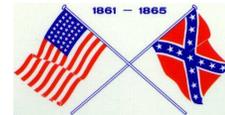




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Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

<http://indianapoliscwrt.org/>

June 8, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting at Indian Lake Country Club, 10502 E. 75th Street **

The Plan of the Day

Thinking Bigger: Gettysburg in Space and Time



This lecture breaks through restrictive paradigms to observe the historic event of Gettysburg in its actual scope and size. Existing lexicons, ideologies and legends foster blindspots in our view of Gettysburg as they do in other historical events. This presentation will strip away those blinders and observe the battle in its logical connectedness.

Our Guest Speaker

Troy Harman

Troy D. Harman has been a National Park Service Ranger since 1984. His assignments have included historical interpretation at Appomattox Court House National Historic Park (NHP), Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park (NMP), Independence NHP, Valley Forge NMP, Eisenhower National Historic Site (NHS), and, since 1989 Gettysburg NMP. He also teaches in the history department at Harrisburg Area Community College and is working on a Ph.D. in history at Lehigh University. Troy received an M.A. from Shippensburg University, and a B.A. from Lynchburg College, both in history. He has published numerous articles and essays and presented his book, *Lee's Real Plan at Gettysburg*, in seventeen states. It is in its fourth printing. Troy, his wife Lisa, and 6-year-old son Daniel live near Gettysburg.

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

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Other Camp Activities

Carmel Civil War Round Table:

- 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.

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.

Animation of the Battle of Fredericksburg: Civil War Preservation Trust has prepared an animation of the Battle of Fredericksburg, available at <http://www.civilwar.org/fredericksburgmap/>

Website on the Battle of Gettysburg: Randy Drais, a descendant of a Union soldier wounded at Gettysburg, has launched a new website, which focuses on lesser known or visited areas or topics. Please visit <http://www.battleofgettysburgbuff.com>

Official Records

ICWRT attendance for April: 38

Alan T. Nolan Memorial Youth Scholarship Fund: John Curtis is the recipient of the Alan T. Nolan Youth Scholarship reward, in the amount of \$200, to help pay his expenses for the Shenandoah trip.

Annual Trip: Our annual trip (to the Shenandoah Valley) will be Sat., July 11, to Friday, July 17. See flyer in the back of this Hardtack.

September meeting: Our September meeting will be held in the theater, room 215, at The Orchard School, located at 615 West 64th Street. We will meet at the MCL at 86th and Township Line Road (2370 West 86th Street) for dinner and fellowship before the meeting. From the MCL, go south on Township Line Road to 79th Street. Take 79th Street east to Spring Mill Road (79th Street “T’s” into Spring Mill), then go south on Spring Mill Road to 64th Street (a 4-way stop), and then go west on 64th Street to Orchard School. Tom Dean will have maps of the Orchard campus at the June meeting.

Book Raffle list:

Three Months in the Southern States: April – June 1863, by Lt. Col. Arthur J.L. Fremantle

Little Phil: A Reassessment of the Civil War Leadership of Gen. Philip H. Sheridan, by Eric J. Wittenberg

In the Footsteps of Stonewall Jackson, by Clint Johnson

The Fighting McCooks: America’s Famous Fighting Family, by Charles and Barbara Whalen

Chronicles of the War: An Illustrated Almanac and Encyclopedia of America’s Bloodiest War, edited by John Bowman

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

Test Your Civil War Knowledge (with Trimble’s Trivia)

Answers to May quiz:

Name the Civil War personality associated with each of these nicknames.

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| 1. “Old Reliable” | * | Gen. William J. Hardee, CSA |
| 2. “Bluff Ben” | * | Sen. Ben Wade (OH) |
| 3. “Gath” | * | George A. Townsend, War Correspondent |
| 4. “War Eagle” | * | Gen. Robert H. Milroy, USA |
| 5. “Stovepipe” | * | Gen. Adam R. Johnson, CSA |

The Soldiers Speak

Quoted from Webb Garrison's *Civil War Curiosities*:

"At Gettysburg, said a Confederate officer, members of the Fifth Texas Regiment were ordered to fire at will. Twin brothers belonging to Company C were standing close together. One of them took a mortal hit from a Federal marksman, so his twin caught him and 'gently laid him on the ground.' As the surviving member of the pair began to draw himself erect, he received a lethal ball that caused him to fall across his brother's body."

Quoted from Webb Garrison's *Civil War Curiosities*:

"Giving formal testimony concerning Gettysburg, Pvt. James Wilson remembered, 'Every man picked out his man. That lasted a short time, then what was left of them fell back.... I saw an officer cut off the head of a Confederate color-bearer and take his bearer.'"

An excerpt from "A Drummer Boy at Gettysburg", quoted in *Civil War Stories*:

"...an old man is seen approaching our line through the orchard in the rear. He is dressed in a long, blue, swallow-tailed coat and high silk hat, and coming up to the Colonel, he asks:

'Would you let an old chap like me have a chance to fight in your ranks, Colonel?'

'Can you shoot?' inquires the Colonel.

'Oh yes, I can shoot, I reckon,' says he.

'But where are your cartridges?'

'I've got 'em here, sir,' says the old man, slapping his hand on his pantaloons pocket.

And so 'old John Burns,' of whom every school-boy has heard, takes his place in the line and loads and fires with the best of them, and is left wounded and insensible on the field when the day is done."

Quoted from *Stories, Anecdotes, and Humor from the Civil War*:

"During the battle of Gettysburg a poor fellow, who looked the very image of death, hobbled out of the ambulance in which he had been lying, and, shouldering his musket, was just starting forward, when the surgeon in charge stopped him with:

'Where are you going, sir?'

"To the front, doctor,' and the brave fellow tried hard to stand firm and speak boldly as he saluted the surgeon.

"To the front! What! A man in your condition? Why, sir, you can't march half a mile; you haven't the strength to carry yourself, let alone your knapsack, musket, and equipments. You must be crazy, surely.'

'But, doctor, my division are in the fight,' (here he grasped the wheel of an ambulance to support himself,) 'and I have a younger brother in my company. I must go.'

'But I am your surgeon, and I forbid you. You have every symptom of typhoid fever; a little over-exertion will kill you.'

'Well, doctor, if I must die, I would rather die in the field than in an ambulance.'

The doctor saw that it was useless to debate the point and the soldier went as he desired. But on the evening of the next day he was buried where he fell – for fall he did, – his right arm blown off at the elbow, and his forehead pierced by a minie ball.”

Officer of the Month

George Pickett

Quoted from C. Brian Kelly’s *Best Little Stories from the Civil War*:



“Over the “smoke-blackened” streets of Richmond, wrote ‘Mrs. General Pickett’ in *Lippincott’s* magazine of May 1906, right up to the front door of ‘the old Picket house’ in that dramatic April 1865 came a surprising figure – Abraham Lincoln. He was looking for Confederate General George Pickett’s uncle, an old friend and law associate. On the same visit to the freshly defeated city, Lincoln had passed through the White House of the Confederacy and walked the downtown streets with crowds of cheering blacks around him and his soldier escort.

To be sure, ‘Mrs. General Pickett’ was surprised to see the Union president at her doorstep. He asked for her husband, famous for Pickett’s Charge at Gettysburg, ‘perhaps wishing,’ she wrote forty years later, ‘in his generous heart to offer the comfort of a cordial handshake to the soldier he had once known in his ambitious youth, whose hopes had gone down with the pride and glory of Richmond.’

When Lincoln was told neither gentleman was in, he asked for Mrs. Pickett. ‘The inquiry was answered by a lady who came forward with a baby in her arms and saw at the door a tall, strong-visaged stranger, with earnest, careworn features and a kindly look in his tender, melancholy eyes.’

She spoke. ‘I am George Pickett’s wife, sir.’

He spoke. ‘And I am Abraham Lincoln.’

‘The President?’

‘No; Abraham Lincoln. George’s old friend.’

They chatted, and before Lincoln turned to go he held the baby, ‘Little George’ by name, and submitted to ‘a dewy baby kiss.’

Handing the child back, Lincoln spoke again ‘in that deep and sympathetic voice which was one of his greatest powers over the hearts of men.’ Pretending to address ‘Little George,’ he said, ‘Tell your father, the rascal, that I forgive him for the sake of your mother’s sweet smile and your bright eyes.’ And then he was gone.”

Historic Site of the Month

Jennie Wade House – Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

From www.jennie-wade-house.com

"If there is anyone in this house that is to be killed today, I hope it is me, as Georgia has a little baby." *Jennie Wade*

“ Mary Virginia Wade, or better known as Jennie Wade was the only civilian killed during the American Civil War Battle of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on July 3, 1863 while baking bread for Union soldiers in the now famous tourist destination, the Jennie Wade



House. She was struck by a single bullet that traveled through two wooden doors killing her instantly. Jennie Wade was 20 years old. This brick house was not a good spot to be in during the fighting as it was between both armies and commonly referred to as "No Man's Land". Northern soldiers were setting up defenses South of town while Confederate forces were occupying the

North side of town. As both armies fired on each other, the Jennie Wade home was struck repeatedly and riddled with bullets. The north side received most of the damage as it faced the Confederate position and today is marked with over 150 bullet holes. Also causing damage to the Jenny Wade house was a Confederate 10-pounder "Parrot" artillery shell. The shell hit and entered the Jennie Wade house going through and causing damage to the 2nd floor wall that separated the two dwellings. Fortunately, the Civil War projectile did not explode, and remained lodged in the house for many years after the war until it was removed. Evidence of this direct hit can still be seen today while taking the [tour](#) of the Jenny Wade house. The house is now a museum and contains a Gift Shop in the rear. The house looks very much the same as it did over 140 years ago. The house was actually the residence of Jennie's sister, Georgia McClellan.” The home is located at 528 Baltimore Street in Gettysburg. The summer hours are 9-7. Cost is \$7.25 for adults, \$3.50 for children age 6-12 and free for children 5 and under.

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 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.

WAR IN THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY

Annual Trip of the Indianapolis Civil War Round Table July 11-17, 2009

The Last Trip with Nikki Schofield as Tour Director

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As Gen. Robert E. Lee ended his Civil War journey at **Appomattox**, I will end my time as annual tour director at the same place. Therefore, if you have been thinking about taking a trip, which I have planned, this is your last chance. Once again, we will be traveling on a **Star of America** bus, and staying only at **Hampton Inns**. All of your breakfasts and four lunches are included. You will need money for the additional meals, plus souvenirs and books.

Saturday, July 11 Meet the bus at the Speedway Baptist Church parking lot, 2986 Moller Road, phone 317-291-8570. Arrive at 8:30 a.m. and **depart at 9:00 a.m.** We will drive 386 miles, six hours, eating lunch along the way. About 4:00, we will arrive at the Hampton Inn, located at 1053 Van Voorhis Road, Morgantown, West Virginia, phone 304-599-1200. We will have no baggage handler, i.e. Jon Elliott, so pack light. Dinner will be at 6:00 at Madeleine's Restaurant, where our guide will join us. Ms. Kati Ann Singel is a graduate student, studying with Prof. Peter Carmichael at West Virginia University. She will give us an evening walking tour of the historic Civil War sites in Morgantown.

Sunday, July 12 Depart early, at 7:30, and drive 158 miles, to Winchester, Virginia, stopping along the route for lunch. At 1:00, we will meet our guide, Ms. Sandy Jones, at the Visitors' Center. Nearby, we will tour the John Brown Raid Museum, then walk the short distance to the Old Courthouse Museum. We will take the bus to the Stonewall Jackson Headquarters, for an hour-long tour there. Ms. Jones will show us other Winchester historic sites from the bus. We will check into the Hampton Inn, 1655 Apple Blossom Drive, Winchester, phone 540-667-8011. Following dinner at the Golden Corral, we will hear Scott Patchem speak to us in the conference room at our motel at 7:30.

Monday, July 13 Check out of the Hampton Inn at 8:30, and depart for Kernstown Battlefield, where Sandy Jones will give us a tour, along with a visit to the Pritchard House, from 9:00 to 11:00. Drive 51 miles, 56 minutes from Winchester to New Market. Lunch at the Shenvalee Restaurant in New Market, the price of which is included in the cost of the trip. 2:00 to 5:00, tour New Market Battlefield, Hall of Valor Museum, and the Bushong Farmhouse. Drive 20 miles, 24 minutes, from New Market to Harrisonburg, and check into the new Hampton Inn (opened in September 2008), 1560 Country Club Road, phone 540-437-1403, where we will stay two nights. Dinner near the motel. Evening speaker, at 7:30, Prof. Jonathan Noyales.

Tuesday, July 14 Depart at 8:30 for a morning tour of the Cedar Creek Battlefield, with a step-on guide provided by the Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation. Box lunch from McAllister's at Middletown Town Park (cost included). Afternoon tour of Belle Grove historic plantation house, with high tea reserved for our group at 2:30. We will divide into groups of fifteen, in order to tour the house. Dinner in Harrisonburg, near our motel. Evening speaker, at 7:30, is Nick Picerno.

Wednesday, July 15 Check out of the Harrisonburg Hampton Inn. Drive 10 miles, 17 minutes, to Port Republic, where our guide, Dr. Irwin Hess lives. He will give us a tour of both Port Republic and Cross Keys. We will have box lunches (cost included) at the Widow Pence Farm. Drive from Port Republic to Lynchburg, 82 miles, two hours, and check into the Hampton Inn located at 5604 Seminole Avenue, Lynchburg, phone 434-237-2704. Dinner at Depot Grill on the James River, near the train tracks. Evening dinner speaker will be Ms. Courtney Hunter, telling about the Civil War history of the town.

Thursday, July 16 Check out of the Lynchburg Hampton Inn at 7:45, and drive to the historic Sandusky House and Civil War Center, for a guided tour from 8:00 to 9:15. Drive ten minutes to the Old City Cemetery for a guided tour from 9:30 to 10:45, including the Medical Pest House Museum. At 10:45, we will drive 20 miles, 30 minutes, from Lynchburg to Appomattox for lunch at 11:30 at the Babcock House, where we have reservations (cost included). 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., tour Appomattox National Military Park. 4:00, drive two hours 30 minutes, 137 miles to Lewisburg, W.Va., and check into the Hampton Inn 30 Coleman Drive, Lewisburg, phone 304-645-7300. Dinner at nearby restaurant of your choice. No evening speaker.

Friday, July 17 Leave at 8:30 and drive seven hours 20 minutes, 480 miles, stopping for lunch, plus morning and afternoon rest stops. Arrive at the church about 6:00 p.m.

You do NOT need to be a member in any Civil War Round Table. We will have a release form for your parked car when you arrive at the church. Please send a check for **\$100** as down payment as soon as possible, and **final payment of \$585.00 by June 1, 2009.**

COSTS PER PERSON:

Star of America chartered bus	195.00
Hampton Inns	\$330.00
Four lunches	\$58.00
Belle Grove tour and tea	\$12.00
Admissions	\$50.00
Guides and speakers	\$35.00
Xeroxing, phone calls, postage	\$5.00
TOTAL:	\$685.00

Make checks payable to: **Nikki Schofield**, and mail to 7929 Hunters Path, Indianapolis, IN 46214-1535. **The price is for one person, and based on two people per room.** Contact me by phone at 317-328-8782 or email at Nikki1942@sbcglobal.net.

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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 Tony Roscetti, ICWRT Treasurer, at the next Round Table meeting, or mail your re-enlistment form and payment to:

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Account from Myrta Lockett Avery's *A Virginia Girl in the Civil War 1861-1865*, quoted in Harold Elk Straubing's *The Fateful Lightning: Civil War Eyewitness Reports*:

“Then came upon us that awful July of 1863, and the battle of Gettysburg, the beginning of the end. Virginians fell by hundreds in that fight, and Pickett's charge goes down in history along with Balaklava and Thermopylae. There were more vacant chairs in Virginia, already desolate – there were more broken hearts for which Heaven alone held balm. ‘When Italy's made, for what good is it done if we have not a son?’ Again the angel of death had passed me by. But my heart bled for my friends who were dead on that red field far away – for my friends who mourned and could not be comforted.”

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