

THE RECALL JOURNAL....A Publication of The Civil War Round Table of Greater Boston, since 1957, striving to serve its readers with the latest and best information about its members and their meetings, about upcoming Civil War and other Historical, Reenactor, and Veteran organization events, along with Civil War facts and dates to remember, as well as being a clarion call to ALL who want to protect the Historical Integrity of this great Nation, that once nearly became permanently divided.

The Civil War Round Table of Greater Boston, since its beginnings in 1957, has been a leader in Local and National Preservation Efforts, in Local Veterans and Reenactor Efforts, and in the Educational Outreach to our Schoolchildren, by going out into the School Systems and by bringing these youngsters into our organization as equal members. According to the late Jerry Russell of The Civil War Round Table Associates, Greater Boston is the 13th OLDEST CWRT on the Planet Earth!!!!

The Civil War Round Table of Greater Boston is open to ANYONE, wherever they live, of ANY age, sex, color, gender, or Historical persuasion on this great and tragic event. We welcome ALL who have ANY interest in History, not necessarily Civil War, who would like to join us at our meetings of oral and written Presentations, Four Days In May Battlefield Tours, Seminars, or Veteran and Reenactor Events.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS.....

CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE of GREATER BOSTON meets every FOURTH (4th) Friday of each month at 7:15 p.m. (PLEASE NOTE the new starting time) This is true except for November and December, which due to National Holidays are now held as a Joint Xmas Party meeting with the Northshore/Lynn Chapter in early December. All meetings are now generally held at The Waltham Community Room (downstairs) at The Waltham Clarke Government Center Building 119 School St./corner Lexington St. (enter from the rear where there is parking). In case of inclement weather, please check local Radio Stations for late news President: David L. Smith 3 Waverley Oaks Rd. #202 Waltham, Ma. 02452-6274 Tel: (781) 647-3332 or Email: cwrtmass@comcast.net

CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE of CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS (CWRT, INC.) meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Holden Senior Center on Main St. in Holden, Ma. at 7:00 p.m. along with some meetings at off site locations in Worcester. President: David Nyman , email: centralmassroundtable@yahoo.com or call (508) 829-0041

CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE of CAPE COD meets each month on the Third (3rd) Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m. at The Yarmouth Senior Citizen Center at 528

Forest Drive Yarmouth off Exit 8 on Rte. 6 with more informal meetings duuing the summertimes. President: Fred Wexler at wexfm@earthlink.net or John Myers Programming at Telephone..(508) 896-6421

THE GREATER NEW BEDFORD CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE meets on the fourth Tuesday of each monthat the Fort Taber Military Museum meets on Fourth Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. 1000 S. Rodney French Blvd. New BedfordJoe Langlois, President at j2langs@earthlink.net

CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE of NORTHSHORE/LYNN meets on the second (2nd) Friday of each month at The Lynn G.A.R. Hall on 58 Andrews St. in Lynn, Ma. at 7:30 p.m. with occasional offsite meetings and Special Events in the Northshore President: Dexter Bishop 387 Old Boston Rd. Topsfield, Ma. 01983 Tel: (978) 887 - 2264 EMAIL: Dexter@cwrtnorthshore.org or genord9@comcast.net or their Website www.cwrtnorthshore.org (currently under revision)

CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE of NORTH WORCESTER COUNTY/LEOMINSTER meets on the second (2nd) Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Leominster Historical Society 50 School St. Leominster, Ma. 01453 also invites ALL to visit us Information Contact:President, Tim Shea at nwccwrt@comcast.net or 508-963-0559. For information please contact Tom Bailey at TBailey451@aol.com

THE OLDE COLONY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE meets on the Third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at The Endicott Estate at 656 East St. in Dedham with Mini Bit speakers as well as a regular presentation....go to www.occwrt.org or President Richard Campagna at rjcampagna@comcast.net

Greater Boston Meeting - March 22, 2013

The meeting started with Al Smith leading us with the pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by CWRTGB president Dave Smith leading us in a moment of silence for recent CWRTGB members and friends who have recently died. These include Jim Broome of Marion, Preston Sturdevant of Auburn, Charles Franco of Malden and Jeannette Aline McCarthy of Waltham(Mother of Waltham Mayor Jeannette McCarthy).

Dave mentioned that plans are in the works for a recognition dinner sometime next year to show appreciation to some of our long term members who have made significant contributions to our Round Table as well as improve knowledge and help preservation efforts. Dave mentioned about the Oliver Wendell Holmes Dinner this November to honor RI Judge and Lincoln Historian Frank Williams as well as the upcoming 4 days in May trip to Chancellorsville, VA. Dave mentioned about recent

and future events at the National Archives in Waltham. The commander of the U.S.S. Constitution will speak about the ship on April 18th. Also mentioned were two living history reenactments coming the first weekend in June. One for the 54th Mass on Boston Common and the other in Lynn, MA.

Dave then introduced Waltham History teacher Janice Marchese who spoke to us on the Making of the US Constitution.

To understand the making of our constitution, we must understand what came before it. For many years England and France contested for power in the new world. This struggle in North America would culminate in the French and Indian wars. These wars left England with a depleted Treasury. To make up for this, England taxed the colonies. These taxes, especially the tax on Tea helped spur the colonists to protest. Literature such as Thomas Paine's Common Sense helped motivate the colonists to move toward independence. Some such as Britain's William Pitt pushed for compromise, but in the end, we went to war. Many places in America are named after him including Pittsburg PA. After our independence from England we established The Articles of Confederation. It was not long before we soon saw major problems with such a loose confederation. There was the lack of any central treasury and no army for defense. James Madisen was one of the first to speak out for something new. At the constitution convention, George Washington was elected as its leader. The writings of John Locke helped frame many of the discussions. Maddison's notes on the convention shows us the wide divergence of opinion at the convention. One of the early proposals was the Virginia Plan. It proposed a strong central government with 3 branches (legislative, executive and judicial). Some of the states, especially the smaller ones saw this as putting too much power in a central government. They countered with the New Jersey plan which pushed for a mere revision of the Articles of Confederation to allow the existing congress to more easily raise revenues and regulate commerce. After much debate, this was defeated. In the end, a great compromise was reached. There had been much contention between north and south about how slaves were to be counted in terms of representation and taxation. This was resolved with the counting of 3/5 th's of the slave population. The constitution was the end was a great compromise between those wanting a strong central government (Federalists) and those pushing for states rights (Anti-Federalists). After the convention the Anti- Federalists pushed for amendments on what would become the Bill of Rights for what they saw as putting some limits on the power of a strong central government.

BUGLE NOTES:-

We have always known that there was EVIL among us. Yesterday it became an unforgettable part of our History once again, as we were celebrating our American History, our American Spirit, and our American Lives. As the first explosion happened, they ran towards it, not knowing if another would come. Then a second explosion happened, and STILL they ran towards it, again not knowing if another would come. They are the Doctors, the Nurses, The Police, the Firefighters, The EMTs, the Marathon Volunteers, and the Citizens of America who would once again run towards the dangers to claim their Rights, their Freedoms and their Independence. They would run towards the Danger once again to show the EVIL what is the TRUE American Spirit of helping one another in a time of need. God Bless America.

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Take a look at what our young Collage Artist John Williams has been doing and where is getting noticed in The Huffingrton Post.....

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/04/13/john-williams-john-williams-outsider-artist-creates-moving-historical-collages-photos-interview_n_3062720.html

These are the BB Caps and Golf Shirts that we are currently selling. The Golf Shirts come in Blue or Gray with The CWRTs of Mass. Logo on the pocket. The BB Caps are Adjustable one size only in White only with The CWRTs of Mass Logo on the front. The back says Greater Boston (est. 1957). BB Caps are \$ 20.00 each Golf Shirts are \$ 30.00 each in all sizes and ONLY Blue or Gray. These prices will allow for Shipping and Handling, and allow 2-3 weeks for delivery. Payments are to the CWRT of Greater Boston and sent to: David L. Smith 3 Waverley Oaks Rd. #202 Waltham, Ma. 2452



Also, we are still selling our CWRT's of Mass Fanny Paks for \$10.00 and CWRT's of Mass and/or CWRT of Greater Boston(please specify) plastic ponchos for \$5.00 with all money going to our preservation fund.

[BETWEEN THE DUST JACKETS-Recently Published Civil War Books and Films.....](#)

**"From Schoolboy To Soldier---
The Correspondence, Letters, Journal Entries of
Edward Stanley Abbott"
compiled by Quincy S. Abbott**

This is a short book recently sent to me for my reading and review which I now mt state that I thouroughly enjoyed it for many reasons.

Mostly, besides the excellent writing, it is about an ordinary, common soldier who writes about himself and his family situations and his thoughts on why the War was fought and how it would end.

Quincy S. Abbpt is the great grand nephew of Edward S. Abbott, who happens to be the great grand nephew of Nathan Hale. Qunicy is also the Family Historian and Genealogist of sor this family is an old New england family with a long line of Military links since this Nation began. He compiled this book with an excellent collection of ddrawings, maps, and genealogy lists.

As for Edward Stanley Abbot, he was a young writer who always wanted to be a writer, even if his fame would come posthumously. He would state that "I care not whether my work be read now or by posterity. I can afford to wait a cennrury for readers when God himselfhas waited six thousand years for an observer."

He will write about his family relationships, his views on why the War should be fought, and how he sees this Nation. he believed that someday, this Nation would be hundreds of millions in population and apowerful part of this Globe.

He will write about a Southern friend of his who leaves to fight for the Confederacy. He will also describe the many Battles that he was in from Fredericksburg to Chancellorsville to Little Round Top at Gettysburg where he will sustain his fatal injuries and die on July 8, 1863.

As I said earlier, an excellent book that is well worth buying and reading multiple times.

**David L. Smith, President
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TAPS--

We regret to announce the passing a few months ago of Jim Broome of Marion, Mass. Jim had been with us for the past few years on our Four Days In May Tours and always seemed to enjoy them. Condolences to his wife Betty and other family members

The Civil War Round Tables of Massachusetts mourn the recent loss on March 8, 2013 of Preston Sturdevant, Jr. of Auburn, Mass. Preston was the cofounder and past President of The Civil War Round Table of Central Mass. Chapter, a Mason, a Naval Veteran of WW2, and an active Camping Association member. He retired as a Dentist after 38 years in 1991.

He was also the guiding force in 1987 for the creation of The Captain Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. Award of The Civil War Round Tables of Massachusetts by the combined Executive Boards of the Greater Boston and Central Mass. Chapters. His major Civil War interest was Gettysburg which he visited more than 100 times.

He leaves his wife of 61 years, Audrey (Kleiner) Sturdevant and his children Preston 3rd, Carole, Christine, Robert, and Hollie, along with five grandchildren and one great grandchild, and his brother Stephen and sister Gwyneth, and many nieces and nephews.

Preston's passing was preceded by the deaths of his two daughters Alice Lynn Sturdevant and Nancy Jean Sturdevant and he will be greatly missed.

The CWRT of Greater Boston wishes to express their condolences to our Secretary Charles "Chuck" Franco, on the recent loss of his father Charles who was also a longtime member with his wife Margaret. They would always be at our meeting and other Special Events, and were mainstays for many years on our Four Days In May Battlefield Tours.

Charlie was a WWII Navy Vetern who earned 2 bronze stars. Charlie was an avid golfer and handiman who enjoyed taking on projects. He also enjoyed sports, reading and doing crossword puzzles.

Charlie is survived by his loving wife, Margaret E. (Giardello) Franco, his wonderful children Joanne Franco of Malden, Susan Gugliotti and her husband John of Malden and Charles J. Franco of Melrose, his grandsons, John Gugliotti of Burlington, Christopher Gugliotti and Michael Gugliotti, both of Malden, his sisters, Carmella Mierzykowski of Malden and Jennie Carey of Methuen, as well as many wonderful nieces and nephews.

The CWRT of Greater Boston would also like to express our condolences to Waltham Mayor Jeanette McCarthy and her family, on the recent loss of her Mother Jeanette Aline McCarthy aged 81. She was married to her husband Charles for 62 years.

I am Joe Flannery, and I'm the brother of Edward M. Flannery to whom you send regular mailings of the "Civil War Round Tables of Massachusetts." I am sad to inform you that Eddie passed away on December 6, 2012 after a short but courageous battle with cancer.

One of his great loves in life was studying Civil War history and it's quite clear to me from the newsletter that you send that he so enjoyed being involved with the wonderful work that you perform there at CWRT of Mass.

This section will now show proper respect to the fallem of Massachusetts with notices from The Governor's Office for the lowering of the Flags to Half Staff....

Please be advised that Governor Deval L. Patrick has ordered that the United States flag and the Commonwealth flag be lowered to half-staff at all state buildings immediately and until further notice in honor of the victims of the acts of violence

perpetrated in Boston on Monday, April 15, 2013. (Update as of Tuesday, April 23rd. Governor Deval L. Patrick has ordered flags to remain at half-staff until sunset on Wednesday, April 24, 2013).

ARE DUE!!!! DUES ARE DUE!!!! DUES ARE DUE!!!! Pay early...Pay Often.... Pay Now... Avoid The Rush...Then Pay More...Pay Until It Hurts...Then Pay Some More...Pay Now...Pay Later...Just Pay...Remeber Folks, this is how we pay for this Organization to run, and pay for the expenses of THE RECALL. None of these funds go to pay any Officer Salaries or Perks (unfortunately). Remember, if you do NOT pay by December 31st of any year, your name will be dropped from the mailing List of THE RECALL, so get that Check in the mail. REMEMBER...our year begins on September 1, 2012 of and ends on August 31, 2013.....ALSO REMEMBER that this is how we not only pay for the expense of THE RECALL, but our Administrative expense of running this CWRT and donations to Preservation. There are NO expenses for Officers Pay or Perks!!!! So pay Early, and Pay often!!! Remember, you MUST pay by December 31st of any year to stay on THE RECALL mailing list.....Starting this year, each mailing label will show Aug 12-13 which means that you are in fact paid for this current year. If you see any other date on the label, it means that according to our records, you have not paid Greater Boston or your own Chapter Treasurer, or our records are incorrect. Other than these, are "F" for Family and 'L' and "SPEC' labels for those Lifers and Special individuals or groups as separate folks who receive THE RECALL Also please do NOT forget to let us know as early as posible about address changes...By the way, folks,...if you would like to add a few bucks or so, when you pay your dues, and dedicate those EXTRA DOLLARS to PRESERVATION,...just let us know that when you send the check....And Thanxxxx in advance. As of today, many folks have already re-upped for the 2012-2013 season and some have added a few extra bucks for Preservation. Now, I can also ask for some of 'few extra bucks' to cover the cost of all of these Flags in Display Cases that I will be giving to the families.....THANXXXXX!!!! **GIVE ME YOUR TIRED, YOUR POOR, YOUR HUDDLED CIVIL WAR MASSES!!!! YEARNING TO HAVE FUN THE CIVIL WAR WAY!!!! JOIN US WHEREVER YOU ARE!!!! ATTEND WHEN YOU CAN BECAUSE YOU LOVE HISTORY!!!**

MONTH IN CIVIL WAR HISTORY.....Important dates to remember.....Important People and Battles.....

On March 4, 1861, Lincoln inaugurated 16th president.....On March 4, 1865, Lincoln's second inaugural.....On March 4, 1826, Gen. John Buford, US, born.....On March 6, 1831, Gen. Philip H. Sheridan , US, born.....On March 7 - 8, 1862, Battle of Pea Ridge.....On March 9, 1862, Battle of USS Monitor and CSS Virginia.....On

