

DRIFTLESS AREA CIVIL WAR CLUB SCHEDULE

We will meet at the historic Mineral Point Odd Fellows Lodge at 112 Front Street at 1:00 PM every third Saturday of the month.

January 18, 2025.....Kevin Orloff of Blue Mounds will speak on his two deployments to the Middle East. Other veterans are encouraged to share their experiences in the Middle East version of a civil war.

February 15, 2025.....John Helmenstine, past president of the Iowa County Historical Society will tell us of the 1865 deployment of the 49th Wisconsin Infantry Regiment and about the local Southwestern Wisconsin chapters of the Grand Army of the Republic organization.

March 15, 2025....."The Literate Soldier" by Dave and Key Wege will present a program about soldier's Civil War letters to and from home. Dave and Kay also the organizers and sponsors of excellent week-long Civil War tours

April 19 2025.....Rich Fronek President of the Madison Civil War Club will speak on "The Life of Andrew Jackson Bovee and the Battle of the Wilderness." His great grandfather fought for the Union in the Civil War.

May 17 , 2025.....Julie Mason of Argyle will share her experiences as a Civil War re-enactor and maybe let her father talk about his part in being a re-enactor.

June 2025.....Dave Wege on "When Johnny Came Marching Home" as to the lifelong negative effects of going to war.

July 2025.....Paul Eilbes of the Milwaukee Civil War Roundtable will speak on General Ambrose Burnside and his successes and failures as a commander.

August 2025....John Pare (Mt. Horeb), and John Helmenstine will display & inform us on the collecting of Civil War stamps, envelopes & other paper.

Other meetings will be scheduled as local, and county historical societies report on soldiers and/or units from their area that participated in the war. It is hoped that there will be enough interest that we can have a local organization to continue this study and enjoyment of our history.