



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 November 9th, 2006, meeting is to be held at Wisconsin Club, Milwaukee

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November Speaker: Bob O'Neill

P.S.G. Cooke and His Impact on Civil War Cavalry Leaders

Bob O'Neill, a retired police detective is a nationally recognized historian of Union and Confederate cavalry operations during the Civil War. Besides numerous articles and essays about the use of mounted troops in the eastern theater, Bob wrote *The Cavalry Battles of Aldie, Middleburg and Upperville*.

His talk includes a brief biography of Phillip St. George Cooke and then the relationships he developed with his younger officers in Utah before the War: John Buford and Wesley Merritt. The early careers of Alfred Pleasonton and George Custer will also be examined. Bob will develop the concept of mentoring, long before the word became popular, and tell of Cooke's impact on these early cavalry commanders.

All of us, especially those interested in cavalry leaders, will be intrigued by Bob's premise that early mentoring had a lasting effect on future leaders of mounted troops. Join us for this thought provoking presentation.

Brigadier General Commanding of the Iron Brigade Association Appointed

The orders appointing William H. Upham Jr. as the first Brigadier General Commanding of the Iron Brigade Association were read at the October 2006 meeting of the Civil War Roundtable of Milwaukee. Mr. Upham is a surviving son of a Civil War veteran. His father was a member of the 2nd Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry regiment in the battle at First Bull Run/Manassas in 1861. He later served as a Governor of Wisconsin. The Iron Brigade Association was founded in 1888 by veterans of the famous Civil War unit composed of the 2nd, 6th and 7th Wisconsin regiments and the 19th Indiana regiment, and Battery B of the 4th US Artillery. Later in the War, the 24th Michigan was assigned to the Brigade. Since 1989, the Iron Brigade Association has been directly associated with the Civil War Roundtable of Milwaukee.

2006-07 Schedule

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

- 10 December — Holiday ball.
- January 2007 — TBA

- February — Dan Paterson — *A Longstreet Pictorial History*
- March — Peter Cozzens — TBA
- April — Robert Krick, Jr — TBA
- May — Becky Cumins — *2nd Mississippi*

Schedule of Events

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| • 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 |

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 Krick (April)

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

Any member wanting to nominate a scholar for the Iron Brigade award should contact the Awards and Donations Committee.

Found: One Raincoat Lost: One Raincoat

After the October meeting a men's size 42 long London Fog trench coat was left in the coatroom at the Wisconsin Club. A larger size of the very same garment was lost at the same time. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the larger coat is asked to contact President Gene Jamrozy at (414) 327-2811, or the Wisconsin Club.

December Meeting to be a Gala Event

All members and guests are invited to the December 10 Meeting of the Civil War Roundtable of Milwaukee. Note the date, December **10 is a Sunday**. The Army has settled into winter quarters, and our commanders have ordered a festive occasion to lift our spirits. The Gala will include music, a cocktail hour, a silent auction, an exceptional dinner with a rare treat — dessert— and dancing to Civil War Music.

The celebration begins at 4:15 PM at the Wisconsin Club. The silent auction will feature Civil War related items, including books, figurines, framed art and prints such as "Twas the Night Before Christmas," a drawing of President Lincoln reading to children.

Everyone is invited to wear period dress, military or civilian, but this is optional.

Dinner will be served at 5:45 PM. Dancing will commence at 7 PM, continuing through 9 PM. There will be brief interludes when silent auction winners are announced. If dancing is not your thing, you may certainly clap or tap your feet to the period music of "Banish Misfortune."

Another announcement will be the feature of the December *General Orders*, but mark your calendars now and plan to attend. The regular meal charge of \$23.00 will apply to members and guests at this wonderful winter celebration.

Remember, Sunday, December 10, 2006 at 4:15 PM at the Wisconsin Club.

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

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CHANGE IN MEAL CHARGE

Effective November 9, 2006, the cost of Round Table dinners at the Wisconsin Club will increase to \$23.00.

The Wisconsin Club makes every effort to hold down costs and minimize the increases it must pass along to its members and guests. The meal charge of \$20.00 has held steady since November of 2000, attesting to the success of their efforts. But rising costs have forced the club to raise the amount it charges for meals, and the Round Table must pass these costs onto its members.

Additionally, we are asking our members for assistance in holding down future meal costs. The Round Table is charged for meals based upon the count given to the Wisconsin Club on the Monday prior to the meeting. This count is derived from phone and prepaid reservations received from our members. When mem-

bers who have reserved a dinner and then do not pay for it, the Round Table must pick up the cost. These costs are reflected in the overall dinner price since dues and contributions to the Round Table must go to support our mission of education, restoration, et al.

If you have made a dinner reservation but are later unable to attend, please contact the Treasurer to cancel your reservation. To avoid incurring unwarranted costs, cancellations must be received 4 days prior to the Round Table meeting.

Please feel free to contact me, or any Board Member, if you have further questions related to meal charges or the reservation policy.

—Paul Eilbes, Treasurer

This Month in The Civil War

- 11/1/1861:** George Brinton McClellan succeeds Lieutenant General Winfield Scott as General-in-Chief.
11/2/1861: General John Fremont was replaced in the Western Department by Major General David Hunter
11/4/1861: Major General Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson assumes command of the Shenandoah District for the Rebels.
11/4/1862: The national elections in the Union saw Democrats make sizable gains in state and congressional elections.
11/5/1862: President Lincoln replaces McClellan with Major General Ambrose Burnside.
11/6/1861: Jefferson Davis was chosen as the Rebel President.
11/8/1864: President Lincoln was re-elected to a second term.
11/12/1863: Sherman’s Army, after leaving Atlanta, was “...detached and cut off from all communications...”
11/19/63: President Lincoln delivered his Gettysburg Address.
11/23-25/1863: The Battle of Chattanooga and subsequently Missionary Ridge saw the Rebels retreating after defeat.
11/29/1863: The preliminary fracas to the Battle of Franklin began at Spring Hill.
11/30/1863: Rebel General John Hood shatters his Army against Federal lines at Franklin, Tennessee.

Civil War Round Table Dinner Reservation for: November 9th, 2006

Mail your reservations by November 3rd 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.

The Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee, Inc. admits members of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges and activities of the Round Table.

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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 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.