



GENERAL ORDERS No. 7

RE: March 2026 Meeting

Main Presentation: This month we welcome Jerry Hunter who will be presenting, “*Wisconsin regiments of the Iron Brigade - Morning of Day 1 at Gettysburg*”. Jerry has been fascinated by the US Civil War and has researched it extensively upon his retirement, particularly the battle of Gettysburg. The US Civil War was a pivotal moment in US history and the battle of Gettysburg (July 1-3, 1863) is considered by most Civil War scholars to be the turning point of the war. Wisconsin regiments, specifically of the Iron Brigade, played a significant role in the first day of the battle, holding the line long enough for the rest of the Army of the Potomac to arrive on that fateful field. The Iron Brigade (2nd, 6th and 7th Wisconsin, 19th Indiana and 24th Michigan) were among the first infantry to arrive at Gettysburg and were critical to the success of the Union. Many local boys were involved at Gettysburg, especially in the 7th Wisconsin, Company D, known as the Stoughton Light Guard. This presentation will describe the stories and actions of Wisconsin regiments on the morning of Day 1 at Gettysburg, providing both personal recollections and tactical explanations. It will also include accounts from official reports and personal remembrances of participants regarding the involvement and fate of local soldiers. Bring a friend and join us for what promises to be a most interesting presentation.

Date: March 12, 2026

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, MHRT website or by calling Rich Fronck 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:

- April 9th, 2026 – MHRT Meeting – *From Rome to Appomattox - the history of (Catholic) Civil War Chaplains* by Rev. Robert J. Miller

Book Sale – We will be offering a book sale at the monthly meetings. Each book is \$1, take as many as you like. Proceeds go to the MHRT. Feel free to bring some books you are willing to donate.

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. 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. 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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