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Monday – 7:30 p.m. at the Indiana Historical Society
450 W. Ohio St.

(Parking in lot north of the Society off New York St. – Please enter via Northeast Door)

Nathan Bedford Forrest and Napoleonic Cavalry Tactics

Presented by Greg Biggs

What made Napoleon successful as a combat commander? The same thing that made for successful commanders throughout time—combined arms attacks. Napoleon used infantry, artillery, and cavalry in a combined effort to defeat the enemy. He also clearly recognized the importance of after-battle pursuit. Many Civil War commanders attached one-dimensionally and rarely followed-up success on the battlefield with a pursuit of the retreating enemy. A noticeable exception to this group was Nathan Bedford Forrest, who used cavalry with great tactical success and quickly learned to follow up a battlefield victory with a dogged pursuit to wreak further damage on an already defeated, and often-demoralized enemy. Although other Civil War commanders eventually realized how successful these tactics could be, few, if any, other commanders came as close to being considered a Napoleonic Cavalryman as Forrest.

About the Speaker: Greg Biggs' interest in the Civil War is evident by his many affiliations. He is formerly Associated Editor of *Blue and Gray Magazine*, Vice President of the Western Ohio Civil War Round Table, and Vice President of Programs of the Ohio Civil War Association. He is currently a member of the Company of Military Historians, the Sons of Confederate Veterans (Bushrod Johnson Camp), Ohio Save the Flags Committee, and the Western Ohio CWRT. He is also starting a CWRT in Clarksville, Tennessee.

Greg has published a number of articles for *Blue and Gray Magazine*, *Civil War Regiments*, and the *Flags of the Confederacy* website for which he is also the Text Editor. Gary is also the author of two forthcoming books, *Tattered Banners: Alabama's Civil War Flags* and *I Go to Illustrate Georgia: Civil War Flags of Georgia Troops*. He has spoken to a wide variety of groups on topics including the Atlanta Campaign, Nathan Bedford Forrest, flags of the Confederate Army, Ohio's Confederate generals, and the Confederate Army of Tennessee. Greg currently resides in Celina, Ohio, but will be moving very soon to Clarksville, Tennessee.

DINNER AT SHAPIRO'S

ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS ARE INVITED TO SHAPIRO'S DELI AT 5:30 P.M.
TO ENJOY DINNER AND FELLOWSHIP PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

From the Board

Hardtack Editor

Please send book reviews, interesting articles, etc. to place in the Hardtack to me at the following: **Debby Chestnut, 441 S. Catherwood Ave., Indianapolis, 46219; E-Mail: dchad@indy.net or chestnud@mail.ips.k12.in.us. Phone: 356-5117 (home) or 226-4101 (work); Fax: 226-3444.** Deadline for October Hardtack: **September 26th**.

Treasurer

Remember your enlistment for the 2003-2004 Campaign. Please mail your dues to Doug Wagner on the attached form. We still plan to deliver the Hardtack via e-mail for as many members as possible. Please make your e-mail address available to Dorothy Jones joejones@iquest.net and Doug Wagner dougwag@msn.com.

CIVIL WAR QUIZ

By Tony Trimble

1. How was Union General Frank Wheaton connected to the Confederacy?
 2. What was the nickname of the 39th New York? What happened to its commander and his second in command?
 3. For what did John Rowlands, alias Pvt. Henry M. Stanley, become famous?
 4. Name the Confederate general whose finest moment came in Mexico when he earned 3 brevets for gallantry and his guns won the day at Buena Vista.
 5. Who was known as "The Grim Chieftan"?
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Summer Trip to Charleston

By Nikki Schofield

The club's annual trip was a great success. We had 55 people traveling to Charleston to see the C.S.A. submarine, the Hunley. Other highlights were C.S.A. entrenchments at Broxton Bridge on private land and a twilight tour in the rain of the cemetery at the Carnton House in Franklin, TN.

We took two days going down and three days coming back, thus allowing us to see Civil War sites along the way. Jim Ogain, park ranger at Chattanooga, was the favorite guide. We had many excellent guides, including young people on the Charleston walking tour. Our bus driver, Noah Young, received our grateful appreciation for his skill and friendliness. Perhaps we will go to Atlanta in 2004.

Civil War Humor

The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed today to hear a motion filed by Southern lawyers who have decided to challenge the outcome of the Civil War. It appears that it was too close to call and the South may still have a chance.

Documents were found that support the fact that some people joined the wrong side. Apparently they weren't aware that their states were part of the South and they were fighting for the North. The line between the North and South was "just too confusing" for some. A recount of all the battles is being simulated with new populations via computer to see who would have actually won. Right now it is too close to call.

ICWRT Preservation Project

27th Indiana Volunteer Infantry Position at Gettysburg: Fall Work Detail

The fall work detail is scheduled for Saturday, November 15. November 15 is also **Remembrance Weekend** at Gettysburg and will commemorate President Abraham Lincoln delivering his Gettysburg Address. The work detail is scheduled for Saturday morning, providing ample time to clean up and enjoy the afternoon's festivities.

The parade and ceremonies are sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans and Veterans Reserve and will begin at 1:00 p.m. with ceremonies to follow at the G.A.R. Memorial at Ziegler's Grove in the park. The Federal City Brass Band will march in the parade.

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Ray Shortridge at 634-7546 x119 or e-mail at rayshortridge@netscape.net for more detailed information.

Battle for the Bridge Preservation Project in Munfordville, Kentucky

Tres Seymour heads the bridge preservation project in Munfordville, Ky. Munfordville is 190 miles south of Indianapolis on I-65, a few miles north of Mammoth Cave. The Battle for the L & N Railroad Bridge occurred September 14-17, 1862 as General Braxton Bragg's army invaded Kentucky. Colonel John Wilder commanded several Indiana regiments and was assigned to protect the bridge.

The ICWRT Preservation Committee met with Tres in the spring and received a personal tour of the battlefield. The Committee told him several members of the ICWRT were interested in performing hands-on preservation work at a battlefield near Central Indiana in which Indiana troops were significantly engaged. Munfordville fits the bill. Tres come up with the following hands-on for our volunteers:

- removal of some fence rows on the battlefield and the Woodson Farm
- rip out some non-period fencing
- clearing stuff out of outbuildings on the Woodson Farm

The ICWRT Preservation Committee has scheduled a work detail at Munfordville Battlefield for Saturday, September 13 until 1:00 p.m. Anyone interested in volunteering for this project please contact Ray Shortridge.

Munfordville also hosts the **Hart County Civil War Days**, September 12-14. The folks in Munfordville have asked us to step back in time with them and enjoy an old fashioned, small town festival honoring our rich Civil War heritage. History, action, music, dancing, games, food and crafts will all be part of the festivities. The fun begins Friday night and ends on Sunday with a battle re-enactment. You can visit the Battle for the Bridge Preservation Association website for more details at www.battleforthebridge.org.

Book Review

Three Years With Wallace's Zouaves: The Civil War Memoirs of Thomas Wise Durham by Jeffrey L. Patrick, interpretive specialist at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, Republic, Missouri. Published by Mercer University Press. 256 pages – Cost: \$35.00

This is a collection of the edited memoirs of Thomas Wise Durham, an enlisted man and officer in the 11th Indiana Volunteer Infantry (Wallace's Zouaves) during the Civil War. This book will appeal to anyone interested in the western theater of the Civil War, soldier life, or Indiana history.

The book is a well-written and detailed account of Durham's experiences as both an enlisted soldier and a company officer in the Union Army, with valuable descriptions of combat, camp life and encounters with fellow soldiers and civilians. Durham wrote with candor and seemed to avoid exaggerating his role in the events he describes. The piece was intended for his family's enjoyment and not for publication "to portray the joys and pleasures and sorrows, hardships and suffering of a soldier in that war."

Although some minor mistakes appear in his memoir, Durham obviously strove to make it as accurate as possible. Practically nothing about the famous 11th Indiana Regiment has appeared in print for decades. Thomas Wise Durham's extraordinary memoir stands as a significant contribution to the life of an "ordinary" soldier during the Civil War.

Duties of the Provost Marshall's Office

The Provost Marshall's Office was developed under the command of General McClellan during the early part of the war. This development created the Provost Marshall General, and the newly charged special department whose duties and definition of this office was for the first time under one management department head. The duties of a Provost Marshall are among the following listed:

- The suppression of marauding and depredation on private property
- The preservation of good order
- The prevention of straggling
- The suppression of gambling houses or other establishments prejudicial to good order and discipline
- Supervision of hotels, saloons and places of resort and amusements generally

The Provost Marshall partook the character both of a Chief of Police and Magistrate. Among the duties of this officer he was entrusted with the duty of making searches, seizures, and arrest. He had the custody of deserters, and of deserters from the opposing forces and of prisoners of war. All prisoners taken in battle were turned over to the Provost Marshall and by him later transferred to special guards, who delivered the prisoners to prison camps farther North.

He also had jurisdiction over the issuance of passes into camps to citizens as well as to hearing complaints lodged by citizens. Among his contact with the citizens was the supervision of the draft. He, also, saw that order was preserved, and that arrest were made against all offenders against military discipline under his authority, in short, preserving Marshall Law among the citizens. All arrest made, the Provost Marshall was responsible for their safekeeping.

The Provost Marshall took an active role in the suppression of anti-union organizations that populated the border states. Some of these secret societies were: The Knights of the Golden Circle, The Order of American Knights (O.A.K.), the Corps de Belgique, and many smaller groups under different names. At a point during the war many of these groups consolidated into the organization called "Sons of Liberty". Although this organization was made up of many smaller groups, some of the groups retained their original names in their secular areas. These organizations operated in the following areas:

Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, and Missouri. These groups did as much as they could to disrupt the war on the home front, such as actively discouraging enlistment and authorizing draft resistance. Arrest made early in the war against people in these organizations included charges of guild for "publicly expressing sympathies for those in arms against the Government of the United States" and "declaring disloyal sentiments."

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<u>MEETING DATE</u>	<u>PRESENTOR</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
Sept. 8, 2003	Greg Briggs	N.B. Forrest and Napoleonic Cavalry Tactes
Oct. 13, 2003	Steve Jackson	My Boys in Blue
Nov. 10, 2003	Patrick Field	A.P. Hill, A First Person Presentation
Dec. 8, 2003	Jeff Johnson	Recovery and Restoration of the USS Monitor
Jan. 12, 2004	Nikki Schofield	The Perils of Spying by Belle Boyd
Feb. 9, 2004	Ken Knouf	Napoleon Collins
Mar. 8, 2004	To Be Announced	
Apr. 12, 2004	Richard McMurry	Two Great Rebel Armies
May 10, 2004	To Be Announced	
Jun. 14, 2004	Lloyd Hunter	18 th Indiana Infantry Regiment

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