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The **June 10th, 2004** meeting is to be held at **Carroll College**, Waukesha

Speaker: Mark Bradley, author of *This Astounding Close: The Road to Bennett Place*.

"I Rely upon Your Good Judgment and Skill": The Command Partnership of Robert E. Lee and Joseph E. Johnston in 1865

When Robert E. Lee was appointed the Confederate army's general-in-chief in February 1865, his first order of business was to prevent William T. Sherman's Union army from slashing its way through the Carolinas and reinforcing Ulysses S. Grant's forces at Richmond and Petersburg. On February 22, 1865, Lee placed Joseph E. Johnston in command of the scattered and heavily outnumbered remnants opposing Sherman, and coaxed a surprisingly aggressive performance from his otherwise timid subordinate. Our June program will examine Johnston's 1865 campaign against Sherman and Lee's role in "Old Joe's" improbable transformation.

Our June speaker, Mark Bradley, is a Research Assistant for Professor Richard H. Kohn, Peace, War and Defense Curriculum, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where Bradley is currently enrolled in the doctoral program in American History. He received his Master of Arts in History from Chapel Hill and Bachelor of Arts in History from North Carolina State University

Bradley has been a staff ride leader for U. S. Marine Corps infantry and engineer units stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; guest lecturer for U. S. Army Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; tour leader and speaker for Blue and Gray Education Society and Civil War Education Association, and a guest lecturer for North Carolina Army Reserves.

Bradley is the author of *This Astounding Close: The Road to Bennett Place*. He has also contributed articles to *North Carolina Historical Review*, *North and South Magazine*, *North Carolina Civil War Documentary*, *Civil War Regiments*, *Civil War History*, and *Civil War Times Illustrated*. He is also the author of *Last Stand in the Carolinas: The Battle of Bentonville*, and of several essays and articles included in *Audacity Personified: The Generalship of Robert E. Lee*, an essay collection scheduled to be published by Louisiana State University Press).

Our Scheduled June Speaker

Or originally schedule speaker, Brent Nosworthy, sends us his regrets but he must attend to a family emergency. We look forward to scheduling him in the 2004-2005 season.

Schedule of Events

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

Annual Patriotic Event Adds Civil War School Day June 4, 2004

This year, Reclaiming Our Heritage is opening its Civil War encampment one day early, on Friday, June 4, to allow elementary and middle school students to experience camp life and Civil War history on a personal level. The Civil War School Day will be open 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Participating reenacting groups will include: 29th U.S. Colored Troops, two Union Field Hospitals, General Pettigrew's Brigade, and civilians. Presentations will focus on camp life, a tour of an officer's quarters, camp cooking, civilian life, the care of the wounded during and after the Civil War, and a young person's experience.

Reclaiming Our Heritage Multi-Era Encampment, June 5-6, is a one-of-a-kind event in our area, featuring every major military era from the American Revolution through the present day. Roundtable member Lance Herdegen will speak and narrate the Civil War Skirmish on June 6. Member Donna Agnelly will speak June 5 and 6. Lantern-light tours of Wood Na-

tional Cemetery will be offered on June 5 only.

Reclaiming Our Heritage Multi-Era Encampment was created in 2002 as a way of honoring our nation's veterans and inviting the community to experience history in a vibrant and engaging format at the Milwaukee Soldiers Home Historic District.

The Civil War School Day and June 5-6 events are free. Pre-registration is required for the School Day. For information, visit www.soldiershome.org, call (414) 389-4135 or contact Patricia Lynch (414) 427-3776. Interested re-enactors and sutlers should contact Laura Rinaldi at (414) 389-4135.

General Orders Complete Sets

In September, photocopies of the complete print runs of the *General Orders* of the Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee for the 2000-2001, 2001-2002, 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 seasons are going to be made available. The sets will be photocopies of the black only (everything but the logos), and will be available through the Editor/Publisher for \$10 a year. Let the Editor/Publisher know how many sets you want to complete your collections.

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1st Brigade Band Schedule

The information below is taken from the Band's website. For more information contact the 1st Brigade Band or the concerned venues.

- June 5 (Saturday) Milwaukee, WI - Soldier's Home Foundation "Reclaiming Our Heritage" Event. See page 2 for more information.
- June 19 (Saturday) Lindenhurst, IL - St. Mark Lutheran Church Annual Picnic Historical Program - 2:00 PM. (847) 356-8140 or visit: www.smlc.info
- August 13-15 (Fri. - Sun.) - The Heritage Military Music Foundation hosts the Summer 2004 Meeting of the Wisconsin Bandmaster's Association.
- August 15 (Sunday) Watertown, WI - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Worship Service - 10:30 AM
- August 15 (Sunday) Watertown, WI - Octagon House Ice Cream Social Historical Program - 2:00 PM, Octagon House Grounds. Watertown Historical Society, (920) 261-2796 or visit the Octagon House.
- August 28 (Saturday) Portage, WI - A Taste of Portage & Portage Sesquicentennial Circle Concerts - 12:00 PM & 2:00 PM, Downtown Portage. (608) 742-6242 or visit www.portagewi.com
- September 12 (Sunday) Beloit, WI - Hanchett-Bartlett Homestead Grounds.
- November 6 (Saturday) Racine, WI - 17th Annual Harvest Ball Military Ball - 7:30 PM, Memorial Hall. Brochures and ticket forms will be mailed sometime in the fall.
- November 13 (Saturday) Wisconsin Rapids, WI - Arts Council of South Wood County Performance Series Historical Program - Evening, Central Wisconsin Cultural Center. (715) 421-4552 or visit: www.savortharts.org

- May 14-15 2005 (Sat-Sun) Wausau, WI - Wausau Area Performing Arts Foundation. (715) 842-0988 or visit: www.onartsblock.org.



The 1st Brigade Band is an affiliate of the Wisconsin Historical Society, and is supported and sponsored by Heritage Military Music Foundation, Inc.; a non-profit, educational, historical, and patriotic organization. For more information on the 1st Brigade Band:

- See www.1stbrigadeband.org;
- Write Heritage Hall, 504 S. Fourth Street, Watertown, WI 53094;
- e-mail cwband@1stbrigadeband.org;
- Call (920) 262-1864.

Shiloh

The September 2004 *General Orders* will begin with Powell's patrol, the foray of a handful of Union soldiers that stumbled onto the Confederate battle line as it was forming in the predawn hours of 6 April, 1862.

The positive feedback the author has received has been most gratifying.

2004-2005 Schedule

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

- June 30: *End of fiscal year.*
- July 22: Board meeting

Civil War Round Table Dinner Reservation for: June 10th, 2004

Mail your reservations by June 4th to:

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

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

Enclosed is \$_____ (meal price \$20 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: _____

Meet the New Members

LAURA AND JOHN RINALDI, Hubertus, WI. Interests: Chamberlain, Gettysburg, Civil War medicine.



Special Voice Auction

The Round Table is preparing a special voice auction of special items, to be held at a meeting in the 2004-2005 season. This auction will consist of especially prized, rare and autographed books, prints, objects of art and memorabilia. If you have any items that you would like to donate to the Round Table (the value of which is deductible), contact Quartermaster Gene Jamrozy.

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.

GO 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, Paul Eilbes.

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 dining room. Please contact club management if you have any questions.