

# **New Bedford's historic tour guide examines role New Bedford played in the American Civil War**

"Against a backdrop of downtown New Bedford's historic architecture tour guide Bruce Barnes examines the role that New Bedford played in the American Civil War from 1861 to 1865.

A story of valor and sacrifice, Mr. Barnes expounds the devastating impact that the Civil War had on the residents of New Bedford and the nation. New Bedford was a city of 24,000 and 10% of its population, more than 3,300, were sent to fight the war.

Of those, almost 260 died during the war. New Bedford citizens participated in every theater of the conflict, on land and the sea, from the First Battle of Bull Run to Appomattox Court House.

Other Society projects include the Historic Marker Program, New Bedford Re-Leaf, the production of self-guided Architectural Historic District Walking tour brochures (available online at the society's website), Historical Cemetery Tours, Annual Holiday House Tours, and lectures throughout the year on historic preservation. To learn more about the society call 508.997.6425 or visit [nbpreservationsociety.org](http://nbpreservationsociety.org).

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COLORED MEN, ATTENTION  
YOUR COUNTRY CALLS

Hundred Colored Men War

To be attached to

Gov. Andrew's New Regiment  
THE MASSACHUSETTS FIFTY-FOUR

The Pay and Rations to be the same  
as of any other Massachusetts Regiment.  
The families of the Colored men enlisting  
shall have the same as that furnished white men in  
regiments

See 1-Quarters for enlisting at the first b