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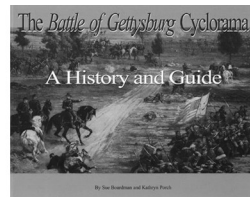
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Our 62nd Year
and The Iron Brigade Association



MARCH 10, 2011

SUE BOARDMAN

The Gettysburg Cyclorama



“What is a cyclorama?” is a frequent question heard in the Visitor Center at Gettysburg. Taken from the Greek words *cycl* meaning to circle and *orama* meaning to view, the cyclorama was the 19th century’s version of virtual reality. Artists would give their audiences a 3D-surround effect by painting a large-scale, realistic scene on the inside of a cylinder. The audience, standing inside of that cylinder, would see the image wrapped around them, filling their vision.

The cyclorama idea was patented by an Irish painter, Robert Barker, who created his first cyclorama featuring the city of Edinburgh in 1787. It’s rumored that Barker was inspired after climbing a hill and seeing the city of Edinburgh spread out around and below him.

At our March meeting, Sue Boardman will describe the genre of cycloramas in general and the American paintings in particular. She will look at why they were made, who made them and how. She will then focus on the Gettysburg cycloramas with specific attention to the very first Chicago version and the Boston version currently on display at the Gettysburg National Military Park.

Boardman will be bringing a special guest with her to the Milwaukee meeting. She will be “introducing” us to F.W. Heine, the German who created the Atlanta cyclorama in Milwaukee. Heine’s diaries have been discovered and are being transcribed from High German into English by a modern-day German artist Michael Kutzer. Kutzer delights in telling of his discoveries as he labors over the diaries. He will give some insight into the wonderful world of cyclorama painting Milwaukee-style.

Sue Boardman has been a Gettysburg Licensed Battlefield Guide since 2000 and is a two-time recipient of the Superintendent’s Award for Excellence in Guiding. She is a recognized expert of not only the Battle of Gettysburg but also the National Park’s early history including the National Cemetery.

Beginning in 2004, Boardman served as historical consultant for the Gettysburg Foundation for the new museum project as well as for the massive project to conserve and restore the Gettysburg cyclorama. She is the author of *The Gettysburg Cyclorama: A History and Guide*, and currently serves as the Leadership Program Manager for the Gettysburg Foundation.

A native of Danville, Pennsylvania, Boardman is an Honors Graduate from Penn State/Geisinger Medical Center School of Nursing. A 23-year career as an ER nurse preceded her career at Gettysburg. Sue served as President of the historic Evergreen Cemetery Association as well as adjunct instructor for Harrisburg Area Community College and Susquehanna University.

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MARCH MEETING AT A GLANCE

March 10, 2011

Sue Boardman

“The Gettysburg Cyclorama”

Wisconsin Club

9th & Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee

(Jackets required for dining room)

5:30 p.m. – Staff Meeting

(Open to all members)

6:15 p.m. – Registration & Social Hour

6:45 p.m. – Dinner

7:30 p.m. – Program

Dinner – \$23 by reservation.

Deadline: Monday, March 7, 2011

See page 5.

Speaker and topic are subject to change.

In case of inclement weather, listen to

WTMJ or WISN radio.

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2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINEES

In accordance with the Articles of Incorporation, the Nominating Committee of the Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee recommends the following slate of nominees for the upcoming election of members to the Board of Directors:

Michael Benton
A. William Finke
Patrick Lynch
Robert Lieding
Robert Mann

The slate will be voted on at the election held during the April meeting. Newly elected directors begin their duties upon election and typically serve three-year terms.

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 logo, along with your name or initials.

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ITEM	COST
Blue Brief Case.....	\$25.00
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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

NEW ARRIVAL

The Round Table extends its warmest congratulations to Kenosha Civil War Museum Curator Doug Dammann and his wife on the arrival of their daughter Charlotte on Valentine's Day.

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April 7, 2011
Richard M. McMurry, Ph.D., TBA
June 9, 2011
Peter Carmichael, Ph.D., TBA

May 12, 2011
Tom Schott, Ph.D.,
Alexander Stephens

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ANNOUNCEMENTS • EVENTS • MEETINGS

March 13, 2011

Bel Canto Chorus, 3 p.m.
Christ King Parish, 2604 N. Swan Blvd, Wauwatosa
"Remembrance: Legacy of the Civil War"
Pre-Concert Dance Demonstration, 2 p.m., presented by the Kenosha Civil War Museum and West Side Victorian Dancers

March 14, 2011

Manitowoc Civil War Round Table, 7 p.m.
Manitowoc Historical Society Heritage Center

March 15, 2011

Prairieville Irregulars, 7 p.m.
Campus Center Building, Carroll University
Speaker: Tom Finley, "The Battle of the Bloody Angle"

March 23, 2011

Wisconsin Veterans Museum in partnership with the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center, 7 p.m.
Stephen Kantowitz, Professor of History, University of Wisconsin
"What Caused the Civil War?"

March 28, 2011

West Side Soldiers Aid Society, 7 p.m.
Wadsworth Library, Historic Milwaukee VA
Thomas Arliskas, "Flowers of Secession"



In March 1947, Lloyd D. Miller spoke to the Round Table about "The Battle of Franklin."

Frank Welcher was the speaker in March 1950 and spoke about "Antietam."

In March 1955, Clyde Walter Jr. spoke to our group. The topic that night was "The Frontier During the War."

Col. Harold B. Simpson was our speaker in March 1967. Col. Simpson spoke on "Hood's Texas Brigade."

"Ohio's Civil War Prisons" was the subject of Philip R. Shriver's presentation in March 1972.

John A. Barrett was our featured speaker in March 1980. He spoke about "From Glory to Disrepute: Sherman and the Carolinas."

In March 1991, Gerald A. Regan spoke to our group about "Out of the Mouth of Hell: The Escape of Three War Correspondents."

"The End of the War in the Carolinas" was the subject of Mark Bradley's talk in March 2001.

AT THE KENOSHA MUSEUM

Friday Lunch Box Series

Colonel Elmer Ellsworth

Friday, March 11, 2011, Noon – 1 p.m.

Presented by Museum Curator, Doug Dammann.

Civil War Medicine Weekend

with 17th Corps Medical Staff

Saturday, March 12, 2011, 11 – 4 p.m.

Sunday, March 13, 2011, Noon – 4 p.m.

Surgeons and nurses of the 17th Corps Medical Staff will set up camp inside of the Museum's Freedom Hall.

Civil War Expo

Saturday, March 26, 2011, 11 – 4 p.m.

The Museum in conjunction with The Historical Timekeepers presents the 1st Annual Civil War Expo. Living history groups from around the Midwest will be in attendance with living history programs presented throughout the day.

Grand Union Ball

Saturday, April 16, 2011, 7 – 10 p.m.

The Ball is the kick off to the Museum's Civil War Sesquicentennial commemoration. The Ball features a festive evening of Civil War dances with live music provided by Torn Jacket. Civil War-era evening wear is welcome but not required. Sign up for the afternoon dancing workshop. Tickets: \$25/\$20 Friends of the Museum.

Information on all programs listed above: 262-653-4140 or www.thecivilwarmuseum.org

BOOK NEWS

Round Table member John Beatty's new book — *The Devil's Own Day: Shiloh and the American Civil War* — is now available.

Beatty's book describes the Battle of Shiloh and its role in American history, placing the battle in a larger context than most Civil War books. The Appendix – "The Steamboats of Shiloh" – is the first in-depth analysis of the civilian-run steamboats' role at the battle.

Trade Paperback: \$17.95

E-book (PDF) format: \$7.95

To order the book visit Booklocker at:

<http://booklocker.com/books/5230.html>

The Second Day at Gettysburg: The Attack and Defense of the Union Center on Cemetery Ridge, July 2, 1863, by David Shultz and David Wieck will be available from Savas Beatie in April.

On the afternoon of July 2, 1863, Gen. James Longstreet struck the Union left flank with a massive blow that collapsed Dan Sickles' advanced position in the Peach Orchard and rolled northward, tearing open a large gap in the center of the Federal line on Cemetery Ridge. Fresh Confederates from A.P. Hill's Corps advanced toward the mile-wide breach, where Southern success would split the Army of the Potomac in two.

This completely revised and expanded study, including new photographs, original maps, and a self-guided tour of the fighting provides a balanced and compelling account of an often overlooked portion of the battle.

Mr. Beatty will sell & autograph copies of his book at our April meeting.

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE ISSUES

150TH ANNIVERSARY STAMPS

The U.S. Postal Service will soon release the first in a new series of stamps commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

A souvenir sheet of two stamps will be issued each year through 2015. For 2011, one stamp depicts the beginning of the war in April 1861 at Fort Sumter, while the other depicts the first major battle of the war three months later at Bull Run.

Art Director Phil Jordan of Falls Church, VA, created the stamps using images of Civil War battles. The Fort Sumter stamp is a reproduction of a Currier & Ives lithograph, circa 1861. The Bull Run stamp is a reproduction of an 1864 painting by Sidney E. King.

The 2011 stamps will go on sale April 12.

★★★★★★ IN THIS MONTH • MARCH ★★★★★★

March 14, 1861 • The Federal Cabinet met again to discuss the crisis at Fort Sumter. Louisiana received the thanks of the Confederate Congress for turning over \$536,000 taken from the former U.S. Mint in New Orleans.

March 12, 1862 • President Davis wrote to General Albert Sidney Johnston, "We have suffered great anxiety because of recent events in Kentucky and Tennessee." Davis was concerned about adverse public reaction and blame that was directed towards Johnston. Davis added:

I suppose that the Tennessee or Mississippi river will be the object of the enemy's next campaign, and I trust you will be able to concentrate a force which will defeat either attempt.

March 10, 1863 • President Lincoln issued a proclamation of amnesty to soldiers absent without leave if they reported before April 1; otherwise they would be arrested as deserters.

March 7, 1864 • Anxious over the military situation in the West, President Davis wrote General Longstreet, at Greeneville in east Tennessee:

It is needless to point out to you the value of a successful movement into Tennessee and Kentucky, and the importance – I may say the necessity – of our taking the initiative.

President Lincoln issued an order designating the starting point of the Union Pacific Railroad on the western boundary of Iowa.

March 13, 1865 • The Confederate Congress, after much debate, sent President Davis a measure calling for putting Negroes in the Army. Davis promptly signed the measure. Davis was authorized to call upon owners to volunteer their slaves. The general understanding (although not specifically stated) was that any slaves who fought for the Confederacy would be made free by action of the states.

President Davis sent a message to the Congress which brought instant opposition. He requested that Congress stay in session as there was a need for "further and more energetic legislation." He indicated the perils facing the Confederacy but he still maintained that triumph, with prompt decisions, was still possible. In his message Davis accused the Congress of retarding action. His message served to alienate many members of both Houses.

CIVIL WAR NEWS

Wal-Mart announced, on January 26, 2011, that it has abandoned plans to pursue a special use permit previously awarded for construction of a super center on the Wilderness Battlefield. The decision was made as the trial in a legal challenge seeking to overturn the special use permit was scheduled to begin in Orange County circuit court.

In a January 27, 2011, press release, James Lighthizer of the **Civil War Trust** announced that their fundraising goal for **five acres at Power's Hill** on the Gettysburg Battlefield has been reached. From this location Union artillery batteries were able to pour a devastating fire into Confederate forces attacking Spangler's Spring and Lower Culp's Hill on July 3, 1863. The fire was so intense that one Confederate called it "Artillery Hell."

The **National Archives** announced in a January 24, 2011, press release, that Thomas Lowry, a long-time Lincoln researcher from Woodbridge, Virginia, confessed on January 12, 2011, to altering an Abraham Lincoln Presidential pardon that is part of the permanent records of the U.S. National Archives. The pardon was for Patrick Murphy, a Civil War soldier in the Union Army who was court-martialed for desertion.

Lowry admitted to changing the date of Murphy's pardon, written in Lincoln's hand from April 14, 1864, to April 14, 1865, the day John Wilkes Booth assassinated Lincoln at Ford's Theatre. Having changed the year from 1864 to 1865, Lowry was then able to claim that this pardon was of significant historical relevance because it could be considered one of, if not the final official act by President Lincoln before his assassination.

In 1998, Lowry was recognized in the national media for his "discovery" of the Murphy pardon, which was placed on exhibit in the Rotunda for the Charters of Freedom in the National Archives Building in Washington, D.C. Lowry subsequently cited the altered record in his book, *Don't Shoot That Boy: Abraham Lincoln and Military Justice*, published in 1999.

Against National Archives regulations, Lowry brought a fountain pen into a National Archives research room where, using fade-proof, pigment-based ink, he altered the date of the Murphy pardon in order to change its historical significance. Lowry will not be prosecuted since the statute of limitations has expired. He has, however, been permanently banned from all Archives facilities and research rooms.

The document has been taken out of circulation at the Archives and will be kept in a locked vault at the agency's downtown Washington headquarters. "People are now going to come through the door and say they want to see it," said Trevor Plante, the Archives' acting Chief of Reference. "It's now even more historically significant because of this case. If they're manhandling the document, it will be too much wear and tear."

At a later date, National Archives conservators will examine the document to determine whether the original date of 1864 can be restored by removing the "5."

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Union!

Join us for a festive evening of Civil War-era dance, music, sweets and beverages.

GRAND UNION Ball

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2011
7-10 pm • Civil War Museum

Live Music by
TORN JACKET

All Dances Called or Taught by
Patricia Lynch, Dance Mistress
WEST SIDE VICTORIAN DANCERS

Civil War-Era evening wear is welcome but not required.

~ **SIGN UP** ~
for the Afternoon Dancing Workshop!



The Grand Union Ball is the kick off to the
Civil War Museum's Civil War
Sesquicentennial commemoration.

Program #0720588106 – \$25 (\$20 FOM)

Kenosha Civil War Museum

Kenosha, Wisconsin

262-653-4141

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THE SECOND WISCONSIN

*Fort Tillinghast, VA
February 20, 1862*

The boys have been in receipt of a good many presents from home of late. We have had pies, cakes, roast chickens, pickles, preserves, jelly, and oh! Such a nice lot of good things, that were we to try our best, we could not think of words that would express the high gratification and delight we are in. Girls, we are all in love with you, only wait till we get home, and then – oh! dear! A great many of the boys have received Valentines, and such pretty things were never intended for anybody but the soldiers.

One of our boys got a Valentine, and he was so overjoyed at the receipt of the green rose, and the lines engraven thereon, that he has become shockingly sick, and is now moaning over an incessant pain in the head. Another one of the boys received a needle-book, and in it found a “forget-me-not.” I heard him the other day urging the 1st Lieutenant to intercede to get him a discharge, as he had more pressing business at home. The Sergeants and Corporals are generally ahead in receipt of pretty little “bille-daux,” – though between Sam Smith, Geo. Legate and Willie Noble it is about even. Corp’l Meuser gets a good share of the favorites, as well as Private Mougher. Take it all in, Co. “I” can boast a good share from the Misses, and unless the “Home Guards” do better than they have done, I imagine that we are sure to carry off the prize.

A day or two since, “Wemyss”, “Bailey”, and old “Judge” were seen enjoying themselves by cracking a few bottles of Champagne, and luckily for poor me, I chanced to drop in, consequently I had a taste. Taking the very high price of this article into consideration, it seemed evident that the young gentlemen were going it “rather steep,” but that made no difference, knowing that it was equitable to “go it while young.” And leave old age to the future. But we all done our might, and drank the sparkling beverage with all gusto imaginable. Old “Briley” walked as straight as a Deacon, while “Wemyss” and “Judge” “turned in,” and were soon lost in the arms of Morpheus, probably dreaming of the popping of corks, and the foaming nectar, imagining the array of Champagne bottles quite large, considering that \$2.50 per bottle was its price (an outrage) and the drink a source of exquisite pain, hardly endurable.

FROM THE LIGHT GUARD

*Headquarters 2nd Regiment Wisconsin Volunteers
Fort Tillinghast, VA
February 27, 1862*

Messrs Editors – Some weeks have elapsed since writing you; but a few incidents worthy of note have transpired.

The weather has greatly improved. The roads are becoming hard again and (Brick, don’t imagine I am about to express any of McClellan’s places) not a doubt now exists but there will be something did this quarter! King’s Brigade were ordered this afternoon to headquarters – the banner residence of the rebel Lee, now occupied by McDowell. Hosts of distinguished citizens were present – ladies and gentlemen. A brigade drill and other military movements was had, after which the 2nd Wis was chosen from the brigade to parade in front of McDowell’s quarters. The number of compliments they received would fill a page. An order was then read telling the brigade to prepare two days rations and be ready to march within two hours notice. Officers are not allowed to carry fire arms! The different quarter-masters were ordered to procure the French tents. They are so arranged that three persons can sleep in them and made very conveniently out of three separate pieces each man carrying one third of his tent. Madam Rumor says our destination is up the Potomac at or near Harpers Ferry. Probably you are not aware that the 2nd Wisconsin have furnished some ten men for the Mississippi Gun Boats two from Company B. They started for Cairo a week ago.

It might be well to tell you here that the rivalry between the Fox Lake Company and L.C.L.G. while at Camp Randall, Madison, Wis, as to which should have the right of first position in the Regiment and which the former succeeded in obtaining and held ever since, was today, by order of Gen. McDowell given to the L.C.L.G. Therefore we now have the position of honor in the regiment and proud we are of it, you may well imagine. (Ask Serg’t P.C. Dunn)

We were honored yesterday and today with a visit from your worthy townsman, J. Comes, Esq., and right glad we all were to see him. He will be remembered by the Light Guard. He starts East for his spring stock tonight. Success to him, we echo.

Capt. Colwell returned to camp today. He has been absent to the city for near two weeks. No doubt you are aware of the death of one of his children. Mrs. Colwell has been quite ill but has

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Civil War Round Table Dinner Reservation for March 10, 2011

Mail your reservations by Monday, March 7, 2011, 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 March 10, 2011, 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 _____

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greatly improved of late. The Captain has also been sick, probably from the incessant watching during the sickness of his family. He returns to Washington tonight. Lieuts Hughes and Wood, with the remainder of the company (except Dr. Bunnell who has had the smallpox but is now free from danger) are well and hearty and prospering finely.

Respectfully yours
C.C.B

P.S. We are now armed with Austrian rifles.

