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The Newsletter of the

**Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee, Inc.
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April 8, 2021

Ronald D. Kirkwood

TOO MUCH FOR HUMAN ENDURANCE

It is now possible to make the case that the Spangler land was one of the most important in helping determine the battle's outcome, and perhaps the single most important farm.

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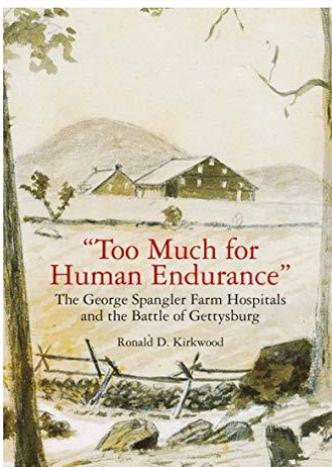
Too Much for Human Endurance: The George Spangler Farm Hospitals and the Battle of Gettysburg” is the topic that will be presented by our April speaker, Ron Kirkwood. The book was published by Savas Beatie in hardcover in June 2019 and has nearly sold out two hardcover editions. It was published in paperback in January 2021 and made available on audio in February 2021.

Kirkwood argues that the George Spangler farm was the most important farm in the Battle of Gettysburg, revealing factors that have long been overlooked. The book also presents newly found information about Confederate Brig. Gen. Lewis A. Armistead’s time at Spangler, the Spanglers, the Artillery Reserve and stories of the suffering and heroism of the surgeons, nurses, wounded and mortally wounded at the two hospitals on the Spanglers’ land, including men of the 26th Wisconsin.



Ron Kirkwood is retired after a 40-year career as an editor and writer in newspapers and magazines including USA TODAY, the Baltimore Sun, The Harrisburg Patriot-News and the York (PA) Daily Record. He edited national magazines for USA TODAY Sports and was National Football League editor for USA TODAY Sports Weekly. He managed the copy desk in Harrisburg when the newspaper won a Pulitzer Prize in 2012. Kirkwood is a Michigan native and graduate of Central Michigan University, where he has returned as guest speaker to journalism classes as part of the school’s Hearst Visiting Professionals series.

Ron will be bringing copies of his book with him for sale. Cash or check are accepted. Please consider purchasing a copy, adding it to your Civil War library and supporting our speaker.



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April Meeting at a Glance The Wisconsin Club 900 W. Wisconsin Avenue

[Jackets required for the dining room.]

6:15 p.m. - Registration/Social Hour

6:45 p.m. - Dinner

[\$30 by reservation, please]

7:30 p.m. - Program

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

2020-2021 Speaker Schedule

Find the speaker schedule on page 8.

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Civil War Round Table News

When Reservations are Cancelled

Please be aware that cancellations of dinner reservations within 48 hours of the meeting are subject to payment in full. The MCWRT is charged for these dinners whether they are used or not!

Your Cooperation is Appreciated

“Walk-in dinner” requests are sometimes difficult to honor. Remember, dinner reservations are to be made at least 48 hours prior to the meeting date. We are always happy to accommodate where possible, but we cannot always guarantee a dinner that evening if you have not called in or emailed your reservation. Thank you for your understanding.

Special Dietary Needs

We have quite a number of regular members who have opted for special entrees as options to the regular dinner being served. The Wisconsin Club and the Round Table will make every effort to meet any special dietary needs you may have. As a courtesy, **please give a reminder when making your reservations**, so we don't forget to serve you what you're expecting!

ELECTION: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As announced at the March Round Table meeting and in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation, the nominating committee of the Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee recommends the following slate of nominees for the upcoming election of members to the Board of Directors for a three-year term ending in May 2024.

- Grant Johnson
- Bruce Klem
- Daniel Nettesheim
- Frank Risler
- David Wege

The election will take place at the May 13, 2021 Milwaukee Civil War Round Table meeting.



FROM OUR SPECIAL WAR CORRESPONDENT.
 "CITY POINT, VA., April —, 8.30 A.M.
 "All seems well with us."—A. LINCOLN.
 (Hesper's Weekly, April 15, 1864)

The Muster Roll: NEW MEMBERS

NUMBER	NAME	AGE	RESIDENCE	PLACE OF BIRTH	REGIMENT	STATUS
1	William B.
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In April 1949, Gerald R. McMurtry visited our Round Table and spoke about “Rear Admiral John L. Worden.”

William Lamers was the speaker at the April 1952 meeting speaking on the “Battle of Murfreesboro.”

April 1962 brought Richard D. Mudd to the Round Table to speak on “The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln and the Trial and Imprisonment of Dr. S. A. Mudd.”

At the April 1972 meeting Sherman J. Lavigna spoke about “General William T. Sherman: A Personality Profile.”

“Gettysburg: The People” was the topic of Dr. Robert Meinhard’s presentation at the April 1982 meeting.

Dennis Frye visited the Round Table in April 1992 and talked about “Mosby vs. Sheridan in the Shenandoah.”

“Riding for the Union: Memoirs of the 8th Illinois Cavalry” was the topic of Marshall D. Krolick’s presentation in April 2012.

Last year’s April meeting was cancelled due to the pandemic.



Vicksburg is the Key



Saturday, October 23 - Friday, October 29

With the COVID pandemic seemingly loosening its grip on the nation, the Civil War Time Travelers are again designing a coach bus trip to Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Corinth, and Vicksburg, with a final stop at Springfield, IL on the way home.

Information should be available soon at the MCWRT registration table. Also check out the Civil War Time Travelers on Facebook or email wegs1862@gmail.com.

Kenosha Civil War Museum

YOUTUBE LECTURES

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvOc_ZB2rAyxtp87iXTvPVkT1uAvzJWRj

The 29th Wisconsin at Vicksburg

Gettysburg Stories: Monuments and Iconic Locations

The Great Camel Experiment

Illinois Regiments at Gettysburg: July 1863

Medical Innovations of the Civil War

The Other Civil War in Mexico

The Petersburg Regiment in the Civil War: A History of the 12th Virginia Infantry From John Brown’s Hanging to Appomattox, 1859-1865

Recovering the Voices of the Union’s Midwest Irish

The Vicksburg Campaign: Grant’s Masterpiece

The War That Made Beer Famous

Lincoln and the Presidential Campaign of 1860

Sir Butternut Comes to Madison

Among the Badgers: Rediscovering Sites Associated with

Abraham and Mary Lincoln in Wisconsin

Such Anxious Hours: Wisconsin Women’s Voices from the Civil War

FACEBOOK LECTURES

<https://www.facebook.com/CWMKenosha/>

Seceding the Secession

The Wounding of Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

NEW FACEBOOK LECTURES IN APRIL

Company K, 1st Michigan Sharpshooters

Presenter: Eric Hemenway

Friday, April 9 | Noon

Lincolnics: Why Lincoln Still Rocks the Global Conversation on Progress

Presenter: John Wasik

Wednesday, April 14 | 3 pm

Great Lakes Civil War Forum: Immigrants and the Civil War

Saturday, September 11, 9am – 4pm

By the close of the Civil War, nearly 25% of the Federal Army was composed of foreign-born soldiers who immigrated to the United States. The 2021 Great Lakes Civil War Forum presents four programs that examine the experiences of some of these groups in the Union Army as well as Abraham Lincoln’s official policies towards immigrants.

Please see the Kenosha Civil War Museum website for more details including costs and speakers.



**Thank you, Jim Johnson, for these great pieces
for our *From the Field* features!**

**North-Western-Times
March 19, 1862**

Col. Messmore. - This gentleman has undoubtedly abandoned the contest for the judgeship, as he has gone to St. Louis with his regiment, the 14th Wisconsin Infantry, and as far as we can hear, after diligent inquiry, has left no one to attend to the prosecution of the enterprise of electing him judge of this circuit. Not one single newspaper in the district has spoken for him, except our down town neighbor, the Exporter, and it will show good judgment on the part of the editor of that sheet, if he comes out strong for Judge Flint in his next issue.

**From the Eighteenth Regiment
Written for the Times
Camp Trowbridge, Milwaukee
March 12, 1862**

Mr. Editor: Since my last the Badax Tigers have lost one of their number by death. It is always sad to chronicle the death of a comrade in arms, but it is doubly so when the departed was a man beloved by all. Orderly Sergeant Swan died on the evening of the 22nd of February, after a short though severe illness of inflammation of the lungs. On Saturday night, one week preceding his decease, he became suddenly ill, and the next day, the bad symptoms increasing, he was removed to the city, and placed under the care of the Hospital surgeon. He grew worse, and it was evident that his attack was one of no mild type. It soon became apparent that he could not long survive. His constitution, naturally consumptive, was poorly calculated to withstand the attacks which are inevitably made upon the health of a soldier. Poor fellow! Little did your correspondent think, when chronicling in his communication his illness, and expressing a hope for his speedy recovery, that his remains would soon molder back to Mother Earth.

Though not living long enough to serve his country upon the battle field, yet his enlistment in the army testified to his readiness to do his whole duty. As a soldier he was ever at his post, and in the performance of his duties united faithfulness with perseverance, and a just regard for the feeling of his men with that authority which he was obliged to exercise. So foreign to his nature were superciliousness and arrogance that during all his connection with us, not one of those prone to fault finding could point to an instance derogatory to his character as a kind and considerate man. As a man and friend, none knew him but to admire and respect.

His remains were sent home by the boys – to a home made sad and desolate by the stern decree of death. May his family and friends while mourning at his loss, consider and find consolation in the truism that “none can die so nobly as in the service of his country.” He performed well his part in life, and if good actions can claim special merit, he will enjoy naught but felicity through all eternity. Peace with his ashes.

At present the sanitary condition of the company and regiment is reported good. None of the Tigers are very sick, though a few are affected with colds. They are in good spirits and all apparently like camp life.

In regard to our leaving soon for the war, there are conflicting rumors. The order referred to in my last did not, it appears, include our regiment. We have by turns been ordered to St. Louis, Cairo, Chicago, and home again – all proving to be so much at variance with the truth of the matter, that all agitation is finally settling down into a determination to coolly await coming events.

The boys were much pleased a few days since, with the reception of a large sugar-coated cake from Badax, the evidence of the thoughtfulness and kindness of Mrs. S. C. Lincoln, of Viroqua. It really does the boys good to receive such sure evidence that they are not forgotten at home. In this instance, they gave three cheers for the fair donor, and by a unanimous vote returned thanks to her generosity. May every act of her life be productive of as much happiness as this simple testimonial of her sympathy and friendship.

The circumstances attending its reception as well as the present itself, will be long held, the fair giver may rest assured, in grateful remembrance.

While speaking of favors received from friends, it is not inappropriate to mention the fact that the boys receive frequently packages of papers from Hon. N. S. Cate, Senator from our district. The interest that he manifests for the welfare of the soldiers as shown by his numerous favors, will long be remembered by them. Let me assure him that he has no warmer or truer friends than the volunteers from Badax. They will remember in the future who was the real friend of the common soldier.

Allow me to caution your readers against believing any of the startling stories which some of the boys, lately returned, state to be in circulation at home. It is quite curious how anything so marvelous as that the Sparta Company and ours, had a pitched fight, resulting in the death of five or six Tigers, could have gained enough vitality in traveling so short a distance, to entitle it to credence.

Yet, such a story was in extensive circulation, and, what is more wonderful than the story itself, was generally believed in some portions of the county. Some unknown persons manufacture stories derogatory to the morality of some of the boys, and they obtain, it appears, ready bearers and believers.

From the Field - continued

Nothing is entitled to belief, unless it comes authoritatively through the Times, or from the company over the signature of the writer.

I had almost forgotten to state that we have been finishing nearly two weeks with the Belgian rifle and the accompanying accoutrements. For the few days immediately succeeding their advent, there might be heard a "shoulder arms" etc. from morning the right; but like all other things, time and frequent use have stripped them of whatever peculiar novelty they might have possessed. The boys are well pleased with them, and you may rest assured that they will be used effectually, whenever an opportunity occurs.

Yours truly C

P.S.- Since writing the above, we have been out on dress parade, at which time the Colonel stated that he had it from high authority that our regiment would leave in ten days for secesh. He therefore ordered the Captains to write to the men on furlough to repair within that time to camp. There Mr. Editor. You have it as cheap as we. It may be so, and then again it oughtn't. C.

Louisville Democrat
17 April, 1865

A living contradiction to all past examples of history; a bright reality to be striven for by mankind in the future, but never to be attained again, its isolation will increase its splendor as one star alone in the heavens shines brighter when its fellows are hidden. To us of the generation will be the pride of having lived at such a time; upon us will rest the humiliation of having lost it by our own deep folly and crime.

A statement at the end of the war discussing why the south lost the war and the southern world.

Cannonball from 1850s with presumed live fuse discovered at Pewaukee Historical Society

By: [Jackson Danbeck](#)

Posted at 5:42 PM, Mar 18, 2021

PEWAUKEE — A 12-pound cannonball dating back to the 1850s at the Pewaukee Historical Society had an uncut time fuse, presumed live, in storage, a discovery that caused quite a shock, police say.

Village of Pewaukee police said in a statement Thursday that officers responded to a suspected bomb complaint at the Pewaukee Historical Society last Tuesday afternoon.

Staffers there explained to officers that a person who donated the cannonball in 2018 informed the museum that they had read an [article](#) about a person restoring a similar cannonball. During the restoration, it appears that cannonball exploded and killed a person.

The donor told the museum they believed the exploding cannonball was similar to the cannonball they had donated to the Pewaukee Historical Society.

The museum volunteer who had taken the call soon found the cannonball in question on a shelf on the second-floor storage area and immediately called police.

A few days later, the Milwaukee County Bomb Squad concluded that the cannonball was in immaculate condition with an uncut Bormann time fuse, presumed live.

Village of Pewaukee police say these types of cannonballs were oftentimes packed with lead balls and used as shrapnel.

The Milwaukee County Bomb Squad is now in possession of the cannonball, and will determine if it can be rendered safe and returned - or if it needs to be destroyed.

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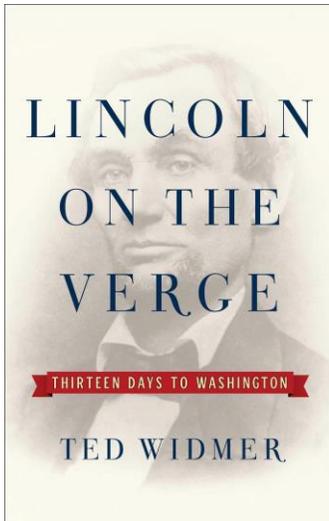


Between the Covers

LINCOLN ON THE VERGE

THIRTEEN DAYS TO WASHINGTON

by Ted Widmer



This book was highly recommended to me by a good friend who shares my love of Civil War history and all things Abraham Lincoln. She gave it very high praise saying it was “one of the best Civil War books she’s read in years”, and after finishing it, I have to wholeheartedly agree!

On February 11, 1861, Lincoln, as president-elect of the United States, boarded “the Presidential Special” (as every train of his epic journey would be called, much like Air Force One today) to begin a 1,900-mile journey to Washington to be sworn in as our 16th President. At the same time, Jefferson Davis began his long train ride from his home in Mississippi to the Confederate Capitol in Montgomery. Two very different men embarking on two very different journeys. Lincoln quickly grasped the fact that his journey would not be an easy one as he learns early on of reliable reports of a conspiracy to assassinate him as he passes through Baltimore, as well as fears that the train would be attacked or tracks sabotaged at other points along the way.

Reading like an adventure novel, Widmer details every stop of Lincoln’s journey and describes the grueling schedule and how Lincoln, speaking often from the back of the train, used these stops to introduce himself to the American people, who turned out by the thousands to see him in person and show him their support as the Nation was literally unraveling at the seams. Widmer really captures the transformation of Lincoln as he deftly creates an unbreakable bond with everyday Americans at each stop on his way to Washington. We see how by his own hand, he quickly moves from being a largely unknown president-elect to becoming the great man who will save the Union.

Even if you’ve been studying the history of the Civil War for many years, this book will still cause you to deliver “Oh Wow, I never knew that!” utterances at least once in most every chapter, if not from most pages as you read through. Also very interesting is learning of some of the people that Lincoln either encountered or that came out to see him on this journey, including past and present Presidents, artists, writers, and entrepreneurs. Every stop that Lincoln made had someone or something distinctive about it and Widmer found it all. For example, in Cleveland we are introduced to one of Lincoln’s supporters, a young businessman named John D. Rockefeller, and we learn how he would come to reshape Corporate America as the leader of Standard Oil.

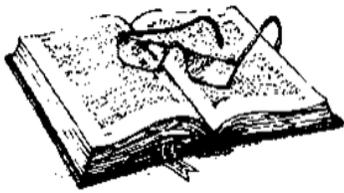
If you’re looking for a non-fiction book that reads like a novel, this is the book for you. After reading this book, it’s obvious to me that Lincoln was absolutely the right man in the right place at that time in our Nation’s history. The book offers a riveting piece of history and is a really great read.

submitted by Terry Arliskas



*Nearly all men can stand
Adversity
- but -
If you want to test a man’s
character give him
Power.*

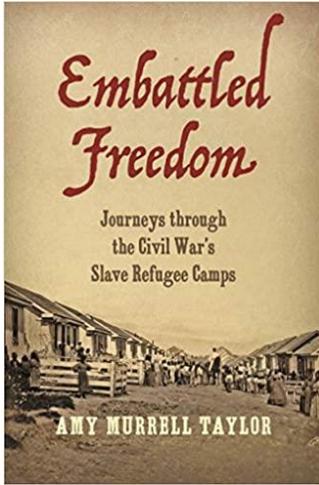
A. Lincoln



Between the Covers

EMBATTLED FREEDOM

by Amy Murrell Taylor



My book review this go around is *Embattled Freedom* by Amy Murrell Taylor. In this work Ms. Taylor tells the story of African American slave refugees who were given the name of contrabands. She brings to life the much troubled journey of the so-called runaway slave, who was given the name contraband as a result of the Civil War. It is a story of a migration of a people that began with the thrill of fulfilling their dream of freedom but in most cases was fraught with hardship and misfortune. This was a book that I heard the author present at the Civil War Institute symposium at Gettysburg College and bought it, had the author sign it and had a chance to speak with the author.

I thought this was a very interesting topic and not one that people interested in the Civil War think much about. Usually one comes across the contraband issue and Ben Butler and then how Lincoln utilized the term to deprive the Confederates of one of their main labor sources – the slave - using freedom as a means to inspire the enslaved a greater opportunity to obtain freedom by fleeing to the nearest Union force. The war moved from just an effort to hold the country together to freedom for the slaves. The Emancipation Proclamation sealed the deal for the enslaved and all they had to do was run to the nearest Union force.

What began as a trickle to Butler's fort turned into a veritable flood that eventually was to bring something like a half-million formerly enslaved people to seek shelter with the Union army over the next four years. About one-fifth of these would later serve, often heroically, as soldiers in the United States Colored Troops (USCT), but what about the other roughly four hundred thousand? What became of them? If their fate never occurred to you before, it is because the story of this huge, largely anonymous population has remained conspicuous in its absence in much of the vast history of the Civil War until Professor Amy Murrell Taylor's study was published in this book. Neither the Union army nor the civilian north was prepared for the phenomenon of hundreds of thousands of black refugees showing up and this unpreparedness led to results that were often not favorable to those who were the most vulnerable.

Refugees lived at risk in what can only be described as uncertain sanctuaries. Camps evolved into "freedman's villages" – with churches, schools, stores and tidy public squares – that sprang up at the edges of Confederate territory occupied by Union troops, but long-term security was tenuous, dependent entirely on these garrisons. If the army was redeployed, refugees were suddenly thrust into greater danger and forced to flee once more lest they be captured and returned to slavery by roving bands of locals. As Professor Taylor points out, these camps turned out to be temporary. If they survived Confederate raids when the war ended property was returned to once dislodged slave masters, and refugees terrorized and murdered, ultimately driven off the lands that once hosted thriving freedman's villages. Where can you see a freedman's village today? You can't. They were all plowed under and members displaced.

Professor Taylor's work in this book is an especially valuable resource because it contains not only a panoramic view of the refugee experience but an expertly narrowed lens that zooms in upon a handful of individuals that Taylor's careful research has redeemed from obscurity. One such vignette is the story of Edward and Emma Whitehurst, an enslaved couple that had managed over time to stockpile a surprisingly large savings through Edward's side work, in a unique arrangement with his owner. Fleeing slavery, the entrepreneurial Whitehursts turned their nest egg into a highly successful and profitable store at a refugee camp in Virginia – only to one day lose it all to retreating Union forces desperate for supplies. This is but one of the stories that Professor Taylor highlights in this enlightening work.

Taylor makes strong points in detailing what southern states governments passed with the Black Codes in limiting the freedom of former slaves. One of the best parts of her book is the explanation of the rise of the KKK and what it meant to the lives of African Americans. I finished this book at the height of the Black Lives Matter movement and I found that this information provided by Professor Taylor was extremely timely. I think it helps explain somewhat the foundation of today's current situation but that situation still leaves me wondering how a country founded on freedom for all and their beliefs, still can't treat all men equally. I heartily recommend this book to any student of the Civil War, one which covers an area of the war that is little covered.

submitted by Bruce Klem

**MILWAUKEE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE
2018-2019 SPEAKER SCHEDULE**

September 10, 2020	Ted Savas <i>Lost and Found: The Archaeology of the Battle of Payne's Farm</i>
October 8, 2020	Rob Girardi <i>Lincoln and the Common Soldier</i>
November 12, 2020	John R. Scales <i>The Battle and Campaign of General Nathan Bedford Forrest</i>
December 10, 2020	Steven K. Rogstad <i>Stories from Among the Badgers</i>
January 7, 2021	Christopher L. Kolakowski <i>Stones River</i>
February 11, 2021	Doug Dammann <i>Benjamin Franklin White</i>
March 11, 2021	Lawrence Desotell <i>Confederate Soldiers at Camp Randall</i>
April 8, 2021	Ron Kirkwood <i>Too Much for Human Endurance</i>
May 13, 2021	TBA
June 10, 2021	A. Wilson Greene <i>We Have Done All That is Possible and Must Be Resigned: The First Petersburg Offensive</i>

**Speakers/topics remain subject to change,
especially due to the fluid Covid situation.
We appreciate your understanding!**



**Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee, Inc.
2020 – 2021 Board of Directors**

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NOTIFICATIONS ~**

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Grant will be creating a database with email reminders set to go out a week before the scheduled event. This is a purely optional choice on each member's part. If you have any questions please talk to Grant at a Round Table meeting or email him at the listed email address.

Milwaukee Civil War Round Table Dinner Reservation for April 8, 2021

Mail your reservations by Monday, April 5 to:
Paul Eilbes
1809 Washington Avenue
Cedarburg, WI 53012-9730

Call or email reservations to:
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peilbes@gmail.com

Enclosed is \$_____ (meal is \$30.00 per person) for _____ people for the
April 8, 2021 meeting of the Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee.
(Please make checks payable to the Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee, Inc.)

**from Steve Magnusen author of
To My Best Girl – The Inspiring Life Stories of Rufus Dawes and Mary Gates**

Surgeon Ebersole describes a leg amputation he performed in Gettysburg on a wounded Seventh Wisconsin sergeant. The sergeant, Alexander Ivey, of Muscoda, Wisconsin, no doubt endured considerable pain and suffering as he eventually recovered in a Philadelphia hospital, and he must have reflected on his future life as an amputee. But Sergeant Ivey also realized that his operation was necessary to save his life, and that it was skillfully performed. Ivey's brave acceptance of his fate, and his respectful correspondence with the man who had cut off his leg, obviously lingered in the mind of Dr. Ebersole. He chose to relate this story thirty years after the battle. The Kenosha Civil War Museum preserves the Dr. Jacob Ebersol Collection of diary entries and correspondence.

Steve Magnusen

INCIDENTS OF FIELD HOSPITAL LIFE WITH THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC
BY JACOB EBERSOLE, M.D., Late Major and Surgeon Nineteenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry

Approaching Gettysburg our corps was moving in the advance, but passing Gettysburg to the left, it engaged the enemy to the northwest, two or three miles from the town. Around 4 o'clock, I was ordered to go into Gettysburg, to take possession of the railroad depot, and establish our hospital therein. This depot was on the north side of town. (Dr. Ebersole's field hospital occupied the station's second floor)

In Gettysburg, July 1, 1863, there was brought to my hospital care Sergeant Alex. Ivey, of the Seventh Wisconsin Volunteers, terribly wounded in the left leg just below the knee. I took his leg off at the knee joint, an operation much more rare than it has since become with great advance in the surgical art during the past thirty years. Sergeant Ivey was removed, with other wounded, after ten days, to the Chestnut Hill Hospital, Philadelphia, for final treatment. I received from him afterward this letter:

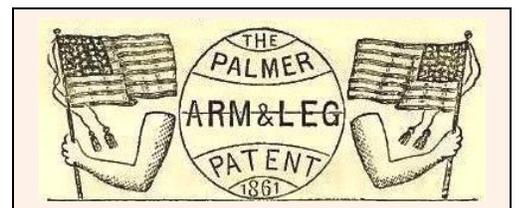
Chestnut Hill Hospital, Philadelphia, September 20, 1863

Surgeon Ebersole:

As your amputation of my limb at the knee-joint causes much curiosity among the surgeons here, I thought I would let you know about it. They say it is one of the best amputations they ever saw. And they wonder how it was ever done; and the inspector, who was around this morning, said he was going to write you to know how you did the work. He said it was the prettiest stump that he ever saw. You do not know how I was annoyed the first five days by the surgeons here coming to see my stump...

The surgeon in charge told the doctor of this ward to have a picture taken of my stump. So, if they take it, I will have one sent to you, if you wish for it. I was at Palmer's office yesterday, and measured for a new leg. Palmer says I have such a nice stump for an artificial leg. I will close with thanks to you for your skill in taking off my limb.
From your humble servant,

SERGEANT ALEXANDER IVEY,
Company D, Seventh Wisconsin Volunteer Inf



The operation was not as well known or described thirty years ago as now, though it was known and imperfectly described in the sixteenth century... The perfection and beauty of this stump I attribute to two or three points in the operation – I will not say that they were original with myself. These are, that I made it by lateral flaps – left the patella or knee-cap intact, and removed part of the synovial surfaces of the condyles of the femur. The wound healed by the first intention, and made one of the most *perfect, useful, and pretty* stumps imaginable.

Dr. Jacob Ebersole



Next in the pipeline for *Wanderings* is a recap of **Campaign 2021: Waucousta Lutheran**.

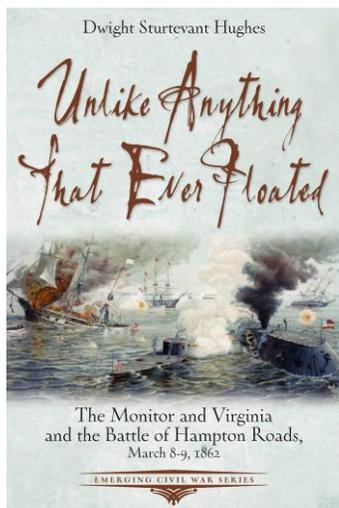
Students from Dave Wege's classroom are traveling to Harpers Ferry, Antietam, and Gettysburg from April 25-30. The group's guides include John Michael Priest at Antietam and Garry Adelman at Gettysburg. On the final night at Gettysburg, final thoughts will be presented at the **Spangler Farm** by historian Carolynn Ivanoff. Her topic will be "Death and Dying at Gettysburg."

The trip home to Wisconsin will include a stop at the Flight 93 Memorial.

In the meantime, please keep this page in mind as you plan your own Civil War excursions!

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Unlike Anything that Ever Floated

The Monitor and Virginia and the Battle of Hampton Roads, March 8-9, 1862

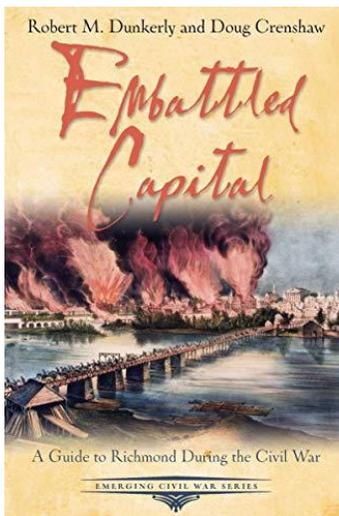
By: Dwight Sturtevant Hughes

"Ironclad against ironclad, we maneuvered about the bay here and went at each other with mutual fierceness," reported Chief Engineer Alban Stimers following that momentous engagement between the USS Monitor and the CSS Virginia (ex USS Merrimack) in Hampton Roads, Sunday, March 9, 1862.

From flaming, bloody decks of sinking ships, to the dim confines of the first rotating armored turret, to the smoky depths of a Rebel gundeck – with shells screaming, clanging, booming, and splashing all around – to the office of a worried president with his cabinet peering down the Potomac for a Rebel monster, this dramatic story unfolds through the accounts of men who lived it in *Unlike Anything That Ever Floated: The Monitor and Virginia and the Battle of Hampton Roads, March 8-9, 1862*.

Lieutenant Commander Dwight Sturtevant Hughes graduated from the Naval Academy in 1967 and served twenty years aboard warships, on navy staffs, and with river forces in Vietnam.

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Embattled Capital

A Guide to Richmond During the Civil War

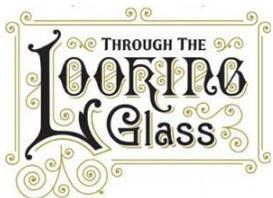
By: Robert M. Dunkerly and Doug Crenshaw

"On To Richmond!" cried editors for the New York Tribune in the spring of 1861. Thereafter, that call became the rallying cry for the North's eastern armies as they marched, maneuvered, and fought their way toward the capital of the Confederacy.

Embattled Capital: A Guide to Richmond During the Civil War by historians Doug Crenshaw and Robert M. Dunkerly tells the story of the Confederate capital before, during and after the Civil War. This guidebook includes a comprehensive list of places to visit: the battlefields around the city, museums, historic sites, monuments, cemeteries, historical preservation groups, and more.

Check out the Savas Beatie events calendar for author events. Many events are still via Zoom.

The direct link is: savasbeatie.com/publicity/



Through the Looking Glass features are intended to tell the stories of common folks of the Civil War, whether they are civilians or military personnel. If you have access to the story of an ordinary citizen of this war-torn era and are willing to share it with our Round Table, please consider submitting it to Donna Agnelly, editor of our General Orders. Thank you!

Several years ago, Rick Gross attended a Round Table meeting where our speaker, Thomas Clemens, presented on his research and editing of Ezra A. Carman's manuscript about the Battle of Antietam. After conversing with the speaker, Rick received from Tom copies of four handwritten letters that Carman had received from Joseph R. C. Ward, the "unofficial historian" of the 106th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, 2nd Brigade, 2nd Division, 2nd Corps, Army of the Potomac. The letters detail the actions of the 106th Pennsylvania and the Philadelphia Brigade during the Battle of Antietam and the impetuous charge of Sedgwick's Division into the West Woods led by General Sumner. Rick Gross, great great grandson of J.W. Rathbone of Co. D, 106th Pennsylvania Infantry, generously shares these letters with us.

Antietam Letter From R. C. Ward to Ezra Carman

106th Pennsylvania, 2nd Brigade, 2nd Division, 2nd Corps Army of the Potomac

Extract from History of 106 Regt. P. V. as corrected for republication in compliance with request of the Regimental Association for another edition.

Page 90 bottom paragraph reads as corrected as follows.

Colonel Morehead's horse was shot from under him and falling held him fast until released by Sargent Jos. Taylor and corporals McNeal and Stephen Taylor of Company C. After going some distance to the rear, the Colonel found he had lost his sword, a handsome one that had been presented to him by the regiment and went back after it, though urged not to do so by the men, but he said "Yes, I will. That sword was given me by my men and I told them that I would protect it with my life and never see it dishonored and I am not going to let those damned rebels get it." So, he went back to where his horse lay and got it and returned in safety to the regiment although the enemy was near enough to demand his surrender and fired at him because he refused. Arriving at a 1 fence running at right angles to the Hagerstown road, across the open field north of the Dunker Church an effort was made to rally and check the advance of the now elated enemy, who were emerging from the wood in large numbers. Here Sargent Benj F. Sloanaker of Company 'C' Color Sargent planted the colors on the fence and called upon the Regiment to "rally on the colors". Major Stover and the other officers rallied the men, calling upon them to stand by their colors and stand they did. Colonel Morehead though injured by the fall of his horse remained on the field, detachments of the other regiments joining them. Colonel Morehead opened fire pouring volley after volley in quick succession into the advancing enemy who thinking they had struck our second line 2 checked their advance and finally fell back under cover of the wood. 3 This ended the contest in our front. 4 The One Hundred and Sixth then fell back further to the right and again formed between a house and barn, receiving many of the members that had been separated from them.

Etc. etc. etc.

1 Undoubtedly that was the fence in front or side of D. R. Miller's house as several of our men noticed hay stacks as they fell back, some seeking shelter behind them, and in plats the hay stacks are shown near the Miller house. So that is the fence and not the one farther back as you suggest in your letter of July 19th.

2 This is substantially corroborated also by your letter of July 19, where you say that Barksdale Brigade "were checked in an open field north of the woods and about 160 yards south of the fence running east and west from the woods to the Hagerstown road."

3 The stand made by our regiment positively ended the contest on that part of the field. The enemy admits it as per above quotation.

4 It was after all the firing ceased that the regiment then fell back still further to the right or north and took up position at the Jos. Poffenberger House. It was then that the 69 PV took position on our right as shown in plot X.

At that fence there was no other regiment or company formation but the 106 PV. **** there were members of the 69 & 72 Regts. with some officers. These of the 69 under command of their officers formed a company. These of the 72nd were halted by our men and compelled by our officers to stay.

To Gen. E. A. Carman

from Jos. R. C. Ward

More letters to come!

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