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Mandt Lodge 5-314



The Black Hawk War Program by John Hall

at Sons of Norway

317 South Page Street, Stoughton

on

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7:00 PM

Outside of Wisconsin, the Black Hawk War is best known as the conflict in which Abraham Lincoln earned his limited military experience. Within Wisconsin, it is somewhat better known if only because its namesake and his Sauk tribe are memorialized by parks, towns, inns, and roads throughout the state. But what was the war actually over, and what did it mean? Professor John Hall explores the colonial roots of a war far more significant than most realize – one that settled at last a 200-year contest for control of the region by great powers both Indian and European.

John W. Hall is the Ambrose-Hesseltine Chair in U.S. Military History at the University of Wisconsin- Madison, where he is also co-founder and co-chair of the War in Society and Culture Program. He is the author of *Uncommon Defense: Indian Allies in the Black Hawk War* (Harvard, 2009) and numerous essays on early American warfare. He is a past president of the Society for Military History and a retired U.S. Army Reserve colonel, with past assignments as a historian to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, U.S. European Command, U.S. Central Command, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and holds a Ph.D. in History from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Refreshments will be served! Everyone is welcome and no reservations needed!

Please contact Darlene Arneson at arnesonfamily5@gmail.com or 608-873-7209 for more information. Mandt Lodge is handicapped accessible with a lift located on the south side of the building. There is parking on the street, public parking lot behind the Stoughton Senior Center, or in the Livsreise parking lot **if their building is closed**. We always encourage you to bring donations for the Stoughton Food Pantry! **The public is always welcome at Mandt Lodge!**