



# GENERAL ORDERS



**The Newsletter of the  
Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee, Inc.  
Since 1947  
and The Iron Brigade Association**



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The **December 10th, 2006**, meeting is to be held at **Wisconsin Club**, Milwaukee

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## A Victorian Holiday

The honor of your company  
is requested at a Soirée to be given by the  
Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee  
at the Wisconsin Club

Sunday Afternoon 10 December 2006

Take the lead from our musical guests—*"Banish Misfortune"*—and set aside all care and strife. The Army has settled into winter quarters, and our commanders have ordered a festive occasion to lift our spirits.

A unique opportunity to enjoy the company of fellow Round Table members, the Christmas Social will include an exceptional dinner with

a rare treat—dessert!—and dancing to Civil War era music. The exquisite holiday setting of the Wisconsin Club, your choice of period dress or party attire and the company of friends—three ingredients for a memorable afternoon and evening.

The celebration will begin at 4:15 p.m. with a Cocktail Hour and bidding on a wide array of Silent Auction items: books, Civil War figurines, framed art, and prints, including "Twas the Night Before Christmas," a drawing of President Lincoln reading to his children.

Dinner will be served at 5:45 p.m. Dancing will commence at 7 p.m., continuing through 9 p.m. with a break to announce auction winning bids. If dancing isn't an option, we'll make an exception to Civil War etiquette and allow you to tap your feet. Cost for the event: a mere \$23 per person. RSVP by December 1 to (262) 376-0568.

## 2006-07 Schedule

Meetings are at the Wisconsin Club unless otherwise noted. *Speakers and topics are subject to change without notice.*

- January 2007 — David Eicher, *Dixie Betrayed*
- February — Dan Paterson – *A Longstreet Pic-*

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- March — Peter Cozzens — TBA
- April — Robert Krick, Jr— TBA
- May — Becky Cumins – *2<sup>nd</sup> Mississippi*

### *Schedule of Events*

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| • Staff Meeting (when required;<br>open to all members) | 5:00 PM |
| • Registration and Social Hour                          | 6:15 PM |
| • Dinner  | 6:45 PM |
| • Program Begins  | 7:30 PM |

## Iron Brigade Awards for 2006-7 Season

The Board announces the recipients of the Iron Brigade Awards for Civil War Scholarship are to be awarded this season to:

- Peter Cozzens (March)
- Robert E. L. Krick (April)

The Iron Brigade Awards are made to scholars who have made considerable contributions to Civil War studies. Past recipients have included Ed Bearss and James McPherson. An additional award will be presented for Robert K. Krick.

Any member wanting to nominate a scholar for the Iron Brigade Award should contact the Awards and Donations Committee or any Board member.

## West Side Soldier's Aid Society

Please join us for the November meeting on Monday, November 27, 2006, 7 pm. The speaker: Tom Arliskas on his newly published book, *Cadet Gray and Butternut Brown: Notes on Confederate Uniforms*. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.

Meetings are held at Building 1, Soldiers Home Historic District of the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medi-

cal Center, 5000 W. National Ave., Milwaukee. We regret that there is no wheelchair access to the second floor meeting room. For information, contact Patricia Lynch, 414) 427-3776.

## Portraitist at December Gala

A photographer will be present at the December Holiday party. 8x12 prints will be available for purchase (\$16 each, cash only). If you intend to use the services of the photographer please let us know when making your reservation.

## Iron Brigade Association Adjutants Appointed

At the 2 November Board meeting, the First and Second Vice Presidents of the Board (Ellen Vukovic and Michael Benton, respectively) were appointed to act as Adjutants to the Iron Brigade Association. Adjutants' duties are principally administrative, assisting the Brigadier General Commanding.

Round Table members are reminded that they are all also members of the Iron Brigade Association. Any persons wishing to volunteer to work for the Association are encouraged to contact either the First or Second Vice President.

### Officers of the Board of Directors, Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee, Inc., as of August 2006

Name	Office/Title	Contact	Term Expires
Gene Jamrozy	President	(414) 327-2811	2008
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## *This and That...*

### ***The Battle of Monroe's Crossroads And the Civil War's Final Campaign***

By Eric J. Wittenberg

At last! Mr. Wittenberg has left the Eastern Theater for the West, and has written a definitive account of the "Brandy Station of the West" for us. Monroe's Crossroads was arguably the largest scale cavalry battle after Brandy Station and, perhaps, Gettysburg. Over 6000 troopers participated. The Rebels were led by Lt. General Wade Hampton and Maj. General Joe Wheeler. Union forces were under the command of Maj. General Judson Kilpatrick.

Wittenberg devotes a lot of space to biography. He covers the major officers on both sides well, so this is not just a retelling of a battle. Using an amazing number of sources, including many first person accounts, Wittenberg helped this reader feel that he could identify with the men who fought under terrible weather and geographic conditions.

None of the leaders are glorified, and their successes are liberally tempered with their failings, militarily and personally. The battle itself, with daring cavalry charges and heroics, is well covered. A liberal use of maps is extremely helpful, although they could be a little less detailed for those of us with bifocals. References are contained at the end of the book, as well as some detailed appendices. The lives of Kilpatrick and Hampton after the war are covered in these.

Who won? Both sides claimed victory. Wittenberg does declare his decision, but also leaves room for the reader to decide. Overall, this is a very readable book on a subject heretofore not well covered. I recommend it.

—David Coverdale

### **Civil War Didn't Happen, Scholars Find**

A treasure trove of letters discovered in an abandoned 19th Century vault reveals the existence of an immense forgery by teams of brilliant scribes, art forgers and early hypnotists that actually created a memory of and documentary evidence for the event known by most as the American Civil War, as shown by the History Channel.

**"It was all faked?" — Pulitzer Prize winner**

Expressing vague disbelief, Pulitzer Prize winning author James McPherson was dubious about the History Channel's claims. "You mean my whole career was based on a lie?" the Professor Emeritus blinked dubiously.

**"Huh?" — Local Scholar**

Lance Herdegen, local authority and Civil War Round Table Past President, was similarly skeptical about the claims made, but reserved judgment until he had studied the evidence. "That would be surprising," Herdegen said.

**"Of Course" — Renowned Filmmaker**

Oliver Stone, creator of "JFK" and "Platoon" responded in a matter-of-fact tone. "Knew of it all along. Found the real evidence when we were looking for the marksman on the Grassy Knoll. Big conspiracy. Everyone who's anyone knows this."

**"Naturally" — UWM Prof**

"Too many unanswered questions" an anonymous UW- Madison adjunct professor declared. "With unlimited academic freedom, we can now teach this, too. And then there's all that 9/11 and Holocaust nonsense...."

—Won't be long now....JDB

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### **Civil War Round Table Dinner Reservation for: December 10th, 2006**

*Mail your reservations by December 1st to:*

**Paul Eilbes, 1809 Washington Ave. Cedarburg, WI 53012-9730**

**ALSO, call in reservations to (262) 376-0568**

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (meal price **\$23.00** per person) for \_\_\_\_\_ reservations for the next 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: \_\_\_\_\_ (Photo?) \_\_\_\_\_

### ***In the Event of Inclement Weather...***

Since we live in a part of the Union that has such wonderful weather, the President will decide if there is to be any change in a meeting due to weather. Listen to WTMJ or WISN radio for news of meeting cancellations if the weather turns on us.

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### ***A Gentle Reminder***

The Wisconsin Club and the Board of the Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee would like to remind our members that jackets are required for the Club's dining room. Please contact club management if you have any questions.

### ***General Orders***

#### ***Submissions and Editorial Policy***

All submissions to the *GO* are used on a space-available, date-required basis. Electronic submissions are preferred over paper. The Editor/Publisher reserves the right to edit all submissions for length, propriety, content, and house style. Submissions with a direct Civil War interest, or those that are date-sensitive, will be published first.

All submissions must be received by the Editor/Publisher at [jdbeatty@amcivwar.com](mailto:jdbeatty@amcivwar.com) no later than the 10th of the month before the next *GO* (for example, submissions for the January *GO* must be received by 10 December). All address changes, or problems receiving the *GO*, are handled through the Membership Chairman.