



GENERAL ORDERS No. 4

RE: December 2025 Meeting

Main Presentation: This month we welcome Dr. James Martin. Professor Martin will present his book “**The Sixth Wisconsin and the Long Civil War, The Biography of a Regiment**”. The presentation marshals a vast archive on the Sixth Wisconsin. The Sixth Wisconsin was one of the elements of the famed Iron Brigade. Drawing on an extraordinary wealth of letters, diaries, and records, Martin reveals how these soldiers—along with their families and communities—struggled with the physical and emotional scars of war, long after the battles ended. In seeing the fight through the eyes of the regiment’s roughly 2,000 men and those connected to them, readers will understand the long history of the Civil War as never before.

Dr. James Martin is an emeritus professor at Marquette University. He received a Ph. D. from the University of Texas. His academic and publishing interest has been the Civil War era and the histories of children and youth. He was president of the Society of Civil War Historians 2008-2012.

Date: December 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, 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:

- **January 8th, 2025 – MHRT Meeting** – Bob Block (Oregon Wisconsin Historical Society) – **Wisconsin POW Camps**

Book Sale – **We have officially run out of books!** Please bring some books you are willing to donate. 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.

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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