

**The Friends of Fort Trumbull Welcome State
Historian, Walter Woodward, as Their June Speaker**



On Thursday, June 25, 2015, The Friends of Fort Trumbull will present Dr. Walter W. Woodward in *The Civil War Search for a new National Anthem*. This will be the third speaker in the 2015 series entitled *Windows on the World of Fort Trumbull*, a series of programs based upon the periods in history that were significant to Fort Trumbull.

In 2010, in honor of John Hanrahan-the first President of the organization- the Friends commissioned a set of window panels by Artist and Teacher- Edward Tuccio- to enlighten visitors to the park as to what is available inside the Visitors Center.

Using the window panels in the Visitor's Center as a guide, June Hoyer, the program co-chair, has planned presentations on the Role of the Fort in The Revolutionary War, The Civil War, World War I & II, and the Cold War. The History of the Coast Guard at the Fort has also been included.

Dr. Woodward adds new meaning to the phrase Renaissance Man. Before becoming a historian, he had successful careers in both the music and advertising industries. In the 1970's, he won two Emmy Awards for his music for film and television. In 1980, he was chosen Cleveland's Advertising Person of the Year.

However, at 40, he "realized I wanted to use my abilities and what time I had left to make an intellectual contribution." After an 11 year effort, he received his Ph.D. in 2001 from the University of Connecticut.

Professor Woodward, who was appointed in 2004, is the fifth person to hold the position of State Historian. The person in this position is appointed by the trustees of the University of Connecticut and is a faculty member in the UConn Dept. of History. The State Historian, in addition to many other duties, maintains an active program of historical research and public outreach, conducting lectures, programs, and teacher education seminars throughout the state.

This live musical performance details the incredible contest for a new Union national anthem at the start of the American Civil War. Mr. Woodward, in this presentation, combines historical analysis with his extensive background in professional songwriting and musical performance to bring new perspective to the Civil War music and patriotic anthems.

The presentation will take place in the Fort Trumbull Conference Center at 7 p.m. The public is invited, but seating is limited. Come early for admittance. Refreshments will follow the presentation. New members are always welcome.