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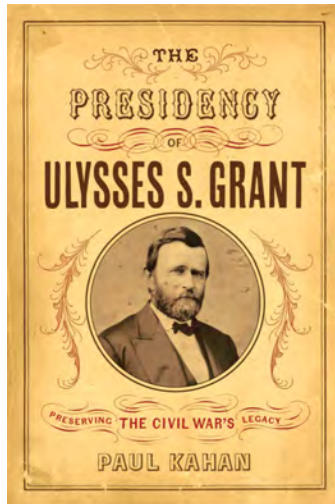
Phil Kearny Civil War Round Table of Northern New Jersey

***** NEW MEETING PLACE - Hasbrouck Heights Municipal Building *****

The Presidency of Ulysses S. Grant: Preserving the Civil War's Legacy

Speaker: Paul Kahan

Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 7:15pm at the Hasbrouck Heights Muni Bldg



In The Presidency of Ulysses S. Grant: Preserving the Civil War's Legacy, historian Paul Kahan focuses on the unique political, economic, and cultural forces unleashed by the Civil War and how Grant addressed these issues during his tumultuous two terms as chief executive. A timely reassessment,

The Presidency of Ulysses S. Grant sheds new light on the business of politics in the decade after the Civil War and portrays an energetic and even progressive executive whose legacy has been overshadowed by both his wartime

service and his administration's many scandals.

Dr. Paul Kahan is a leading expert on 19th century U.S. history. He earned a Ph.D. in U.S. history from Temple University. Prior to that, Dr. Kahan earned an M.A. in Modern American History & Literature from Drew University and B.A.s in history



Paul Kahan

*Speaker for the
June 19th Meeting
in Hasbrouck Heights
Municipal Building*



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Dr. Kahan has published several books, including "Eastern State Penitentiary: A History," "Amiable Scoundrel: Simon Cameron, Lincoln's Scandalous Secretary of War," "The Presidency of Ulysses S. Grant: Preserving the Civil War's Legacy," and "The Bank War: Andrew Jackson, Nicholas Biddle, and the Fight for American Finance."

Find out more about Dr. Kahan and his work by visiting his website, www.paulkahan.com, his Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/pkahan>, and his Twitter feed, https://twitter.com/paul_kahan.

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CIVIL WAR QUIZ

Special thanks to Dennis Buttacavoli

1. What New Jersey Shore community was named after one of the first men appointed to the new naval rank created by Abraham Lincoln in 1862?
2. What was this new naval rank?
3. Which state was the last to officially join the Confederacy?
4. Which was the last Confederate State to be readmitted into the Union?
5. At which battle was Clara Barton almost killed when a bullet went through her sleeve and killed a man she was treating?
6. True or False; There were more Northern born Confederate generals than Southern born Union generals
7. What percentage of the population of the United States died in the Civil War?
8. Who was the highest-ranking officer on either side to be killed in action?
9. What famous general had little use for military music and once said, "I could only recognize two military tunes, one was Yankee Doodle and the other wasn't".
10. What was the name of Confederate General Isaac Trimble's beloved horse?

ANSWERS TO THE CIVIL WAR QUIZ

1. Elie Augustus Frederick La Vallette
2. Rear Admiral
3. Tennessee June 8 1861
4. Georgia July 15 1870
5. Antietam
6. True
7. 2%
8. Albert Sidney Johnston
9. U.S. Grant
10. Jinney



Joe Truglio with Speaker Joseph A. Rose after the May 2019 meeting. Rose's talk was on his book "Grant Under Fire".

2019 MEETING SCHEDULE

New Meeting Venue
Hasbrouck Heights Borough Hall
320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ

June 19th

Paul Kahan
Grant's Presidency

Sept 18th

Paul Ellis-Graham
Political Cartoons

Oct 16th

James Hedtke
Ely S Parker

Nov 13th

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Picking the perfect army command

Dec 1st

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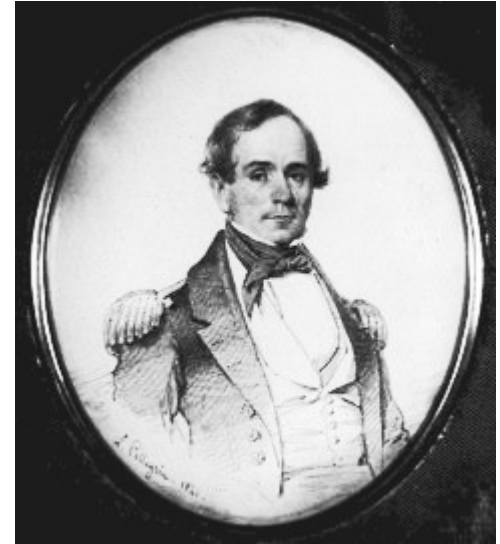
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Who Was Elie Augustus Frederick La Vallette?

In our newsletter quiz, one answer was about a Civil War Admiral which a popular NJ shore community was named after. This may have struck many civil war historians as news, especially if one is very familiar with the Ocean County summer borough, but did you ever wondering how it got its name?

Between Barnegat Bay and the Atlantic Ocean lies Lavallette, New Jersey, named in honor of Rear Admiral Elie Augustus Frederick La Vallette, whose 50-year naval career included action in the battle of Lake Champlain during the War of 1812, command of "Old Ironsides," USS Constitution and concluded upon his death as one of the first rear admirals during the Civil War.

Here is a little more information about Rear Admiral La Vallette, later changed to Lavalette and how the borough got it's name.



An 1841 engraving of then-Captain La Vallette by Francis Pellegrin.

Elie Augustus Frederick La Vallette (3 May 1790 – 18 November 1862) was one of the first rear admirals appointed in the United States Navy when President Abraham Lincoln created the rank in July 1862.



E.A.F. Lavalette in 1862 wearing his new US Naval Rear Admiral uniform.

La Vallette was born in Alexandria, Virginia, to a distinguished family of French origin, and at the age of 10 years accompanied his father, a chaplain, on a cruise in the frigate Philadelphia, commanded by Stephen Decatur, Sr, the famed Revolutionary War Naval Captain.

After serving as a merchant marine, La Vallette entered the Navy on June 25, 1812, as sailing master. On September 11, 1814, he was an acting lieutenant aboard the corvette Saratoga, the flagship of Commodore Thomas Macdonough at the Battle of Lake Champlain, where the British were defeated in a decisive engagement of the War of 1812. La Vallette distinguished himself during the battle, winning promotion, awarded a medal and a presentation sword by Congress. He received his commission as lieutenant on December 9, 1814.

La Vallette's first command came in June 1817, taking the schooner Despatch on a survey of Virginia's coast and harbors. He then served on a number of larger ships, and in 1824 was assigned to Constitution. While on duty in the Mediterranean, he was acting captain for several months, and served on the ship until 1828.

After leaving Constitution, La Vallette held a series of routine assignments, before being ordered to take the sloop-of-war Fairfield to Guayaquil, Ecuador, to protect the United States interests during a revolution. He sailed from the United States in May 1833, rounding Cape Horn, and finally reaching



Gravesite of E. A.F. Lavallette Laurel Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia, PA - Russ Dodge, Findagrave.com



The fading Inscription on Rear Admiral Lavallette's tombstone - Russ Dodge, Findagrave.com

Guayaquil in February 1834. After receiving assurances that American lives and property would be protected, he returned home, making the voyage from Valparaíso to Hampton Roads in a little more than two months.

He formally Anglicized his name to Lavallette in 1830. Lavallette was promoted to master commandant on March 3, 1831, and to captain on February 23, 1840.

During the Mexican–American War (1846–1848) Lavallette commanded the frigates Independence and the Congress, directing operations against Guaymas in the Gulf of California on 19–20 November 1847. For a time in 1848, he served as Military Governor of Mazatlán, and the crew of the Congress comprised the occupying garrison.[2] In the 1850s he commanded the Africa and Mediterranean Squadrons.

On 30 July 1862, President Abraham Lincoln appointed Lavallette a rear admiral on the retired list. Four months later, on 18 November, Rear Admiral Lavallette died at the Philadelphia Naval Yard Hospital.

The Borough of Lavallette was formally incorporated in late December 1887, but the name Lavallette existed in this location for almost ten years before as the place area was becoming a resort area due to the expansion of the railroads with vacationers discovering it for its bathing, boating and blue fishing. In February of 1878, the directors of the Barnegat Land Improvement Company filed a plot plan with Ocean County, designating the tract they purchased from Michael W. Ortleby as "*Lavallette City by the Sea.*" The secretary of that board was Albert T. Lavallette, grandson of the Admiral.

A portrait of Lavalette as a young lieutenant is on display the municipal borough building within the council chambers and two United States Navy destroyers (DD-315 and DD-448) were named after the Admiral.



The portrait of a young Lavallette hangs in the Lavallette NJ Borough Council Chambers.



Summer at the Jersey Shore - a life guard boat on the Lavallette Beach