



## MACHE 2009 Annual Conference Saturday Workshops

**Workshop:** The Way It Was: Part Two

**Speaker:** 2<sup>nd</sup> MN Battery of Light Artillery

**Session:** GenJ - Special Session      **Time:** 3:00 a.m.

### *The Way It Was: Part Two*

#### Timeline to the Civil War

- What were the causes of the Civil War? (Stockpiling of powder kegs)
  - Slavery
  - Unfair taxes and tariffs
  - Uncontrolled immigration and expansion
  - Political and philosophical differences (States Rights vs. Strong Central Government)
  
- What events lit the fuse?
  - Bleeding Kansas
  - The rise of the new Republican Party
  - The Dred Scott decision
  - John Brown's raid
  - The election of Abraham Lincoln
  
- "The Country is exploding, but why should I enlist?"
  - Patriotism - "To preserve the Union" or "To defend my home"
  - Money - the pay, the food, the clothes, and the bonuses for signing up
  - Honor/Duty - to appear brave, a healthy man sitting at home was scorned by the ladies
  - Adventure - excitement, camaraderie
  - Escape - new Irish and German immigrants would do anything to escape the ghettos

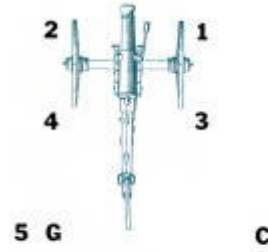
## Minnesota in the Civil War

- 1860 Census Records
- Call for volunteers to end the Southern Rebellion
  - Governor Ramsey's response
- Minnesota Civil War Units
  - Infantry Regiments
  - Companies of Sharpshooters
  - Cavalry units
  - Regiments of Heavy Artillery
  - Batteries of Light Artillery
- Eastern Theater
- Western Theater
- Sioux Uprising
- Minnesota Volunteers
  - First Union Volunteer
  - Last Union Veteran Survivor
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Independent Battery, Minnesota Light Artillery
  - Organization
  - Service

## Gun Drill

Cannon Positions:

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## General Officers

- 1) "How will History remember me?" - Gen. Ambrose Everett Burnside.
- 2) "The Little Napoleon" - George McClellan by Gen. A.E. Burnside
- 3) "The Noble Adversary" - Robert E. Lee, as remembered by Gen. A.E. Burnside
- 4) "Find out what whiskey he drinks and send a case to all of our generals!" - Abraham Lincoln's comments on Ulysses S. Grant, as remembered by Gen. A.E. Burnside

## **Morals and Etiquette of the Civil War Period**

### **A Woman's Calling**

- Saving men's souls from their own weaknesses
  - Temperance
  - Abolition
- Madonna in the nursery
  - Pure vessel of motherhood
  - Childbirth mortality
- Sacred space of the home
  - Reflects moral condition
  - Extension of husband's profession

### **Social Graces**

- Courtship
  - Necessity of introductions
  - Permission to marry, need of family approval
- Making calls
  - Importance of visiting
  - Status in community means income
- Ballroom and dances
  - The dance card
  - Your best white gloves keeps you separate