



## GENERAL ORDERS No. 1

## RE: September 2025 Meeting

**Main Presentation:** This month we welcome **Christopher Kolakowski**. Christopher L. Kolakowski is Director of the Wisconsin Veterans Museum in Madison, WI. He received his BA in History and Mass Communications from Emory & Henry College, and his MA in Public History from the State University of New York at Albany. Chris has spent his career interpreting and preserving American military history with the National Park Service, New York State government, the Rensselaer County (NY) Historical Society, the Civil War Preservation Trust, Kentucky State Parks, the U.S. Army, and the MacArthur Memorial. He has written and spoken on various aspects of military history from 1775 to the present, and is the author of six books on the American Civil War and World War II in the Pacific. He is a contributor to the Emerging Civil War Blog, a Senior Fellow of the Consortium of Indo-Pacific Researchers, and a reviewer and contributor to the Air Force Journal of Indo-Pacific Affairs.

This month Chris will be providing a presentation titled: ***The Korean War: An Overview***. June 25, 2025 marked 75 years of the start of the “police action” in Korea. It was the first significant war in the nuclear age and the first test of the effectiveness of the United Nations. The war ended in an armistice in July 1953, but peace remains elusive and the war is technically still going. This talk will explore the war, its background, and its legacies today.

**Date:** September 11, 2025

**Place:** Hop Haus Brew Pub, 2975 Sub-Zero Pkwy, Fitchburg, WI

**Social:** 6:00 PM

**Optional Dining:** 6:15 PM. Order from the menu when you arrive. To support Hop Haus staffing, they request the number of people planning to dine. Please make your dining request by the Wednesday before the meeting via email [Madison.history.roundtable@gmail.com](mailto:Madison.history.roundtable@gmail.com), MHRT website or by calling Rich Fronek at 608-669-0970. Leave your name and number of those dining. **DO NOT REPLY TO THIS EMAIL TO INDICATE DINING REQUESTS.** *Note; you can come to the meeting without dining.*

**Business Meeting:** 7:00 PM

**Presentation:** 7:15 PM. Free to the public. No reservations needed

### Upcoming Events:

- September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025; 8:30 – 3:30 – Great Lakes Civil War Forum - “*The Many Sides of the Antietam Campaign*”
- October 9th, 2025 – MHRT Meeting – Rick Bernstein - *History of the Grand Army of the Republic in Dane County*

**Book Sale** – We will be offering a book sale at the monthly meetings. Each book is \$1, take as many as you like. You are also welcome to bring a book for sale. Proceeds go to the MHRT.

**Publicity:** Find out about the Madison History Roundtable at our web site <https://www.madisonhistoryroundtable.com>, Facebook (search on Madison History Roundtable) and email [madhrt@googlegroups.com](mailto:madhrt@googlegroups.com). Spread the word to your friends, colleagues and co-workers.

**Membership:** Dues for a single person remain \$30/year. If you want to sign up as a couple, dues are \$50. The season runs September – May. Dues are used to cover the operating and speaker expenses of the Madison History Roundtable. You can mail your dues to the **MHRT Treasurer – 9 Flad Circle, Madison, WI 53711**. If you have a personal PayPal account, you can send in your dues to the MHRT PayPal email address: [wsayles1950@gmail.com](mailto:wsayles1950@gmail.com). Attending meetings are free and open to the public. Guests can check us out before deciding if they want to become a member.

**MHRT Website:** Check out our web site at: <https://www.madisonhistoryroundtable.com>. You can find information on the MHRT schedule, list of speakers and meeting dates amongst other information. You can also “signup” for MHRT membership. We will be periodically be updating the web site with meeting notices, upcoming events and activities. Let us know what other information you might want posted on the site.



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