

# CAPE MAY COUNTY CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

## First Meeting of the Year - April 18th

A brand new year begins! Our first meeting of the year will be held at our new location at the **Stone Harbor American Legion Post 331, 11617 2nd Ave, Stone Harbor, NJ 08247**. We will be meeting at our same time 7pm, and will enjoy the presentation, “Imprisonment, Trial, and Execution of Lincoln Conspirators” by Mark Grim, who will focus on the events after John Wilkes Booth’s death, and the capture of the other conspirators, and their trials and executions.

Mark Grim is a graduate of the US Navy Judge Advocate Generals School, retired attorney, an US Marine Corps Colonel. He has also been known to portray Brevet Major General John F. Hartranft, who was known for reading the death warrant to the Lincoln assassination conspirators. Hartranft had also been awarded the Medal of Honor for his action at the Battle of Bull Run.

## Featured Regiment - 12th New Jersey

The 12th New Jersey Infantry, also known as the “Buck and Ball” regiment, was known for their gallantry in combat. The regiment was organized in the summer of 1862 in Woodbury, and was attached to the Army of the Potomac in September. The regiment was engaged at Chancellorsville, and later known for its role in the defense of Union lines at Gettysburg on the second and third days of battle. The regiment was mustered out on July 15th, 1865. Sergeant-at-Arms Craig Costigan’s second great grandfather, Thomas Costigan, immigrated from Ireland in 1862, and soon enlisted in the 12th New Jersey.



12th NJ monument at Gettysburg



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## About Us

The Cape May County Civil War Roundtable was created in 1985, and since then has enjoyed strong membership and active participation. The Roundtable is active every year from April to November. Meetings are held on every third Thursday of each month at 7pm, at the American Legion Post 331, 11617 2nd Ave, Stone Harbor, NJ 08247. The public is welcomed and encouraged to attend meetings. Dues are \$30 every year, or \$40 for family.

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**Civil War Question:** "Of the many Union officers who have been killed in combat, who was the highest ranking General in the Union Army, to have been killed the earliest in the Civil War?"

The answer will be revealed in the next monthly issue of the Cape May County Civil War Roundtable!



## Civil War History of April

**April 6 - 7, 1862, Battle of Shiloh:** In early April, as the Union Armies of the Tennessee and Ohio, commanded by General Grant and Buell, march south to Pittsburg Landing in hopes to sever the Confederacy into two. Previously, General Grant had vitally captured the forts of Donelson and Henry, crimping Confederate transportation and communication. Confederate General Albert Sidney Johnston, moved his men to the River and with the help of generals Braxton Bragg, engaged the Union troops. During the battle, General Johnston was mortally wounded, and after the battle had concluded it had been the most deadly event in US History.

**April 12th-15th, 1861, Fort Sumter:** Confederate General PGT. Beauregard fires upon Fort Sumter, in Charleston Harbor, South Carolina, officially starting the Civil War. Lincoln, three days later, calls for 75,000 volunteers to suppress the rebellion.

**April 12th, 1864, Massacre at Fort Pillow:** Confederate cavalry commander, Nathan Bedford Forrest, brutally murder 300 prisoners of war at Fort Pillow, most of whom belonged to the United States Colored Troops.



## **Upcoming Meetings for 2024**

**May 16th - “Cease Firing Life and Death at the Swope Manor - The Story of New Jersey Lt. William Pohlman”**  
- Presented by Kellie Gormly, a author and historian

**June 20th - “Civil War Medicines and Medial Practices”** - Presented by Herb Kaufman, a historian, and educator.

**July 18th - “Gettysburg: One Woman’s War”** - Presented by Michelle LaRue.

**August 15th - “The Abraham Lincoln Murder Case”** - Presented by Rodger Arthur, a historian, lecturer, teacher, and frequent speaker.

**September 19th - “The Grand Army of the Republic and the GAR Museum”** - by Walt Lafty, a Civil War Historian, GAR Museum Curator, and Round Table Leadership.

**October 17th - “Civil War Naval Ships - The Sultana, the Black Diamond and the Massachusetts Disasters”**  
- Presented by Mike Jesberger, Historical Lecturer, and College Professor

**November 21 - TBA**

