaking account of Lincoln's grappling with the politics of immigration against the backdrop of war.

In the three decades before the Civil War, some 10 million foreign-born people settled in the United States, forever altering the nation's demographics, culture, and, perhaps most significantly, voting patterns. America's newest residents fueled the national economy, but they wrought enormous changes in the political landscape and exposed an ugly, at times, violent, vein of nativist bigotry. Tensions over immigration would split and ultimately destroy Lincoln's Whig Party years before the Civil War.

Abraham Lincoln: A Life, by Michael Burlingame, Author

Hailed as the definitive portrait of the sixteenth president, Lincoln scholar Michael Burlingame's impressive two volume biography has been masterfully abridged and revised.

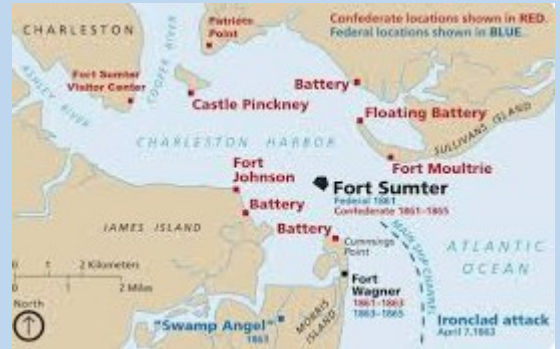
Sixteenth president of the United States, the Great Emancipator, and a surprisingly eloquent champion of national unity, freedom, and democracy, Abraham Lincoln is arguably the most studied and admired of all American. Based on deep research in unpublished sources, this work reveals how Lincoln's character and personality were the North's secret weapon in the Civil War, the key variables that spelled the difference between victory and defeat.



TIMELINE FOR APRIL 1861–1864

...April 13, 1861 Fort Sumter surrenders. Washington D.C. isolated.

...April 3, 1862 Both armies begin movements toward Shiloh Church, Tenn



...April 5, 1862 General McClellan is in front of Yorktown, Va, on the Peninsula. Siege begins.

...April 9, 1862 Lincoln urging McClellan , “You Must Act”

...April 12, 1862 The Great Locomotive Chase Big Shanty Georgia

...April 2, 1863 Richmond bread riots

...April 9, 1864 Grant issues his orders for all the armies in the field. Meade to make Lee his objective. Banks to move on Mobile, Ala, Sherman to go toward Georgia against Johnston, Sigel into the Shenandoah, Butler toward Richmond.



...April 30, 1864 Jefferson Davis loses his son, Joe, in an accident.

...April 1, 1865 Battle of Five Forks, VA (The Shad Bake)

...April 2, 1865 Confederates evacuate Richmond. Petersburg is captured.



...April 4, 1865 Lincoln visits Richmond. Lee moving west hoping to be supplied

...April 6, 1865 Battle of Sayler's Creek. Last major engagement.

...April 9, 1865 Surrender at Appomattox Court House



...April 14, 1865 Good Friday , Lincoln assassinated



...April 24 John Wilkes Booth captured and killed

Time for dues renewal 2023-2024. Not sure if you are current ? Or, perhaps you don't recall if you sent in a dues check. Here is easy answer, no need to call the Treasurer. If you do not have a dues card in your possession, that reads New Bedford Civil War Round Table member "2023-2024", then you haven't paid your dues. Time to remit. We value your membership. With it, we fund our annual Joseph Langlois book award scholarship, and pay our bills. Please take the time to support our Round Table. Keep the Flagbearer coming to your electronic mailbox.

The New Bedford Civil War Round Table

2023-2024 Membership and Dues

Effective Dates July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024



IT IS TIME TO SUBMIT YOUR DUES FOR THE NEW SEASON ; 2023 -2024.

Please fill out the form and make the check payable to "New Bedford CWRT"

Mail to New Bedford Civil War Round Table

C/O Martin Flinn, Treas., 39 Little Oak Road, New Bedford, MA 02745



Name : _____

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

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Date:** _____

Thank you for being a member of the New Bedford Civil War Round Table