



GENERAL ORDERS No. 3

RE: November 2025 Meeting

Main Presentation: This month we welcome Steve Ackerman. Steve will be presenting “**The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald: The Ship, the Storm, and the Song**”. We will explore the wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald from perspectives of the weather, the ship and the song by Gordon Lightfoot. Steve is the Emeritus Professor | Former Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education at the University of Wisconsin.

Steve was born in Brentwood, NY. He served as Director of the Cooperative Institute for Meteorological Satellite Studies (CIMSS) from 1999-2019. This research organization is a collaboration between the UW-Madison, and The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Wisconsin is widely recognized as the birth place of weather satellites, and CIMSS is key to Wisconsin’s current reputation. He, along with Professor Jonathan Martin, is one of the ‘*weather guys*’, who appear monthly on Wisconsin Public Radio to discuss the weather and climate.

The Edmund Fitzgerald sunk in Lake Superior on November 10, 1975 during a severe storm. Please join us for Steve’s insights into the tragedy of the Edmund Fitzgerald.

Date: November 13, 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:

- **December 11th, 2025 – MHRT Meeting – Dr. James Martin - The Sixth Wisconsin and the Long Civil War**

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: 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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