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Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

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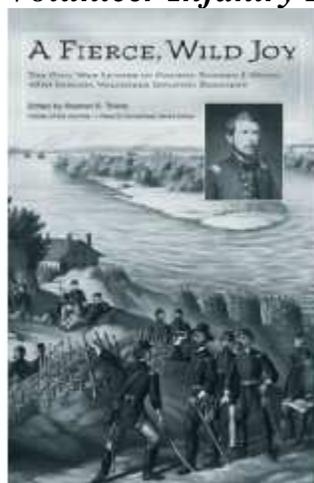


April 13, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting at **Speedway Baptist Church, 2986 Moller Road**

## *The Plan of the Day*

### ***A Fierce Wild Joy: The Civil War Letters of Colonel Edward J. Wood, 48<sup>th</sup> Indiana Volunteer Infantry Regiment***



Edward J. Wood was a Florida born, Connecticut raised, Dartmouth College graduate who ventured west to northern Indiana and settled in the 1850s in Goshen. An abolitionist, he volunteered to raise a company and was commissioned a Captain in the 48<sup>th</sup> Indiana. He gradually rose to command the regiment by the time of the Vicksburg campaign in 1863. The regiment fought in, among others, the battles of Iuka, Corinth, Raymond, Jackson, Champion Hill, and Mission Ridge, and participated in Sherman's march to Savannah in 1864. Woods was an excellent writer, and his letters to his wife are full of brilliant details, insights, and information about battles, events, and persons.

## *Our Guest Speaker*

**Steve Towne**

Steve Towne is Associate University Archivist at IUPUI, and formerly was an archivist at the Indiana State Archives. He has written a number of articles and book reviews. He edited the Wood letters book and co-edited (with Richard F. Nation) the forthcoming book, *Indiana's War: The Civil War in Documents*. He is currently preparing to write a book on Union Military Intelligence in the North during the Civil War.

## *Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2008-2009 Campaign*

### *Officers:*

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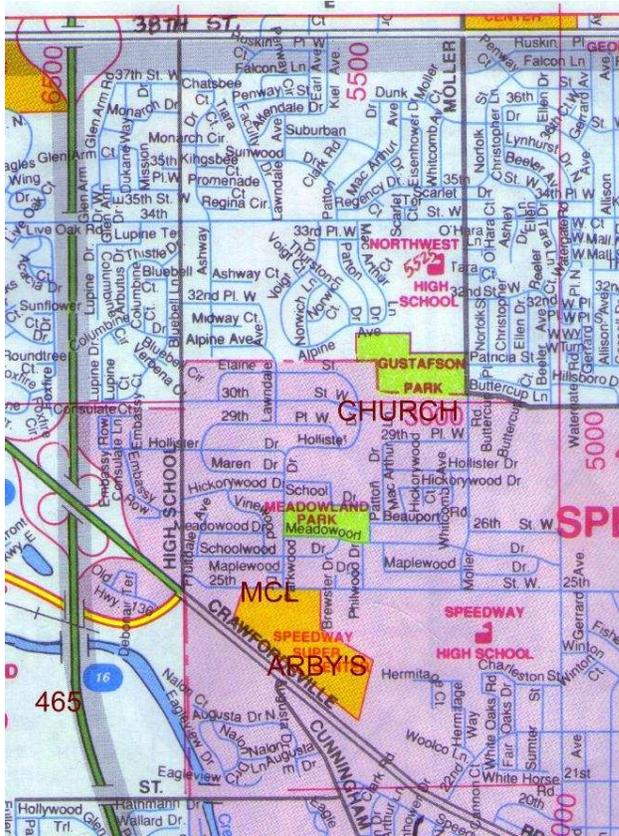
Tony Trimble

### *Summer Campaign:*

Nikki Schofield

### *HARDTACK Newsletter:*

Editor: Jenny Thompson



### **JOIN US BEFORE THE MEETING AT MCL CAFETERIA!**

All ICWRT members and guests are invited to join us at 6:00 P.M. in the meeting room at MCL Cafeteria, 6002 Crawfordsville Rd, (on the left side of the Speedway Shopping Center access road, between Arby's and Goodyear Tire) before the meeting to enjoy dinner and fellowship.

**Directions to the church:** From the MCL, continue on the access road to 25<sup>th</sup> Street, turn right (east). If you are coming from the south on 465, take Crawfordsville Road, turn left (north) on High School Road, then turn right (east) on 25<sup>th</sup> Street. At the four-way flashing stoplight, turn left (north) on Moller Road. The church is just south of 30<sup>th</sup> Street, on the west side of Moller. If you are coming from the north on 465, take the 38<sup>th</sup> Street exit, heading east. Turn right (south) on

Moller Road. The church is after the second stoplight.

## *2008-2009 Campaign Plans*

May 11, 2009

“CSS Hunley”

Gary Johnson

June 8, 2009 (Banquet) “Thinking Bigger: Gettysburg in Space and Time” Troy Harman

**\*Note our April and May meeting will be held at Speedway Baptist Church at 2986 Moller Road. Our June banquet will be held at the Indian Lake Country Club on the northeast side of the city.**

## *Other Camp Activities*

### **Upcoming Lincoln Events in Spencer County**

April 14, 2009 – Abraham Lincoln Funeral Reenactment, noon to midnight CDT  
A reproduction of President Abraham Lincoln’s casket will lie in state in the Spencer County Courthouse in Rockport, Ind. as guards in period uniform keep watch. A wreath laying ceremony will begin at noon. For more information, call 812-489-0365 or visit [www.ThinkLincoln.org](http://www.ThinkLincoln.org).

April 19, 2009 – Lincoln Bicentennial Speakers Series, 2 p.m. CDT  
This event at the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial will feature Seth Bongartz of Hildene, the home of Robert Todd Lincoln. For more information, visit [www.nps.gov/libo](http://www.nps.gov/libo) or call 812-937-4541.

April 25, 2009 – Pioneer Day, Rockport Lincoln Pioneer Village, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Costumed interpreters will be demonstrating life in the village and trade techniques commonly used during the period when Lincoln grew up in Southern Indiana. Free admission. Donations accepted. For more information, visit <http://www.lincolnpioneervillage.org/> or call 812-649-9197 or 812-686-2553.

### **Carmel Civil War Round Table:**

- April 15 – Al Harris, “The Battle of Perryville, Kentucky”
- May 20 – a documentary DVD entitled “The Battle of Perryville – The Invasion of Kentucky” filmed on site at the 144<sup>th</sup> anniversary National Reenactment
- September 16 – Tony Trimble, “Lewis Addison Armistead, Genl. CSA 1817-1863”
- October 21 – TBA
- November 18 – Dr. Wesley Hanson, “Rare and Unusual Music of the Civil War”

We meet at 7:00 PM on the third Wednesday of the month at the Carmel Clay Historical Society's Monon Depot Museum at 221 First St. SW in Carmel.

## *Special Orders*

### **Chambersburg Civil War Seminars:**

Stonewall Jackson in the Valley, July 22-26, Plaza Hotel, Hagerstown, MD

Riding with Jeb Stuart, Oct. 9-11, Four Points Sheraton, Chambersburg, PA

For more information, visit <http://www.chambersburgcivilwarseminars.org> or call Cindy Baker at 717-264-7101.

**Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony:** This event, sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS), will be observed on Saturday, April 18, 2009 at the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois. The ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. CDT and will be followed by a luncheon at noon. A ceremony commemorating the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held at the site of Dr. Benjamin Stephenson’s grave in Rose Hill Cemetery near Petersburg, Illinois at 3 p.m. Additional information may be obtained by visiting [www.suvcw.org](http://www.suvcw.org) or by contacting Alan Loomis at [arlsuvcw@aol.com](mailto:arlsuvcw@aol.com) or 219-464-1332.

**Third annual Civil War event at Fort Harrison:** This event, “The Sunken Road at Shiloh”, will be held at Fort Harrison on September 19-20, 2009.

**Documentary about women soldiers in the Civil War:** Jeff McArthur has released a documentary about women soldiers in the Civil War. It was shot at many of the battlefields where the women actually fought, and includes some of the top experts on the subject, such as Joyce Henry, DeAnne Blanton, and Wendy King. It can be found on Amazon at: [http://www.amazon.com/Forgotten-Grave-Jeff-McArthur/dp/B001PR023M/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&s=dvd&qid=12361238289&sr=8-1](http://www.amazon.com/Forgotten-Grave-Jeff-McArthur/dp/B001PR023M/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=dvd&qid=12361238289&sr=8-1)  
There is also a website at: [www.forgottengrave.com](http://www.forgottengrave.com)

**Preservation Update: Ford's Curtain Rises Once More** (from a recent WSJ): Ford's Theatre has emerged from an 18-month, multimillion-dollar renovation. The renovation includes changes like a new steel-and-glass canopy adorning a new entrance, which is next to the old theater. Ford's leased 5,000 square feet of ground-level space in a new office building erected adjacent to the theater. This now houses a large, airy lobby along with a concessions counter, a gift shop, and the box office, which used to be in a space separate from the old entrance. The new lobby features an elevator from a parking garage and an elevator to the theater's upper floors. The wooden chairs have been replaced by comfortable theater seating. Heating and cooling systems, a new sound system, state-of-the-art lighting and rigging have also been installed. The renovated museum in the basement will open this spring – it will cover Lincoln's arrival in Washington in 1861 to his departure for Ford's Theatre that April night in 1865.

**Inaugural history lecture series features Civil War speaker:** The Purdue University Department of History's inaugural Stover Lecture Series begins April 1, and the talk will focus on how the Civil War is portrayed in movies. Gary W. Gallagher, the John L. Nau III Professor in the History of the American Civil War at the University of Virginia, will present "Emancipation and Reconciliation - but not for the Union: Hollywood's Treatment of the North's Civil War since 'Glory.'" The talk, which is free and open to the public, is at 7 p.m. in Stewart Center's Fowler Hall. Gallagher is the author or editor of 30 books including, "The Confederate War," "Lee and His Generals in War and Memory," "The American Civil War: The War in the East 1861-May 1863," "Lee and His Army in Confederate History" and "Causes Won, Lost, and Forgotten: How Hollywood and Popular Art Shape What We Know About the Civil War." Gallagher also has appeared regularly on the Arts and Entertainment Network series "Civil War Journal." The Stover Lecture Series is named for John F. Stover, a former Purdue history professor who was an expert on American railroads. He died in 2007.

### *Official Records*

**ICWRT attendance for March:** 62

**New Book Raffle:** We plan to hold a raffle of new Civil War books at the banquet in June. We already have *The Fighting McCoys*. Please donate new books to Tony Roscetti for the banquet raffle.

**Alan T. Nolan Memorial Youth Scholarship Fund:** The Executive Board of the Indianapolis Civil War Round Table has established this fund to provide membership

dues, annual tour expenses or other worthwhile purpose for any full-time student of any age. Please see Tony Roscetti to donate to this fund.

**Annual Trip:** Our annual trip (to the Shenandoah Valley) will be Sat., July 11, to Friday, July 17. We will visit Winchester, Fishers Hill, New Market, Port Republic, Appomattox and other places.

**June Banquet:** The June banquet will be held at Indian Lake Country Club, 10502 E. 75<sup>th</sup> Street in Indianapolis on June 8, 2009. The sign up sheet is at the back of the Hardtack.

**Book Raffle list:**

*The Day Lincoln was Shot*, by Jim Bishop

*Gettysburg: Battle & Battlefield*, by W. C. Storrick

*Reluctant Witness: Children's Voices from the Civil War*, by Emmy E. Werner

*Jeff Sharra's Civil War Battlefields: Discovering America's Hallowed Ground*, by Jeff Shara

*They Who Fought Here*, by Bell Irvin Wiley and Hirst D. Milhollen

**\*Anyone wishing to donate books for upcoming raffles should either bring them to Tony Roscetti at the April meeting or contact him to make arrangements for pick up.**

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

1. What unit was known as the "Jackass Regiment?"
2. What is a "shoupade?"
3. Who said, "I just took the short cut and got there first with the most men,"?
4. Why was the Colt Repeating Rifle never distributed to the troops?
5. Name the composer inspired by the sight of, "a hundred circling camps," surrounding Washington.

Answers to March quiz:

1. Who said "I appeal to you again to constantly bear in mind that not with politicians, not with Presidents, not with office-seekers, but with you, is the question, Shall the Union and shall the liberties of this country be preserved to the latest generations? Where did he say it? \*\*\* Abraham Lincoln; Indianapolis 2/11/1861
2. Name the two units known as the "Preacher Regiment." \*\*\*\* 73<sup>rd</sup> Illinois & 115<sup>th</sup> Illinois
3. What was the "Stainless Banner?" Where was its first recorded use? \*\*\* The second Confederate National Flag; Covered the casket of Stonewall Jackson
4. What was "dandyfunk?" \*\*\* A stew made of hardtack, molasses, and salt pork

5. Who said, "Never mind! Brave men must die in battle. We must seek results." What event was he reacting to? \*\*\* William S. Rosecrans on the death of Gen. Joshua Sill at Stones River

### *The Soldiers Speak*

From *The War of Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies*

Norman Eddy, Iuka, Miss., September 21, 1862:

"I respectfully report the part taken in the action by my regiment while I remained on the field near Iuka, Miss., on the 19th instant: ... As soon as they were perceived on the summit and descent of the hill on the opposite side, at about 250 yards distant, we opened our fire upon them and continued it until they were hidden by the declivity below, resuming the fire as soon as they came within reach. Here they met us with a volley, and our support having given away, with a force in our front at least four to one, the regiment followed. They fell back nearly 100 yards, where they were rallied, and although the line was irregular, they still showed a front to the enemy and continued to fire. By your direction I advanced to the support of the battery. When within about 40 yards of it I was wounded and compelled to retire to the rear. The command of the regiment then devolved upon Lieutenant-Colonel Rugg.... Considering that it was the first time the regiment had been under fire and that it was outnumbered four to one by the veteran troops of the rebel army and that they remained in the battle to its termination, its conduct may be deemed satisfactory, though not in all respects what I could wish. To the officers especially much praise is due. They were prompt in the execution of every command, attentive to every duty, and remained with their men, encouraging them by word and example, to the last. To Lieutenant-Colonel Rugg I am under especial obligations. He gave me every aid and assistance while I remained on the field and contributed much to the order and good conduct of the men. His gallantry was conspicuous at every point of danger. I take pleasure in also mentioning with approbation the conduct of Adjutant Stanfield, and particularly that of Sergeant-Major Ellis. Other especial instances of meritorious conduct on the part of commissioned officers and enlisted men deserving notice will doubtless be mentioned by Colonel Rugg in his report."

James W. Archer, 59 IN Vols., near Corinth, Miss, October 12, 1862:

"I have the honor to report that on Saturday, October 4, after the battle had commenced, Lieut. Col. De W. C Rugg, commanding the Forty-eighth Regiment Indiana Volunteers, was severely wounded in the foot and was carried from the field. I was placed in command.... On the morning of the 5th instant I asked to be relieved from the command, and, the major being under arrest, Lieut. Col. J. K. Scott was placed in command."

Edward J. Wood, Headquarters, August 6, 1863:

"In compliance with Special Orders, No. 31, Headquarters First Brigade, I have the honor to report that the Forty.eighth Indiana, under command of Col. Norman Eddy, participated in all the labors and duties incident to the siege of Vicksburg, from May 22 to July 4. The regiment also made the march with the brigade on the Black River expedition from the rear of Vicksburg to Mechanicsburg, Miss., leaving their position in the investing line on May 26 and returning on June 4 without loss or casualty."

Samuel L. Taggart, Asst. Adj.Gen.:

“The following awards of medals of honor have been made to the enlisted men herein mentioned for distinguished service in the field and other soldier-like qualities:... To Oliver E. Slusser, private, Company E, Forty-eighth Indiana Infantry Volunteers, medal of silver inscribed: ‘Siege of Corinth, battles of Corinth, Iuka, Raymond, Jackson, Champion's Hill, Vicksburg (July 4, 1863). Faithful and efficient service in the Adjutant-General's Office, Department and Army of the Tennessee.’”

### *Officer of the Month*



#### **Norman Eddy**

Sources: Wikipedia and Find a Grave

Norman Eddy was born December 10, 1810 in Scipio, New York. He was trained as a doctor at the University of Pennsylvania. He moved to Mishawaka, Indiana after graduation in 1835. Eddy practiced medicine until 1847, when he changed his focus to law, passing the bar and moving to South Bend. Three years later, he commenced a political career in the Democratic Part with a post in the Indiana State Senate. After holding several other positions in local offices, he was elected to the 33<sup>rd</sup> Congress, defeating Schuyler Colfax. Colfax defeated him when he ran for re-election. In

1855, President Franklin Pierce appointed Eddy Attorney General of the Territory of Minnesota. When the Civil War began, Eddy organized the 48<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry regiment and was commissioned its colonel. He served for two years, when he received disabling wounds at the Battle of Iuka, forcing him to leave the service in July of 1863. After the war, Eddy was Indiana's collector of internal revenue from 1865 – 1870, Secretary of State from 1870 – 1872. He died suddenly January 28, 1872 in Indianapolis from a heart condition. He is buried in City Cemetery in South Bend.



### *Historic Site of the Month*

Vicksburg National Military Park

48<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry marker

The pictured monument is located on Union Avenue 100 yards south of the Minnesota Memorial. There is also a marker designating the assaults of 22 May 1863, located on Confederate Avenue opposite the Jewish Cemetery and a marker designating a sharpshooter's line 1100' south-southwest of the Louisiana Memorial in the mowed bay between Union Avenue and Confederate Avenue.

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@att.net](mailto:jkt60@att.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.

# Indianapolis Civil War Round Table

## Annual Dinner Meeting

*Monday, June 8, 2009*

*at*

### ***Indian Lake Country Club \****

*10502 E. 75<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN 46236*

*(317) 823-4484*

**Buffet dinner will be served starting at 6:30 PM.**

*Cost is \$21 per person*

**Menu:** Homemade Fried Chicken; Savory, slow simmered swiss steak; mashed potatoes; beef and/or white pepper gravy; bacon infused green beans; kernel corn; coleslaw; dinner rolls/butter; carrot cake/chocolate cake; coffee/tea/soda

### **Our Guest Speaker: Troy Harmon**

\* **Directions:** From I-465: Take the 56<sup>th</sup> Street exit. Go east to Pendleton Pike and turn left. Turn left (north) on to Sunnyside Road. At the stop light at 75<sup>th</sup> Street, turn left to the entrance on your right. \*\*\* From Castleton: Come east on 82<sup>nd</sup> Street, which becomes 79<sup>th</sup> Street at Fall Creek Road. Continue east to the stoplight at Sunnyside Road. Turn right (south) to the stoplight at 75<sup>th</sup> Street. Turn right to the club entrance on your right. \*\*\* From the Southeast: Come north on German Church Road, which becomes Sunnyside Road at Pendleton Pike. Continue north to the stoplight at 75<sup>th</sup> Street. Turn left to the club entrance on your right.

Reservation form (attached below) should be completed and submitted, along with payment, by **June 1, 2009**. Reservation form and payment can be brought to the February, March, April or May meeting or mailed to:

*Tony Roscetti*

*6270 Brixton Lane*

*Indianapolis, Indiana 46220*

*----- Please detach and mail this form, along with payment, to Tony Roscetti -----*

**Individuals attending the Indianapolis Civil War Round Table, June 8, 2009 dinner meeting, including the buffet dinner:**

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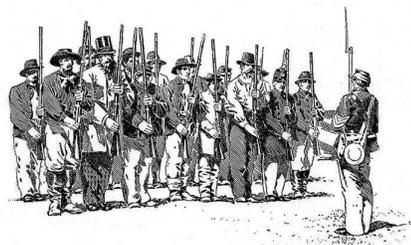
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Cost: \$21 per person. Please make check payable to *Indianapolis Civil War Round Table*

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

Tony Roscetti  
6270 Brixton Lane  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46220

Phone: (317) 475-9227  
Email: [anthony.roschetti@nationalcity.com](mailto:anthony.roschetti@nationalcity.com)

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

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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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Edward J. Wood from *A Fierce Wild Joy: The Civil War Letter of Colonel Edward J. Wood, 48<sup>th</sup> Indiana Volunteer Infantry Regiment*, edited by Stephen E. Towne:  
“What *is* to be the end of all this turmoil, and *when* it is to come, are questions of intense interest to the whole country, & most especially the soldiers. I don’t think the privates worry much about it – they never do about anything – Uncle Sam feeds & clothes them, & they obey orders & ask no questions – but to the intelligent officer, who has time and brains to think, this suspense is at times agonizing.”

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