Des Moines Civil War Round Table

Special Newsletter

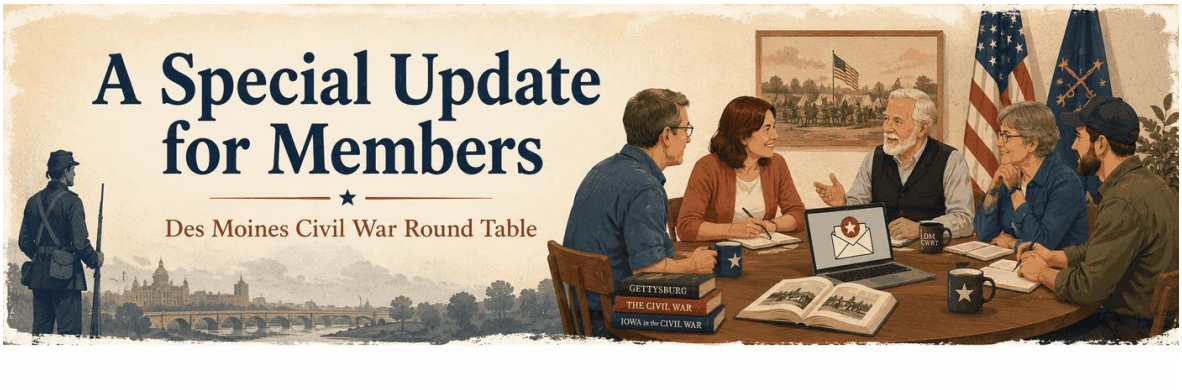
Hello «First_name»,

By now, you should have received at least one email from me. And since the annual membership renewals are coming due for some, those members should have received another email.

Again, let me introduce myself…

My name is Dave Moraniec, and as Ron Numi retired from being Treasurer and Secretary for the Des Moines Civil War Round Table, I volunteered to take over.

Our roundtable leadership team felt that we need to share this special newsletter to help explain the changes that we have started to implement with the start of our Fall Campaign.



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The Des Moines Civil War Round Table is enhancing capabilities to make it easier for you to engage with the Round Table.

These changes will enable you to:

- Receive and access information about upcoming meetings, programs and Civil War educational resources.
- Make and pay for dinner reservations for you, your guests and prospective members.
- Renew your membership.

Why we are making these changes to…

- Provide Round Table members and prospective members an easy-to-use website with valuable programs and Civil War informational resources.
- Make the dinner reservation and payment process more efficient and accurate for members, guests and the restaurant.
- Insure you know when it is time to renew your membership and provide a simple renewal process.
- Save money and time on postage, paper, and manual processing.



You will be able to communicate with the Round Table via email and make and pay for meal reservations online.

Communications will be by email.

- Meeting notices and reminders will arrive in your email inbox.
- Paper newsletters and paper reservation forms will no longer be mailed.

- **The Zeffy payment platform will help us manage member records and payments.**
  - Zeffy will handle dinner reservations, reminders, and membership renewals and payments via credit card.
  - It does not charge credit card fees.
  - Zeffy will invite you to make a voluntary donation to support its service. The donation is optional.
  - Zeffy operates in the background. There is nothing to install.
- **Dinner reservations will be easier, timely and more accurate.**
  - You will make your reservation and payment together online.
  - This process helps ensure your meal will be ready for you at the meeting.
  - The restaurant will receive a more accurate count, and the Round Table avoids getting charged for unused meals.

- If you need assistance, please email or call Dave Moraniec. Email Dave at: dsmcivilwar@gmail.com or call Dave at 515-313-6848.



We launched a new website to give the Round Table a stable, maintainable home online. The previous site served us well, and we are grateful to Rhoda Sneller for the time and care she gave to maintaining it for the Round Table.

- **The new website is:** dmcivilwar.org
  - Meeting information and upcoming programs
  - Newsletters and historical resources
  - Photos, membership information, and ways to support the Round Table
- **The site is built on tools the organization can maintain and control for the future.**
- **Please send Dave Moraniec any photos, links, or suggestions that could make the site more useful.** Contact Dave at: dsmcivilwar@gmail.com



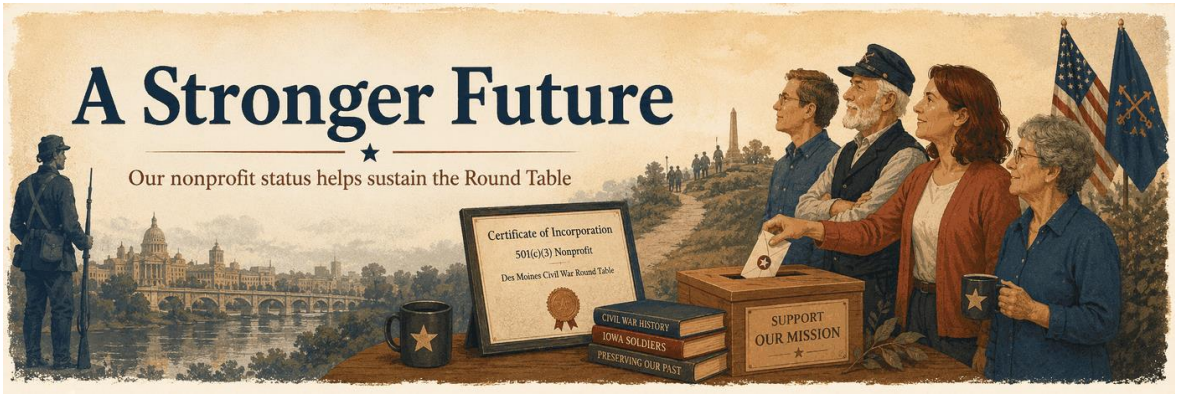
Our membership process is being revised to better serve you. We have the same two membership options and renewals will now be easier to track and less dependent on paper records.

- **Membership options**
  - Individual membership: $30 per year
  - Family membership: $40 per year
- **Renewal notices will be sent by email.**
  - The email notice includes a link to renew online.

- The USPS mailing option has been discontinued.

- **Family memberships organization in the new system.**
  - Each family member who wants a separate identity in the system needs to have a unique email address.
  - A spouse or family member is not required to have unique email address. In this case, the primary member can include the family member as a guest when making a dinner reservation.

- **Please contact Dave Moraniec if the records do not show your correct membership expiration date at**: dsmcivilwar@gmail.com



We have taken important steps to strengthen and define the Round Table as an organization by re-establishing our legal and tax status to help protect the organization and support our educational mission.

- **We are again incorporated within the State of Iowa as a nonprofit educational organization.**
  - Our purpose is to preserve and promote the study of the American Civil War, including Iowa's role.

- **The Des Moines Civil War Round Table is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) organization.**
  - Voluntary contributions now qualify as tax-deductible donations.

- The website includes a link for those who would like to support the Round Table's mission.
- Annual membership dues and monthly dinner payments are not tax-deductible because they provide a direct benefit to the member.

Thank You for Your Support

We appreciate your patience as we work through these updates. The goal is to make it easier for you to engage with fellow Round Table members and learn and share knowledge about the Civil War.

The Des Moines Civil Round Table will be better prepared for the future—while continuing to preserve and share the history we all care about.

Questions or suggestions – Contact:

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