



## GENERAL ORDERS No. 5

## RE: January 2026 Meeting

**Main Presentation:** This month we welcome Bob Block of the Oregon Area Historical Society who will be presenting **Wisconsin POW Camps**. Most people are unaware that Wisconsin had POW (Prisoners of War) camps during WWII and are surprised to learn that there were 39 of them having a total of approximately 20,000 POWs. In this presentation learn about POW camps in the United States and Wisconsin. This presentation tells interesting stories of those who may have lived in a community that once had a POW camp, those who worked side by side with POWs and those who were once prisoners in a POW camp. Invite a friend and come out to hear about an unknown aspect of WWII and Wisconsin.

**Date:** January 8, 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](mailto: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:

- **February 12th, 2026 – MHRT Meeting** – John Nondorf - *Pinch Hitters: The All-American Girls Professional Baseball League in Wisconsin*

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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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