



GENERAL ORDERS

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The **May 12th, 2005**, meeting is to be held at **WISCONSIN CLUB**, Milwaukee
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Daniel D. Nettesheim on Winfield Scott Hancock



General Hancock served in the Army of the Potomac from its formative period through most of its 1864 campaigns rising from brigade to corps

command. Our May program will examine Hancock's generalship and identify some of its salient characteristics. Within the same context, the speaker will discuss through Hancock's experience how the role of a successful subordinate general may differ from that of a commanding general.

Daniel D. Nettesheim has a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from the United States Military Academy at West Point, a Master of Arts in History and a Master of Science degree in Industrial Engineering from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, a Master of Business Administration degree from Long Island University, and a Master of Military History degree with the Command & General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, KS.

He is a retired Lieutenant Colonel from the US Army Corps of Engineers. He has served in Germany, Korea, and a number of state side posts, including as a Professor of History, West Point. He is now a Senior Vice President of Operations, Schwaab Inc. in Milwaukee.

Mr. Nettesheim has designed and given various Civil War and military history courses at West Point, done presentations at several Civil War Roundtables, and presentations and courses at area high schools, community groups, and the Civil War Institute at Carroll College.

Schedule of Events

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| • 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 |

Times subject to local conditions

Reclaiming Our Heritage Multi-Era Encampment at Milwaukee V.A. Grounds, June 4-5, 2005

The fourth annual event on the grounds of the National Soldiers Home Historic District will feature Civil War encampment with narrations of tactical activities by Lance Herdeggen, medical scenarios with Gerald Hahn and Dr. Bob Karczewski, Cemetery-by-Lantern tours, speakers, book signings and more. Free admission and parking. Volunteers welcome. For more information contact Patricia Lynch at 414-427-3776 or Laura Rinaldi at 414-460-6554, or go to www.soldiershome.org.

David Kincaid on Irish Music of the Civil War

Music historian David Kincaid will reprise a class on his research at the 2005 Irish Fest Summer School, August 14-19, and will perform at Irish Fest, August 19-21. A member of Company I, 116th Pennsylvania Volunteers, Kincaid has recorded 2 CDs with extensive documentation of

original source material. For info on David Kincaid: www.hauntedfieldmusic.com. For Irish Fest info: www.irishfest.com.

Southern Life was Just a Slower Pace...

From a Tennessee Newspaper: "Based on the battles mentioned in the book 'Gone With The Wind,' Melanie would have pregnant 21 months. Author Margaret Mitchell's only reply to the discrepancy was a Southerner's pace is slower than that of a Yankee."

—Dave Coverdale

Pacific Rim to Publish Member's Game Design

Pacific Rim Publishing is planning to publish *A CLOUD ACROSS THE LAND: The Battle of Chancellorsville*, designed by member Jay Zolitsch. They began accepting prepublication orders in April. For more information go to www.justplain.com/news.html#ACW.

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Memorial Day 2005

This is the last meeting for this season, and Memorial Day is soon to be upon us. We would do well to remember what the long weekend is actually for.

Originally called Decoration Day, this is a day to remember those who have died in our nation's service. After the Civil War many people in the North and South decorated graves of fallen soldiers with flowers.

In the spring of 1866, Henry C. Welles of Waterloo, NY, suggested that the patriots who had died in the Civil War should be honored by decorating their graves. Others embraced the idea and a committee was formed to plan a day devoted to honoring the dead. On May 5 of that year, a procession was held to Waterloo's cemeteries, led by veterans. The town observed this day of remembrance on May 5 of the following year as well.

Decoration Day was officially proclaimed

on May 5, 1868 by General John Logan in his General Order No. 11, and was first observed officially on May 30, 1868. In 1882, the name was changed to Memorial Day, and soldiers who had died in other wars were also honored. The South refused to acknowledge Decoration Day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I.

In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday to be held on the last Monday in May. Today, Memorial Day marks the unofficial beginning of the summer season in the United States.

When we are burning our brats on the grill this year, let's take a moment or two to remember those who have fallen in the service of our republic, and those who died helping them, and perhaps more important, those who now serve so well, and those who may well serve in the near future.

2005-06 Schedule

NOTICE: This is the TENTATIVE schedule for next season.

- September 8, 2005: Richard McMurry— Topic to be announced
- October 13: Ed Bearss—*"The Most Forgotten, Misunderstood & Least Appreciated Civil War Battles and Soldiers"*
- November 10: Edward Bonekemper III—*"A Victor Not a Butcher – U.S. Grant's Overlooked Military Genius"*
- December 7 [ITALIAN COMMUNITY CENTER]: Stephen Fratt—*"Civil War Tactics and Technology"*

- January 12, 2006: Stephen Servais—*"As if We Were Foreigners Suddenly Coming into a Strange Country; New Englanders in Tidewater Virginia, 1861-1865"*
- February 9: James McPherson—*"Abraham Lincoln as Commander in Chief"*
- March 9: Gail Stephens—*"Lew Wallace"*
- April 20: Horace Mewborn—*"The Battles of Manassas"*
- May 11: George Rable—*"Fredericksburg in the Larger Civil War Universe"*

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

Civil War Round Table Dinner Reservation for: May 12th, 2005

Mail your reservations by May 6th 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: _____

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.