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The **April 12th, 2007**, meeting is to be held at **Wisconsin Club**, Milwaukee

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Robert E. Lee Krick on “Brother Against Brother”

The idea of "brother fighting against brother" is one of the most popular aspects of the Civil War. To think of siblings literally at war against each other has provoked a melancholy fascination among generations of Civil War enthusiasts. Such things happened in the 1860s, certainly, though perhaps not as often as sentimentalists might think.

Most instances of families fractured by the war occurred in border states, or in regions with sharply divided loyalties. In Virginia (a solid Confederate state), the Terrill brothers offer an especially interesting case. James B. and William R. Terrill each received a military education in the antebellum years. Each rose to the rank of brigadier general during the war, but in different armies, fighting for different causes. Each died in battle, leaving behind a shattered family, but producing a classic, high-profile example of "brother against brother."

Our April speaker, Robert E. Lee Krick, has lived or worked on Civil War battlefields al-

most continuously since 1972. He grew up on the Chancellorsville battlefield near Fredericksburg, and graduated from Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg with a degree in history. He has worked in various historical capacities at several battlefields, including the Custer Battlefield and Manassas Battlefields. Since 1991 he has been an historian on the staff at Richmond National Battlefield Park.

Mr. Krick is widely published on Civil War topics. His first book was a unit history, *The Fortieth Virginia Infantry*. In 2003, the University of North Carolina Press published his biographical register of the Army of Northern Virginia's staff officers, *Staff Officers in Gray*. He is now at work on a study of the Battle of Gaines' Mill.

Both Mr. Krick and his father, Robert K. Krick, are distinguished Civil War historians. Both will receive Iron Brigade Achievement Awards at the April meeting.

2006-07 Schedule

Meetings are at the Wisconsin Club unless otherwise noted. *Speakers and topics are subject to change without notice.*

- May — Cricket Pohanka — *TBA*

Schedule of Events

- Staff Meeting (when required;
open to all members) 5:00 PM
- Registration and Social Hour 6:15 PM
- Dinner 6:45 PM
- Program Begins 7:30 PM

Society of Women and the Civil War Wants Members

Our sister newsletter from the New Hampshire Round Table sends along this message:

“The Society of Women and the Civil War (www.swcw.org) is contacting Civil War Round Tables throughout the country in the hope of expanding our membership. We will be holding our 9th conference in Chester County, PA from July 27th - July 29th, 2007. Our members include authors, researchers, archivists, historians, librarians, genealogists, teachers, re-enactors, etc.

“Our conferences have been held at Hood College, Shenandoah University, the Museum of the Confederacy, and Virginia Tech University. Since its inception in 1997, SWCW has become one of the premier organizations promoting research and the dissemination on information on women and the Civil War.

“We would like to extend an invitation to join SWCW to all those interested in the contributions of women during the era of the Civil War. Please visit our website www.swcw.org.” Those interested can also contact Pat Lynch at pplynch@starmax.com.

Election of Officers at April Meeting

The class of 2007 is coming up for reelection in May. Three Members of the Board are seeking reelection:

- John Beatty
- Paul Eilbes
- Peter Jacobsohn

Two Board members are stepping down after long and honorable service:

- Bob Karczewski
- Bob Parrish

Two Round Table members are seeking election to the Board:

- Tom Arliskas
- Crain Bliwas

The slate will be voted on at the April meeting and the elected officers will begin their duties in May. Officers normally serve for terms of three years.

Change To Bylaws

The following change is being proposed to amend Article VII, Section 1 of the Bylaws of the Round Table:

7.01 Generally. These by-laws may be altered, amended or repealed, and new by-laws may be adopted by the Board of Directors by affirmative vote of a majority of the directors present at any meeting at which a quorum is in attendance upon written notice of the intention to alter, amend or repeal, or to adopt new by-laws at the meeting.

A member vote will be called for at the May meeting. Contact a Board member if you have any questions.

Officers of the Board of Directors, Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee, Inc., as of August 2006

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In The News

Museum of the Confederacy May Change Name, Location, Management

The Museum of the Confederacy will likely drop the word "Confederacy" from its name when it moves its collection to a new home.

The museum dates to 22 February 1896, when The Confederate Museum opened in the former home of Confederate President Jefferson Davis.

The new name would depend on the location of the museum. Lexington took a step closer to becoming that place in February when its city council voted unanimously to enter into nonbinding talks with the Richmond institution.

In January, the museum's board toured a possible site in Lexington, the historic Rockbridge County courthouse complex on Main Street. The complex also includes the old jail, which dates to 1841, the First American Bank building, and the "lawyer's row" building. All are vacant and would require renovation.

"To me, the Confederate flag symbolizes slavery, oppression and denying people their rights," Lexington Councilwoman Mimi Elrod said. "I have a problem with a museum that celebrates that being in our city. If you have a museum that looks at all aspects of the Civil War, that's very different to me."

After discussing a possible name change, Elrod said she welcomes more talks. Lexington City Council has appointed a committee to look into the best uses for its courthouse complex. "This may all work out very nicely," Elrod said.

A group of about ten historians, grant writers, and preservationists don't think so. The committee studied the museum's health in 2006 and released its findings in October. The report states that the word "Confederacy" carries "enormous, intransigent and

negative intellectual baggage with many. For them, the Confederacy, and by association the Museum of the Confederacy, now symbolize racism."

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, outraged that the Museum of the Confederacy might move out of Richmond, is now offering to take over the management of the museum.

"Conditions at the museum have declined steadily for the past few years," said Frank Earnest, state commander of the 4,000-member Virginia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. "The current administration has brought the situation to near crisis."

During a news conference Earnest said his group plans to meet with the museum's board of trustees to offer to take over the board.

Museum officials are seeking a new home for its Civil War collection, the world's largest, to escape the sprawling medical campus of Virginia Commonwealth University.

The museum's board has said repeatedly that it hopes the museum can stay in Richmond. The White House will remain at 12th and East Clay streets, its home since 1818.

Should the museum move outside Richmond or change its name, Earnest said he would no longer support the institution. "We will take whatever steps necessary to maintain both the name and the integrity of the Museum of the Confederacy and to see that it remains in the city of Richmond, the capital of the Confederacy," Earnest said.

— *Based on Richmond Times-Dispatch of 20 and 27 February 2007, accessed 10 March 2007, via HNN*

Civil War Round Table Dinner Reservation for: April 12th, 2007

Mail your reservations by April 6th 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 the next 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: _____

In the Event of Inclement Weather...

Since we live in a part of the Union that has such wonderful weather, the President will decide if there is to be any change in a meeting due to weather. Listen to WTMJ or WISN radio for news of meeting cancellations if the weather turns on us.

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A Gentle Reminder

The Wisconsin Club and the Board of the Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee would like to remind our members that jackets are required for the Club's dining room. Please contact club management if you have any questions.

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Submissions and Editorial Policy

All submissions to the *GO* are used on a space-available, date-required basis. Electronic submissions are preferred over paper. The Editor/Publisher reserves the right to edit all submissions for length, propriety, content, and house style. Submissions with a direct Civil War interest, or those that are date-sensitive, will be published first.

All submissions must be received by the Editor/Publisher at jdbeatty@amcivwar.com no later than the 10th of the month before the next *GO* (for example, submissions for the January *GO* must be received by 10 December). All address changes, or problems receiving the *GO*, are handled through the Membership Chairman.