

GENERAL ORDERS

The Newsletter of the

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



May 9, 2024

Lynn and Julianne Herman

Tragedy in Lawrenceville: The Allegheny Arsenal Explosion

Overshadowed by the Battle of Antietam, September 17, 1862, the explosion at the Allegheny Arsenal (Lawrenceville, PA) resulted in the largest loss of civilian life in the Civil War and the worst U.S. arsenal disaster of the war. Learning that various arsenal explosions, both north and south, involved loss of life to both women and children, Julianne went on to study the story of the explosion at the Allegheny Arsenal. Through Power Point slides and narrative, this program examines the arsenal's history, the explosion, elusive cause, blame and remembrance.

Lynn Herman is the former State Representative in the PA House of Representatives serving the 77th Legislative District largely Philipsburg, Port Matilda, and State College areas of Centre County for 24 years (1983 – 2006).

He is currently a Government Relations/Business Development Consultant and President of Hometown Sports Magazine.

Julianne Herman is retired after 45 years employed as a Registered Nurse in the Operating Room, graduating from St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing. She currently serves as Secretary on the PA Military Museum Board of Directors.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Herman are Civil War reenactors and share an interest and passion for all American history. They have served the Central PA Civil War Round Table for several years as President and Secretary respectively.



Lynn and Julianne have presented programs to Civil War Round Tables on their Civil War travels. These include Civil War in the Far, Far West, Civil War Florida, Tragedy in Lawrenceville, PA – The Allegheny Arsenal Explosion, and The New Mexico Campaign and the Battle of Glorietta Pass, the Gettysburg of the West.

The Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee welcomes Lynn and Julianne Herman to our venue. We look forward to learning about a somewhat unknown aspect of human costs of the Civil War.

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May Meeting at a Glance The Wisconsin Club 9th 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, May 6, 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 9.

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

NAME	RESIDENCE	PLACE OF BIRTH	MEMBER SINCE	REMARKS
Dan Jones
Christopher Mallas

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 April 11, 2024.

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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 8th 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

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.

The Soldier Boy from Lena
Friday, May 10 | 12:00pm – 1:00pm
Speaker: William Grigg

The *Soldier Boy from Lena* is based on the book of the same name featuring original content on the life of Henry Eugene Way. Way served in the Union Army from 1862-1864 in the 72nd Regiment Illinois Infantry Volunteers, also known as the First Chicago Board of Trade Regiment. He was 16 years of age when he ran away from his home in Lena, Illinois and enlisted at Camp Douglas in Chicago using an alias.

Mr. Grigg's presentation of Way's story as a member of the 72nd Illinois includes images of maps, photographs and drawings from that era, postal history with images of war time stationery, the history of Civil War locations where his letters were written, and images of his letters completely transcribed with their mailing envelopes shown.

William E. Grigg is an accountant by profession with a Bachelor's degree in accounting and a Master's degree in finance. He worked in public accounting for over 50 years managing his own firm specializing in corporation executive relocation tax complications, as well as auditing, accounting, and financial consulting for 32 public libraries in Illinois. He taught at Triton College in River Grove, Illinois, the Chicago Public school system, and at Illinois Institute of Technology, the latter his alma mater.

His writing and publishing experience includes tax quick reference guides prepared and printed annually for tax preparers published for over 27 years. Other writing includes serving as a reporter and managing editor of the college newspaper at Illinois Institute of Technology.

**Please see page 8 for other programs & events
 hosted by the Kenosha Civil War Museum.**





May 1861

Greasy Mechanics and Mudsills as Soldiers

The dainty fingered and aristocratic soldiery of the Cotton states accustomed to the services of two or three "chattle" waiters, may find some food for reflection in the accounts of the adventures of the Massachusetts volunteers in their recent transit through Maryland.

How would a Southern army have been able to deal with the difficulties which were easily overcome by the skill and energy of these Yankee volunteers?

When a locomotive, torn apart by the traitorous Marylanders, was to be repaired, when a railroad track was to be re-laid, when it became necessary, in order to remove her to a place of safety, to man the old frigate Constitution and put her under sail, "greasy mechanics" and "mudsills" stepped by scores from the ranks of these Massachusetts volunteers, and with practiced hands quickly and skillfully executed the required task.

Perhaps these men would have been better fitted for the exigencies and hardships of field service had they been dawdled from baby hood upwards, in the lap of indolence and luxury, waited on by negro slaves, and never accustomed to rely upon their own strength and energy, except in the occasional matter of kicking or flogging a perverse darkey, but we are not yet prepared to believe. This contest will settle that question among others; and in fact, it has been partly precipitated for the purpose of settling it. The chivalry have long chafed at the idea that these "greasy mechanics," "operatives," so much their inferiors in their opinion, are citizens of the same government with themselves.

Believing them a race of cowardly submissionists, incapable of the spirit and valor of the representatives of Northern and Southern institutions is now to be determined by a bloody arbitrament. When it is once established that these mechanics and operatives, who work for themselves instead of stealing men to work for them, can fight just as well as they can work, the chivalry of Carolina and Mississippi will learn to regard them with a sentiment of respect hitherto unfelt. That lesson will soon be taught them unless their discretion gets the better of their valor before an actual collision occurs.

Private S. H. Needham of the Sixth Massachusetts Regiment, whose skull was fractured by a paving stone in the riot of the 19th, died at Baltimore of Friday.

As Bad as Old Brown

The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Press says indescribable consternation has spread through Virginia because of the arrival at the Capital of Gen. Jim Lane and Capt. Montgomery of Kansas. They have with them nearly two hundred of the desperadoes of the civil wars of that Territory. They are to act as an independent corps of scouts for dangerous and forlorn service, and will be as bad or worse than old John Brown and his men.

ed note - Jim Lane desired the command of a Wisconsin regiment, Gen. Sherman said you could pick any person in a mental institution and have a better choice.

Col. Ellsworth's Zouave Regiment numbers 1,100 picked men there is a sprinkling of Chicago boys in it. Their uniform consists of gray jacket, trimmed with blue and red cord, gray pants and red shirt, red cap with a blue band, and regulation overcoat. They are all armed with Sharp's breech-loading rifles, worth \$76 a piece, and huge bowie knives which can be attached to the muzzle of their rifles, to answer the purpose of bayonets.

Their knapsacks are made of rubber cloth, and in case of rain they can be used so as to protect the entire body from the wet. A blanket, tin plate, knife, fork and various other articles can be carried in each knapsack, without any inconvenience. A fatigue cap of gray felt, and a tin cup strapped on the outside of the knapsack, and a stout pair of shoes completes the outfit.

Jan. 21, 1862

Ordered Back

The members of the Wisconsin Regiments attached to the army of the Potomac, now absent on furlough, are ordered to return without delay.

Capt. Randolph of the Second, who has been home only about a week, has received orders to report himself immediately to his regiment.

Sep 17, 1862

Grand Turners' Ball

The Turners' Hall, in this city, has been greatly enlarged and improved of late, and will be reopened on Saturday evening next with a grand ball. Everything is being done to make this a very brilliant affair Tickets \$1 each



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

Wanderings



A few issues ago we had a short article about the Pier Cemetery in Fond du Lac. We looked at some of the eleven souls buried there, including the first white woman to die in Fond du Lac County and Civil War veteran Colonel Colwert Pier.

In this issue we travel east of Fond du Lac nearer to Manitowoc, to the town of Valders on Highway 151. Like our visit to the Pier Cemetery, this step back in time is about the people of the area from which our boys in blue originated. It's about families and their impact on a place. The plots of ground dot our state, filled with stories and memories. It is fitting that we visit them from time to time.

The Story of Valders Cemetery



This photo of the cemetery taken by my grandparents about 1905 on glass plates. You can see their shadows at the bottom right of the photo. Both were born in 1886, and both now lie in the cemetery, having died in the summer of 1972. The cemetery is located on Hwy 151 on the north side about 4 miles west of Valders.

Tyler Cemetery (Niles Presbyterian Church Cemetery): From the older family members I've talked to, the location is really Niles, Eaton Township, not St. Nazianz. The Norwegians who came to the area preempted the naming for a while, making the name Valders, which many of the Yankee settlers fought in an election. They renamed it as it had been and as the population changed, renamed it Valders when Niles lost its Post Office.

Most of the folks buried there were adamant about their Yankee/British Isles heritage. In fact, there appears to be a split as to burials based on religion and ethnicity, The church that was in the Tyler Cemetery is now at the Manitowoc County Historical Society Historic Village. It was moved in 1973. Initially it was being shown as a composite as they had some German Hymnals to display but it was not German nor Lutheran. In fact, it was not Presbyterian owned, but family owned, The Tylers and Johnsons were a core group of interrelated families that came to Wisconsin from New York.

The land was donated by the Tyler's, their parents being the first buried there after moving from New York and the Johnson saw mill provided the wood - all did the labor - post Civil War. After the population diminished, the town lost its Post Office and mail is now designated Valders, WI (or was a few years ago).

The cemetery is just to the east of the intersection of Highways 32 and 151, past what was the 2nd Johnson farm (Jesse and Anna) on the north side of the road. Lois, though buried there, lived at the 1st Johnson Farm (Norton then James Martin, Jesse's father) that is now out of the family and was located north of the intersection on Hy 32.

The sawmill and other facilities were located in that stretch. The store and post office were located at the intersection.

There have been many Civil War programs at the Historic Village. Susan Johnson, who passed in 2015, is now buried at the mentioned Family Cemetery

Many Civil War veterans buried in the cemetery. The veterans built the Valders Cemetery and they mentioned Church

submitted by Jim Johnson

The following slate of candidates has been proposed for a three-year term on the Board of Directors for the Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee ending in May of 2027:

Grant Johnson
Bruce Klem
Daniel Nettesheim
Frank Risler
David Wege





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!

Frank Aubin, Jr. – A Letter Home

This letter was written by Pvt. Francis (“Frank”) Aubin, Jr., Co. E, 22nd New York Volunteers from Camp Augur on Upton Hill near Alexandria, Virginia, on 13 February 1862. Frank wrote the letter to his sister, Eliza Aubin, of Victory Mills, New York. Frank enlisted in the regiment on 7 May 1861 and died of wounds received in the Battle of South Mountain in September 1862.

Aubin’s letter was transposed by W. Griffing on his blog *Spared and Shared*. It’s a great source of primary documents! Griffing has spent the last ten years doing this work. What a wonderful contribution to Civil War education.

Camp Augur
Upton’s Hill, Virginia
February 13, 1862

Dear and affectionate sister,

I received yours of the 9th last evening which I received and read with pleasure. I am well at present and I hope that the reception of these few lines will find you the same. I am sorry that Tilda had so much of trouble about her rubbers. I hope that that she won’t have quite so much next time.

Elisa, I must tell you a little story about our skirmishing. Last week our company went out skirmishing between the rebels and our picket lines. We started in the afternoon and we got to the rebels’ pickets about dark. There we had a little firing on both sides but there was not any killed on either side, nor wounded either. Well about 7 o’clock, the captain told me to go in a certain house and watch and I obeyed the order. So I walked in one of the back rooms and I sat down by a window and watched. About half past eight o’clock, I was not paying any attention to what was [happening] in the house and all to once I felt something tapping me on my shoulders, and by looking around who should I see stand by me but an old nigger wench. So I raised up and I was agoing to hit her a rap with the butt of my gun when she begged of me not to hit her. So I asked her what she wanted. She said that her mistress wished to see me. Says I, “all right.”

So I just walked in the other room and the table was set all ready for supper and the mistress of the house asked me if I had been to supper. I told her that I had not so she asked me to take supper with her, which I told her I would with great pleasure. So we seated ourself down and we had a bully good supper. There was a handsome gal that was seated by me and I had no more than half done eating when the old woman hops up and goes in the other room and leaves the gal and I all alone. And I, thinking that I was too far from the gal, I just hitched up close by her side and you needn’t doubt but what I enjoyed myself tip top. I was up all night with her and I had a gay old time, I tell you.

The next morning about half past five, I thought I would go back and find the rest of my company so before leaving the house, I asked the gal if she would allow me to take a kiss from her sweet lips. She then asked me what kind of a soldier I was—whether I was a Secesh or a Union soldier. So I up and told her that I was a Union soldier to the backbone. So she said to me, “Go away from me. I would not kiss you any quicker than I would kiss the Devil. Go away from me!” she said again. And as she said that the second time, I heard some noise out of doors and all to once I heard, “Boom, boom!” on the doorsteps, and by looking around, who should I see standing in the doorway but Captain Clendon and our company. So they up and took me prisoner and the boys said that it would go hard with me but I told them that I could not see—says I, I can see it. I can see the point. The boys then asked me where I live—if I lived right smart ways from here. I told them no that I did not. But I live right smart distance from here. Well, I guess I won’t write anymore of my nonsense for I guess you got enough now. If you can read all that I have written, you can do better than I can because I cannot read more than one half.

Elisa, you can believe what I have written to you or not believe as you think it best and I guess you get it right.

submitted by Dave Wege
with thanks to W. Griffing and
his *Spared and Shared* website

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.



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Auxiliary Memorial Day Service

Monday, May 27, 2024 at 10 a.m.
at Milwaukee's Historic
Calvary Cemetery
5503 W. Bluemound Road

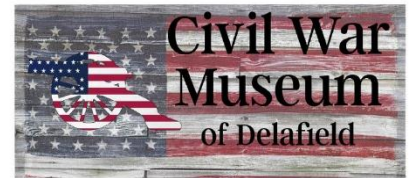


Outdoor Mass followed by a Patriotic Program:

- Bishop Jeffrey R. Haines, Main Concelebrant
- Keynote Speaker Michael B. Koszuta, Command Sergeant Major (retired), 88th Regional Support Command
- Cannon firing by Cushing's Battery A, 4th U.S. Artillery
- Iron Brigade Guard musket salute
- Rifle salute and Taps by American Legion Milwaukee Police Post #415
- Civil War Music by the First Brigade Band playing original instruments
- Address by Pres. Abraham Lincoln (Nic Bur)
- Procession to graves of Union Soldiers
- Decoration of soldiers' graves

For more information, call (414) 719-4084 or peilbes@gmail.com
In case of inclement weather, ceremonies will be held in
St. Vincent Pallotti Church at 5502 W. Bluemound Rd.

440 Wells Street, Basement Suite
Delafield, WI 53018 262-303-4133



May 6 – “War is Hell: The Atlanta Campaign – part one”

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

The museum is open Thursdays and Saturdays from 11:00-3:00 or by appointment.

Don't hesitate to call 262-303-4133.

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

Kenosha Civil War Museum In-Person Events

Please see the museum's website for more details.

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)

Coffee and the Civil War

Monday, June 10 | 6:00pm – 7:30pm | Presenters: Doug Dammann and Steve Acker
\$20 (\$25 non-members)

Post Civil War Veteran Mental Health

Friday, June 14 | 12:00pm – 1:00pm | Presenter: Dr. Gregory Burek



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Send submissions to David Wege at wegs1862@gmail.com. All submissions must be received by no later than the 10th of the month prior to the next issue. We reserve the right to select articles to be printed and to edit for content, style, and length.

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Contact Paul Eilbes for information at (262) 376-0568.

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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
The Real Horse Soldiers: Grierson’s Raid

Speakers/topics remain subject to change.

The tentative 2024-2025 Speaker List will be published in the June newsletter.



**Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee, Inc.
2023 – 2024 Board of Directors**

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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.

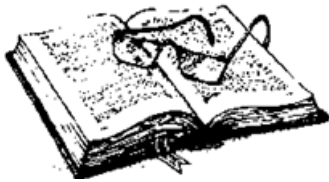
Milwaukee Civil War Round Table Dinner Reservation for May 9, 2024

Mail your reservations by Monday, May 6 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
May 9, 2024 meeting of the Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee.
(Please make checks payable to the Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee, Inc.)

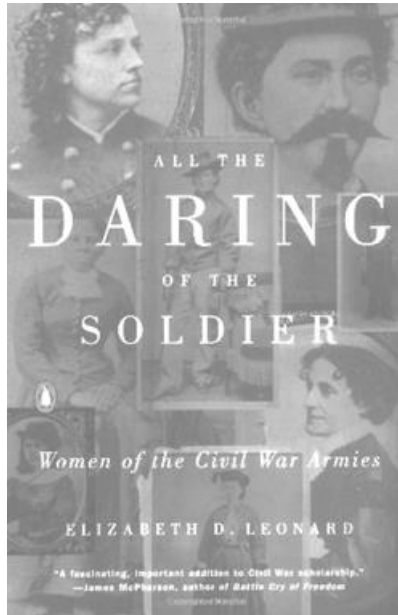
Name of Member _____



BETWEEN THE COVERS

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**

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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>



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