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The **February 8th, 2007**, meeting is to be held at **Wisconsin Club**, Milwaukee

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Dan Paterson Gives *A Longstreet Pictorial History*

Our February speaker says: "I'm a great-grandson of James Longstreet through his youngest son, Fitz Randolph Longstreet, (b. 1869 – d. 1951) whose daughter, my mother, is Jamie Louise Longstreet Paterson."

His program, "*A Longstreet Pictorial History*" is a comprehensive visual history of the Longstreet family starting with the general's great-grandfather, John Dent, of the American Revolution, and continuing with the inventor, William Longstreet; the scholar Augustus Baldwin Longstreet. The talk includes CW wartime photos/prints, various battle anniversaries photos and concludes with photos of the monument project ceremonies from 1998 thru 2001. The presentation also includes family photographs, newspaper clippings and even pictures from the General's personal photo album spanning two centuries and several wars.

Mr Patterson is the recipient of the 2001 Helen Dortch Longstreet Award presented by the Longstreet Society to those who work to defend and preserve General Longstreet's reputation.

Iron Brigade Awards for 2006-7 Season

The Board announces 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.

2006-07 Schedule

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

- March — Peter Cozzens — TBA

- April — Robert Krick, Jr — TBA
- May — Becky Cumins – 2nd Mississippi

Schedule of Events

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

SUVCW Patriotic Luncheon 3 February

The 2007 Patriotic Luncheon, hosted by the C.K Badger Camp 1 of the Sons of Union Veterans (SUV) will be honoring Presidents Washington, Lincoln and McKinley. The luncheon will be held on Saturday 8 February at 12:30 PM at the Bluemound Gardens, 11703 Bluemound Road in Wauwatosa. Dr. David Hoeveler, UWM history professor and author, will present his "Morality and Politics: The Genius of Lincoln" program.

Reservations can be made before 27 January by sending \$15 per person to the C.K Badger Camp 1, 6623 S. North Cape Road, Franklin, WI, 53132-1227. No walk-ins will be admitted.

For more information, contact Steve Michaels at (414)276-7100, (414)425-4648 (evenings), by e-mail (steve_michaels@metronetworks.com), or at the Wisconsin Department Website, <http://www.suvcw-wi.org>.



David Coverdale, *Semper Fi*

Board member and Assistant Editor of the General Orders David Coverdale passed away from a sudden heart attack on December 21 2006. David was a member of the West Side Soldiers Aid Society, and of Camp #4 MG John Gibbon SUVCW, was the Commander of the Prairieville Irregulars, and a member of both the Waukesha and Manitowoc Civil War Round Tables. He was a terrific speaker and scholar who chose to concentrate on the people instead of just the battles.

Proud Marine, devout Christian, devoted father and stepfather, dutiful son, friend and verbal sparring partner. We shall all miss him.

For those who don't know their Latin or their Marine Corps lore, *semper fidelis*, the motto of the US Marines, means *always faithful*. That's Dave in a nutshell.

Semper Fi, Dave. See you on the other side.

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In The News

2007 Liberty University Civil War Seminar

On March 23-24, Liberty University will present its 11th annual Civil War Seminar. This year's program is entitled "Robert E. Lee in Life and Legend." Featured speakers include:

- Dr. Steven Woodworth
- Gordon C. Rhea
- Jeffery C. Wert
- William Marvel
- Robert Krick

The cost will be \$55 for the two day seminar. Liberty University is in Washington DC. CEU credits are available for this seminar. For more information on CEUs, please call Janie Harrison at 434-582-2408, or email at jharrison@liberty.edu.

For more information on the seminar call the Liberty University History department at 434-592-4366, email Kristina Burdeaux at klburdeaux@liberty.edu, or go to www.liberty.edu/civilwar.

Bugs Caused Most Deaths in Civil War

Since the 1970s, Mr. Miller, 48, of Laurel, Md., has pored over books, soldiers' letters and regimental histories for insect references. He found that mosquitoes, body lice and flies were a constant nuisance to Union and Confederate soldiers. Roughly 60,000 soldiers died from malaria on the Union side alone, he said.

"I think the beauty of looking at the insects is it's a topic that we all can relate to," he said. "Few of us can relate to combat."

Mr. Miller is a professional entomologist who describes new species for the United States Department

of Agriculture. His blend of bug expertise with the War Between the States is strictly a hobby, he said.

The bugs-and-war fascination started in college, he said, when research for a Civil War course paper on "soldier life" led to an unexpected trend. "Here were all these references to insects," he said. "You find out insects played a role in every part of soldiering."

Civil War soldiers were encamped in conditions that were awful for humans, but great for insects.

Soldiers would sometimes travel with 8,000 to 10,000 head of cattle, providing plenty of food for flies, he said. Soldiers already wracked by diarrhea or dysentery often had to deal with mosquito-borne malaria as well. If that wasn't bad enough, he said, soldiers' food was usually infested.

Mr. Miller owns an original letter by a soldier after the fall of Vicksburg, who wrote there were insects in "every bite of food."

Desperation led to quirky delousing methods. Soldiers practiced "skirmishing," squishing bugs and lice with their thumb and forefinger on their bodies. Often, they boiled their clothes.

Historians say the Civil War was the last major war fought before scientists realized that microbes carried disease, so treatment was limited, Mr. Miller said. Quinine from South America was the best treatment for malaria, but the Union blockade led to price gouging.

In 1862, an ounce of quinine cost about \$5, Mr. Miller said. By the end of the war, the going price in some places was \$500 to \$600 per ounce. The average Union private made \$16 per month.

"I try not to sugarcoat things," he said at a recent presentation in Bethesda, Md. "I'm not overly graphic with the info, but the topic is war, and it's not fun and games."

—Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (<http://www.post-gazette.com/>) (2-21-06) Via HNN

Civil War Round Table Dinner Reservation for: February 8th, 2007

Mail your reservations by February 5th 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: _____

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.

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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 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.