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SHILOH IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF HENRY MORTON STANLEY

Granted that I know little of my real self, still, I am the best evidence for myself. And though, when I have quitted this world, it will matter nothing to me what people say of me, up to the moment of death we should strive to leave behind us something which can either Comfort, Amuse, Instruct, or Benefit the living; and though I cannot do either, except in a small degree, even that little should be given.

Henry M. Stanley, *How I Found Livingstone*

Before the famed journalist and explorer Henry Morton Stanley journeyed into Africa to find Dr. David Livingstone, he fought at the Battle of Shiloh as a private in the Confederate Army. He recorded his experiences in a chapter of his *Autobiography*, which was prepared before his death in 1904, and then published by his wife in 1909.

This program traces a trek across the battlefield in the footsteps of Private Stanley as nearly as can be determined by available evidence, and uses his own words to illustrate his experience. The program aims to give people an appreciation of the terror of combat as viewed by the common soldier, and will help them better understand the context in which Stanley's experiences occurred.



Bjorn Skaptason holds a M.A. in history from Loyola University Chicago. He worked as a seasonal ranger at the National Park Service's Shiloh National Military Park and Corinth Civil War Interpretive Center for two summers while studying at Loyola. He still returns to Shiloh yearly on the anniversary of the battle to help lead special interpretive hikes of the battlefield. He has previously published essays on Ambrose Bierce at Shiloh, on the United States Colored Troops in the campaign and Battle of Brice's

Crossroads for the *West Tennessee Historical Society Papers*, and in the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society* on The Chicago Light Artillery. A dealer in antiquarian books, Bjorn produces and guest hosts A House Divided on the Author's Voice network, a Civil War book discussion program love streamed from Abraham Lincoln Book Shop in Chicago.

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January Meeting at a Glance The Wisconsin Club 900 W. Wisconsin Avenue

[Jackets required for the dining room.]

6:15 p.m. - Registration/Social Hour

6:45 p.m. - Dinner

[\$30 by reservation, please]

Reservations are accepted until

Monday, January 7, 2019

7:30 p.m. - Program

Speaker and topic are subject to change. In case of inclement weather, listen to WTMJ or WISN for meeting status.

2018-2019 Speaker Schedule

Find the speaker schedule on page 6.

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Don't forget!

The January Round Table meeting returns to the **WISCONSIN CLUB** on Wisconsin Avenue. See you there!

Civil War Round Table News

When Reservations are Cancelled

Please be aware that cancellations of dinner reservations within 48 hours of the meeting are subject to payment in full. The MCWRT is charged for these dinners whether they are used or not!

Your Cooperation is Appreciated

"Walk-in dinner" requests are sometimes difficult to honor. Remember, dinner reservations are to be made at least 48 hours prior to the meeting date. We are always happy to accommodate where possible, but we cannot always guarantee a dinner that evening if you have not called in or emailed your reservation. Thank you for your understanding.

Special Dietary Needs

We have quite a number of regular members who have opted for special entrees as options to the regular dinner being served. The Wisconsin Club and the Round Table will make every effort to meet any special dietary needs you may have. As a courtesy, **please give a reminder when making your reservations**, so we don't forget to serve you what you're expecting!

Mark Your Calendar! Home Front Seminar Saturday, March 16, 2019



**Registration: 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Program begins at 9:30 a.m.
Catered Lunch and Museum admission included
\$55/\$40 Friends of the Museum**

The Civil War Museum's Annual Home Front Seminar highlights topics and talks pertaining to the non-military and social history aspects of the Civil War period.

Speakers:

**Dr. Bonnie Laughlin-Schultz, History Department,
Eastern Illinois University**
John Brown's Children and the Long Reach of the Civil War

Dan Hess, Old World Wisconsin
Wisconsin Farms to Factories

**Ronald Coddington, Editor and Publisher, Military
Images Magazine**
Cardomania! The Rise and Fall of the Carte de Visite
in Civil War America

**Register by calling the museum at: 262-653-4140 or by
visiting their website:**

https://museumstore.kenosha.org/qsot-event/home-front-seminar/03-16_2019-830am/

Please note the speaker and topic change
for March 2019.

The Muster Roll: NEW MEMBERS

MCWRT Annual Fund

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CHICAGO CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE 2019 TOUR

Please check chicagocwrt.org for the Vicksburg Campaign 2019 Battlefield Tour sign up information. The dates are May 2 to May 5, 2019. Ed Bearss and Terry Winschel are the guides.

CIVIL WAR TIME TRAVELERS 2019 TOUR

Showdown in the Shenandoah is next year's October tour. Cross Keys, Port Republic, New Market, Winchester, and Cedar Creek will be our historical highlights. We will also visit a Shenandoah Valley winery and a Bardstown, Kentucky distillery on the return to Wisconsin.



In January 1949 Marshall Wingfield spoke to those assembled on "Robert E. Lee."

"John Hunt Morgan's Ohio Raid" was the topic presented by Hubert W. Hawkins in January 1959.

James Huston was the speaker at the January 1969 meeting speaking on "Development of the Signal Corps."

At the January 1979 meeting Merlin E. Sumner spoke to the Round Table members on "The Spirit of Ulysses S. Grant."

The featured speaker at the January 1989 meeting was Bruce Bazelon who spoke on "Gettysburg: After the Fighting."

"The Gettysburg Council of War, July 2, 1863" was presented by Marshall Krolick at the January 1999 meeting.

At last year's January meeting Bruce Allardice spoke to the group on "These Charges Don't Pay: The Battle of Ezra Church."

African-American Civilians and the Gettysburg Campaign

Saturday, February 2, 2019 1 p.m.

Free and open to the public

Presented by: Steve Acker

The history surrounding the name Gettysburg has been woven into the fabric of American history. For three days in 1863, two great armies fought to create their own definition of America. This program will add another layer to that rich history by sharing the story of the African American at Gettysburg. From the beginnings of the town, the story of Gettysburg has also been the story of free and runaway African Americans living barely ten miles from the Mason Dixon line and a slave holding population dedicated to subjugating a people. Using powerful images and personal stories we will learn about Mag, Palm, Basil Biggs, the Underground Railway, a fraternity party coming to the rescue of a half-starved runaway and much more.

Kenosha Civil War Museum

Second Friday Lecture Series

The series is a free program sponsored by the Milwaukee Civil War Round Table and Iron Brigade Association.

PTSD and the Civil War Soldier

Friday, January 11, 2019 Noon

Presented by: Dr. Greg Burek, M.D. Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine, Medical College of Wisconsin

Dr. Greg Burek's program will study the symptoms of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and study case histories of Civil War veterans to see if they exhibit similar symptoms of PTSD. Dr. Burek's program will increase the audience's understanding of the symptoms of PTSD and how patients cope with this disease. He will also discuss the onset of what was at one time called Soldier's Heart along with case histories and treatment of the disease during the 19th century.

Black Badgers in "White" Regiments

Saturday, January 19, 2019 Noon

Free and open to the public

Presented by: Jeff Kannel

When the Civil War began, African American men from Wisconsin were prohibited from serving in the state militia or federal army. By war's end, hundreds had served in the U.S. Colored Troops, many hundreds more had worked as employees of Wisconsin regiments and officers, and a few dozen had served as enlisted soldiers in the same Wisconsin Infantry Regiments which had earlier banned them from joining. One of them was Cornelius Butler of Kenosha. Two others served by hiding their African ancestry, and one of them rose to the rank of colonel. Hear the stories of the service of these men who served more than 75 years before the U.S. military was officially integrated.



The Milwaukee Civil War Round Table has been called "the best-kept secret in southern Wisconsin." Let's try to change that. Please consider bringing a guest to our monthly meetings!



**From the Second Regiment
Camp Tillinghast, January 2, 1862**

Dear Father and Mother – I suppose you would like to know how I spent New Year's and I thought I would improve the present opportunity in telling you.

It is evening, and we have just come in from picket. We have to travel ten miles to do picket duty. We started on Tuesday morning on this business and arrived there about noon, relieving the 19th Indiana regiment. Two companies were left as a reserve and our company took one road and relieved the pickets that were on it, and the remainder of the company went on other roads. We got posted by the middle of the afternoon – four men on a post-one man on the lookout all the while the other three would keep secreted a few rods off in the woods; we relieved each other every hour.

The post to which I belonged was on the edge of some big pine woods being the third from the last on the right wing of our picket lines. As it happened, I was on foot from half past eleven to half past twelve so I watched the old year out and the new one in standing behind a large pine tree right in the edge of the woods with my old musket by my side looking out for secesh. In the morning we were relieved by the reserve and we then acted as a reserve ourselves. We remained there all New Year's Day the next night and part of next day, when the 7th regiment came out and took our places. We had no roast turkey, mince pies, not any of those nice fixings for New Year's which I suppose you had out there in Wisconsin. We don't get much of that fancy kind of living, I can tell you. But our New Year's will come pretty soon for we are to get our pay next week when I shall go over to Washington and will have a time.

We have been fixing up our tents so as to be comfortable although we have had no cold weather yet. A man is comfortable here with his coat off while you are freezing with all the clothes you can get on. I like Virginia on that account but for nothing else. We have our tents logged up five feet inside with a door in front so if cold weather comes, we shall be prepared for it. The officers all have block houses which the boys built for them. We are all in good health and in good spirits and everything goes smoothly and nice. There is not much drilling now but we go on picket once in three weeks. There is not much prospect of our moving forward this winter.

At three o'clock on New Year's night we received orders from Gen. McDowell to double the pickets as he thought the secesh would make a break that night but did not dare to come. They fired on the pickets on the Potomac, but were driven back. It takes twenty regiments to do picket duty; this is 20,000 men for picket every day so large is our army and so extended are its lines. Our pickets extend further than they ever did and we keep advancing all the time. "Mac" will keep crowding until the secesh will think that the Yankees, as they call us, are imposing on them when they will pitch into us, and try to drive us back but that will be a job for Jeff and his gentlemen, as he styles them, this driving back is played out. McClellan says we have made our last retreat and we all have confidence in him. We are waiting patiently for him to lead on for they think the more fighting they do the sooner the war will be ended. We are pretty near neighbors, we don't agree very well. They have heavy entrenchments about Centerville, and when the battle does take place, it will be the greatest one ever fought.

But I will bring my letter to a close as it is getting almost time for tattoo. I wish you would send me a few Janesville papers and I hope you will write soon.

From your son,
C. H. Cheney

Camp Tillinghast, Va. January 12, '62

Dear "Tribune:"

The Judge, for once, is really nonplussed for something of interest to jot down for the benefit of the reader. The Army of the Potomac furnishes nothing worthy of notice – quietly occupying the same routine of duty being theirs, undisturbed by the murmuring secesh.

The weather for a week past has been rather disagreeable. Monday it rained. Tuesday it snowed. Wednesday it rained and on Thursday we were blessed with a regular southern blow which for a time it seemed doubtful whether the tents would stand the pressure or not; in fact we should not have been disappointed had we awoke in the morning and found the canopy of heaven our only cover and us poor soldiers laying around loose.

The Rev. Mr. Richmond, the Chaplain of the Second, preached in camp to-day. The attendance at his meetings is rather slim; why, I know not, but so it is. The only wonder is that the man really undertakes to address the Second at all for I am sure that his labors are of but little account; not because the men are not willing to rally around his standard but simply because they know not the good of a Chaplain as he generally suits his own convenience in visiting the Camp. Other Regiments have the full benefit of their Chaplains, but be it said of the Second that it is one of the wonders to see the Reverend with his flag in Camp.

Thank you, Jim Johnson, for these fascinating memories for our *From the Field* features!

In most of the companies prayer meetings are held nightly and an occasional accession to the ranks is evident by the persevering endeavors of the few steady ever ready deserving the promised reward. It is these few men that never falter. Our company has samples and the merciless hand will assuredly be stayed and a just and happy verdict their reward.

On Friday our boys that for so long have been in “durance vile” at Richmond returned to Washington and last evening they joined the company. Some sixty in number returned to the regiment, all of whom were taken at the battle of Bull Run. They received a hearty welcome by their comrades. The band played “Home Again” and cheer after cheer rent the air over their return. As soon as they are paid off they will return to their homes on a furlough for thirty days. The boys all look well considering the hardships they have undergone in the tobacco houses of Richmond. Sergeant Gregory had a “chum” while in Richmond – an English “tar” and though uneducated he produced a song on the battle of Manassas of which the following stanza is a sample:

*Come all of you Yankee heroes,
Come listen for a while,
And when that you have heard it
‘Twill cause you for to smile.
Concerning of the Southerners
These verses are about-
They go, their legs fast in a trap,
And cannot get them out.
At the battle of Manassas,
I mean to tell you plain,
Although they gained the victory
They’d the greatest number slain.
The Yankees stood true to their guns,
And swore they’d never yield;
If it had not been for Patterson
They’d licked them off the field.*

This JOHN BELL is one of those prisoners held in custody to meet the fate of the pirates taken by our government – Sergt. Gregory also has a flag given him by a Union lady at Richmond, as there are in Baltimore, and that Richmond will never to be taken by our forces for the reason that it will have been seized by her loyal citizens ‘ere our army could possibly reach it.

There has been a detail of captains and Sergeants made to return to the State to recruit for the Regiment but Gen. McDowell has recalled them and it is presumed that this useless expedition will not be made. I should think there were enough interested persons left in Wisconsin that could take hold of the recruiting department without interfering with the regiment in the field.

We have no more officers than is necessary to man the gallant Second and consider it entirely complimentary that anything higher than a private be allowed to go on the recruiting. Right Bower, correspondent of the *Intelligencer*, is brought to account for his essay on the mitten question.

Now this whole matter arose simply by some erring friend at the Point writing here what the chances of the company receiving any favors for the Societies were slim indeed. But we are glad that the matter thus turned out – that Right Bower and Judge were really wrong and that the ladies are the dearest of angels. They will pardon us and await reinforcements. We feel confident that we have a number of steadfast friends in the Point and trust our labors will repay them for their pains.

The *Philadelphia Inquirer* contains the intelligence that Gen. Jim Lane has been granted the privilege of selecting what troops he wishes for the work of subjugation on the borders and that from Wisconsin he selects one regiment of cavalry and two of Infantry. We are in hopes our regiment may be one for LANE we would glory in following. That section of country is our choice yet the general impression is that Bull Run must first be wiped out and the man would be an assurance to us that no longer would we be permitted to play the soldier but do a goodly share of duty.

Washington is densely crowded with visitors and shoulder-strapped gentlemen with sash and sword. In fact, there is scarcely a place – even the President’s mansion – that is free of these plumed gentlemen. I wonder sometimes at the difference that the gold bars make with the man; and the number of fair damsels that have vowed to love and obey shows plainly the impression their shoulder bars have on the hearts of the Washington ladies. A few of them should be imported West for our young misses to squint at.

It is growing late and having about run out for anything to say, I close, awaiting till something more exciting turns up which may prove more interesting than I fear this column of jottings will be at to.

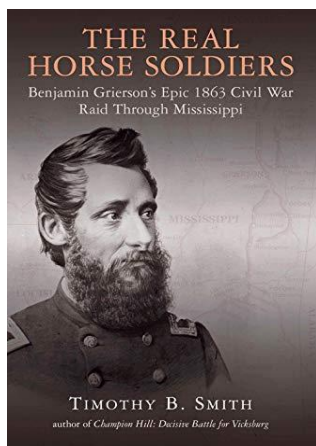
Yours as ever, Judge

From Cornelius Wheeler’s Diary

While in this camp, the Second Regiment honored the memory of Benjamin Franklin in a banquet given in the hospital tent. There were about a dozen printers in the Second, many more in the Sixth and Seventh, and Geo. Otis, of the Second was Secretary and acknowledged the receipt of many complimentary letters from Gen. King, McDowell, McClellan, Cobb and others of the army. The toastmaster was G. M. Woodward of Co. B, LaCrosse, where he now resides. He also wrote a poem for the occasion which was especially sweet, witty and fine. Woodward was, as he still is, a general favorite, and one of God’s noblemen. General King, himself, was a printer and founder of the *Milwaukee Sentinel*.

AN INTERVIEW WITH TIMOTHY B. SMITH

The Real Horse Soldiers: Benjamin Grierson's Epic 1863 Civil War Raid Through Mississippi



Why did you write this book?

I have always been interested in the Vicksburg campaign, and am turning my professional writing attention to it after spending years on the Tennessee River campaign. Before I jumped in with both feet, I thought it would be nice to do something on Grierson's Raid, which is one of the better known facets of the campaign. Plus, it occurred almost exclusively in my home state of Mississippi, many places where I used to live. On top of that, I really like the John Wayne movie *The Horse Soldiers*, inaccurate though it is.

What is the book's purpose?

There hasn't really been a major book on the raid in sixty years, so I wanted to take the story of the raid into the modern times by finding all the source material I could, especially from the soldiers on the raid to make it a true adventure story as well as sources from the Mississippians who endured it. My second goal was to put the raid firmly into the context of the campaign itself.

What sources were used to compile this work?

Most of the information came from the *Official Records* and Grierson's memoirs, with additional primary sources from the soldiers and citizens fleshing it out. Sadly, the troopers on the raid had much too little time to write letters home or keep diaries on the raid itself, so most of what we get is immediate post-raid letters.

Did you uncover any surprises in your research for this book?

Not really. I think most everyone knows a little about the raid and its effects. But I was surprised at just how grueling the raid was and just how much it took Confederate attention away from Grant's bigger plans.

What is the target audience for this book?

Civil War scholars and buffs will be the primary target, although I think it will also appeal to the general reading public. It's that good of a story in terms of adventure, tension, etc.

Why do you think this is an important story to tell?

The raid was a major part of the Union's success in the Vicksburg campaign, which was a major reason the North won the war. Also, I think it shows a grassroots-level view of the war that we don't always get in histories.

What should readers take away from this book?

Obviously, the story of the grueling raid and its major ramifications are forefront, but there are also life lessons that come out of it. Persistence. Never giving up. Tactics, whether in the military or business or personal. Maybe the biggest lesson is that exemplified by Grierson himself. He was a broke failure at the beginning of the Civil War and in large part because of this raid he finished a national hero with his future pretty much secure. We never know how life might turn good or bad, but we have to stick with it and ride it out, and we'll be better for it. And it may take some adaptation. Grierson the cavalry hero was, after all, a musician first and foremost!

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FROM THE FILES OF PETER JACOB SOHN

INFORMATION WANTED

Of ROBERT BARNARD. He is 12 years of age, rather small, good looking, bright and intelligent; he is the son of Capt. R. H. Barnard, of the 19th U.S. Infantry. He left the residence of his grandfather, George Fuller, Esq., Scranton, Penna., on the 24th of last June. It is supposed he is with the Army of the Potomac or with Sheridan's Army, and would probably make an effort to join a Drum Corps, as he had been practicing with some success. Any information relative to him would be gratefully received by addressing his uncle,

JOHN J. BARNARD

Georgetown, D.C.

**MILWAUKEE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE
2018-2019 SPEAKER SCHEDULE**

September 13, 2018 **Tim B. Smith**
*Difficult and Broken Ground:
The Terrain Factor at Shiloh*

October 11, 2018 **Ted Karamanski**
The Civil War as an Indian War

November 8, 2018 **Paul Kahan**
*The Presidency of U.S. Grant:
Preserving Civil War Legacy*

December 13, 2018
David Hirsch & Dan Van Haften
Abraham Lincoln and the Structure of Reason

January 10, 2019 **Bjorn Skaptason**
Shiloh in the Footsteps of Henry Morton Stanley

February 7, 2019 **Rob Girardi**
Gouverneur K. Warren

March 7, 2019 **John David Smith**
Michael Larson
Dear Delia: Letters of Henry Young

April 11, 2019 **Brad Gottfried**
Maps of Fredericksburg

May 9, 2019 **John Horn**
*The Petersburg Regiment in the Civil War:
A History of the 12th Virginia Infantry from
John Brown's Hanging to Appomattox 1859-1865*

June 13, 2019 **Greg Biggs**
*The Question was One of Supplies: The Logistics
for William T. Sherman's Atlanta Campaign*

Speakers/topics remain subject to change.

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Would you like to receive an email reminder before each meeting? How about an email telling you about a special or upcoming Civil War event in our area? If you are interested in receiving an email reminder/notification please send your email address to Grant Johnson at: grant.johnson@responsory.com

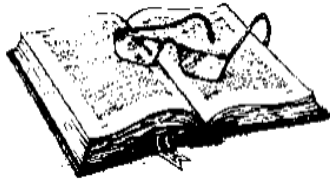
Grant will be creating a database with email reminders set to go out a week before the scheduled event. This is a purely optional choice on each member's part. If you have any questions please talk to Grant at a Round Table meeting or email him at the listed email address.

Milwaukee Civil War Round Table Dinner Reservation for January 10, 2019

Mail your reservations by Monday, January 7 to:
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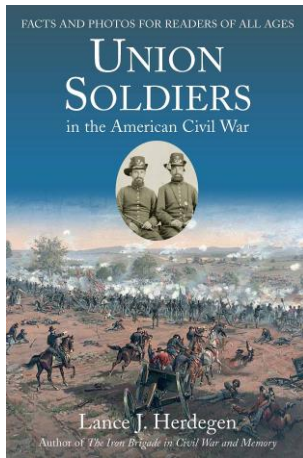
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January 10, 2019 meeting of the Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee.
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BETWEEN THE COVERS

UNION SOLDIERS IN THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR: FACTS AND PHOTOS FOR READERS OF ALL AGES

by Lance Herdegen



Lance Herdegen, friend, past president of the Milwaukee Civil War Round Table, the authority on the Iron Brigade and all-around good guy, has a new book out published by Savas Beatie. *Union Soldiers in the American Civil War* is a book filled with facts and great photographs covering all aspects involving the Union soldier; who was “Billy Yank”, how he fought, what he ate, prisoner exchanges and the prison camps and what happened after the war ended are just some of the topics covered in this book.

The book is filled with wonderful pictures complimenting the theme of each chapter. One of my favorite parts of the book was the Gallery of Union soldiers and sailors. One of the saddest entries in the book were the number of lives, both Union and Confederate, lost while in the prison camps during the war – 30,000 Union and 26,000 Confederates would die while in captivity.

This book would be a wonderful gift particularly for a young person with a little or no knowledge of the Civil War and those who fought in it. Each chapter is short and gives a concise, introductory view of a particular topic. The chapters pique one’s interest and open the door to further exploration – “wow, I didn’t know this, I want to learn more.” Lance provides a suggested reading list that can be used as a starting point but it is certainly not an exhaustive list. As we all know, there are a lot of books out there to satisfy our curiosity and interest. A glossary of basic Civil War terms is also included.

For those with Civil War knowledge this is just a great little book to sit down with and enjoy. It is a good reference book that also includes Civil War points of interest worth visiting across the states. Do you need to research an ancestor? Lance offers a variety of resources to help you in your search.

Recently an intrepid group of folks traveled down to Georgia and Tennessee to learn more about Chattanooga, Chickamauga and Franklin. Kay Wege along with her husband, Dave Wege, organizers and creators of The Civil War Time Travelers, recommended Lance’s book to the group commenting:

Lance’s new book is filled with fascinating facts that even a non-Civil War nut can enjoy. I learned a lot of things that many people might already know, and was introduced to terms and facts in a way that even a novice could understand.

Why should we read and remember these Union soldiers? I think what sums it up best is a quote from a Union veteran at the end of the *Glorious Remembrance* chapter and Lance’s comment afterwards:

“Then one day we looked up from our work and saw dimming eyes and graying hair. Suddenly we wanted to talk again with our old comrades and of our soldier days when we were young.”

And then, one day in the middle of the twentieth century, the last of them died, and the Boys in Blue were just a memory.

Why read this book? Let us remember lest we forget. Let us learn about these soldiers and honor their memory.

submitted by Donna Agnelly

Have you taken the time to check out the revamped website for our Milwaukee Civil War Round Table? Grant Johnson and his talented people have done a marvelous job with our site! Filled with news, announcements, back issues of the **General Orders**, and even videos, it is a true destination for friends of the MCWRT and history lovers in general.

www.milwaukeeecwrt.org

49TH ANNUAL PATRIOTIC LUNCHEON
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2019 at 12:30 p.m.
Hosted by C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 and Auxiliary #4
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Guest Speaker: Mary Todd Lincoln (Donna Daniels)
"My Side of the Story"

Mrs. Lincoln on the First Lady's much maligned image

Location: Alioto's Restaurant
3041 N. Mayfair Rd., Wauwatosa, WI



Buffet Lunch includes: Tenderloin Tips with Noodles or Roast Turkey with Sage Dressing
Assorted relish tray, pasta salad, mixed vegetables, buttered new potatoes,
Jello, tossed salad, Italian bread, coffee, tea or milk, sheet cake for dessert.

\$20 per person payable to: C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1

Mail to: Elizabeth Craig

3422 N. 79th St., Milwaukee, WI 53222-3937

Deadline: January 26, 2019

For more information, call 414-614-3690

News from Gettysburg National Military Park

Ed Wenschhof Jr. has arrived as the acting superintendent of Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site. He will serve in this position until approximately April 5, 2019.

Wenschhof currently serves as Chief Ranger at the C&O Canal National Historical Park, which follows the route of the 184.5 mile canal along the Potomac River from Washington D.C. to Cumberland Maryland. He has a wide depth of experience in management roles including serving as Acting Superintendent at Antietam National Battlefield and Catoctin Mountain Park.

"I am very appreciative of the opportunity to serve as acting superintendent for Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site—the parks where I started my National Park Service career in 1984," said Wenschhof. "I look forward to working with my NPS colleagues, park visitors, partners and the local community."

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On to Tennessee! was the motto for this year's Civil War Time Travelers trip this past October as our merry group of travelers explored Chickamauga, Chattanooga and Franklin. The Time Travelers is the dream child of Dave Wege (who just happens to do the layout for the *General Orders*.) Dave and his wife, Kay, are a winning team and complement each other perfectly.

After a long coach ride with our primary Lamers driver, Carmen Russo (what a gem!) we arrived at our first lodging stop – the Chattanooga Choo Choo. It just so happened that the Choo Choo was hosting a Harry Potter festival night so we had a chance to see little and big “kids” dressed up in their Potter gear waving their wands and having a great time. After a quick check in and time to refresh ourselves it was off to the Mellow Mushroom for some really great pizza while Dave Wege gave us an overview of the trip.

Chickamauga, “The River of Death” was our first stop. After seeing an Orientation film and doing a little shopping at the Visitor Center we were off with our guide for the day, Park Ranger Brian Autry (and yes, he is related to “The Singing Cowboy” Gene Autry.) Brian was a great guide and after several stops with an emphasis on Wisconsin we had to return Brian to the Visitor Center. (I think we saw the bus the Kenosha Civil War Museum tour used parked at the Visitor Center.) Tom Arliskas gave a blow-by-blow description of the action of our Wisconsin hero Colonel Heg of the 15th Wisconsin. We all stood around the cairn of cannonballs where Colonel Heg took a mortal wound in a counterattack. After a quick lunch in the park it was off to Ringgold Gap to hear Dave talk about Patrick Cleburne and the stand he took at the Gap. After a group photo around Cleburne’s monument it was back to the Chattanooga Choo Choo for a short respite and then on to the evening event – a dinner cruise on the Tennessee River on the Southern Belle Riverboat.

Chattanooga, “The Gateway to the South” was our focus the next day with the awesome historian Will Greene as our guide for the day. Our first stop was a hike to Browns Ferry – the water was misted over and Will Greene delivered a spectacular talk. Our day was filled with visits to other important points: a hike to Orchard Knob and another great talk by Will Greene, Lookout Point and Missionary Ridge. My friend and roommate, Laura Rinaldi, was able to stand where an uncle of her brother-in-law, Kelley, was 154 years ago at Lookout Mountain. Captain James F. Rowe first served with the 6th Massachusetts and then the 33rd Massachusetts. His company presented him with a sword when he transferred to the 33rd, which has recently been recovered by Laura’s sister. The famous Lookout Mountain picture with the 4 men in it – yes, Kelley’s uncle is one of them!

After a group shout of “On Wisconsin” at Missionary Ridge in honor of Arthur McArthur we headed to our last stop for the day at Chattanooga National Cemetery where I had the honor of telling the story of Andrews Raiders at the monument dedicated to them. Then it was off to the Choo Choo to freshen up before our evening activity – a meal and a decidedly southern dinner show at the Buttonwillow Dinner Theater which we reached after, for me, a scary, curve filled ride down a mountain. The show was very entertaining but our past Round Table president and fellow traveler, Van Harl, was seen shaking his head and muttering, “Propaganda. Propaganda.”

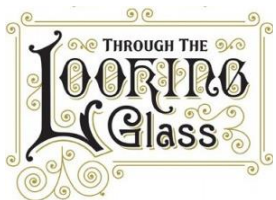
It was time to leave Chattanooga and head to our final destination – Franklin. We first stopped at St. John’s Episcopal Church and then it was on to Rippavilla Plantation where we had an excellent tour of the home. Dave, once again, gave a great talk on Spring Hill – the prelude to Franklin – employing a very unusual 4 coffee cup method to explain what happened at Spring Hill. Leave it to Dave to inform and entertain!

At Franklin our group was split into two groups – the guide for each group was terrific. It has been a few years since I was at Franklin and it was good to see the continual progress they have made in the preservation field – they really are the gold standard on what can be done. One member of our group took a great photo looking through one of the bullet holes in the Carter House farm office at the Carter House. It was a look back in time and is very moving. Our final stop was the Carnton Plantation where we once again split into two groups for the tour of the home. We wrapped it all up at the McGavock Cemetery with some fine words read by both Kay and Dave Wege.

A closing banquet at the Best Western in Franklin (our Franklin accommodation) brought things to a close with a great little play by tour members with lots of ad-libbing! A great time was had by all and a silent auction of some fine books helped raise money for the Battle of Franklin Trust and for Chickamauga/Chattanooga.

All good things do come to an end and the Civil War Time Travelers boarded the Lamers coach for a final time to head home. We said goodbye to our driver, Carmen, in Indiana and picked up our other driver for the final stretch home.

So, it is “On Wisconsin” again next October as we explore “Showdown in the Shenandoah,” - The 1862 Shenandoah Valley Campaign. The Travelers will meet again and have another great time filled with history, fun and friendship.



Through the Looking Glass features are intended to tell the stories of common folks of the Civil War, whether they are civilians or military personnel. If you have access to the story of an ordinary citizen of this war-torn era and are willing to share it with our Round Table, please consider submitting it to Donna Agnelly, editor of our General Orders. Thank you!

David Knox Noyes: Captain of the Iron Brigade

Has it happened to you, too, as you did Civil War reading? Has some scene, some vignette described in exquisite or excruciating detail, embedded itself in your mind and taken up residence there? This happened to me as I read an account of a soldier from Baraboo, David Knox Noyes, who was among the casualties at Antietam, September 17, 1862.

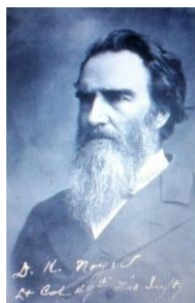
Like so many others, Noyes had roots out East. Related to Washington's artilleryman, Henry Knox, perhaps he was destined to martial pursuits. He completed school in the east, and then in 1844 went to Wisconsin following the footsteps of his father and brother. After a failed attempt at lead mining, he taught school. When the Mexican War called Americans to arms, he was among those who volunteered for service. His unit was never called up.

After studying law in Dodgeville, he was admitted to the bar in March 1847, and then opened a practice and land office in Baraboo. He also founded and operated the *Baraboo Republic* newspaper and owned a 320 acre farm. He served a term as State Assemblyman in 1856.

Knox was appointed First Lieutenant of Company A, 6th Wisconsin Infantry on April 26, 1861, and promoted to Captain on February 12, 1862.

Fast-forward to September 17. The 6th Wisconsin along with her sister regiments of the Iron Brigade were ordered through the yard of the Joseph Poffenberger farm, into the David Miller cornfield, with their objective a white building in the near distance, a church. To the west of the farm rose Nicodemus Heights, which had been occupied by horse artillery of Jeb Stuart's command. As the 6th moved towards the cornfield, the cannons on the heights let loose, raining shells on the advancing bluecoats. One of the shells exploded in the ranks of the 6th, killing and maiming several Badgers, including Noyes. As recorded by Frank Haskell:

"Our Brigade moved out to battle at a little after sun-rise, and before we had moved a hundred yards towards the enemy, their second shell, - the first had just passed above our heads, - dropped and exploded in the 6th Wis. and killed or wounded thirteen men and officers, - Capt. D.K. Noyes being among the latter. He has had his right foot amputated, saving the heel and ankle joint, is doing well, and undoubtedly will recover."



Home in Wisconsin, the injured veteran served as a recruiter from January 1863 to July 1864, when he was discharged on disability from the 6th Infantry. He returned to active duty and was commissioned major of the 49th Wisconsin Infantry on 28 January 1865. He was at St. Louis and Rolla, MO, and was assigned to Court Martial service. Knox was appointed Lieutenant Colonel in November 1865, but mustered out that same month, before taking the rank.

After the War he founded another newspaper, the *Independent*, prospered from investments in land, and served as the postmaster of Baraboo from 1867-1883. Besides these rather prestigious positions, Knox served his community in many other capacities during his lifetime. He was a committed member of the G.A.R. serving as an officer in that venerable organization many times. As a leader of the business community in Baraboo, Knox owned several buildings in town besides his own offices.

David Knox Noyes passed away on November 24, 1900 at the age of 80 years. He is buried in Walnut Hill Cemetery in Baraboo, Wisconsin. Mysteriously, he appears alive again on the June 1905 State of Wisconsin Census. His wife, Lucinda Barnes Noyes, is listed as widowed in the census of 1910. Whatever his actual date of death, the service he rendered to his nation, like that of so many Americans of the time period, deserves respect and remembrance.

submitted by Dave Wege



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