



GENERAL ORDERS No. 3

RE: November 2024 Meeting

Main Presentation: This month we welcome **Christopher Kolakowski**. Christopher is the Director of the Wisconsin Veterans Museum, a position he has held since January 6, 2020. Chris received his BA in History and Mass Communications from Emory & Henry College, and his MA in Public History from the State University of New York at Albany. Chris has spent his career interpreting and preserving American military history with the National Park Service, New York State government, the Rensselaer County (NY) Historical Society, the Civil War Preservation Trust, Kentucky State Parks, the U.S. Army, and the MacArthur Memorial. He has written and spoken extensively on various aspects of military history and leadership from 1775 to the present.

This month Chris will be providing a presentation titled: *Battle for Okinawa – Overview*, based on his recently published book *Tenth Army Commander: The World War II Diary of Simon Bolivar Buckner Jr.*

General Buckner kept a diary covering the period from January 1, 1944 to June 17, 1945, which has never been fully published until now. Buckner made notes every day, often in great detail; his chief of staff thought Buckner wanted to write a memoir after the war. But Japanese artillery cut him down on June 18, 1945, one month shy of his 59th birthday. His papers were scattered after his death and never published until now. Come out and learn more about General Simon Bolivar Buckner and the Battle of Okinawa. A link to Chris' book can be found at the following link:

https://www.amazon.com/Tenth-Army-Commander-Writings-Bolivar/dp/1636241999/ref=sr_1_1?crid=3K5VWH5Y2ACFC&dib=eyJ2IjojMSJ9.DWI0weaUNE2fq1jRO-pZlYPYNjtxRC8DZjrOkPp9zhcZIt1BIFIHZK5MY-9FPudZCoQLrSWdY39L2GBul7Z01CKmltGgkzGE-jE0OrjmYXL7O59HDGCMENpjinFlvTs1Ai-aJtuhlOTjPjHYzS4bsaoACu1h6Ogcrk7D03U4WmKwqLyMSEDiIFXxtVf9AXfkWykQJqFokR_ol85kK_ngqvxMZtYIIXCgapLd95Y-X4CMA_C5u3DRZ8-PicwJrL7R0NpBU7cA7YS76pxYa0WgiFh0&dib_tag=se&keywords=10th+army&qid=1731107823&s=books&sprefix=10th+army%2Cstripbooks%2C123&sr=1-1

Date: November 14, 2024

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 12th, 2024 – MHRT Meeting – Speaker - TBD**

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: 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. 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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