



GENERAL ORDERS

The Newsletter of the
Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee, Inc.

Our 60th Year

and The Iron Brigade Association



OCTOBER 20, 2007

60th Anniversary Symposium: Featured Speakers

January 28, 1947, marked the first meeting of the Milwaukee Civil War Round Table. The founders of this new organization were **W. Norman Fitzgerald Jr.**, a prominent insurance executive and **Maxwell Herriott**, a Milwaukee attorney. W. Norman Fitzgerald was elected president at the first meeting and remained in office until his death in 1971. Maxwell Herriott became the second president and served until 1973 when he became ill and passed away.

On October 20, 2007, we will mark our 60th anniversary with a special day-long symposium at the Four Points by Sheraton Milwaukee Airport located near Mitchell International Airport.

TOM DESJARDIN will be making his first trip to Milwaukee. Desjardin is an eleventh generation Mainer and is the historian for the Maine Department of Conservation. His book, *These Honored Dead: How the Story of Gettysburg Shaped American Memory* is the culmination of six years of experience living and working in Gettysburg in the 1990s.

The process of how humans create a story of their past will be at the heart of Desjardin's presentation at the symposium. While exploring the history of the 20th Maine at Gettysburg and its famous colonel, Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain, Desjardin will demonstrate the fascinating ways in which veterans and those who followed them — historians, politicians, filmmakers — shaped the history of their experience and how that history has been distorted and misunderstood over the generations. Though not unique to Gettysburg or Civil War history, the "story of the story" of this regiment helps explain how the history we think we know today won out and became the accepted version of events.

DAN JOYCE is an archaeologist, author and military historian as well as the Senior Curator of Exhibits and Collections for Kenosha Public Museums. Joyce will be talking about the status of the newest museum — The Civil War Museum: The Fiery Trail in the Upper Midwest. The museum will tell the story and the contributions of Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin in the Civil War. The museum collects, preserves and interprets artifacts relating to the social, economic and cultural experiences of the people of the Upper Midwest as affected by the war.

ERIC J. WITTENBERG is a native of Reading, Pennsylvania; a graduate of Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania; and a practicing attorney in Ohio. Wittenberg's interest in the Civil War dates back to a third-grade trip to Gettysburg. He has been hooked ever since. Wittenberg is a past president of the Central Ohio Civil War Roundtable. His latest book written with J. David Petrucci is *Blame Enough to Go Around: J.E.B. Stuart in the Gettysburg Campaign*.

In addition to our featured speakers our day-long event will include a Reunion of the Iron Brigade Association and an evening concert by the 1st Brigade Band. The \$95 registration fee includes all speakers, lunch, dinner, coffee and refreshments throughout the day. Registration deadline is October 1, 2007. For additional information contact Lance Herdegen at 262-210-6889 or herdegen@tds.net.

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SYMPOSIUM AT A GLANCE

October 20, 2007	
Location	Four Points by Sheraton Milwaukee Airport 4747 S. Howell, Milwaukee
10:00 a.m.	Registration
11:00 a.m.	Speakers
12:00 p.m.	Lunch and Iron Brigade Association Reunion Program
2:00 p.m.	Speakers
5:00 p.m.	Dinner
6:30 p.m.	1st Brigade Band Concert
Registration	See form on page 2.

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And the Band Played On

The 1860s was one of the most musical decades in American history. In no other war than the Civil War did music play such an important role among the soldiers. In 1864 Robert E. Lee wrote, "I don't believe we can have an army without music."

The Federal government allowed the states to establish their own recruiting policies; many volunteer regiments recruited bands. Band recruiting was so successful that, by the end of 1861, the Union army had over 600 bands and more than 28,000 musicians. On July 17, 1862, Congress passed Public Law 165 which abolished regimental bands in the volunteer army; this law only applied to bands in the volunteer service and not to bands in the Regular Army. Congress replaced the regimental bands with brigade bands with one band to every four regiments. Although Congress established no standard band instrumentation, most bands used all brass since brass instruments withstood the outdoor elements. The bands were well regarded by the troops. One soldier from the 24th Massachusetts Regiment wrote in 1862, "I don't know what we should have done without our band."

In 1864 eighteen men from the Brodhead Brass Band enlisted in the Union Army as the band of the 1st Brigade, 3rd Division, 15th Army Corps. The men participated, under the command of General William T. Sherman, in the campaigns of northern Georgia and the Carolinas. The musical tradition continues today with members of Wisconsin's 1st Brigade Band.

The 1st Brigade Band presents period brass band music performed on antique instruments. Starting in 1964, the band began to locate and restore the dented and broken original instruments and to retrieve and reconstruct the yellowed and torn music from the 1860s. The band's eighty-plus members share a common interest in their musical heritage and, during the course of the year, play a variety of concerts and participate in parades, military balls and worship services. On October 20, 2007, they will share their musical talent at our symposium. To learn more, visit www.1stbrigadeband.org.

REGISTRATION FORM

60TH ANNIVERSARY SYMPOSIUM
OF THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE OF MILWAUKEE
AND IRON BRIGADE ASSOCIATION REUNION

Checks for the 60th Anniversary Symposium should be made out to **The Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee, Inc.**, and mailed to Lance Herdegen at Carroll College, 100 North East Ave., Waukesha, WI 53186. For additional information, contact Lance Herdegen at 262-210-6889 or herdegen@cc.edu

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OCTOBER 1, 2007**

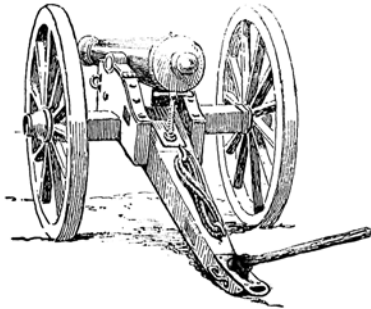


1st Brigade Band on parade. Photo courtesy of Reclaiming Our Heritage, Milwaukee Soldiers Home.

Round Table Donates for Cannon Restoration

The Board of the Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee, Inc., has approved a donation of \$500 to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's Henry Harnden Camp #2 in Madison towards the restoration of four Civil War era cannons that have been outside of Camp Randall Stadium for some years. Each restoration will cost over \$15,000. The Board has also authorized the Awards and Donations Committee to solicit donations from the membership to support the project. The Board will review the donation annually until the project is complete.

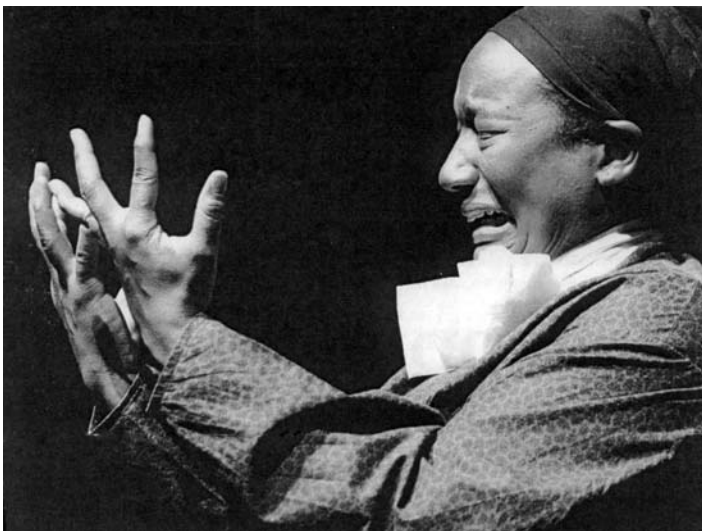
For more information contact John Beatty, Awards and Donations Committee chair, at jdbeatty@amcivwar.com or go to the Harnden Camp website at <http://www.suvcw-wi.org/index2.html>.



Donations Accepted for Camp Randall Guns

The Awards and Donations Committee is asking members to consider making their Civil War-related donations to the Camp Randall Guns Fund. "The project is local, the effects real, and we're grabbing a piece of history," John Beatty has said. "One of these was captured at Shiloh. Can't get much more authentic than that."

Sadly neglected over the years, the old artillery pieces are literally disintegrating in place. Think of the Camp Randall guns next time you want to give of your hard-earned money. To make a donation, Contact John Beatty, Awards and Donations Committee chair, at jdbeatty@amcivwar.com.



Pam Welcome will perform as Harriet Tubman on Saturday, October 6, at the Trimborn Farm Civil War Encampment.

September 29 -30

17th Annual Civil War Weekend, Wade House, Greenbush

October 6, 2007

Civil War Encampment Trimborn Farm, Greendale

October 8, 2007 • 7 p.m.

Manitowoc County Civil War Round Table Meeting

Manitowoc County Heritage Center

Speaker: Thomas Arliskas, "All About Confederate Uniforms"

Info: Kent Salomon, newsletter editor, 920-684-8828

October 9, 2007 • 7 p.m.

Waukesha Civil War Round Table Meeting

Info: Kathy Cieszki-Rohan, President, 262-679-3735

October 16, 2007 • 7 p.m.

Prairieville Irregulars Civil War Meeting

Student Center Building, Carroll College

Speaker: Patrick Lynch, "Ira Barnes Dutton: Uncle Sam's Missionary"

Info: Donna Agnelly, President, 262-332-0452

October 22, 2007 • 7 p.m.

West Side Soldiers Aid Society Meeting

Matousek Auditorium, Milwaukee VA Medical Center, Main Hospital

Speaker: Rev. Robert Miller, Chicago CWRT, will discuss themes from

his newly published book: *Both Prayed to the Same God: Religion and*

Faith in the American Civil War. Free and open to the public. Book will

be available for purchase. Info: Patricia Lynch, President, 414-427-3776

November 4, 2007 • 7:30 p.m.

Twentieth Annual Harvest Ball, 1st Brigade Band

Memorial Hall, Racine

Info: Greg Davis, 608-527-4222

November 10, 2007 • 11 a.m.

Veterans Day Parade, downtown Milwaukee

November 12, 2007 • 7 p.m.

Manitowoc County Civil War Round Table Meeting

Manitowoc County Heritage Center

Speaker: Dale Brassler, "The Battle of Franklin, Tennessee"

November 13, 2007 • 7 p.m.

Waukesha Civil War Round Table Meeting

November 14, 2007 • 7:30 pm

Klement Lecture, Marquette University

Speaker: Nina Silber, "Why Northern Women Matter

for Understanding the Civil War"

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November 20, 2007 • 7 p.m.

Prairieville Irregulars Civil War Meeting

Student Center Building, Carroll College

Speaker: Peter Jacobsohn, "Medical Aspects of the Civil War"

November 26, 2007 • 7 p.m.

West Side Soldiers Aid Society Meeting

Wadsworth Library, VA Grounds

Speaker: Steve Michaels, "Milwaukee's Grand Army"

MEET THE OFFICERS

President Ellen Kelling Vukovic

On August 9, 2007, Ellen Kelling Vukovic, was elected by the Board of Directors as President of the Milwaukee Civil War Round Table. Ellen has the distinction of being the first woman to be elected president of our Round Table.



Ellen Kelling Vukovic

Ellen's involvement with the Round Table began in either late 1996 or early 1997. "It's all Lance's fault," she says. Ellen's research on her Civil War ancestor — three times great-grandfather, Captain Edwin Arnold Brown of Co. E, 6th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry (Iron Brigade) — led to meeting Lance Herdegen. Captain Brown is mentioned in both *The Men Stood Like Iron* and *In The Bloody Railroad Cut at Gettysburg*, books written by Lance.

Ellen's first meeting was a board meeting getting ready for the 50th anniversary. Shortly after working on the 50th committee, she was asked to be treasurer of our organization. Ellen was active until 2002 when her husband became ill and she left the board for a time. When she returned, she took on the position of 2nd Vice President and then 1st Vice President. Now she is our newly elected President.

Ellen's primary interest is researching Captain Brown's service during the Civil War. Her secondary interest is the Iron Brigade, Wisconsin Regiments and the Army of the Potomac.

Ellen also claims a connection to Benedict Arnold. Caleb Arnold, along with his eight sons and three sons-in-law all served in the Revolutionary War. Caleb and Benedict were 3rd cousins, sort of. They were technically half-cousins as their common ancestor was married twice, Caleb descending from one wife and Benedict descending from the other. Lydia Arnold was descended from Caleb and was the mother of Ellen's Civil War ancestor Captain Edwin Arnold Brown.

Ellen's family has served in many of the wars in this country's history. There is no one in the current conflict, and she has yet to find a link to the Spanish-American War, but at least one if not more have served in the Prince Phillip Indian Wars, Revolutionary War, Civil War, WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm.



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APPOINTMENTS

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*Past President, Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee, Inc.

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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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Contact Paul Eilbes for information: 262-376-0568.

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A GENTLEMAN AND A SCHOLAR Remembering Frank L. Klement

I first met Professor Klement in the fall of 1970, arriving at Marquette University as an upper classman. I wanted to make a good impression. As a history major I decided to take the one year course in the Causes of the Civil War, the Civil War and Reconstruction. Having learned the pleasures of reading Civil War history from my father, I felt that I was well prepared. Beyond Dr. Klement's name as the instructor, I knew nothing about him.

As a former Sergeant of Marines, serving with the Fifth Marines at Chou Lai and An Hoa, Republic of Vietnam, 1966-67, I entered Professor Klement's classroom prepared to do my duty. With a full-time job at Allen Bradley and \$80 a month from the GI Bill, I had no illusions about college life being a picnic.

The gentleman who entered the classroom that day would make a lasting impression on me. Professor Klement was well over six feet tall, erect in posture and slightly bandy legged. His appearance was distinguished. He had a mane of wavy, silver hair and beautifully articulated speech. Always dressed in a coat and tie, his very presence commanded respect. It was immediately apparent that he was a scholar, a master of his subject with a desire to share his knowledge with his students.

Dr. Klement's philosophy was simple: You had to master the facts before you could venture into historical interpretation. He presented us with a multitude of information imparted through his magnificent gift as a story teller. We all sat there enthralled. I was certain that no one could know Abraham Lincoln that well unless he had been on several double dates with him. By the time Frank had finished telling us about Lincoln's law partner, Billy Herndon, stomping over Mary Todd Lincoln's feet on the dance floor, we felt Mrs. Lincoln's pain and understood her life long hatred of Herndon. We always addressed him formally, but as we came to know and love him, he was *Frank* to his students.

His tests were challenging. A grade of "A" from Frank was always achieved the old-fashioned way — you earned it. I remember taking his first test. I was confident, but he asked for so much detail. It was like field stripping your rifle blindfolded or navigating your way on a night compass march. Finishing on the mark required exact judgment. As I sat at my desk waiting for my test results, I watched Frank play the friendly curmudgeon while teasing his students. When he got to me, he folded my test in half, looked at me sternly and said, "Who gets a ninety-three on my tests?" I was ecstatic. It was the lowest score I ever got from him.

Frank had the ability to inspire a young scholar. The more he answered our questions and the more I was able to answer his questions with exact detail, the more I came to love this truly charismatic gentleman. I would come to know others who had the pleasure of studying under Frank; they all felt about him as I did.

Submitted by: Jerry W. Martynski

More on Frank Klement
in the November *General Orders*

2007 KLEMENT LECTURE Northern Women and the Civil War

The annual Frank L. Klement Lecture will take place on Wednesday, **November 14, 2007, 7:30 p.m.** in room 163 of the **Alumni Memorial Union at Marquette University**. The Klement Lectures continue to honor Frank Klement, the man and the scholar, by presenting works of historians who continue the Klement tradition of offering alternative views of the Civil War era.



Nina Silber

The speaker at this year's event is **Nina Silber** of Boston University.

The title of Professor Silber's presentation is: "Why Northern Women Matter for Understanding the Civil War."

Professor Silber specializes in the history of the United States between the mid-19th century and the early 20th century, including the period of the Civil War and Reconstruction. Her scholarship focuses mainly on cultural and women's history. Her most recent publication is *Battle Scars: Gender and Sexuality in the US Civil War* (2006), which she co-edited with Catherine Clinton. Other publications include: *Daughters of the Union: Northern Women Fight the Civil War* (2005) and *Yankee Correspondence: Civil War Letters Between New England Soldiers and the Homefront* (1996).

Annual Klement Donation to Be Made at Lecture

At the August meeting the Board of Directors voted the annual Klement Donation to be \$750 this year. The Klement Donations, named in honor of the late founding member Frank L. Klement, are used by the graduate program at Marquette University to defray expenses of budding American History scholars to present papers at symposia and otherwise jump-start their careers. For more information on the Klement Donation or to make a targeted donation, contact Awards and Donations Committee Chair John Beatty at jdbeatty@amcivwar.com.

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1862

President Lincoln ordered Maj. Gen. John A. McClernand, an Illinois politician, to proceed to Indiana, Illinois and Iowa to organize troops for an expedition against Vicksburg under McClernand's command. Lincoln seemed to have forgotten that he had just assigned Gen. Ulysses S. Grant this same new command. The result led to no end of conflict with many charges and countercharges exchanged and eventually, hostility between Grant and McClernand since both believed himself to be the true commander.

1864

President Lincoln issued a proclamation setting aside the last Thursday in November as a day of Thanksgiving.



October 20, 1947, marked the Milwaukee Civil War Round Table's fifth meeting. The speaker was established author Stanley Horn. Horn spoke on "The Battle of Nashville," a subject and title he would later use for his classic work on this battle.

In October of 1962 renowned Iron Brigade author Alan Nolan spoke on "Myth and Fact in Civil War History."

In October of 1968 our own Frank Klement spoke on "The First Battle of Bull Run."

Well known author Gary Gallagher shared two Octobers with us, speaking in 1989 on E. Porter Alexander and returning two years later to share his thoughts on "Jubal Early and the Myth of the Lost Cause."

Ten years ago we celebrated our 50th anniversary with a panel of celebrated authors.

CWRT of Milwaukee, Inc. • 2007 – 2008 Meetings

October 20, 2007

60th Anniversary Symposium — See pages 1-2.

November 8, 2007

John Y. Simon — TBA

December 16, 2007 (Sunday)

2nd Annual Holiday Gala and Silent Auction

January 10, 2008

Ed Cotham — The Union Navy

February 7, 2008

David Long — TBA

March 13, 2008

Brian Wills — Civil War in Cinema

April 10, 2008

Jennifer Weber — TBA

May 2008

60th Anniversary Celebration - Part II

Opening of the New Civil War Museum in Kenosha

Speaker Schedule Subject to change. In case of inclement weather, listen to WTMJ or WISN radio.