

GENERAL ORDERS No. 6

RE: February 2021, Encampment

Main Presentation: This month we welcome Jeff Kannel. Jeff will be presenting “**Make Way for Liberty: Wisconsin African Americans in the Civil War**”. Hundreds of African American soldiers and regimental employees represented Wisconsin in the Civil War, and many of them lived in the state either before or after the conflict. And yet, if these individuals are mentioned at all in histories of the state, it is with a sentence or two about their small numbers, or the belief that they all were from slaveholding states and served as substitutes for Wisconsin draftees.

Their lives before and after the war in rural communities, small towns, and cities form an enlightening story of acceptance and respect for their service but rejection and discrimination based on their race. *Make Way for Liberty* will bring clarity to the questions of how many African Americans represented Wisconsin before, during and after the conflict.

Jeff Kannel has been a volunteer and tour guide at the Civil War Museum in Kenosha, Wisconsin, since 2012 and speaks around the state about the role of Wisconsin African American soldiers and employees during the Civil War. Jeff’s book “*Make Way For Liberty*” is available at your favorite local bookstore or online retailer, or from [here](#) . Come join us to learn about the African American experience in the Civil War.

Date: February 11th, 2020, 7:00pm (Second Thursday)

Presentation Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88319244795?pwd=RkRxS1ljdzk1U3lQTzBJaXJzYVlkdz09>

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Meeting ID: 883 1924 4795

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Upcoming Events:

- **March 11th 2021 – MHRT Meeting – TBD**

Past Meeting Presentations:

- **September 10th, 2020.** Presentation by Keighton Klos titled *Medical practices and the impact on death and dying during the Civil War* can be viewed on the MHRT YouTube channel at: <https://youtu.be/yaODv3J1y4o>
- **November 12th, 2020.** Presentation by David Powell titled *Union Command Failure in the Shenandoah* can be viewed on the MHRT YouTube channel at: <https://youtu.be/dw225lr8cDc>

Publicity: Find out about the Madison History Roundtable at our web site

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 2020 - 2021 campaign dues are \$30. The campaign season runs September – May. Dues are used to cover the operating 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.

Joining the virtual meetings are free and the public is welcome. Guests can check us out before deciding if they want to become a member.

MHRT Website: Check out our web site at: 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 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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