



## GENERAL ORDERS No. 8

## RE: April Meeting

**Main Presentation:** This month we welcome Rich Fronek. Rich is the current General Commanding of the MHRT. He initially joined in 1985 and has served in a variety of officer roles since that time. Rich grew up on a family dairy farm near Antigo, Wisconsin. During his formative years he took great interest in the Civil War (which he shared with his father) and family history and genealogy (which he shared with his mother). These two interests intersect in Rich's presentation titled; "*Andrew Jackson Bovee and the Battle of the Wilderness*". The story of the life of Andrew Jackson Bovee includes many coincidences with family, Wisconsin, Madison and the pioneer spirit. Rich's career was involved with engineering in the medical field of cardiology and medical imaging. But his love of family and Civil War history brings us his presentation today.

**Date:** April 9, 2025 (Wednesday)

**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 Monday 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:

- May 8, 2025 (Thursday) – MHRT Meeting - Wisconsin for Kennedy by B J. Hollars
- September 13, 2025 – Civil War Museum of Kenosha – Great Lakes Civil War Forum - Antietam Campaign  
Register at: <https://museums.kenosha.org/civil-war-museum-programs-events/annual-events>

**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](mailto:madhrt@googlegroups.com). Spread the word to your friends, colleagues and co-workers.

**Membership:** This year we are making some slight change to dues. 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). Meetings are open to the public. A \$5 suggested donation is requested for attending the meeting. 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.

**MHRT Officer Elections:** Elections will be held at the May meeting for the positions of General Commanding, Adjutant (speaker coordination) and Treasurer. If you have an interest in these positions, or want to know about them, contact one of the MHRT officers.



**MHRT Summer Event:** We are planning a MHRT social event for this summer, sometime in June. We invite you to attend and help in discussing future plans for the organization. This includes gathering your feedback on a variety of topics including the leadership team, meeting location and amenities, speaker topics, collaboration with other groups, publicity/member outreach amongst other topics. More information will be available regarding date and location at future meetings and via MHRT social media. We encourage you to attend. We want to hear your ideas.

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