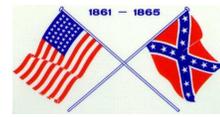


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Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

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September 10, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting at Indiana History Center

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## *The Plan of the Day*

# The Battle of Glorieta Pass



Roy Anderson painting from Pecos National Historical Park website  
<http://www.nps.gov/peco/historyculture/copy-of-battleofglorieta.htm>

The Battle of Glorieta Pass fought in north central New Mexico is sometimes referred to as the “Gettysburg of the West”. It is a battle that most people know little about, even those that have an interest in the Civil War. The battlefield was listed in 2003 by the Civil War Preservation Trust as one of the Ten Most Endangered Battlefields. Phil and Linda DeHaven have visited the battlefield area twice, the most recent being on March 15, 2004 when they were given a personal tour by Pecos National Historical Park volunteer Gerry Magyars. 90% of the battlefield is not open to the public. However, some real positive changes in being able to access the battlefield are taking place in 2007.

Glorieta Pass was in the middle of Brig. Gen. Henry Hopkins Sibley’s 1862 New Mexico Campaign, a campaign that if successful would have paid outstanding dividends for the Confederate States of America. Interestingly, the outnumbered Confederates won about every battle but lost the campaign. Glorieta Pass would be the dagger in the heart of the Confederates in New Mexico and the Far West. Although Glorieta Pass does not rank high in the number of troops engaged or casualties suffered, bravery was needed to survive each and every day whether fighting or not. The “Devils from Colorado”, the “Terrible Texans”, snow storms, barefoot troops, soldiers going day after day without fresh water, major food shortages, “Dirty Shirt” Scurry, the “Santa Fe Gamblers”, the future perpetrator of a massacre and an alcoholic commanding general are just a few of

the things that make Glorieta Pass one of the most unusual and interesting Civil War battles.

### *Our Guest Speaker*

Phil DeHaven

Phil was born and raised in Albany, Indiana. He is a graduate of Albany High School and earned his BS and MA Degrees from Ball State University. He taught history for 37 years at West Side Middle School in Union City, Indiana. He retired from teaching in 2000 and served as Mayor of Union City from 2000 – 2003. He is past president of the late Randolph County Civil War Round Table, a member and past president of the Union City Rotary Club, and a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. He is currently a chairperson of the Randolph County Cemetery Preservation Commission. Since his childhood days, he has been interested in and has studied the Civil War, due to having three ancestors who fought in the war (one was killed in action and one died of disease). He is married, with two children and four grandchildren.

### *Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2007-2008 Campaign*

#### *Officers:*

President: Dave Sutherland

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#### *Quiz Master:*

Tony Trimble

#### *Summer Campaign:*

Nikki Schofield

#### *HARDTACK Newsletter:*

Editor: Jenny Thompson

### *2007-2008 Campaign Plans*

Unless otherwise noted, we meet at the Indiana History Center, 450 West Ohio Street.

Oct. 8, 2007	Civil War Women of Kentucky	Mrs. Adrian Willett
Nov. 12, 2007	<i>The Notorious Mrs. Winston</i>	Mrs. Mary Mackey
Dec. 10, 2007	Civil War Politics in Indiana	Chief Justice Randall Shepard
Jan. 14, 2008	Civil War Burial at Crown Hill Cemetery	Tom Davis
Feb. 11, 2008	Galvanized Yankees, the U.S. Volunteers	Jim Goecker
March 10, 2008	Union Cavalry at the Battle of Shelbyville	Greg Biggs
April 14, 2008	Spring Hill Affair & the Battle of Franklin	Eric Jacobson
May 12, 2008	“William C. Oates in War and Peace”	Glenn LaFantasie

June 9, 2008\*

*Topic to be Announced*

Peter Carmichael

\*meeting at Primo Banquet &amp; Conference Center, 5649 Lee Road

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### *Other Camp Activities*

**FT. DONELSON GUIDED TOURS – SEPTEMBER 1**

Many people have been to Ft. Donelson National Battlefield, but most have not been to those sites outside of the park where the bulk of the fighting took place. The Friends of the Ft. Donelson Campaign will be offering tours of park sites and these little-known sites on Saturday, September 1, 2007. The schedule for tours, with guides, is as follows:

10:00 – The Day of Iron Valentines – The Ironclads vs. the River Batteries (Feb. 14, 1862) – Steve Suttle

10:45 – McClernand Attacks Maney's Battery (Feb. 13, 1862) – John Walsh

11:30 – Buckner's Breakout (Feb. 15, 1862) – Steve Settle

1:00 – Musket Firing – 50<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Reenactors

2:00 – Musket Firing – 50<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Reenactors

2:45 – McArthur's Brigade Defends Dudley's Hill (Feb. 15, 1862) – Greg Biggs

3:30 – "They Cannot Be Strong Everywhere" – Smith's Attack (Feb. 15, 1862) – John Walsh

4:15 – Grant and Buckner at the Surrender House (Feb. 16, 1862) – Nelma Crutcher

If you would like to attend, please check in with the park Visitor's Center and you can be directed to the tours from there. There is no charge for the tours. The Friends of the Ft. Donelson Campaign will gladly accept any donations.

**ILLINOIS CIVIL WAR CONFERENCE – SEPTEMBER 8****12th Annual Fall Symposium**

Four speakers will highlight the day on various topics of the war. Speakers include:

Eric Jacobson, Carnton Mansion, Franklin, TN - The Battles of Spring Hill and Franklin

David Bridges, author/historian - Gen. George Custer Vs. Major James Breathed

Donald Gilmore, US Army Command & General Staff College - Unbridled Violence on the Western Border

Dr. Lawrence Hewitt, author/historian - Lee's Finest Hour

Fee is \$45 for advance sales (\$55 at the door) and includes lunch. There will be a book vendor available. The symposium is held at Yoder Banquet Hall, Arthur, Illinois, near Decatur/Champaign area. For more information call (217) 578-2262. Co-sponsored by the Decatur (IL) CWRT

**CIVIL WAR IN MONROE COUNTY AND BEYOND**

The Monroe County Historical Society, in conjunction with the Monroe County Civil War Roundtable, has recently opened an exhibit on "The Civil War in Monroe County and Beyond". It will be in the upstairs rotating gallery of the Monroe County History Center Museum, 202 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. in Bloomington, through most of October. We have included both some very local things, especially those that have to do with our "mascot" veteran, Captain David "Big Dave" van Buskirk of Co. F, 27th Indiana infantry, who was the largest soldier in the Union army during the war and is buried in northeast Monroe County and some things that are broader to the state. Other items included are Big Dave's ceremonial sword, several weapons, uniforms, documents, photos, an artillery shell from a field near Salem, IN, that came from one of the six light artillery pieces that Morgan's Raiders drug through the southern part of the state, a replica battle

flag of the 27th (courtesy of Donna Schmink at the War Memorial and the Indianapolis Civil War Roundtable...thanks!) and a fascinating display of "Things Struck by Bullets". We also have Big Dave "in person". You will have to come see what this means!

The admission charge is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children, 17 and under. For more information, please contact Steve Rolfe, at (h) 812-336-0757, (w) 812-855-3578 or (m) 812-322-0628, or e-mail him at [rolfe@indiana.edu](mailto:rolfe@indiana.edu). The History Center phone is 812-332-2517. The MCCWR website is <http://mypage.iu.edu/~rawatson/roundtable/>. The Historical Society website is [www.monroehistory.org](http://www.monroehistory.org).

### **INDIANA HISTORY TRAIN**

The Indiana History Train and its "Faces of the Civil War" exhibit will be in Indianapolis Sept. 27-29, in Kokomo Oct. 4-6, in Wabash Oct. 11-13, Valparaiso Oct. 18-20 and Fort Wayne Oct. 25-27. For more information, visit [www.indianahistory.org](http://www.indianahistory.org) or call (800) 447-1830.

### **BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION**

The Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT) is currently working on bipartisan legislation to reauthorize the Civil War Battlefield Preservation Program, the primary source of federal matching grants to nonprofit groups for battlefield preservation, which has been used to save 14,000 acres in 15 states. In the summer of 2007, bipartisan legislation was introduced in the House and Senate to reauthorize this successful land conservation program. In the House, Congressmen Gary Miller (R-CA) and Bart Gordon (D-TN) introduced the CW Battlefield Preservation Act of 2007 (H.R. 2933) with the support of 22 original cosponsors, including Mark Souder (R-IN). In the Senate, Senators Jim Webb (D-VA) and Jeff Sessions (R-AL) introduced a similar bill (S.1921) with 17 original cosponsors. Both bills reauthorize funding up to \$10 million a year for five years, through FY2013. Please contact your US Senators and Representatives to ask them to cosponsor these bills. For more information, visit [www.battlefieldactivist.com](http://www.battlefieldactivist.com).

## *Special Orders*

### **PUBLICATION NOTICE**

*The Winds of Change*, a novel about the last 14 months of the American Civil War, by Richard L. Guida, is now in print. This gripping novel depicts the stories of the generals who fought the battles and the political leaders who sent them into the immortal halls of history. Visit [www.iUniverse.com](http://www.iUniverse.com) or call 1-800-AUTHORS to order.

### **MUSEUM OF THE CONFEDERACY UPDATE**

According to *The Roanoke Times*, (June 21, 2007), officials with the Museum of the Confederacy and Lexington, Virginia tourism have confirmed that Lexington is on a shortened list of places being considered for a relocation site for the Museum. The Museum wants to move in order to build a larger facility and to avoid further expansion from Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine. They hope to negotiate an agreement for a new site by fall.

## *Official Records*

### **BANQUET SURVEY RESULTS**

Those who responded to the survey commented that they enjoyed the lecture and speaker, the food, the camaraderie, convenient parking, centralized location, reasonable cost and most felt that Primo was a great facility for our annual banquet. We have therefore decided to continue to hold our June banquet at Primo. Those interested in just attending the lecture will be permitted to do so, if they give us advance notice on the banquet form, so we can provide enough seating.

### **JUNE 2007 TRIP REPORT**

Thirty-eight people attended the 2007 June trip to Vicksburg. Frank Bynam received a recruitment award for enlisting ten people to come on the trip. For the first time in five years, there were no teenagers, and they were missed. Therefore, a scholarship fund of \$200 has been established for a young person to come on future trips. Everyone enjoyed the battlefields, guides, speaker and musicians. We are looking forward to going east in 2008.

### **JUNE 2008 TRIP**

Our annual trip in June 2008 will be to Gettysburg, Harpers Ferry, Frederick, Antietam, Monacacy, and will end with Appomattox. We will stay in Hagerstown, Maryland, and will make day trips to the various battlefields and museums. Dates and cost will be in the flyer to be distributed in February.

### **YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

A youth scholarship fund has been established to pay the cost of any person, aged 18 or younger, to come on the Civil War annual trip. Preference will be given to a relative of an Indianapolis Civil War Round Table member. Second preference will be given to a relative of a member of any Indiana Civil War Round Table. Three members of the Indianapolis Civil War Round Table will form the Youth Scholarship Committee, to decide on the scholarship winner(s). The committee members should be regular attendees on the annual trip, and must include the tour director. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please contact Nikki Schofield. If you are interested in donating to the scholarship fund, please see Peg Bertelli.

### **OLIVER P. MORTON CERTIFICATE**

Oliver P. Morton certificates will be given to those whose visitors become members of the ICWRT. A special gift will be given the end of the year to the one who brings in the most members this year.

If you have a short article, book review, or some other item that may be of interest to our members, please submit it via email to the editor at [jkt60@earthlink.net](mailto:jkt60@earthlink.net) by the tenth day following the preceding month's meeting. Please list HARDTACK in the subject line and include your email address in case I need to contact you.

*Test Your Civil War Knowledge (with Trimble's Trivia)*

1. Who was Mary Elizabeth Bowser?
2. By what nickname was the 3<sup>rd</sup> Indiana Cavalry known?
3. On what battlefield would you find Priest Cap?
4. By what name was Camp Sumter known unofficially?
5. What is a "Marquedant"?

*The Soldiers Speak*

A DESCRIPTION OF GLORIETA PASS, ALSO KNOWN AS APACHE CANON:

Brevet Capt. George H. Pettis, 1<sup>st</sup> California Infantry and 1<sup>st</sup> New Mexico Infantry, quoted in *Battle and Leaders of the Civil War, Volume II, Part I*:

"This was a terrible place for an engagement – a deep gorge, with a narrow wagon-track running along the bottom, the ground rising precipitously on each side, with huge boulders and clumps of stunted cedars interspersed."

ABOUT CHIVINGTON'S CHARGE:

A Texan, quoted in Alvin M. Josephy Jr.'s *War on the Frontier*:

"On they came to what I supposed certain destruction, ... but nothing like lead or iron seemed to stop them, for we were pouring it into them from every side like hail in a storm."

ABOUT THE TEXAN ADVANCE:

Sergeant Alfred B. Peticolas, 4<sup>th</sup> Texas Mounted Volunteers, quoted in *War on the Frontier*:

"We charged up a hill towards an enemy who were hidden and invisible and who waited patiently for us to approach to shoot us down. Up we went, taking advantage of every bush and tree to shelter us. We saw no foe till in twenty yards of them, and then they rose from behind their breast works and poured into us a deadly volley."

RESPONSE TO THE TEXAN ADVANCE:

Ovando J. Hollister, a Colorado private, quoted in *War on the Frontier*:

"Suddenly the bugles sounded assembly.... We seized our arms, fell in and hastened forward perhaps 500 yards, when their artillery commenced cutting the tree tops over our heads."

#### REACTION TO A UNION HOWITZER ATTACK:

Ovando J. Hollister, a Colorado private, quoted in *War on the Frontier*:  
 “The Texan battery soon slackened its fire until it almost ceased.”

#### THE LATTER PART OF THE BATTLE:

A survivor quoted in Webb Garrison’s *Civil War Curiosities*:  
 “Before the issue was settled, men on both sides fought with knives, bare hands, rocks, and teeth.”

#### THE RESULTS OF THE BATTLE:

Sibley’s letter to the Governor of Texas, quoted in *War on the Frontier*:  
 “We have been crippled, and for this reason ask assistance.”

Tom Ochiltree, aide to General Sibley, in a letter to President Davis, quoted in *The Confederate Reader*, edited by Richard B. Harwell:

“I have the honor to inform your Excellency of another glorious victory achieved by the Confederate army of New Mexico....Our loss was 33 killed and 35 wounded...The enemy’s loss was over seven hundred killed and wounded – five hundred being left on the field. Their rout was complete, and they were scattered from the battle field to Fort Union.” [Pettis reported Union losses as 29 killed, 42 wounded and 15 prisoners. Confederate losses were 36 killed, 60 wounded, and 17 prisoners.]

Lieut. Col. William R. Scurry, in General Order No. 4, quoted in *The Confederate Reader*:

“The battle of Glorietta – where for six long hours you steadily drove before you a foe of twice your numbers – over a field chosen by themselves, and deemed impregnable, will take its place upon the rolls of your country’s triumphs, and serve to excite your children to imitate the brave deeds of their fathers, in every hour of that country’s peril.... Go on as you have commenced, and it will not be long until not a single soldier of the United States will be left upon the soil of New Mexico.”

### *Officer of the Month*

#### GENERAL EDWARD RICHARD SPRIGG CANBY

Information taken from Anna Nichol’s *The Story of Crown Hill* and Elbert Watson’s article “No respect given General Canby”

Canby was born November 19, 1817 in Platts Landing, Kentucky. A year later, his family moved to Crawfordsville, Indiana. Canby graduated from West Point in 1839. He married Louisa Hawkins.

Canby loved the army life and made that his career. He served during Florida’s Second Seminole War, assisted in the Indian removal of “Trail of Tears,” and performed well during the Mexican War. When the Civil War began, he was a lieutenant colonel, in command of Fort Defiance, New Mexico



Photo from *War on the Frontier*

Territory. Most of his department resigned to join the Confederacy. Canby requested and trained new troops from Colorado and New Mexico. He successfully defended the New Mexico Territory in 1862 and was breveted to brigadier general. He was transferred east and put down a New York City riot during the summer of 1863. He was promoted to major-general and given command of the Military Division of Western Mississippi in May 1864. Under his command, Union troops gained possession of Mobile and its defensive forts. He also accepted the surrender of two major Confederate armies under General Richard Taylor and General Kirby Smith. After the war, he commanded the Fifth Military District (Texas) from 1868-1869, the Department of the Columbia (Pacific Northwest) from 1869 -1873, and the Division of the Pacific. A Modoc Indian murdered him in California on April 11, 1873. Canby's body was buried in Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis. His wife passed away in June of 1889. Their graves are located in Section 9, Lot 1 behind Governor Morton's grave.

### *Historic Site of the Month*

CANBY CROSS located in Lava Beds National Park, Tulelake, California



Photo and info from Lava Beds National Park website

[http://www.nps.gov/archive/labe/content/INTERP\\_To\\_Do\\_Canby.htm](http://www.nps.gov/archive/labe/content/INTERP_To_Do_Canby.htm)

“Off and on during the seasons, the full moon is reflected off a white cross with the inscription in black, "Gen Canby U.S.A. was murdered here by the Modocs April 11, 1873." This cross is a reproduction. The original, now on exhibit in the Visitor Center, was raised in 1882 by Lieutenant John S. Parke in tribute to the man who had served his country honorably from 1839-1873. Canby had brought peaceful settlement to several conflicts that he had encountered earlier in his military career. During the Modoc War he was ordered by General Sherman to try for peace by negotiation. Three other commissioners were to work with him. Eventually, the Modocs, in a desperate attempt to end the war, attacked them during a peace meeting. They believed, as was their custom, that if the soldiers' leaders were killed the soldiers would go away. In killing Canby, they lost the one man who might have solved their problems fairly and brought about a just peace settlement. Canby was the only general officer killed during the Indian Wars. The clash of two cultures that couldn't understand each other led to his death. As you view the cross, day or night, try to understand the viewpoint of both. Maybe we can still learn something from our own history.”

## Re-enlist NOW for the 2007-2008 Campaign

Membership dues for the 2007-2008 campaign of The Indianapolis Civil War Round Table has increased by \$5.00 effective July 1, 2007 due to the increased expense of renting our facility.

All ICWRT members may continue to receive the monthly newsletter, HARDTACK, via email at no additional charge. Members who prefer to receive the HARDTACK by U.S. Mail are asked to pay an additional \$12.00 to help cover printing and mailing costs.



Please bring your completed re-enlistment form (below) together with your payment to Peg Bertelli, ICWRT Treasurer, at the next Round Table meeting, or mail your re-enlistment form and payment to:

Peg Bertelli  
11827 Corbin Drive  
Fishers, Indiana 46038

Phone: (317) 596-9193  
Email: [pbbertelli@insightbb.com](mailto:pbbertelli@insightbb.com)

*Please complete and detach the form below and include with your check:*

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### ***ICWRT Membership Enlistment for July 2007 thru June 2008***

*Please print legibly!*

Name..... Date .....

Address.....  
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Phone: (.....) ..... Email Address: .....

*We must have a valid email address if you wish to receive the HARDTACK newsletter free of charge!*

**(please specify Membership Level):**

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$30 Individual** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$35 Family** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$15 Student**

\_\_\_\_\_ **I wish to receive the newsletter via U.S. Mail for an additional \$12**

In addition to my membership dues, please accept my generous gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
to the ICWRT general operating account (This donation is not tax deductible)

If someone invited you to join the ICWRT, please list his or her name below:

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April 15, 1864 *Harper's Weekly*, quoted in Elbert Watson's article "No respect given General Canby":

"Among our veteran officers there is probably none who for his fidelity, integrity, and hard service has more claims upon the gratitude of our people than Major-General Edward R.S. Canby...No officer in the army can produce a cleaner record. None is more respected and beloved by the soldiers of his command."

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