



GENERAL ORDERS No. 1

RE: September 2023 Meeting

Main Presentation: This month we welcome **Christopher Kolakowski**. Christopher is the Director of the Wisconsin Veterans Museum, a position he has held since January 6, 2020. Chris 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 extensively on various aspects of military history and leadership from 1775 to the present. Chris has presented previously to the MHRT; *Perryville: Battle for Kentucky and The Admirals Wept: Billy Mitchell and the Atlantic Bombing Test of 1921*. This month, Chris will be presenting ***Civil War to World War: The MacArthurs and the Buckners***. The presentation is about two father and son pairings who fought prominently in the Civil War and then World War II – Arthur and Douglas MacArthur and Simon Bolivar Buckner Sr and Jr. This talk will survey their lives in a parallel biography, noting some surprising intersections along the way."

Date: September 14, 2023 (second Thursday)

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

Social: 6:00 PM

Optional Dinner: 6:15 PM. Order from the menu when you arrive

Dinner Request: To support Hop Haus staffing, they request the number of people planning to dine. Please make your dining request by the Monday before the meeting via email Madison.history.roundtable@gmail.com, website (Contact/Dinner Reservations) or by calling Rich Fronek at **608-669-0970**. Leave your name and number of attendees. **DO NOT REPLY TO THE EMAIL MEETING NOTICE TO MAKE RESERVATIONS.**

Business Meeting: 7:00 PM

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

Upcoming Events:

- **September 23, 2023; 8:30 – 3:30 – Great Lakes Civil War Forum – Vicksburg Campaign**
 - The lineup of speakers includes:
 - *Author and Historian Tim Smith*
 - *Andrew Miller, Lead Interpretive Ranger and Historic Weapons Program Coordinator, Vicksburg National Military Park*
 - *Reverend Robert Miller*
 - *Dr. Xukai Zou, Professor of Computer and Information Science at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis.*
 - Contact Rich Fronek at 608-669-0970 or rfronek@charter.net if you are interested in attending and want to carpool to Kenosha.
 - You can register for the forum at the following link:
<https://museums.kenosha.org/civil-war-museum-programs-events/annual-events#1677790230383-dac45013-ee6b>
- **October 12, 2023 – MHRT Meeting - History of the Monona Terrace Convention Center by Dave Mollenhopf**
- **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. Spread the word to your friends, colleagues and co-workers.

Membership: The 2023 - 2024 season dues continue to be \$30. 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 the meetings are free and the public is welcome. Guests can check us out before deciding if they want to become a member.



MHRT Fundraising Campaign

For the 2023 – 2024 season, we are embarking on a fundraising campaign. The goal for the year is \$500. Funds raised will be used to support speaker fees and honorariums. You can mail your contribution to the **MHRT Treasurer – 9 Flad Circle, Madison, WI 53711**, or if you have a personal PayPal account, you can send your contribution to the MHRT PayPal email address: wsayles1950@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your contribution to the MHRT.

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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