

GENERAL ORDERS



The Newsletter of the

**Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee, Inc.
and The Iron Brigade Association**



December 8, 2022

Garry Adelman

Midwest Civil War Photo Extravaganza

The Civil War was the first large and prolonged conflict recorded by photography. During the war, dozens of photographers--both as private individuals and as employees of the Confederate and Union Governments--photographed civilians and civilian activities; military personnel, equipment, and activities; and the locations and aftermaths of battles. Because wet-plate collodion negatives required from 5 to 20 seconds exposure, there are no action photographs of the war.

National Archives

Join American Battlefield Trust Chief Historian Garry Adelman at our December meeting for a lively photography presentation covering all manner of Midwestern events, people and places. While the Midwest proper hosted a limited number of battles and campaigns, the Midwest states hosted hospitals, supply depots, manufacturing hubs, prisons, camps, railroads, and more! Midwesterners themselves played an outsized role in the conflict...and where they went, so went photographers capturing images on glass and metal for a public hungry for this relatively new technology. Combining then-and-now photographs, details, maps and other media, Mr. Adelman will tell the story of the Civil War Midwest mainly through the revolutionary wet-plate photography process, the truly unique individuals involved in the birth of photojournalism and more. From Wilson's Creek to Johnson's Island, from Wood Lake to Cairo, Mine Creek, Milwaukee, Crown Point, Keokuk, Ann Arbor, and the Wigwam, come to understand the 1860s Midwest a way available nowhere else!

A graduate of Michigan State University and Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, Garry Adelman is the award-winning author, co-author or editor of 20 books and 50 Civil War articles. He is the vice president of the Center for Civil War Photography and has been a Licensed Battlefield Guide at Gettysburg for 25 years. He has conceived and drafted the text for wayside exhibits at ten battlefields, has given thousands of battlefield tours at more than 60 sites and has lectured at hundreds of locations across the country including the National Archives, the Library of Congress and the Smithsonian. He has appeared as a speaker on the BBC, C-Span,



Pennsylvania Cable Network, American Heroes Channel, and on the series HISTORY where he was a chief consultant and talking head on the Emmy Award-winning show Gettysburg (2011) and Blood and Glory: The Civil War in Color (2015). He works full time as Chief Historian at the American Battlefield Trust.

Mark your calendar and join us as we celebrate the holiday season and give a warm Round Table welcome to Garry Adelman.

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December Meeting at a Glance Country Club of the Wisconsin Club 6200 Good Hope Road

[Jackets required for the dining room.]

5:30 p.m. - Registration/Social Hour

6:30 p.m. - Dinner

[\$30 by reservation, please]

Reservations are accepted until

Monday, December 5, 2022

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.

2022-2023 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!

Non-Discrimination Statement

The Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee, Inc. does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, religion, age, sexual orientation, creed, ancestry, pregnancy, marital or parental status, gender identity or expression, veteran status, physical, mental, emotional or learning disability, or any other legally protected status in its educational programs, activities, or membership.



CHANGE IN MEETING TIME

In looking for ways to improve the experience for members, guests, and presenters at our meetings, the Board of Directors has decided to change our meeting times as follows:

5:30 pm – Social/Registration

6:30 pm – Dinner

7:30 pm – Announcements/Program

The Muster Roll: NEW MEMBERS

<p align="center"><i>CONFIDENTIAL</i></p> <p>1. Complete all persons eligible to be military duty between the age of sixteen and thirty years and all unexpired permits to be military duty during the age of thirty to present under the age of thirty-five. (See description of other permit eligible to be military duty.)</p>							
<p>TABLE B--CONSOLIDATED LIST of all persons of Class II, subject to the military duty in the _____ Organizational District, consisting of the Counties of <u>Colfax, Douglas, Grant, Lincoln, and Washburn</u>, and the Cities of <u>Sioux Falls, Rapid City, and Aberdeen</u>, established during the month of <u>June</u>, 1947, under direction of _____, Permit Marshal.</p>							
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	Enger, Charles	26	-	Yes	Sweden		His father's declaration of intention
	Enger, Charles	25	-	Yes	Sweden		His father's declaration of intention
	Enger, Carlsson	43	-	-	Sweden		His father's declaration of intention
	Enger, Arne	28	-	-	Sweden		His father's declaration of intention
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MCWRT Annual Fund

The following members have made a generous commitment to the MCWRT by investing in that fund. This list reflects those donations made through October 15, 2022.

Major Contributor (\$500 and above)

Gerald Frangesch

In Memory of Robert Parrish \$500

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Malinowski, Kathy McNally, Jim & Monica Millane,
Herb Oechler, Andy Oren, John & Susan Petty, Tom
Pokrandt, Laura Rinaldi, Jack Rodencal, Bob & Carla
Rodzaj, Dan Tanty, Justin Tolomeo, Rich Tonelli,
Paul Zehren



At the December 1949 meeting Robert B. Browne spoke to the membership on “Brice’s Crossroads.”

A panel discussion was held at the December 1954 meeting discussing “Stonewall Jackson in 1862.”

December 1964 had James Robertson speaking to the members on “Confederate Prisons.”

“The Confederate Navy. The Ironclads, David’s, Torpedoes” was the topic of Fred S. Harrod’s presentation to the Round Table in December 1974.

At the December 1984 meeting David Finney spoke on “The Final Days of Stonewall Jackson.”

“I Will Never Recall a Word! Lincoln Vowed” was the topic presented by David E. Long at the December 1994 meeting.

Dr. David Zarefsky spoke to those assembled at the December 2004 meeting on “Lincoln, Douglas and Slavery: In the Crucible of Public Debate.”

In December 2014 the Round Table welcomed Jim Ogden who spoke on “The Fight at Reed’s Bridge: A Chickamauga Story Enlarged by Preservation.”

At last year’s December meeting Dennis Doyle spoke on “The Illinois Regiments at Gettysburg.”

Kenosha Civil War Museum Exhibits June 11, 2022 through June 4, 2023

Loyal to the Union: Ohio in the Civil War

Explore the people and events that made the Buckeye state unique and so important to the Union cause.

Ohio joined the Union in 1803 as the 17th state, and was a major agricultural, economic, educational, and intellectual force in pre-Civil War America. At the time of the Civil War, Ohio was the oldest and most established state in the Upper Middle West.

It can be argued that no northern state was more important to the Union cause than Ohio. Its size, location, and its southern borders with Virginia and Kentucky made it geographically important. The Ohio River and a well-established network of railroads moved troops, food and supplies. Ohio contributed more soldiers per capita to the Union Army than any other northern state. Ohio’s location made it a major route for African American freedom seekers traveling to Canada. Five Ohioans who served in the Union Army went on to become president of the United States.

Kenosha Civil War Museum **Second Friday Lecture Series**

These free in-person programs are sponsored by the Milwaukee Civil War Round Table and Iron Brigade Association.

Second Friday Lecture Series

Sponsored by the Milwaukee Civil War Round Table and the Iron Brigade Association

First Fallen: The Life of Colonel Elmer Ellsworth, the North’s First Civil War Hero

Friday, December 9, 2022 from Noon – 1:00 pm

Presenter: Meg Groeling

Colonel Elmer Ellsworth was the first Union officer killed in the Civil War. His life story is complex and fascinating, but it is also the story of many young men who fought and died for the Union. Elmer, however, was the first and – according to those who remember him – perhaps the best.

Civil War Media Club

***Custer Victorious* by Greg. W. Urwin**

Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 6:30 pm

Location: Ashling on the Lough

(125 56th Street, Kenosha)

\$5/\$10 non-members

While many books have focused on Custer’s Last Stand in 1876, making legend of total defeat, *Custer Victorious* is the first to examine at length his brilliant Civil War career. Urwin describes the Boy General’s vital contributions to Union victories from Gettysburg to Appomattox. Please read the book prior to November 15 and come prepared to discuss. Food and beverages can be ordered from Ashling on the Lough’s restaurant menu and are not included in the price of the workshop.

Victorian Christmas

Saturday, December 3, 2022 from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Join the museum for a family-friendly afternoon of Victorian Era themed holiday music, living history, dancing, craft activities and more including:

Holiday favorites concert by Ed Pierce and the Palmyra Eagles Brass Band

More holiday music performed by the Nash Elementary School Choir

~Plus~

Free admission to all galleries - Civil War soldier & 19th Century civilian living history demos - Crafts and games
An appearance by Civil War Santa - Victorian dance demos and instruction - Displays of miniatures, doll houses, toys, period collectables and more - Christmas trees and present wish lists from the 1890s, 1930s, 1950s and 1980s



Dodgeville Chronicle
Dec 31, 1863

Christmas 1863

In the first grand days of the prophets
God stood with His armed men;
In the last grand days of the Christians
He standeth with them again.

His presence then won the battle
That was for the Christ to be;
And his presence now is conquest
For the Christ that made them free.

And the early strife was holy
By the peace it ushered in;
And the later in God's commandment,
By the peace it hath to win.

For the peace of Christ hath millions
Accepted the battle trust;
And yet, till His peace is perfect,
Shall war for the right be just.

War for the right unshaken,
To partake not of a sin;
War with its outward horrors.
And the heavenly peace within.

The right is the peace eternal,
And thus is this Christmas morn
Rich in that day's fruition
When the Prince of Peace was born.

How A Brave Man Speaks

While riding up Mission Hill on the memorable 25th, turning my horse to the right or left to avoid treading upon the wounded, I had dismounted from my horse to give water to a dying boy, who lay upon his gun with a bullet hole through his head, when a few yards to the right, I observed an officer being carried down the hill on a stretcher. Riding up, I inquired of the men:

"Who have you here?"

"Adjutant Marsh, of the 21st Michigan," was the reply.

"Badly?" I inquired, when with a smile lighting up his face, at the same instant that I discovered the arm adhering to the body by a small piece of flesh, he replied:

"My arm is gone, that's nothing; we've beaten them, thank God, and the slur of the Chickamauga defeat is obliterated. Let the arm perish; such a victory is worth a thousand arms."

Madison Wisconsin State Journal
December 30, 1863

Would Not Stop

The officers and men of the gallant 3d, to whom it was intended to give a suitable entertainment this evening would not stop, as they were anxious to get home to spend New Year's with their wives and families. Gov. Salomon was to review the veterans at Camp Randall at 1 o'clock this afternoon, and afterwards they were to be furloughed for thirty days, thus enabling them to enjoy the pleasures of home after their noble services of three years. On their return they will certainly be fittingly received. Their late arrival last night was caused by the cars running off the track.

The regiment numbers about 223 men. Their reenlistment dates from the present time. They have been paid off in full, and have received their bounty of \$100 on their former, and the veteran bounty on their recent enlistments. They now go home with pockets stuffed with greenbacks, for a thirty days furlough. At the expiration of that time, they report at headquarters here, when it is expected that the regiment will be filled up to the maximum from the new recruits, or drafted men.

City Quota Filled

Mr. Quiner had the pleasure of atoning to us this morning, that the city's quota under the last call, is full, he having succeeded in getting the requisite number of volunteers, and having plenty to spare to fill the quotas of Madison, Verona, and the other towns that are voting to raise money by tax for volunteers. Mr. Quiner has done more than he promised when he gratuitously proffered his services to the city in raising volunteers, and is entitled to much credit for his public spirit and promptness. It now only remains for the citizens and Council committees to endeavor to emulate the conduit, and be as active and successful in getting the money passed by the Council last night, as he has been in getting the men.

Christmas on the Rappahannock



painting by Ray W. Forquer

Boston Globe
December 25, 1863

The Holidays
The Day and Evening Before Christmas

Christmas Carol
Glad tidings wait once more
Angels who hymned of Yore
Messiah's birth;

Sing voices of the sky,
As in those times gone by,
Glory to God on high.
Peace on earth.

O, bright and burning Star,
Be not from us afar
Distant nor dim:

Lend our frail bark alight,
Silent but shining light
As on that hallowed night,
Guide us to him.

We doubt if ever in the history of this Christmas observing city was the approach of the great festal day marked by a greater amount of excitement, of pleasurable bustle, of buying presents, of general preparations for making a merry day of it, than Christmas this year. We hear of nothing but Christmas in trade, in social talk, and in all the busy movements of humanity around us. The ordinary run of striking events and

spicy incidents which go to make up the interest of newspapers seem to be quite suspended in deference to this one ruling topic of the week.

Our streets yesterday afternoon and last evening were more animated than we recollect to have seen for years, if ever before. Food, fancy and other stores were thronged with purchasers, whose purses did not lack funds with which to invest.

The sale of evergreens, wreaths, crosses, trees, &c., &c., must have been immense in this city. Every window almost shows a pretty, cheery decoration. Perhaps it is not generally known that the custom of decking the buildings with green leaves and boughs is derived from ancient heathen practices. Canonicals of the church forbade Christians to deck their houses with bay leaves and green boughs at the same time with the pagans; but this was after the church had permitted such doing in order to accommodate its ceremonies to the old mythology. But in England this custom has an ancient origin, independent of that alluded to; for it is known that the Druids decked their houses with evergreens in December. The mistletoe was formerly introduced with the evergreens into some of the churches of England, the origin of which Dr. Stakely derives from the Druids. Here in Boston, however, the custom is innocent of Paganism or Druidism, and is as beautiful as it is universal.

From the Field provided by Jim Johnson
Thank you, Jim!

EMERGING CIVIL WAR (ECW) ANNOUNCES NEW CHIEF HISTORIAN

On November 11, 2022, the Emerging Civil War announced that they have selected Cecily N. Zander, Ph.D., to serve as the organization's new chief historian. Zander becomes the first woman, and fourth person overall, to serve in the role since the organization's founding in August 2011.

"Cecily is an absolute rock star as an emerging voice in the field," says ECS Editor-in-Chief Chris Mackowski. "She has a deep historical background informed by time in academe and a commitment to public history. She loves the Civil War and loves to help other people fall in love with it, too."

Zander joined Emerging Civil War in 2020, first serving on the editorial board for the Engaging the Civil War Series published by Southern Illinois University Press. She began blogging for ECW shortly thereafter.

ECW's chief historian oversees the quality control of the ECW's historical content. That includes content on the blog as well as content in ECW's various publication projects, including the Emerging Civil War book series and the ECW YouTube channel.

Zander grew up in northern Colorado, where she spent her childhood visiting army forts and historic sites across the American West. She attended the University of Virginia, graduating with the Highest Distinction in 2015. She then made her way north from Charlottesville to Happy Valley, where she spent six years competing a master's degree (2017) and Ph.D. (2021) at the Pennsylvania State University. Since 2021, she has been a postdoctoral fellow at the Center for Presidential History at Southern Methodist University, where she has completed the manuscript for her first book *Republican and Regulars: Anti-Army Politics in the Civil War Era* (under contract with Louisiana State University Press). When she is not writing or thinking about the Civil War, she can be found cheering on her favorite sports teams, watching classic movies, listening to Lyle Lovett, or walking with Moe the Border Collie.

Emerging Civil War is the collaborative effort of more than thirty historians committed to sharing the story of the Civil War in an accessible way.

53rd Annual patriotic Luncheon – Saturday, February 24th at 12:30 p.m.

Dr. James Marten – *“Lincoln’s Promise: Widow’s, Orphan’s and Disabled Veterans”*

- Bid on premium silent auction items
- Choose from a multitude of prizes in our \$1 raffle
- Make new friends among more than 30 patriotic, hereditary, fraternal, historical and service organizations in attendance
- Luncheon buffet price still only \$25 per person

Location: Alioto’s Restaurant
3041 N. Mayfair Rd., Wauwatosa, Wis.

Hosted by C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 and Auxiliary #4
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

RSVP by

Luncheon Buffet Includes:

Tenderloin Tips with Noodles or Roast Turkey with Sage Dressing.

Served with pasta salad, mixed vegetables, buttered new potatoes, tossed garden salad, Italian bread, coffee, sheet cake for dessert.

For meal and/or ad payments, please make checks payable to “C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1” and mail by the respective deadline to:

PDC Kent Peterson,
6024 S. Kirkwood Ave.
Cudahy, WI 53110

72nd Annual Chicago Civil War Round Table

Red River Campaign Battlefield Tour

May 3-7, 2023

COST OF THE TOUR: \$998.00 per person, double occupancy ; \$1,250 per person, single occupancy.

Tour cost includes Hotel room for Wednesday evening through Sunday morning, all breakfasts, lunches & dinners; all motor coach services; outstanding Tour Guides; all admission fees; evening programs; and a comprehensive Tour Kit. A cash-bar will be available through all dinners.

Dinner on Wednesday night is a working supper power point presentation given by Ret. Genl. Parker Hills and is included in tour cost.

TOUR BASE HOTEL

Wyndham Garden – Alexandria, LA
2301 N. MacArthur, Alexandria, LA 71303

Call (318) 619-3300. For detail & directions: www.wyndhamhotels.com/hotels/alexandria-louisiana

**Send this registration form with your payment in full, or a \$200.00 deposit.
Payment in full due on or before March 15, 2023.**

Name(s) PLEASE PRINT: _____

Badge Names: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phones: Home _____ Cell _____ Email _____

Plan to share a room? NO YES Roommates' name: _____

Drive ☐ or Fly ☐ Airline and Flight Number: _____

I need a roommate; please help _____ The CWRT does not ensure the suitability of roommate matches.

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Send this registration form with your check, payable to “The Chicago Civil War Round Table” or simply “CWRT of Chicago.”

**MAIL TO ► Rae Radovich, Tour Registrar; P.O. Box 434, Palos Park, IL 60464
Call 708-218-1861; Email: rae@anuser.com**

528 Wells Street, Suite F
Delafield, WI 53018 262-303-4133

Tuesday, December 13, 2022 6:30 – 8:00 pm



The Fredericksburg and Stones River Campaigns

This presentation will focus on these two important campaigns—one in the East and one in the West—in December of 1862. Both saw vicious fighting and high levels of casualties but were ultimately indecisive.

Seating is limited! Please register at our website: <https://www.civilwarmuseumdelafield.com>

Or to register via email or contact us with questions, write to us at: cwmdel@gmail.com

On Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Civil-War-Museum-of-Delafield-WI-108835694973198/>

Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College

June 9-14 – 15% Round Table Member Discount

The Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College would like to offer the members of your Civil War Round table or organization a 15% discount to attend the 2023 CWI summer conference, June 9-14. You can explore further details about our conference on our website, as well as check out our schedule for this year's event. At CWI, we believe in the mission of CWRTs and we are making this special offer to recognize the efforts of your organization in promoting the study of Civil War history.

<https://www.gettysburg.edu/civil-war-institute>

Civil War Round Table of Gettysburg offering Reynold's Witness Tree Pen Set

In 1987 during a summer storm, a famous witness tree, called the General Reynolds Tree, came crashing down. It stood near the Reynolds Wounding Monument on the First Day Field and was determined to be 140-143 years old when it fell. A slab was purchased by the GCWRT for the purpose of creating pen set/mementos to be sold as a fundraiser for the Round Table and to help with the restoration of the GAR Hall.

Recently, during the ACHS's clean out in preparation for the move to their new facilities, a box of these unfinished wood blocks was found. Further research proved that these wood blocks were from the original slab of wood purchased by the RT 35 years ago. An order form for a pen set may be found at:

https://cwrtgettysburg.org/pdfs/PenSetOrderform_web.pdf

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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.

The Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee, Inc., admits members of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges and activities of the Round Table.

MILWAUKEE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE 2021-2022 SPEAKER SCHEDULE

September 8, 2022	Steve Cowie <i>"When Hell Came to Sharpsburg"</i>
October 14-15, 2022	Kenosha Civil War Museum <i>75th Anniversary of the Milwaukee Civil War Round Table</i>
November 10, 2022	Mary Abroe <i>Civil War Battlefields and Historic Preservation: An American Story</i>
December 8, 2022	Garry Adelman (At the Country Club) <i>Midwest Civil War Photo Extravaganza</i>
January 12, 2023	Rob Girardi <i>The Union Prisoners of War at Camp Douglas</i>
February 9, 2023	Charlie Knight <i>From Arlington to Appomattox</i>
March 9, 2023	Dwight Hughes <i>Unlike Anything That Ever Floated The USS Monitor and the Battle of Hampton Roads</i>
April 13, 2023	Rich Holloway <i>Red River Campaign</i>
May 11, 2023	Sean Michael Chick <i>Dreams of Victory</i>
June 8, 2023	Tom Cartwright TBD

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



Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee, Inc. 2022 – 2023 Board of Directors

Name	Office/Position	Term Expires
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~ CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE NEWS EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS ~

Would you like to receive an email reminder before each meeting? How about an email telling you about a special or upcoming Civil War event in our area? If you are interested in receiving an email reminder/notification please send your email address to Grant Johnson at: grant.johnson@responsory.com

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.

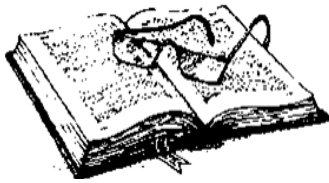
Milwaukee Civil War Round Table Dinner Reservation for December 8, 2022

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

Call or email reservations to:
(262) 376-0568
peilbes@gmail.com

Enclosed is \$_____ (meal is \$30.00 per person) for _____ people for the
December 8, 2022 meeting of the Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee.
(Please make checks payable to the Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee, Inc.)

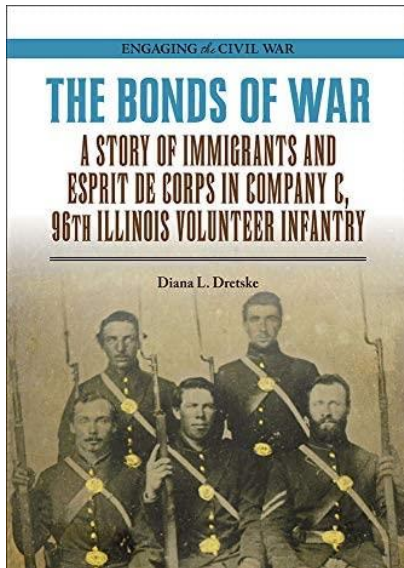
Name of Member _____



BETWEEN THE COVERS

The Bonds of War

Diana L. Dretske



This book review is on a book I purchased at the Kenosha Civil War Museum's September 2021 Symposium. Ms. Dretske was one of the speakers at the symposium. It is a story she researched on five immigrant soldiers who enlisted in the 96th Illinois Infantry during the Civil War. She was inspired by seeing a picture of the five men and decided to find out who they were and what they did. This search led to the writing of the book and telling not only their individual stories but the story of the 96th Illinois.

When curator Diana L. Dretske discovered that the five long-gone Union soldiers in a treasured photograph in the Bess Bower Dunn Museum were not fully identified, it compelled her into a project of recovery and reinterpretation. In her writing of this book it wasn't the intent to recreate a regimental history but to tell the story of the five men in that unidentified picture. The men were Edward Murray, Loughlin Madden Jr., James B. Murrie, William Brighton Lewin, and John Youngson Taylor.

Utilizing an impressive array of local and national archives, as well as private papers, the author's historical approach records events that often go unnoticed, such as a farmer enlisting in the middle of a crop field, a sister searching her brother's face

for signs of war, and an immigrant dying in an effort to become a good American citizen.

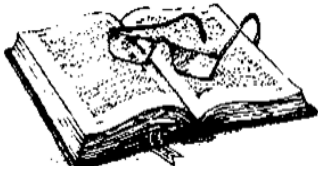
This book, the most intensive examination of the 96th Illinois Volunteer Infantry since the regiment's history was published in 1887, centers on immigrants from the British Isles who wished to be citizens of a country at war with itself. Far removed from their native homelands, they found new promise in rural Illinois. These men, neighbors along the quiet Stateline Road in Lake County, decide to join the fighting at its most dangerous hour. The bonds of war become then the bonds of their new national identity.

The author shows how in the autumn these five men took a commemorative portrait at Camp Fuller to mark their personal bonds and service as American soldiers. Their patriotism and enthusiasm and pride in their new Union issued blue uniforms was evident in their eyes and straight posture. For these foreign-born men it was much more than America's war. Ms. Dretske points out "it was a war to uphold their dreams of an America that stood for opportunity, freedom, equality and self-rule." It was a critical time for the nation and for these immigrants, who had grown to manhood believing in the dream of America. They had come from countries ruled by aristocracy and privilege and understood what could be lost.

Ms. Dretske points out "when Abraham Lincoln referred to America as the last best hope on earth for popular government to succeed, these men had as much to lose or gain in the war as their native-born comrades, and in some ways they better understood what was at stake."

I highly recommend this book to any student of the Civil War. I think it shows a number of things – one being when you start doing research on a subject you never know what you'll discover. The other thing is that in this research Ms. Dretske discovered what many are pointing out in today's writing – the issues that guided all these foreign-born men to enlist for the Union. In coming from countries that were trying to develop self-rule from age old monarchies, they realized that as did Lincoln, freedom was at stake. This freedom was the thing that inspired thousands like these men to enlist and fight for the Union.

submitted by Bruce Klem

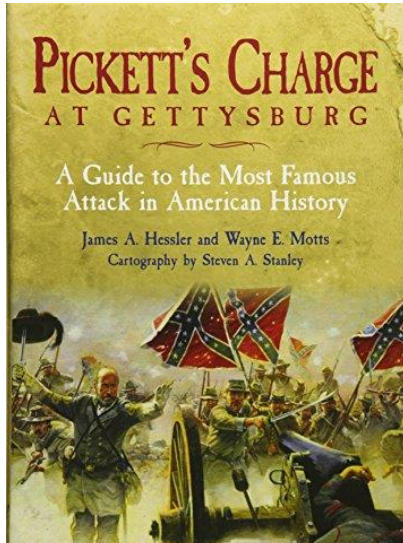


BETWEEN THE COVERS

Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg

A Guide to the Most Famous Attack in American History

James A. Hessler and Wayne E. Motts



This review is on a book by Mr. James A. Hessler who is a Licensed Battlefield guide at Gettysburg and Mr. Wayne E. Motts who was CEO at the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg and is currently the President and CEO of the Gettysburg Foundation. It included numerous maps and charts by Mr. Steven A. Stanley known as one of the Civil War's preeminent cartographers. This book is 275 pages in length and is one I purchased at the Kenosha Civil War Museum's symposium in September 2020.

This book is a combo-type book. It tells the details of the famous charge and is interwoven with a guide that explains the locations of the monuments to the units and major participants in the charge both for the Confederate side and the Union side. Grounded in the premise that no better resource exists for understanding this unique event than the battlefield itself, Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg encourages its readers to explore this storied event from a wide variety of perspectives. For the first time, readers can march toward the Copse of Trees with Armistead's

Virginians, advance on the Confederate left with Pettigrew's North Carolinians, or defend the Angle with Alonzo Cushing's gunners and thousands of Union soldiers. There is much here to enrich the experience, including dozens of full-color original maps, scores of battlefield and other historic photographs, a unique mix of rare human interest stories, a discussion of leadership controversies, and a rare collection of artifacts directly related to the charge.

It is a thorough history of one of the most famous charges in American History. It definitely raises the bar on future publications. While many well written resources and accounts use the written work, this book has great illustrations along with topographical maps which are superb. It is written in a style that will allow any reader to visit the field with book in hand and tour the field in a logical and concise manner. Whether a beginner or an expert, you can take your tour at your pace and utilize the book as a personal guide while studying this portion of the field. I fully intend to use this book on my next trip to Gettysburg. I have walked the assault path of Kemper's Brigade on one of my trips to attend the Civil War Institute's summer conference and believe this book will be a terrific follow up to that walk. Personal vignettes of both regimental and individual experiences bring the battle to life 152 years later.

Having read a number of books on the battle and specifically Pickett's Charge this book is a new approach and I feel especially useful as a guide for following the charge and leading you to explore areas you may have not visited on previous trips to Gettysburg. One thing among others that I found very interesting is the detail on individual leaders who served in this charge. Another piece of interesting history is a comment from the Official Records from Union II Corps "that they buried 1629 bodies (387 Union, 1,242 Confederates, which included 1 female (private) in a rebel uniform." This raises plenty of questions as to who she was and how long had she been in the Reb army among other questions.

Part of the book is also focused on the Union side and provides a tour route of the Cemetery Ridge defensive positions along with pictures and an explanation of how and why the monuments were placed; some of which were involved in some argument and controversy. The authors provide information on not only the Union Generals but the individual enlisted men who were on the front lines and whose actions repulsing the charge were very noteworthy.

I liked this book and if you are a student of Pickett's Charge it would be a good book to have on your shelf. I plan on using it for guiding my own tour of the Charge and would recommend if you're planning on a Gettysburg trip it might not be a bad book to carry and use on your own tour of the key spots on the route of the Charge and the Union defense.

submitted by Bruce Klem

Bruce Klem's Kentucky Wanderings: Part Two



The Kenosha Civil War Museum trip in 2022 was focused on the state of Kentucky. What battles occurred in Kentucky that would warrant an exploration of Civil War activities in the Civil War you may ask?

On Tuesday, September 27 we loaded up on the bus and headed out to the Perryville Battlefield. This site is a state-run facility not part of the Park Service, but it is well maintained, and over the years has been expanded to include most of the battlefield. There was plenty of walking on this tour day.

We started off at the visitor center with a short movie that described the battle. The movie was about 45 minutes long. We spent some time in the visitor center checking out the museum there and of course picking up a few souvenirs in the gift shop. Then we started our hike around the battlefield. The first stop was near the entrance to the site to discuss the initial phases of the battle as both sides moved to contact. As a result of the hot weather both sides were looking for a water source and the Union managed to get control along Bull Run Creek.

The Confederates, not realizing the strength of the union forces, attacked with fury in a phased echelon attack from north to south. The Dixville Crossroads was the main objective. Jump off time was set for 2PM. The nature of the terrain was one factor that made determination of unit positions and strength very difficult to determine for either side. We learned how the terrain would impact the fight as we moved from position to position across this battlefield. The many valleys helped conceal units facing each other until it seemed that the attacking Confederates would rise out of the ground almost in front of the Union positions.



While terrain could shield attackers for the approach once they were exposed on top of the hills they became instant targets for artillery and rifle fire from Union units and many of the attackers were hit and unit strength rapidly reduced. This caused more than a few units to halt, go to ground or retreat back into the valley from which they rose.

As I mentioned this is a large battlefield now mostly intact. I believe it is over 1500 acres and the tour group walked plenty and up and down many hills and valleys. Due to narrow roads bus travel was limited but I felt by walking the flow of the battle gave you a real exposure to the nature of the fight. The battle finally ended at darkness with the Confederates in spite of being actually outnumbered came within a hair of reaching the objective of the Dixville Crossroads which would have cut off McCook's Corps.

Our lunch was in the field, a box lunch which was ample. We ate in a picnic area near the visitor's center. Thus fortified for the rest of the mission we visited the final areas of the fight near the Dixville Crossroads, concluding our visit around 5PM. We then boarded the bus and headed to our dinner site in Danville, Ky., Mi Pueblo II Mexican restaurant. This was some fine food and drink the perfect finish I thought to a long but interesting day.

The last day of our trip was a visit to Camp Nelson. This site was a number of things to the Union. Until 2018 the site was operated by the state. It was turned over to the National Park Service and is now under their control and established as a National Monument. Camp Nelson started out as a supply depot for the Union Army in April 1863 by Major General Ambrose Burnside as an extension from Louisville. It was fortified and developed into a complete supply center with repair depots, ammunition dumps, a hospital, provost marshal prison and a bakery. The camp had over 300 buildings and a 500,000 reservoir. It became a complete logistical base. Later it was a recruiting and training center for USCT and a number of regiments were processed through the camp. We were met by the site Ranger Steve Phan who guided us through the site. There is a movie we viewed about the camp it was about 30 minutes and then toured the museum and some of the earthworks and other parts of the grounds. There is a lot of work going on at Camp Nelson and is definitely worth a visit if you are in the area. Expect new exhibits to be added in the upcoming years.

After leaving Camp Nelson we headed to Ramsey's for a terrific lunch in Lexington and then moved on to our final site the Mary Todd Lincoln House. Very interesting how the Todd family played an interwoven role in the Civil War on both sides. The house is well maintained and is a good stop on any tour. After that we returned to the hotel concluding an interesting tour and headed out. We were returning via Cincinnati to visit friends that evening and then head home the next day from Cincy.

submitted by **Bruce Klem**

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