

**The Walpole Historical Commission  
&  
The Friends of the Walpole Public Library  
Invite**

# **YOU to Attend**

**a Short US Civil War Related  
Lecture/Presentation**

**At the Walpole Public Library,  
Wednesday, May 28, 2014, at 6:30pm**

**Subject:**

**The Battle of The Crater, July 30, 1864  
With a presentation by Mr. Kevin Levin, Author**

The Battle of the Crater is best remembered for the early morning detonation of 8,000 lbs. of explosives under a Confederate salient outside Petersburg, VA. It is also the 1<sup>st</sup> time that a large number of black Union soldiers were utilized in an attack in Virginia.

Rebel outrage led to the massacre of a large number of these men during and after the battle. This presentation will focus specifically on the reaction of white Union soldiers to the presence of United States Colored Troops and what this tells us about the war in 1864 and its legacy.

**And with a short introduction**

**by Walpole Historical Commission Chairman Mike Amaral**

**on Sgt. George H. Morse  
of WALPOLE, MASSACHUSETTS**

**Mass. 56<sup>th</sup> Veteran Volunteers, Co. A, United States Army  
Taken prisoner there by Rebel Forces**

**&**

**Lt. James W. Bacon, 36<sup>th</sup> US Colored Troops, also of Walpole,  
Massachusetts**

**All citizens**

***Encouraged to Attend***

***Questions & Answers to follow***



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