



GENERAL ORDERS No. 8

RE: April 2023 Meeting

Main Presentation: This month we welcome *John Armbruster*. He will be presenting *Tailspin – WWII B17 Tailgunner*. John Armbruster is a Westby history teacher and author who has written a book called "Tailspin" about a Wisconsin WWII B17 tailgunner who survived a 4 mile fall without a parachute only to end up in a German prisoner of war camp! Armbruster actually tells three stories in this book. The first is about sensitively getting to know Gene Moran and enlisting his trust; then facilitating the therapeutic sharing of Gene's traumatic ordeal; and last but not least, the painful telling of his own wife's battle with cancer. John's presentation will include video, audio quotes, animation, readings, and storytelling as well as banners and artifacts. Come and listen to John's story of Gene Moran and his unbelievable story of survival. John will also have his book for sale at the meeting.

Date: April 13, 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 Fronck 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:

- **May 11, 2023 – MHRT Meeting – The Last Depot – A Civil War Sketch by Mark Gormican.** This will be a 90 minute single act play. **Note that we will start the meeting one hour earlier at 6pm. Dinner offered at 5pm.**
- **May Meeting - Officer Elections.** Contact us if you are interested in volunteering for the MHRT
- **Book Sale** – We will be offering a book sale at our 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.
- **September 23, 2023, 8:30am - 3:30pm – 2023 Great Lakes Civil War Forum – Vicksburg Campaign. Held at Kenosha Civil War Museum. Reservations by phone at 262-653-4434 or online at: <https://museums.kenosha.org/civil-war-museum-programs-events/annual-events>**

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 2022 - 2023 season dues are \$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.

Day Trip: We are gathering some ideas for a day trip this coming spring; May or June. We will have an announcement at the April meeting.

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.

Wisconsin Historical Society Membership #: 91646. MHRT is a WHS organization member. Use this number for free admission to WHS sites and 10% discounts for in-store and online purchases.

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