

# The Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee

- The Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee (MCWRT) was established in 1947 and is the second oldest of the more than 300 Civil War Round Tables in the United States and abroad. Current membership is approximately 300.
- Membership in MCWRT has many perks and automatically includes membership in the Iron Brigade Association.
- The Iron Brigade Association was formed in 1880 at Milwaukee by veterans of the 2nd, 6th, 7th Wisconsin, 19th Indiana, 24th Michigan Infantry Regiments and Battery B, 4th U.S. Light Artillery. Brigade veterans in 1897 gave membership to their children and grandchildren.
- The membership was opened to all individuals interested in the celebrated brigade when two sons of Iron Brigade veterans — William H. Upham of Milwaukee and James F. Sullivan of New Port Richey, Florida — in 1990 issued a call for a “Reunion of the Iron Brigade Association.”
- The Iron Brigade Association became affiliated with the MCWRT in 1990 when two sons of Iron Brigade veterans turned operations of the organization over to the Round Table.
- The 1990 meeting was the first formal gathering of the veterans’ association in more than a half century and came more than 129 years after the fathers of the two men marched off to war. Other descendants of men who served with the celebrated brigade also attended.
- At the 1990 reunion, Sullivan and Upham gave the MCWRT authority to keep an official roster of Iron Brigade Association members and hold Iron Brigade reunions.
- MCWRT meets monthly from September through May and provides informative programs and promotes fellowship. The comprehensive monthly newsletter, *The General Orders*, keeps members informed of the group’s activities.
- MCWRT makes periodic contributions to civic, education and patriotic organizations to help foster and preserve America’s Civil War heritage.
- For more information visit <http://www.milwaukeeecwrt.org/>.