



GENERAL ORDERS No. 9

RE: May Meeting

Main Presentation: This month we welcome B.J. Hollars. Mr. Hollars is a professor at UW-Eau Claire and author of *Wisconsin for Kennedy*. His book brings to life the stories behind JFK's history-making 1960 Wisconsin primary campaign, and how Kennedy's team managed to outmaneuver his politically seasoned opponent, Hubert Humphrey. From Jackie Kennedy commandeering a supermarket loudspeaker in Kenosha, to the Wisconsin forklift driver who planned President Kennedy's final trip to Dallas, this captivating book places readers at the heart of the action.

Author B.J. Hollars chronicles JFK's nail-biting Wisconsin win by drawing on rarely cited oral histories from the eclectic team of people who worked together to make it happen: a cranberry farmer, a union leader, a mayor, an architect, and others. His presentation will explore how Wisconsin helped propel JFK all the way to the White House in a riveting historical account that reads like a work of rollicking, page-turning fiction.

Date: May 8, 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 Monday 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:

- 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>
- September, 2025 – MHRT Meeting – *The Korean War* by Chris Kolakowski

Book Sale – We are 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.

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. Stay tuned for the date and location.



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