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## Task Force for Metal Detecting Rights featured on Relic Round up

On March 5th, 2012, Carter Pennington and Avery Marder of the Task Force for Metal Detecting Rights were featured on the Relic round up, a weekly podcast show and a production of OurHistoryProject.com which is dedicated to the education and preservation of United States History. The host of the Relic Round Up is Craig Anderson, with Co-host Butch Holdcombe of American Digger magazine.

It was quite an interesting show. Carter and Avery introduced themselves and went over how and why the Task Force was formed. They went on to describe it's mission and it's goals.

Their main goal at present is to drive membership. If there is a problem somewhere relating to metal detecting, we "Only have a chance if we stand together as a group", said Carter.

.Becoming a member of the task force will get you on their mailing list, so when a problem does arise, the detecting community

will be informed and able to respond quickly.

**Membership is free.** You can go to their website at [detectingrights.com](http://detectingrights.com) and fill out a very easy sign up form.

Minelab is very pro-active in sponsoring the Task Force, and the money the Task force receives from Minelab is currently being used for marketing. Donations are also accepted through the Task Forces web site.

You can listen and download a recording of this Relic Round Up on the [ourhistoryproject.com](http://ourhistoryproject.com) website.

If you are interested in the Relic Round Up program, it is aired every Monday at 9pm est. Listen live, call in with questions, or join the chat room. The address is [relicroundup.blogspot.com](http://relicroundup.blogspot.com) and their call in number is 678-369-7943. ~Allyson Cohen



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## Veteran's Park Hunt

There are plans to close the Norwalk Museum in South Norwalk. As we all know removing the Museum from South Norwalk, an area that is already suffering from closed businesses and vacant storefronts, will create one more abandoned building space and take away another tourist destination from the immediate walking area reducing the reason for tourists, visitors, & people dining in South Norwalk restaurants from coming to South Norwalk.

The Nor'Easters held a club hunt thanks to Pete Bondi to benefit the Norwalk Museum. This hunt was held on Sunday, March 4 at Veterans Park in Norwalk. 100% of the amount collected went toward the effort to keep the Museum open as it is of significant historical value to the local community. ~*Jesse Thompson*



*Photos courtesy of Anotonio Gagliardi*





## The Block Island Cache

Block Island is about 12 miles south of the Rhode Island shore. The island was a hideout for pirates during the 1600's.

There was one pirate, Joseph Bradish, who it is known, buried treasure on the island.

His ship the *Adventure* was in need of repairs, and he navigated to Block Island, having used it in the past as a retreat. Bradish sent a small crew in a longboat to Newport, Rhode Island to purchase materials for the repair. The crew were recognized as pirates and arrested. After waiting three days for the crew to return, Bradish

realized the crew had been detained, and expecting a raid by the authorities, Bradish had his chests of gold coins and jewelry brought from the *Adventure* to the southern beach of the island to be buried. It is said he noted a nearby oak tree growing out of a

crevice in a section of exposed bedrock, and this would mark the caches location.

Bradish later received word his men had been captured and residents of the coasts were planning to raid Block Island. To throw them off, Bradish had the *Adventure* sunk to make it seem as if Block Island had been abandoned.

Bradish received word that nearly 400 armed men were on their way to Block Island, so he ordered quick construction of several rafts, and left the island under the cover of night, floating to the mainland, intending to hide out until it was safe to steal a ship. Then he would retrieve his treasure on Block Island and flee down the coast.

Bradish and his mens food supply soon became exhausted. When they tried to obtain supplies nearby, they were apprehended.

Bradish was held in jail at Newport, and returned to England where the British government was offering a large reward for his capture. Bradish was tried and convicted of piracy and hung in 1700. Before his execution, he had told 2 prison guards about his cache, trying to purchase his freedom. He told them if they released him, he would take them to the secret location near the oak tree and split the fortune with them. The guards agreed to help him, but the scheme was foiled by a companion, upset not to have been included. Bradish was hung a week later.

One of the pirates who had helped Bradish was released from prison in 1721. He was convinced the treasure was still on Block Island, and returned to retrieve it. After spending 4 days on the Island, not being able to find the treasure, he returned to the mainland, and was never seen again.

In 1964, two men, fishing in the sound, camped along the southern shore of the Island. One of the men discovered 3 gold coins in the sand near where he sat. When he later showed the coins to friends, they told him the story of Bradish's cache. The man returned with friends and relatives to search, however, was unsure where exactly their campsite had been. Nothing was ever found.

Storms and tides have deposited and carried away loads of sediment from the island. It is likely Bradish's cache has, at times been exposed and later covered many times since. Maybe someone exploring the southern beaches at Block Island after a severe storm might uncover some of Bradish's lost coins and jewels. ~Allyson Cohen





**Meetings:**

Meetings are to be held the Second Wednesday of most months at 7:30PM.

This year meetings will NOT be held in March, August, October and December. This gives us some breaks during the year.

We hold our meetings in the Catacombs room of Saint Maurice Church in 358 Glenbrook Rd. Stamford, CT

April 11th 2012

May 9th 2012

June 13th 2012

July 11th 2012

August NONE 2012

September 12th 2012

October NONE 2012

November 14th 2012

December NONE 2012

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[www.detectingrights.com](http://www.detectingrights.com) (*Task Force for Metal Detecting rights*)

[www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) (*maps, genealogies & local histories \$*)

[www.saltwatertides.com](http://www.saltwatertides.com)

[www.stamfordhistory.org](http://www.stamfordhistory.org)

[www.connecticutancestry.org](http://www.connecticutancestry.org) (*reference materials & genealogy\$*)

[www.davidrumsey.com](http://www.davidrumsey.com) (*historical maps*)

<http://historical.mytopo.com/index.cfm> (*topographic maps*)

[http://metaldetectingworld.com/cleaning\\_coin\\_p15\\_electrolysis.shtml](http://metaldetectingworld.com/cleaning_coin_p15_electrolysis.shtml)  
(*coin cleaning with electrolysis*)



## Hey Mister (or Miss), Whatcha Find?



*St. Francis medal, tokens, silver dimes, quarters & misc.  
found by Pat Russo*



*Buttons, Half Reales & misc.  
found by Allyson Cohen*



*Ring  
found by Camille Lahr*



*Religious Medal  
Found by  
Camille Lahr*





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