



# GENERAL ORDERS

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**Our 62nd Year**  
and The Iron Brigade Association



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## STEVEN ROGSTAD

### “There Is in This Something So Repugnant to Humanity”: Lincoln’s Art of Persuasion

In 1842, Abraham Lincoln spoke to the Springfield Washington Temperance Society in Springfield, Illinois. In this speech Lincoln chose not to berate drinkers into temperance but rather, to endorse the usage of “kind, unassuming persuasion,” in dealing with drinkers and to advocate reason as a solution to alcoholism and other ills. Lincoln’s power of persuasion would serve him well as a trial lawyer and as President.

At our February meeting, Steven Rogstad will examine how Lincoln’s speeches provided insights into his philosophies, theory of government, and belief systems concerning human liberty, capitalism and Democracy. His words also give valuable insights into how he developed friendships, formed political alliances, and persuaded people to further political aims. Rogstad will focus on Lincoln’s speech to the Temperance Society in which Lincoln outlined his theory of human persuasion while explaining the success of a popular social organization.

Steven Rogstad was born in Racine, Wisconsin. He is a graduate of Washington Park High School and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication from the University of Wisconsin – Parkside in 1981. Since the age of 6, Rogstad has studied the life of Abraham Lincoln. He has taught seminars and courses on Lincoln at both the University of Wisconsin-Parkside and Carroll College. In 1993 he delivered the re-dedication address for the Abraham Lincoln/Mary Todd Monument in East Park in Racine. He served as Secretary and Editor for the Lincoln Fellowship of Wisconsin for 12 years and as Review Editor of the *Lincoln Herald* for 7 years.



Rogstad is the author of numerous reviews and articles related to his own Lincoln research. He wrote introductions to *The Gettysburg Soldiers’ Cemetery and Lincoln’s Address* by Frank L. Klement (1993) and *The Limits of Dissent: Clement L. Vallandigham and the Civil War* by Frank L. Klement (1998). He was the co-editor for *The Many Faces of Lincoln* (1997) and is the author of *Companionship in Granite: Celebrating the Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd Lincoln Monument* (1998).

In April 2008 Rogstad was appointed by Governor James Doyle to the Wisconsin Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, on which he served as Secretary and as a member of the Markers and Memorials Committee.



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#### FEBRUARY MEETING AT A GLANCE

February 10, 2011  
 Steven Rogstad  
 “There Is in This Something So Repugnant to Humanity”:  
 Lincoln’s Art of Persuasion

Wisconsin Club  
 9th & Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee  
 (Jackets required for dining room)

5:30 p.m. – Staff Meeting  
 (Open to all members)

6:15 p.m. – Registration & Social Hour

6:45 p.m. – Dinner

7:30 p.m. – Program

Dinner – \$23 by reservation.  
 Deadline: Monday, February 7, 2011  
 See page 5.

Speaker and topic are subject to change.  
 In case of inclement weather, listen to  
 WTMJ or WISN radio.

## CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE NEWS

### CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE QUARTERMASTER'S REGALIA

What better way to show off your pride in our organization! All items are made of first-rate, quality materials, modestly embroidered with the Round Table/Iron Brigade logo, along with your name or initials.

Mail: Roman Blenski, Quartermaster  
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Email: [dbcpmilw@execpc.com](mailto:dbcpmilw@execpc.com)  
In Person: Monthly Meeting at Book Raffle

ITEM	COST
Blue Brief Case.....	\$25.00
Blue Light-Weight Sweatshirt.....	\$30.00
Blue Izod Polo Shirt.....	\$40.00
Blue Dress Shirt.....	\$40.00
Blue Fleece-Lined Jacket.....	\$60.00
Iron Brigade Pin.....	\$5.00
CWRT Pin.....	\$5.00
Bugle Pin.....	\$5.00
Iron Brigade Medal.....	\$25.00
Red River Medal.....	\$25.00
CWRT 60 Year Medal.....	\$10.00

### NEW FEATURE FOR THE BOOK RAFFLE

Starting at the February meeting there will be an exciting new feature to our book raffle. Our Quartermaster has many one-of-a-kind items which will be offered through a silent auction at each meeting. The opening bid for each month's featured item will be posted next to the book. Come prepared to bid and perhaps go home with a new collectible for your library.

### AT THE KENOSHA MUSEUM

#### *Baubles, Bangles and Beads:*

#### *A Look At Civil War Era Jewelry*

Terry Arliskas

Saturday, February 26, 2011, 1-3 p.m.

Whether worn as an ornament, a love token or a remembrance, jewelry of the Civil War era not only completed the well-dressed lady's attire but also denoted her position in society and sense of self. Learn about the styles and types of jewelry worn and how to identify jewelry of the period. Advance registration required. \$11/\$6 Friends of the Museum

#### *Living History Presentation*

Confederate Day with the 154th Tennessee

Saturday, March 5, 2011, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The Confederate Army invades Wisconsin as members of the 154th Tennessee set up an infantry camp inside the Museum's Freedom Hall. Participate in hands-on demonstrations of a Civil War-era recruiting rally, the camp life of the Confederate soldier, food preparation, Civil War medicine, marching, and drill. Weather permitting, the group will also do outside demonstrations.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS • EVENTS • MEETINGS

### February 5, 2011

Patriotic Luncheon, Bluemound Gardens, 12:30 p.m.  
Speaker: Jessica Michna as Mary Todd Lincoln  
C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1, SUVCW

### February 14, 2011

Manitowoc Civil War Round Table, 7 p.m.  
Manitowoc Historical Society Heritage Center

### February 15, 2011

Prairieville Irregulars, 7 p.m.  
Student Center Building, Carroll University  
Speaker: Jim Heinz

### March 4, 2011

Wisconsin Veterans Museum, Noon  
"What German-Americans Fought for in the Civil War: Insights from Their Letters," Walter Kamphoefner, Professor of History, Texas A & M University

### March 5, 2011

American Heroes Civil War Ball  
Friends of Reclaiming Our Heritage  
Marian Center for Nonprofits, Milwaukee, 7 p.m.  
Tickets \$15: 414-427-3776

### March 13, 2011

Bel Canto Chorus, 3 p.m.  
Remembrance: Legacy of the Civil War  
Christ King Parish, 2604 N Swan Blvd, Wauwatosa  
Pre-Concert Dance Demonstration, 2 p.m., presented by the Kenosha Civil War Museum and West Side Victorian Dancers



In February 1950, Louis A. Warren spoke to the group on "Legendary Lincoln."

Raymond Dooley was the speaker in February 1956 and spoke about the "Early Education of Abraham Lincoln."

"Lincoln Emerges: December 3, 1861" was the subject of Fred Schwengel's presentation in February 1962.

Robert Orr Baker was our featured speaker in 1974. He spoke about "The Prophecy of Nathan Bedford Forrest."

In February 1982, Howard Michael Madaus's topic was "Hijinks North and South: How Well Behaved Were the Boys in Blue and Gray?"

Dr. William Glenn Robertson spoke about "General Thomas J. Wood at Chickamauga" at the February 1992 meeting.

"All For the Regiment: The Quest for the Decisive Battle in the Civil War" was presented at the February 2003 meeting by Dr. Gerald J. Prokopowicz.

## AN OLD FRIEND WITH A NEW NAME AND LOGO

In a January 10, 2011, press release the nation's leading nonprofit dedicated to protecting Civil War battlefields, **The Civil War Preservation Trust**, announced that it has shortened its name to the **Civil War Trust**. To accompany the new identity, the group also debuted a dynamic new logo to better graphically represent its land conservation mission. The changes coincide with the nation's Civil War sesquicentennial commemoration, which begins in earnest this year. Both transitions take effect immediately.

In a video message to the organization's membership, Civil War Trust president James Lighthizer described the shift as part of a natural evolution in the organization's efforts.

"After careful thought and deliberation, we determined that the time was right to modernize our image to better reflect the Civil War Trust's mission and to reach more Americans concerned about our shared heritage," he said. "We hope that unveiling this change at such an exciting time – as the sesquicentennial stimulates interest in the Civil War and the hallowed battlegrounds where that conflict was decided – will also help generate greater support for battlefield preservation. After all, what better way to commemorate the great struggle between North and South than to save the historic landscapes of the Civil War for our children and grandchildren?"



The new logo draws an explicit connection to preservation and the emotional ties to our past. It honors the bravery of soldiers on both sides of the conflict, in whose memory the Civil War Trust works. The logo features the silhouettes of two soldiers, each respectfully bearing the flag under which he fought and standing guard over the battlefields themselves. To add further emphasis to the Trust's land preservation imperative, the logo features the organization's tag line, "Saving America's Civil War Battlefields," and its website, [www.civilwar.org](http://www.civilwar.org).

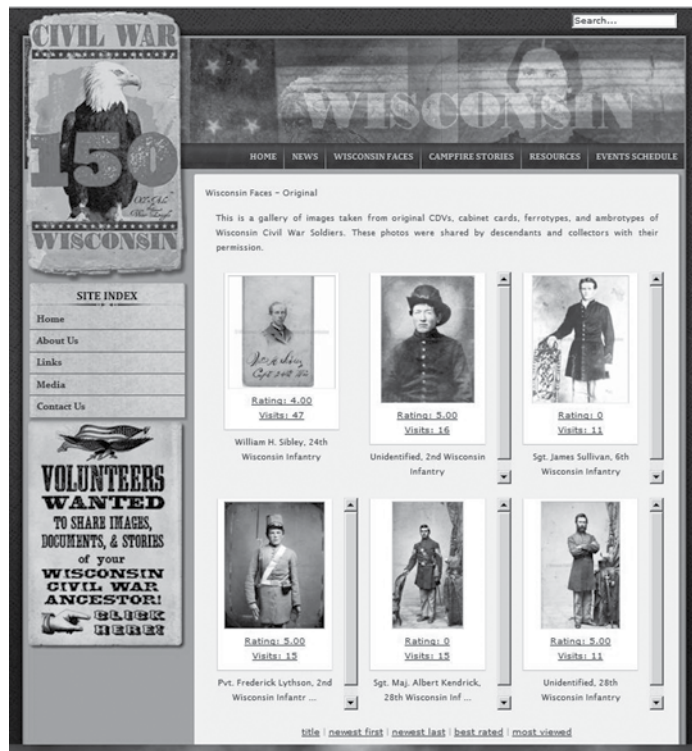
Lighthizer emphasized that the changes would have no impact on the organization's operation or mission.

To learn more about the decision to update the Civil War Trust name and logo, including video introductions by Lighthizer and Trust Chairman John Nau, III, visit [www.civilwar.org/logo](http://www.civilwar.org/logo).

## ON THE WEB

The Wisconsin Civil War Sesquicentennial website is up and running. Visit soon and visit often. The website will feature, among other things, a listing of upcoming Civil War events in the state.

If you are a descendant and/or have possession of photos, letters, documents, or other historic information relating to a Wisconsin Civil War soldier and would like to share this information with the rest of the world, you can use the online form on the site to upload your scans, transcripts, etc. for inclusion on the website.



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

## UPDATE ON ALONZO CUSHING MEDAL OF HONOR

As reported in the *Army Times*, Alonzo Cushing's name is in the 2011 defense authorization bill. Cushing, along with three other soldiers from past wars, had their names added to the legislation, qualifying them to receive the Medal of Honor.

Each military service has a time limit to submit troops for the Medal of Honor. The Army sets its deadline at two years after the action for which they are nominated. Once past that limit, Congress must approve an extension.

Receiving authorization to exceed the time limit does not mean a service member will receive the Medal of Honor. Cushing could be one of the rare cases where the medal is awarded. The recommendation for Cushing came from Army Secretary John McHugh.

Army spokesman Robert Garver said he could not comment on the status of the potential nominations, saying that the service does not verify Medal of Honor nominations before they're formally approved.



## COMMEMORATION OF THE CIVIL WAR

The Bel Canto Chorus is celebrating its eightieth anniversary and for the first time, it will present an entire concert season focused on a single theme: the American Civil War. Join the Bel Canto Chorus singers as they reflect on one of our nation's most difficult times through the soothing but unblinking eye of music.

### Remembrance: Legacy of the Civil War

Sunday, March 13, 2011, 3:00 p.m.  
Christ King Parish, Wauwatosa

Joseph Baber's *An American Requiem, Op. 80* anchors this commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War. Hear the legacy of our country's pain in letters home, and in poetry and speeches of the times, as it was torn apart in the epic struggle between North and South.

A pre-concert demonstration will feature the unique dances of the Civil War era presented by the Kenosha Civil War Museum and the West Side Victorian Dancers.

### Give Us Peace

Saturday, May 21, 2011, 7:30 p.m.  
Oconomowoc Arts Center

Experience the fiery oratory of Frederick Douglass with Kirke Mechem's *Songs of the Slave*, and the poignant poetry of Walt Whitman through Ralph Vaughan Williams's *Dona nobis pacem*, as these works invite us to reflect on the Civil War and its legacy.

A pre-concert activity, presented by the Civil War Museum, Cushing's Battery reenactment unit and students of the Oconomowoc Area School District, will be available at the Oconomowoc Arts Center grounds and lobby where you can hear stories of the Civil War and its lasting impact on American history.

For tickets and more information on these events, please contact the Bel Canto Chorus at (414) 481-8801 or at: [www.belcanto.org](http://www.belcanto.org).

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#### CWRT of Milwaukee, Inc. • 2010 - 2011 Meetings

##### March 10, 2010

Susan Boardman,  
Gettysburg Cyclorama

##### May 12, 2011

Tom Schott, Ph.D.,  
Alexander Stephens

##### April 7, 2011

Richard M. McMurry, Ph.D., TBA

##### June 9, 2011

Peter Carmichael, Ph.D., TBA

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★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ IN THIS MONTH • FEBRUARY ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

**February 11, 1861** • Two Presidents departed from their homes. In Springfield, Illinois more than a thousand citizens gathered at the Great Western Station in the early morning to hear Lincoln as he bid them "an affectionate farewell."

At Brierfield Plantation Jefferson Davis bid farewell to his family and plantation slaves before taking a boat alone for Vicksburg. In Vicksburg Davis made a brief speech in which he declared:

*...our safety and honor required us to dissolve our connection with the United States. I hope that our separation is peaceful. But whether it be so or not, I am ready, as I always have been, to redeem my pledges to you and the South by shedding every drop of my blood in your cause...*

**February 9, 1862** • In Washington the War Department ordered the imprisonment of Malcomb Ives, a correspondent of the *New York Herald* on spying charges. Brigadier General Charles P. Stone was also arrested in Washington and sent to Fort Lafayette in New York Harbor without specific charges. Stone had been the Federal commander at the Battle of Ball's Bluff in the fall of 1861, and allegedly had consorted with the enemy. He was never actually charged or brought to trial and was released on August 16, 1862.

Confederate Brigadier General Gideon J. Pillow assumed command of Fort Donelson. Pillow had been a law partner of James K. Polk and had helped get Polk elected President in 1844. Pillow took over command of Fort Donelson from Brigadier General Floyd. Pillow, in turn, gave command over to Brigadier General Simon B. Buckner. Later in the war Pillow led a brigade at Stone's River. After Stone's River he was given minor assignments until the end of the war.

**February 11, 1863** • Confederate commissioner to Great Britain, James M. Mason, addressed a Lord Mayor's banquet in London in his continuing drive for British recognition of the Confederacy.

On the Mississippi, Admiral D. D. Porter was having supply problems, mainly dealing with coal for the steamers. Porter directed Commander Pennock at Cairo:

*As circumstances occur I have to change the quantity of coal required here... You will also have the Abraham filled up with three months' provisions and stores for the squadron, or as much as she can carry, and keep her ready at all times... to move at a moment's notice to such point as I may designate.*

**February 9, 1864** • Major General John M. Schofield assumed command of the Department of the Ohio replacing Major General John G. Foster.

Englishman John Lenty, a refugee taken aboard the *U.S.S. Jacob Bell* who had been working in Richmond for four years, informed the ship's captain that the Confederates were making a shell that looked exactly like a piece of coal. Admiral D.D. Porter, upon hearing of this device, issued warnings to his commanders to place guards over the coal depots and ordered that anyone found attempting to place anything in the coal was to be shot on the spot.

## IN MEMORIAM



Although not a Civil War soldier, we sadly report the passing of World War II hero, Major Dick Winters on January 2, 2011, three weeks shy of his 93rd birthday.

After graduating, and a few months before the attack on Pearl Harbor, Winters joined the Army. He would later command Easy Company, 506th Parachute Regiment. The exploits of Easy Company were shown in the Tom Hanks/Steven Spielberg produced HBO series *Band of Brothers*.

After the war, Winters wanted one thing – an isolated farm somewhere where he could spend the remainder of his life in peace and quiet. He found that place – a farm in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, and later a red-brick house in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Dick Winters would sign books and photos with one phrase: Hang Tough. And he did.

Dave Pidgeon, assignment editor for WGAL in Pennsylvania, wrote of Winters: “You just never know when someone who seems so ordinary has actually led a life that was extraordinary.”

*“And flights of angels sing thee to thy rest.”*

## Coming in July 2011 Wisconsin Veterans Museum

### FROM PAPER TO IRON: WISCONSIN IN THE CIVIL WAR, 1861-62

In its December newsletter, *The Bugle*, the museum announced a new exhibit set to open on July 2, 2011, exactly 150 years to the day that Wisconsin’s first casualty of the war, Pvt. George Drake, died at Falling Waters, Virginia.

From Gov. Alexander W. Randall’s signature on a document dated April 16, 1861, in which Randall supported Lincoln’s proclamation of war against the Confederacy, to the formation of the Iron Brigade, the new exhibit will highlight the story of Wisconsin during the early years of the Civil War. The exhibit will focus on the individual stories of Wisconsin soldiers and will highlight never-before-exhibited artifacts.

Visitors will also see a new exhibit on Wisconsin’s Civil War battle flags and will learn about the conservation processes necessary to preserve them.

The exhibit is set to be the first of three Civil War exhibits planned during the Sesquicentennial. Educational programs on the war will begin in March at the museum.

## AMERICAN HEROES CIVIL WAR BALL



**March 5, 2011, 7 o'clock pm**  
**Marian Center for Nonprofits, Milwaukee**

This annual event sponsored by Friends of Reclaiming Our Heritage features music for dancing by **Torn Jacket**, doorprizes, raffles, and Civil War era social games. Period semi-formal or formal attire from any era of U.S. history, including the present, will be admired.

While this gala is a fundraiser for the annual Reclaiming Our Heritage event at the Milwaukee VA Medical Center, it is also a way to thank the reenactors who make that event possible and to honor veterans. Guests are invited to bring framed and labeled photographs of their favorite veterans for the **Veteran Tribute Table**.

Light refreshments and punch will be served. The Marian Center will provide a cash bar. A dressing room will be available for the ladies, beginning at 6 p.m. The ball will begin promptly at 7 p.m. with an opening ceremony and salute to veterans and active-duty troops in attendance. Tickets \$15, 414-427-3776.

## Civil War Round Table Dinner Reservation for February 10, 2011

Mail your reservations by Monday, February 7, 2011, to: **Paul Eilbes**  
1809 Washington Ave.  
Cedarburg, WI 53012-9730  
ALSO, call in reservations to:  
**(262) 376-0568**

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_ (meal price \$23.00 per person) for \_\_\_\_ reservations for February 10, 2011, meeting of the Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee. (Please make checks payable to the Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee, Inc.)

Name of Member \_\_\_\_\_



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All address changes or problems receiving your *General Orders* should be directed through Membership Chairman Paul Eilbes.

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**February 2, 1861, Milwaukee Daily Press and News**



It beats all how brass buttons, gunpowder and bayonets will set the world crazy at times. In our city as well as every village and town in the country, one would suppose from the talk, that about every other man was practicing Scott's tactics. "Soldier on the brain" seems to be the coming epidemic, and it is extending to the children, girls as well as the boys.

The Philadelphia School Board of Control, have employed Captain and Adjutant Fred. C. Hervey, lately of the British line, to form drill classes of the first military degree in the Public Schools of that city, each school to have drill once a week, and girls as well as boys to be admitted to the ranks. This is startling. And this moment to put the infants of both sexes on a war footing, begins, of all places in the world, in the city established by Wm. Penn, and consecrated to brotherly love. The world does move some; whither? We may next look for the Zouave drill for the nursery, and see slates and pencils thrown aside in the school room for rifle practice and short sword exercise. Hurrah for the small infantry! Old chaps will have to "stand round" when Young America gets the use of its weapons.