

# GENERAL ORDERS

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



April 11, 2024

A. Wilson Greene

## **Opening the Cracker Line: Brown's Ferry and the Battle of Wauhatchie**

In the wake of the Confederate victory at Chickamauga in September 1863, Braxton Bragg's Army of Tennessee began a quasi-siege of Chattanooga. The Union Army of the Cumberland, under William S. Rosecrans, hunkered down in the small city as its tortuous 60-mile supply line provided increasingly inadequate rations and fodder throughout October. By the middle of the month, the Federals faced the very real choice between starvation and retreat. The War Department in Washington elevated Ulysses S. Grant to command of all Union forces in the Western Theater and the new commander promptly relieved Rosecrans. However, the deposed general, along with his chief engineer, William Farrar Smith, had already developed a plan to relieve the siege. Grant adopted this daring scheme that succeeded brilliantly, but only after a rare nighttime battle ensured that supplies would again flow into Chattanooga. The story of this ingenious plan and the subsequent Battle of Wauhatchie is the subject of A. Wilson Greene's talk in April.

A. Wilson Greene recently retired from a 44-year career in public history. A graduate of Florida State University with a master's degree from LSU, Greene served sixteen years with the National Park Service. He was a founding member and the first executive director of the Association for



the Preservation of Civil War Sites, the forerunner of today's American Battlefield Trust. For twenty-two years he served as the first executive director of Pamplin Historical Park and the National Museum of the Civil War Soldier near Petersburg, Virginia. Greene is the author of seven books on Southern history and the Civil War and is at work on Volume Two of *A Campaign of Giants: The Battle for Petersburg*. He resides with his wife, Maggie, in Walden, Tennessee.

This 2018 photo shows a very animated Will Greene on tour at Brown's Ferry.

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### **April Meeting at a Glance The Wisconsin Club 9<sup>th</sup> and Wisconsin Avenue**

[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, April 8, 2024

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.

### **2023-2024 Speaker Schedule**

Find the speaker schedule on page 8.

# 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!

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## The Great Lakes Civil War Forum: Mr. Lincoln's Navy

Saturday, September 14 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
\$60 (\$85 non-members)

“Torpedoes: An Ironclad's Greatest Fear”  
presented by John Quarstein

“Mr. Lincoln's Brown-Water Navy”  
presented by Dr. Gary Joiner

“Hero of the Red River: The Life and Times  
of Joseph Bailey”  
presented by Michael Goc

“The Navy and Left-Armed Corps: Outstanding  
Service in War and Peace”  
presented by Stephen A. Goldman

Please see the Civil War Museum's website for full descriptions of these presentations and more details on the Great Lakes Civil War Forum.

## The Muster Roll: NEW MEMBERS

NUMBER	NAME	RESIDENCE	PLACE OF BIRTH	FORMER MILITARY SERVICE	REMARKS
	<b>Dennis Cimpl</b>	Green	Indiana		No files destruction of...
	George Schick	Green	Indiana		...
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Previous April meetings of the Milwaukee Civil War Round Table featured these speakers and topics.

- 2006 Horace Mewborn: "Mosby and His Rangers"
- 2007 Robert E. L. Krick: "Brother Against Brother"
- 2009 Dr. Stephen R. Wise: "Gates of Hell: The 1863 Campaign for Battery Wagner and Charleston"
- 2010 David O. Stewart: "The Impeachment of Andrew Johnson"
- 2012 Marshall D. Krolick: "Rising for the Union: Memoirs of the 8<sup>th</sup> Illinois Cavalry"
- 2013 John Fitzpatrick, Jr.: "There is No Fail Here: Abraham Lincoln at Gettysburg"
- 2014 Scott Bowden: "Last Chance for Victory: Robert E. Lee and the Gettysburg Campaign"
- 2015 Prof. Michael Burlingame: "The Assassination Of President Abraham Lincoln"
- 2017 Diane Monroe Smith.: "Command Conflict in the Overland Campaign"
- 2018 John Marszalek.: "The History of the Memoirs of Ulysses S. Grant"
- 2020 Meeting Cancelled: Covid 19
- 2021 Ronald D. Kirkwood: "Too Much for Human Endurance"
- 2022 Jeff William Hunt: "Meade and Lee at Rappahannock Station"
- 2023 Richard Holloway: "Arrested, Promoted, and Transferred: Richard Taylor's Inglorious End to the Red River Campaign"

**Cedarburg History Museum**  
 N58W6194 Columbia Road  
 Cedarburg, WI 53012

The Cedarburg History Museum will be having an exhibit on the Civil War and a series of lectures on the war, including one by James Heinz of our Milwaukee Civil War Round Table. Jim will speak in June on the topic "None but the Brave: The Medal of Honor."

These talks are free. They highlight the important role the Badger State played in the war. Find for more information at

[www.cedarburghm.org](http://www.cedarburghm.org)

## Kenosha Civil War Museum Second Friday Lecture Series

Sponsored by the Milwaukee Civil War Round Table and the Iron Brigade Association. Free and open to the public.

**Friday, April 12**

**Noon**

**D. L. Moody and the Civil War**

**Speaker: Steve Worsham**

Dwight L. Moody moved from Boston to Chicago as a teenager shortly before the start of the Civil War. Moody achieved financial success in the shoe business, but serving in a Christian mission became his greater focus as he matured. To that end, Moody worked to meet the social and spiritual needs of orphaned children living on the streets of Chicago.

When the Civil War started, Moody became heavily involved in the fledgling YMCA in Chicago. He eventually quit his job in order to minister to the children of Chicago and to support Union troops through the YMCA and the United States Christian Commission. According to family records, Moody traveled to nine battlefield sites to help in whatever way he could be of service.

In his talk, Mr. Worsham will discuss the work of D. L. Moody with the YMCA and USCC war efforts, particularly in Chicago and in Western Theater battlefields of the war.

**Saturday, April 13**

**1:00-3:00 pm**

**The *Lady Elgin* Disaster and Its Role in Civil War Politics**

**Speaker: Brendon Baillod**

The *Lady Elgin* is infamous as one of the worst disasters in the history of the Great Lakes. The sidewheel steamship was lost in a collision off Winnetka, Illinois, taking over 300 lives and decimating Milwaukee's Irish community. Join maritime historian Brendon Baillod as he explores the history of the vessel and the disaster as well as the personal stories of heroism and tragedy. Brendon will also explore the role the disaster played in Wisconsin's Civil War politics before discussing the discovery of the wreck site in 1989 and the archeology of the remains.

Brendon Baillod is an award-winning maritime historian based in Madison, Wisconsin. He is the current president of the Wisconsin Underwater Archeology Association and the author of *Fathoms Deep but Not Forgotten: Wisconsin's Lost Ships*, a compendium of over 400 Wisconsin shipwrecks. Brendon is an avid collector of antiquarian Great Lakes books, maps, ephemera and photos with one of the largest private collections in existence. He continues to look for lost ships on the Great Lakes and conducts regular fieldwork using side scan sonar. He has appeared on the History Channel, Discovery Channel, National Geographic Channel and Travel Channel discussing Great Lakes maritime history and shipwrecks.



### Madison Wisconsin State Journal

May 03 1861

The weather to-day has been trying for the soldiers just arrived in camp here. Brighter days however are at hand. We understand the dining (hall this morn proved a trifle leaky.

Dr. Dixon, assistant Surgeon of the First Regiment, was in town yesterday and this morning. He reports that the Madison volunteers are all in good spirits, not one of them expressing any regret at having volunteered.

For Camp Randall. By reference to a notice in our columns, it will be seen that Mr. Brien has established a line of omnibuses to run between the City and Camp Randall, and fixed a very low tariff of rates.

Mr. B is an energetic man, who knows how to do his business in the right way, and we trust he will find a liberal supporting the new enterprise which must prove a great convenience to our people.

Militia  
State of Wisconsin

Adjutant General's Office,  
Madison, May 2, 1861

To Captains of Companies, Wisconsin Active Militia

All Companies ordered into camp are expected to appear at camp with full ranks, and no Company will hereafter be received in camp or quartered at the State's expense unless it has the full complement of officers and men.

By order of the Commander in Chief  
WM. L. Utley, Adjutant General

### Served Him Just Right!

Everybody hereabouts has heard of Leroy Gates, the Dell Pilot, who revels in the reputation of being a little the "biggest darn fool in all creation." The Leroy has lately been a "secessioner" in the sunny south, and recently sent home a lovely pictur' of himself in the Palmetto uniform. But Leroy did not serve long in the holy war of pulling down the fabric that Franklin, Washington and Jefferson spent their lives in building up.

Cause why? They got the idea that he was a spy, and so mercifully stripped off his uniform, shaved one side of his head smooth, and one side of his killing mustache, then tarred and feathered him, and shipped him Northward, in which imposing condition he "arrive" home at the Dell Bridge last Friday evening. The fun of the thing is that Leroy wasn't a spy at all, but in sober earnest. It is now proposed to shave the other half and send him back.

### Camp Randall

Arrival of the Beloit Volunteer Rifles, and the Belle City Rifles.

A small army of carpenters and laborers were at work on the Fair grounds yesterday, fixing up additional barracks, removing grubs and rubbish, smoothing off the ground, perfecting the drainage, and otherwise getting thing in good condition for the comfort and convenience of the Second Regiment.

### Another Fort Occupied

We have already had telegraphic advices of the reinforcement of Fort McHenry. The Baltimore papers state that on Friday night United States troops and Munitions of war were landed not only at fort McHenry, but at Fort Carroll on Seller's flats, six miles down the Patapsco River. No wonder Baltimore has experienced a reviewed love of the Union.



It is said that Col. Colt, who has during the past four months been turning out a thousand revolvers a week, mainly for the South, refuses to supply the Federal Government, except at much higher prices than he has heretofore charged.

That colt needs breaking.



### Death of a Madison Soldier

From a list of soldiers that have recently died in the Hospitals about Washington, published in the New York Tribune, we find the name of G.W. Hawes, of this city.

He was a member of the company of sharpshooters, and son of Mr. Hawks who is with Br. Fuller in his boot and shoe store. The blow will be severe one to his father, who has watched the movements of his boy with an interest that can be known only to those who have sons in the army.

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

## Wanderings



Most of us are not doing much traveling to Civil War sites at this time of the year. In the meantime, I wondered about Civil War soldiers' thoughts about the hard traveling, **the wandering**, that they did in the course of the war. The ragged old traveler from the Wanderings logo certainly has nothing on the foot soldiers of the Civil War.

In his book entitled **The Civil War Infantryman: In Camp, on the March, and in Battle**, author Gregory A. Coco helps us to explore that question. Through the use of diaries and letters, Coco gives his readers a glimpse into personal reflections of the hardships endured by a Civil War infantryman on the march. All quotes come from that book.

Lieutenant Charles Dennon of the 41<sup>st</sup> Virginia wrote a letter giving advice to a brother was going to enlist. He said, "... all he needs is one pair pants, one coat, tow shirts, tow pair drawers, and tow pair socks ..., haversack, canteen, tin cup, one blanket (small), oil cloth or piece of Yankee tent... You may put your shirt and drawers in your blanket and roll them up in a round roll, tying the ends together and place it on your shoulder as you would a game bag or horn with strings around it to keep it from unrolling..."

W.A. Keesey described a march in the Shenandoah Valley on July 8, 1862. "The heat was so intense that the dust burned us. Many of the men were falling out by the way-side, overcome by the heat. The officers put leaves, dipped in water when it could be had, into their hats as a precaution against sun-stroke. The very atmosphere was aglare with the blazing sun and it was sad to see so many men collapsing under the blasting heat; many strong men with the look of despair upon their faces, with "death by sun-stroke" soon to be written after their names upon the roll... The scene on this terrible, hot march was as appalling as battle itself."

Abner Small of the 16<sup>th</sup> Maine reported, "The knapsack... is an unwieldy burden with its rough, coarse contents of flannel and sole leather and sometimes twenty round of ammunition extras mixed in with these regulation essentials, like beatitude, are photographs, cards, huswife (housewife), Testament, pens, ink, paper, and oftentimes stolen truck, enough to load a mule. All this is crowned with a double wool blanket and a half shelter tent rolled in a rubber blanket."

"If a man wants to know what it is to have every bone in his body ach with fatigue, every muscle sore and exhausted, and his whole body ready to sink to the ground, let him... shoulder his knapsack, haversack, gun and equipments, and make one of our forced marches, and I will warrant him to be satisfied that the duties of war are stern and severe... (especially) when every spark of energy seems to be extinguished and the last remnant of strength gone, tired, hungry, sick, and sore,... one boot in one hand, and the other stuck on his gun, while his stockings were nearly worn off his feet by the dirt and hard travelling. His feet were swelled and he had several large blisters on them." - Private Wilber Fisk, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vermont Infantry

Sergeant Marion Fitzpatrick described the damage that marching could do to a soldier's body, "it wore the ends of my toenails down to the quick, blistered my feet, and made them sore generally."

submitted by Dave Wege

See, where the morning's beam  
Purples the Cedar stream,  
Long lines of bayonets gleam,  
    Fiercely and bright arrayed.  
Tramp, tramp, with step so true,  
As if on grand review.  
It is the march, I trow,  
    Of the Iron Brigade.

Bristoe and Catlett's glen  
All are alive with men,  
Cheery and blithe as when  
    Forming on dress parade;  
Onward, thro' wood and field,  
Hearts all with courage steel'd  
Ne'er to the foe shall yield  
    The old Iron Brigade.

Tramp, tramp, with weary feet,  
Thro' rivers wide and deep,  
O'er pathways rough and steep,  
    Breastwork and barricade;  
Covering ten leagues and more,  
To Rappahannock's shore,  
Men never marched before  
    Like the Iron Brigade.

## The March of the Iron Brigade

by John Bryson

Grand was the martial sight,  
In the glad morning's light,  
When from old Falmouth's height.  
    Footmen and Cavalcade,  
'Mid bridges burning high,  
Burnishing all the sky,  
March'd with light step and spry,  
    The old Iron Brigade.

Cheer upon cheer arise,  
Up thro' the vaulted skies,  
While the proud rebel flies,  
    Baffled and sore dismay'd.  
Long will the poets tell,  
While the glad numbers swell,  
All the deeds that befell  
    The old Iron Brigade.



*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 members, please consider submitting it to the General Orders. Thank you!

## Michigan's Company K

Imagine the surprise of Confederate soldiers when they found Bibles left on the field after the Battle of the Wilderness and discovered they were written in the Ojibwe language.

That's how author and Central Michigan University Professor Michelle K. Cassidy begins her new book, "Michigan's Company K: Anishinaabe Soldiers, Citizenship, and the Civil War," which details the history of the First Michigan Sharpshooters' Indigenous company, or Company K.

The company was made up of approximately 135 Anishinaabe soldiers, recruited from Michigan's major Native American tribes of the Odawa, Ojibwe and Boodewadami. Many were recruited for the war effort by Methodists and Catholic missionaries.

The book tells the story of Native Americans who enlisted in regiments during the war. Her research has shown that the soldiers were all volunteers, as they were exempt from any kind of draft under provisions of treaties with the United States. It's interesting that patriotism wasn't their reason for enlisting. According to Cassidy, these men joined the war effort to protect their tribe's survival.

When we explore that line of thinking it takes us to events that happened west of the Mississippi, particularly in 1863. In that year there was the notorious Sioux Uprising, as bands of Minnesota warriors resisted what they saw as unfair practices by several Indian agents. Chief Little Crow and his warriors raided Mankato and New Ulm. The leaders of this uprising were ultimately hanged, with 38 of them put to death on the same day. It was the largest single mass execution in the history of our country.

These Native Americans warriors brought a skill set which made them perfect as skirmishers and sharpshooters. They fought in a non-traditional style, using cover and camouflage to their benefit. This style of guerilla warfare did not suit them well to fighting in a line of battle, but it was perfect for disrupting and scouting the enemy's position.

Early in the war, the idea of using Native Americans in the war effort was often rejected. The ancestors of many of the current warriors had fought against the United States in the War of 1812. But as casualties mounted, eyes again turned toward enlisting indigenous people. Col. Charles V. DeLand, a veteran of the 9th Michigan Infantry, and a troop of eager recruiters were particularly interested in finding stealthy men with acute marksmanship to join a regiment of sharpshooters — particularly, in Company K of the 1st Michigan Sharpshooters. But these recruits needed an added incentive, like the promise of payment, meals, and the possibility of negotiating the protection of their traditional homelands from outsider incursion. In a time when Native Americans feared losing their homes, military service spurred a glimmer of hope.



As was the case with soldiers of the United States Colored Troops, Native American troops were not immediately trusted by their fellow men in blue. There were many prejudices and stereotypes that contributed to this. It was felt that they were barbaric, bloodthirsty, and were uncontrollable in battle. But, as the need for front-line troops increased, so did the combat role of the indigenous soldiers.

In 1864 Company K saw action at the Battle of the Wilderness and, a few days later, at Spotsylvania. Their bravery was noted by both Union and Confederate troops, and their coolness under fire was duly noted. One North Carolinian stated, *"As we drove them back one Indian took refuge behind a tree. We saw him and supposed he would surrender. As we moved on he shot our color bearer."*

One reason we continue our study of the Civil War is highlighted in this story of Company K. There is simply so much new and fascinating information to find. Perhaps you will want to investigate the mostly unknown story of Native American soldiers in the Civil War. A good starting point would be [Michigan's Company K: Anishinaabe Soldiers, Citizenship, and the Civil War](#).

submitted by Dave Wege

## New Dawes Marker in Marietta

The Mid-Ohio Valley CWRT is sponsoring the placement of a new 2-sided historical marker to honor Rufus and Mary Dawes in Marietta, Ohio. The date selected for the program is Saturday, August 3rd.

The Dawes family has also scheduled a reunion in Marietta that same weekend and will be part of the program. Their organization is the Descendants of William Dawes Who Rode Association (DWDWRA.org) whose president is Barb Moberg, Marietta, OH, a great-great-granddaughter. Barb and husband Jack attended the September 2018 Milwaukee CWRT meeting, as some may recall.

The purpose of this message is two-fold:

1. To invite you to attend the installation program in Marietta on August 3rd. There is no more worthy member of the 6th Wisconsin and Iron Brigade than Rufus Dawes. It would be wonderful if representatives from the Milwaukee CWRT - Iron Brigade Association, and the Iron Brigade-focused Kenosha Civil War Museum could attend and participate.
2. 6th Wisconsin or Iron Brigade reenactors attending in period uniforms would be a terrific part of the ceremony. If you know of such possible organizations and/or individuals, please provide us with contact information. That would be very much appreciated.

Rufus and Mary Dawes worked together on his acclaimed memoir, *Service with the Sixth Wisconsin Volunteers*, from their home at 508 Fourth Street where the marker will be placed.



Ward Memorial Theater, designed by architect Henry C. Koch, is one of three buildings being renovated at the National Soldiers' Home in Milwaukee. The hall will host lectures, conventions, and large gatherings. This work is projected to be finished in 2026.



The Governor's Residence, designed by architect Edward Townshend Mix, is another of the three buildings in the new round of renovations at the National Soldiers' Home in Milwaukee.

Carthage College, The Lincoln Forum, The Civil War Museum, and The Lincoln Presidential Foundation are proud to present the third annual

## Lincoln Symposium

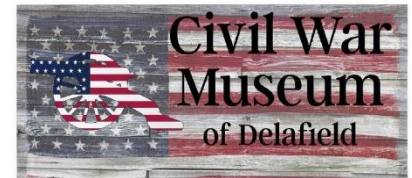
Thursday, April 25 through Friday, April 26

**This event is free for the public to attend!**

Questions? Please reach out to Dana Kroll, Executive Assistant to the President, at [Dkroll@carthage.edu](mailto:Dkroll@carthage.edu) or 262-551-5706.

<https://www.carthage.edu/news-events/special-events/lincoln-symposium/>

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May 6- War is Hell: The Atlanta Campaign, Part One

Please register at our website: <https://www.civilwarmuseumdelafield.com>

Also open by appointment. Call 262-303-4133.

The museum is open Thursdays & Saturdays from 11:00-3:00 or by appointment. Do not hesitate to call!

Or to register via email or contact us with questions, write to us at: [cwmdel@gmail.com](mailto:cwmdel@gmail.com)

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

## Kenosha Civil War Museum In-Person Events.

Please see the museum's website for more details.

### Civil War Museum Media Club Read *The Lincoln Miracle*

by Edward Achorn

Monday, April 15 | 6:30pm | Presenter: Doug Dammann

\$8 (\$10 non-member)

### Behind the Scenes Tour of *Faith in the Fight*

Monday, May 6 | 6:30pm – 8:30pm | Presenters: Doug Dammann and Robert Miller

\$16 (\$20 non-members)

### The Soldier Boy from Lena

Friday, May 10 | 12:00-1:00 | Presenter: William Grigg

Part of the Second Friday Lecture Series. Free and open to the public.

### Post Civil War Veteran Mental Health

Friday, June 12 | 12:00-1:00 | Presenter: Dr. Gregory Burek

Part of the Second Friday Lecture Series. Free and open to the public.

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**MILWAUKEE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE  
2023-2024 SPEAKER SCHEDULE**

September 7, 2023                      Adolfo Ovies  
  *"Cavalry of the Army of the Potomac"*

October 12, 2023                      Carleton Young  
  *"Voices from the Attic"*

November 9, 2023                      Ernest Dollar  
  *"Hearts Torn Asunder: Trauma in the Civil War"*

December 7, 2023                      Scott Mingus  
  (At the Country Club)  
  *"Unceasing Fury: Texans at the Battle of Chickamauga"*

January 11, 2024                      Pat and Dylan Brennan  
  *Gettysburg in Color*

February 8, 2024                      Carolyn Ivanoff  
  *We Fought at Gettysburg*

March 7, 2024                              Chris Bryan  
  *Cedar Mountain to Antietam – The XII Corps*

April 11, 2024                              A. Wilson Greene  
  *The Cracker Line in the Battle of Chattanooga*

May 9, 2024                              Lynn and Julianne Herman  
  *Tragedy in Lawrenceville - The Allegheny Arsenal Explosion*

June 13, 2024                              Tim Smith  
  *Nevins-Freeman Award Winner*  
  *Vicksburg*

**Speakers/topics remain subject to change.  
We appreciate your understanding!**



**Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee, Inc.  
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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](mailto: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.

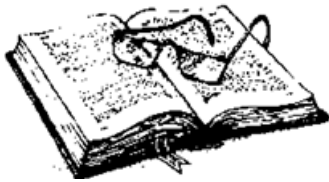
**Milwaukee Civil War Round Table Dinner Reservation for April 11, 2024**

Mail your reservations by Monday, April 8 to:  
Paul Eilbes  
1809 Washington Avenue  
Cedarburg, WI 53012-9730

Call or email reservations to:  
(262) 376-0568  
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Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ (meal is \$30.00 per person) for \_\_\_\_\_ people for the  
April 11, 2024 meeting of the Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee.  
(Please make checks payable to the Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee, Inc.)

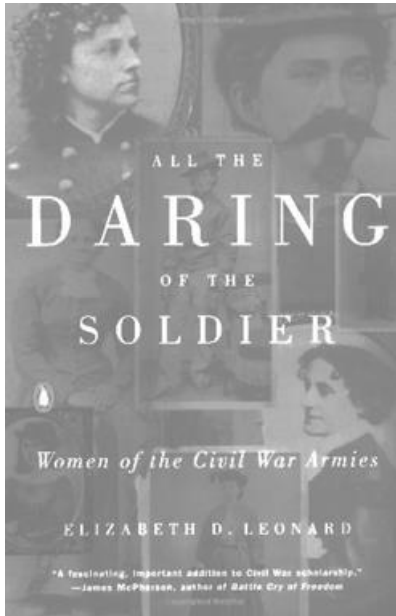
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## **BETWEEN THE COVERS**

### **All the Daring of the Soldier**

**Elizabeth D. Leonard**



I bought this book in 1999 (when it was published) at the Library of Congress when we went to Washington DC with our son who was 7 at the time. It only took me almost 25 years to get around to reading it! Elizabeth D. Leonard was a professor of history and director of women's studies at Colby College in Maine. I suspect she may be retired by now. On the back of the dust jacket, there is a testimonial by James McPherson who would have been a contemporary author at this time. This is a Civil War book about women written by a woman.

The book is broken down into seven chapters and includes both Union and Confederate women. Topics range from women spies, espionage and resistance, soldiering both under the guise of being a man as well as being a woman, daughters of the regiment and field nurses, and fictional as well as real women. It is not about women who stayed behind at home and tended to their families, or their crops (in the case of farmers), this is about how they "soldiered". Some of these women we recognize, such as Belle Boyd and Pauline Cushman. Many midwestern women are represented in various chapters, including some from our own Iron Brigade. The author discusses their struggles, both during the war, but then also after the war, including attempts to collect a pension, sometimes 30 years after the war.

All the Daring of the Soldier is an easy comfortable read. The story itself is 272 pages followed by an afterward and then a very comprehensive 64 pages of in-depth notes. Her notes are not simply references to source material, but in many instances carry a wealth of additional information worth reading. The notes are followed by an additional selective bibliography and finally an index. A very thorough study indeed. Her sources do include reference to other literature, but more often than not, include Official Records as well as contemporary newspaper reports and diaries. There is a what I think is an appropriate balance between sharing information and knowing when to note there are differing accounts and interpretations and when there may not be quite enough information to support a specific position.

I certainly wish I would have read this book many years ago. I found it to be very interesting and think any reader would take away something new from reading it. If you are interested in learning more about women soldiering in the Civil War, this is a great book to read.

**submitted by Robin Martin**

## **National Soldiers' Home Renovations**

A long-shuttered theater and two other buildings at Milwaukee's historic Soldiers Home grounds are to be preserved and reused under a new \$25 million project. The Ward Memorial Theater, Soldiers Home Chapel, and Governor's Residence will be restored to provide more than 35,000 square feet of community space and support services for veterans – including those living on the Soldiers Home grounds.

That work will be done through a lease between the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, which owns the buildings, and Madison-based development firm Alexander Co. That's similar to what Alexander Co. did in converting the historic Soldiers Home, known as Old Main, and four smaller nearby buildings into 101 apartments for veterans and their families. Those opened in 2021.

Work is to begin in the second quarter of 2025, with all buildings completed in the third quarter of 2026. Old Main opened in 1869 shortly after the end of the Civil War. Other Soldiers Home buildings were constructed in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Old Main initially closed in 1989. The Soldiers Home grounds were declared a national historic landmark by the National Park Service in 2011. The buildings had fallen into disrepair and were listed as endangered by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. See pictures of two of these buildings on page 7 of this issue of General Orders.

# The Civil War “Campaign Season” is Ahead!



We are kind of in the doldrums of Civil War trips for most folks. Sunnier days are coming, however. Two Fall 2024 trips are advertised on this page. Information about how to get more details is provided in the overview. See if one or the other could fit your travel plans.

In this issue the From the Fields article highlights another short trip one could make in Wisconsin. It involves a trip up to the Manitowoc area to see another site associated with the Civil War and the people of our state.



The Civil War Museum of Kenosha, WI is sponsoring a tour of sites and battlefields associated with the 1863 campaign to take Vicksburg, MS. During this tour, the group will visit locations such as Grand Gulf, Port Gibson, Raymond, Champion Hill, the siege lines of Vicksburg, the USS *Cairo* gunboat and museum, and the Warren County Courthouse.

The tour will be led by Rick Martin, a thirty-eight-year veteran of the National Park Service. Seventeen of those years were spent as Chief of Operations and Chief Ranger.

The cost of the tour includes hotel stay in Vicksburg for Sunday through Tuesday, all breakfasts, lunches, and dinners; motor coach, tour guide fees, park and museum admissions, and evening programs.

For more details please go to the museum’s website at <https://bit.ly/CWMBusTrip>



Join CWTT for four days in Fredericksburg as we dive into the rising and falling fortunes of Robert E. Lee’s Army of Northern Virginia. Experience the battle of Fredericksburg. Visit the scene of “Lee’s Masterpiece” at Chancellorsville. Finally, feel the horror of the Wilderness fighting and the Bloody Angle at Spotsylvania, where Lee met his match as he faced the bulldog tenacity of Ulysses S. Grant.

With stops in Ohio on the way out and back, Time Travelers will make new friends and reacquaint with old ones. We will absorb history and enjoy gastronomical good eating.

Our formula for sharing the story of the Civil War involves using the talents of members of our own Round Table as speakers. We also enjoy the skills of NPS Rangers and well-known historians/authors to build a historical framework for the sites we visit and the events we explore. **Contact [wegs1862@gmail.com](mailto:wegs1862@gmail.com)**

**MILWAUKEE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE  
QUARTERMASTER'S REGALIA**

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

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>COST</b>
Hooded Sweatshirt in Northern Blue.....	\$35.00
Baseball Hat.....	\$10.00
Blue Brief Case.....	\$25.00
Blue Light-Weight Sweatshirt.....	\$30.00
Blue Izod Polo Shirt.....	\$40.00
Blue Dress Shirt.....	\$40.00
Blue Fleece-Lined Jacket.....	\$60.00
Iron Brigade Pin.....	\$5.00
CWRT Pin.....	\$5.00
Bugle Pin.....	\$5.00
Iron Brigade Medal.....	\$25.00
Red River Medal.....	\$25.00
CWRT 60 Year Medal.....	\$10.00

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You may also see Roman in person at the monthly meeting at the Book Raffle table.

