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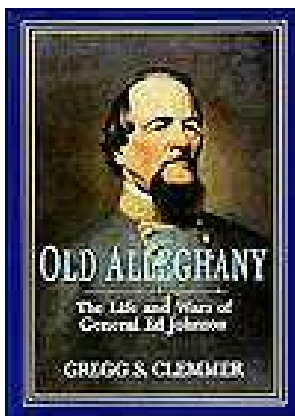
September 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting at Indiana History Center

## *The Plan of the Day*

### **Old Allegheny: The Life and Wars of General Ed Johnson**

Reviews quoted from John S. Benson in *The Civil War Times* and Ann Rives Zappa in *Confederate Veteran*



“Ed Johnson has been lost to history, figuratively and physically. Johnson died during Reconstruction; he never married, left no heirs, and no personal papers. There was no one to tell his story or preserve his memory. Even his grave in Richmond’s famed Hollywood Cemetery, has been lost. No one knows where he was actually buried. But enough does remain in letters, military records and battle reports to reconstruct much of his physical passing, and, in the end, reveal a gentleman and a gifted soldier.”

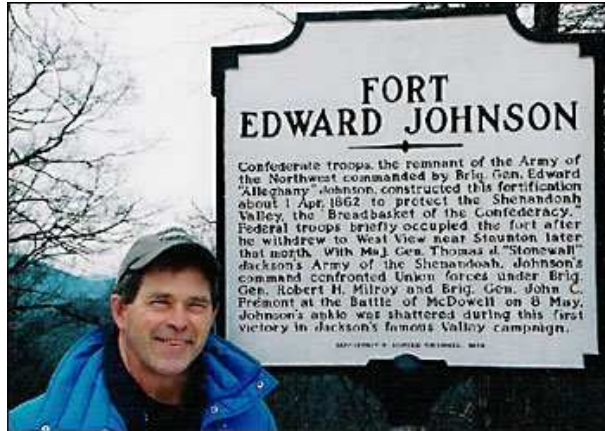
“Author Clemmer begins the life of Ed Johnson in boyhood and his years at West Point.... Upon graduation from West Point, Johnson served first in the relocation of the Cherokee Indians in North Carolina on the Trail of Tears. He was then ordered to Florida to take Indian lands for white settlers. Johnson expressed horror and distaste as Native Americans were killed and survivors herded like captive animals to implement this inhuman U.S. Government policy of genocide. Later, Johnson served with bravery and distinction in the Mexican War and also in California before ‘the winds of the coming storm’ forced him to choose the Confederate Army.

“Every Southerner who appreciates War Between the States history will relish reading the many chapters devoted to Old Allegheny’s Confederate battles. Author Clemmer provides a wealth of detail about these battles, including many maps and copious historical citations, and writes forcefully about General Johnson’s participation during the War. During Jackson’s Valley campaign, he took part in Stonewall Jackson’s first victory in the Shenandoah Valley and was grievously wounded in the ankle. Johnson also fought at Gettysburg and Spotsylvania, in addition to many other Confederate battles. In author Clemmer’s excellent biography, Old Allegheny emerges as an admirable Southern man. Johnson possesses integrity and character and is much more than the laughable, uncouth, and profane soldier described by many contemporaries. Jackson praised Johnson’s ‘high qualities as a soldier.’ But his highest praise comes from the writings of subordinates who followed his command in battle.”

## Our Guest Speaker

**Gregg Clemmer** is a native of Augusta County, Virginia, and is a graduate of Virginia Tech.

He is past Historian-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and is a former president of the Montgomery County (MD) Civil War Roundtable. Active in several other hereditary and patriotic organizations including the Aztec Club of 1847 and the Society of the Cincinnati, Gregg numbers 14 Confederates in his ancestry including members of Armistead's and the Stonewall brigades.



Gregg is also an ardent cave explorer and mapper, being a Life Member and Fellow of the National Speleological Society as well as faculty tour leader for the Smithsonian's Resident Associates Program.

Gregg is the author of four books including the acclaimed *Valor in Gray: The Recipients of the Confederate Medal of Honor*. His recently released biography, *Old Alleghany: The Life and Wars of General Ed Johnson*, won the **2005 Douglas Southall Freeman History Award** as the book of highest merit published in Southern history for that year. He has just finished his first historical novel, *A Turn For Home*.

**Special note:** The author will have copies of *Old Alleghany* for sale for \$40. Please contact the Hardtack editor if you are interested in purchasing one, so we can let the author know how many books he needs to bring with him.

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

#### *Officers:*

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### **JOIN US BEFORE THE MEETING AT SHAPIRO'S DELI!**

All ICWRT members and guests are invited to join us at 5:30 P.M. at Shapiro's Delicatessen, 808 S. Meridian St. (just south of McCarty Street) before the meeting to enjoy dinner and fellowship.

### *2008-2009 Campaign Plans*

Oct. 13, 2008	<i>Lincoln and His Admirals</i>	Craig Symonds
Nov. 10, 2008	“Andy Smith’s Medal of Honor”	Sharon MacDonald
<b>Dec. 15, 2008</b>	to be announced	<b>Please note this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday.</b>
Jan. 12, 2009	to be announced	
Feb. 9, 2009	to be announced	
March 9, 2009	to be announced	
April 13, 2009	to be announced	
May 11, 2009	to be announced	
June 8, 2009 (Banquet)	to be announced	

**\*Note our meetings will be held at the Indiana History Center through March. Our April and May meeting will be held at Speedway Baptist Church at 2986 Moller Road. Our June banquet location has not been determined yet.**

### *Other Camp Activities*

**Hoover’s Gap Marker Dedication:** A historical marker describing the part that the 18<sup>th</sup> Indiana Light Artillery played in the battle of Hoover’s Gap was dedicated on Saturday, June 28 at the Beechgrove Confederate Cemetery in Beechgrove, Tennessee. It is located just off Interstate 24, 15 miles south of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. This location is where part of Colonel Eli Lilly’s battery was placed on the first day of the battle. The property is owned and maintained by the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

**Tours at Crown Hill Cemetery:** Join Nikki Schofield for the following tours this year: Sunday, Sept. 14 - Around the Gothic (for the handicapped); Sunday, Sept. 21 - Tombstones and Trees (a new tour).

**Carmel Civil War Round Table:** 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.

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

September 27, 2008 – Civil War Era Ball, Spencer County Courthouse, Rockport  
Come dance the night away traveling back to Lincoln’s time!

October 31, 2008 – Catch the Spirit of Lincoln at the Haunted Lincoln Pioneer Village  
Event will feature games, music and portrayals of the spirits of Lincoln’s Indiana friends and neighbors.

### **Hartford City Civil War Days: October 10-12, 2008**

October 10<sup>th</sup> is the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Discovery Day (9 a.m.-3 p.m.)

October 11<sup>th</sup> (the day begins with breakfast at 6:30 a.m. and ends with a grand ball at 8:30 p.m.)

October 12<sup>th</sup> (the day begins with breakfast at 7:15 a.m. and ends with a battle at 2 p.m.)

The event includes battles, a fashion show, demonstrations, presentations, a baseball game, and music. Parking is free. Admission on Oct. 11-12 is \$3 for age 12 and under, \$5 for ages 13-60; and \$4 for age 61 and older. Tickets can be ordered in advance at a discounted rate. Please visit <http://www.angelfire.com/in3/34IN> for more information and the complete schedule of events.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Nathan Bedford Forrest Seminar** on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 will be held at Clarksville's Customs House in Clarksville, Tennessee and will include guided tours at Ft. Donelson and the Battle of Dover. Speakers include Thomas Cartwright and Jim Jobe. Tour guides are Greg Biggs and John Walsh. The cost of the event is \$40, which includes lunch or \$30 for no lunch. To register or to see more information, please visit <http://www.tennessee-scv.org/forrest08.pdf>.

### *Special Orders*

**Confederate Soldiers in Montgomery Co., IN** (from internet posting by Bill Boone): There were at least 47 Confederate veterans who settled in Montgomery County, IN after the war. The Montgomery County Family History Book has an interesting article about some of them. In the mid-1890s, a group of Montgomery County men, all former Confederate soldiers, decided to form a camp of the United Confederate Veterans. It was decided that the newly organized camp should be in Ladoga, Indiana, due partly to the large number of Confederates in the area and a friendly atmosphere toward the South. The original charter had 11 members: Jonas T. Gish, William P. Camden (Camp Commander), John Mangus, Thomas Terry, Isaac Sperry, William Luster, Madison Linkinhoker, Thomas Luster, Jacob Winegert (Chaplain), William Ashwell, and Lewellyn Coppage. The camp was named Stonewall Jackson Camp #1 and was in existence until about 1920. It was the only UCV camp in Indiana and one of the very few north of the Mason-Dixon Line. During the next 10 years, several more members were added: David Kennedy, Braxton Cash, William "Billy" Mitchell (the last member who died in 1930), William Zimmerman, Alex Sheets, and Joseph Moody.

**Civil War Surrender Document No Photocopy** (from *Lebanon Daily News*, August 1, 2008): Officials at the Civil War & Underground Railroad Museum of Philadelphia pulled a document out of storage that was thought to be a photo reproduction of the terms of Lees' surrender. It is now believed to be a souvenir copy signed by the same men at that time. Three copies were made, according to Union Gen. John Gibbon. Gibbon donated his copy to the Maryland Historical Society. Another copy was sent to Grant's headquarters and is now in the National Archives. Museum officials believe they have the Confederate copy, which was donated to the museum by Bruce Ford, a wealthy businessman and son of a Union veteran. They hope to receive a grant to pay the estimated \$6,000 cost of restoring the document.

***Too Afraid to Cry: Maryland Civilians in the Antietam Campaign*** by Kathleen A. Ernst, is a well-researched and well-written story of the people touched by two armies in the fall of 1862. Our Antietam guide, Steve Malovich, recommended it, for good reason. It is fast-moving, with interesting quotes, good pictures, and a story worth knowing. (Review by Nikki Schofield)

**Stop the Wilderness Walmart:** The Civil War Preservation Trust has learned that a Walmart Supercenter has been proposed in Orange County, Virginia next to the Wilderness and Chancellorsville Battlefields. Please visit their Stop the Wilderness Walmart website at <http://www.civilwar.org/walmart08/> or call CWPT at 1-800-298-7878 ext. 220.

## *Official Records*

### **ALAN NOLAN ANSWERS FINAL ROLL CALL**

Compiled from Indianapolis Star obituary, "Indianapolis civil rights advocate Alan Nolan dies at 85" by Heather Gillers, and remembrances from Vernon Earle, Tom Krasean, and Elbert Watson. Photo courtesy of Indiana Historical Society.



Noted Civil War historian and community leader Alan Nolan answered his final roll call on July 27, 2008. He is best remembered as a well-known civil rights activist, attorney, preservationist, historian, and author.

As a civil rights activist, he was elected vice-president of the Indianapolis branch of the NAACP in 1950. He helped the organization work on the U.S. Supreme Court's case *Brown vs. Board of Education*, which abolished school segregation. He also helped form an Indiana

branch of the ACLU and was a member of the Catholic Interracial Council.

As an attorney, he clerked for Sherman Minton at the U.S. Court of Appeals, practiced law for 45 years at the Ice Miller firm, and was Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee of the Indiana Supreme Court for seven years.

As a dedicated preservationist, he worked tirelessly to preserve his quiet North Meridian neighborhood from commercial development in the mid 1960s. He was honored to be named *Sagamore of the Wabash* by two governors.

As a historian, he joined the Indiana Historical Society in 1952. He served on the Library Committee (1964 – 1976), and was Chairman of the Board (1986 – 2000) during the time of the designing and building of the Society's current location. He received the Society's Eli Lilly Lifetime Achievement Award in 1999 and was named a Living Legend in 2003. Alan was a founder of the Indianapolis Civil War Round Table and lectured nationwide. He authored many Civil War magazine articles and several books: *The Iron Brigade* (1961); *Lee Considered: General Robert E. Lee and Civil War History* (1991); *Rally Round the Flag Boys*; *Rally Once Again*; *Giants in the Tall Black Hats: Essays on the Iron Brigade* and *As Sounding Brass*.

Though coming from opposing sides of the Civil War, Elbert and Alan forged a strong friendship during Elbert's Indiana years. He remembers Alan as "a tenacious, brilliant man, who refused to let a debilitating stroke defeat him: he wrote two more books, published numerous Civil War articles, and spoke in various parts of the country." *Traces*, in fact, just recently published his outstanding Lincoln article. Alan also owned a collection of miniature soldiers, meticulously made to match the uniform colors and decorations of specific Civil War regiments.

Vernon commented: "Alan's mischievous grin and pleasant personality made you feel that he was your friend at the first encounter." Elbert recalls a touching moment with Alan: "One day as we were parting, he looked up from his desk and said: 'Well, Elbert, you will always be Johnny Reb and I will always be Billy Yank.' We looked at each other for a moment then extended our hands, stating in unison: 'And we will always be friends.' That handshake sealed a unique and special friendship."

Alan was one of us. He has now joined that long line of Civil War warriors with whom he was so well acquainted. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

**Gettysburg Campaign:** The club's annual trip was a success, judging by comments received. We had five teen-agers (four boys and a girl), which added to the mix of couples and singles. Besides the regular scheduled stops, we also toured the Round Barn near Cashtown and saw the Indiana monument at Spangler's Spring, where we had work crew cleaning in previous years. Some of our guides were excellent. When Gail Stevens' book on Lew Wallace is published, we plan to invite her to speak. The trip in 2009 will be to the Shenandoah Valley. (submitted by Nikki Schofield)

**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.

**Book Raffle list:**

*Personal Recollections of Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War* by James R. Gilmore  
*Battles and Leaders of the Civil War*, Volume 3

*The Civil War: A Narrative – Secession to Fort Henry* by Shelby Foote

*Distant Thunder: A Photographic Essay on the American Civil War* by Sam Abell & Brian Pohanka

*The American Heritage Century Collection of Civil War Art*

**\*Please see Tony Roscetti if you have books to donate for upcoming raffles.**

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

1. Name the Federal unit known as the "millionaires' regiment." Who was its commanding officer?
  
2. What was the unusual feature of the Lindsay rifle-musket?
  
3. Name the two battlefields that had a Peach Orchard.
  
4. Referring to Confederate leaders, who said, "If you bring these leaders to trial it will condemn the North, for by the Constitution secession is not rebellion?"
  
5. What is "ramrod bread?"

### *The Soldiers Speak*

*Richmond Dispatch* report, 13 December 1861, about his victory at Alleghany Mountain: “Col. Johnson distinguished himself greatly. He was in the heaviest of the fight, on foot cheering on the men. His clothes were cut to pieces with balls, yet he escaped unhurt.”

About William Price’s scouting report in spring of 1862:

Johnson “had about completed his arrangements but received me very politely in his way of doing things. I could perceive, however, from the way he worked his ears and the difficulty he had in suppressing profane expletives that he believed the whole affair much ado about a very little... He had me repeat what I had come to tell him which I did as quickly and quietly as I could...it turned out that before I saw him everything was so arranged as to prevent surprise and yet most of the troops were permitted to remain in shelter. This showed that the General had a heart to feel for the comfort of his men. He loved his boys dearly, though at times he would outflander Flanders swearing at them.”

A Georgian, writing about leave:

“It is very hard for one to get off home from command on sick furlough. Old Johnson says he will be damned if they will come back when they get home.”

Johnson, writing about his romance possibilities:

“I am glad to hear that our friend C is looking very handsome this winter,” he informs a mutual friend, but he continues that this friend “possessed eyes that would not smile on me. She is cold, Passionless, and pure. I wonder if she has ever been in love! I don’t know.”

R.E. Lee, about Paynes’ Farm, where Johnson thwarts two Federal Corps:

“the promptness with which this unexpected attack was met and repulsed reflects great credit upon General Johnson and the officers and men of his division.”

Johnson’s capture at Spotsylvania described by Theodore Lyman, in Otto Eisenschiml and Ralph Newman’s *The Civil War, Volume 1: The American Iliad as Told by Those Who Lived It*:

“He was a strongly built man of a stern face, and was dressed in a double-breasted blue-gray coat, high riding boots and a very bad felt hat. He was most horribly mortified at being taken and kept coughing to hide his emotion. Generals Meade and Grant shook hands with him, and good General Williams bore him off to breakfast. His demeanor was dignified and proper. Our attack had been a surprise: the assaulting columns rushed over the breastwork without firing a shot, and General Johnson, running out to see the reason of the noise, found himself surrounded by blue blouses.”

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.

### *Officer of the Month*

#### GEORGE HUME “MARYLAND” STEUART

From <http://stonewall.hut.ru/leaders/steuart.htm>



George Hume Steuart was born 24 August 1828 in Baltimore, Maryland. He was only nineteen when he graduated from West Point, 37th in the class of 1848, and was assigned to routine frontier duty with the cavalry (the Second Dragoons) mostly fighting Indians. Though Maryland had not been allowed to secede from the Union, Steuart resigned his U.S. captain's commission on April 22, 1861, and entered the Confederate service as a captain in the cavalry. He was promoted to brigadier general in early March 1862 and commanded a brigade consisting of the Forty-fourth, Fifty-second and Fifty-eighth Virginia regiments, to which the First Maryland was added during Jackson's Shenandoah Valley Campaign. On 8 June 1862 at Cross Keys, Steuart received a shoulder wound that disabled him for several months; he would not return to the Confederate army until the following May. When he did return, he was given command of a brigade in Edward Johnson's division. He led the brigade at Gettysburg, during the Wilderness, and at Spotsylvania where he and most of his brigade were captured along with 20 Confederate cannon in the fighting at the Mule Shoe. Steuart refused to shake Winfield S. Hancock's hand who he knew from his days in the US Army and snapped at a major who offered him a horse to ride to the rear. Steuart was sent to Charleston, South Carolina; he was imprisoned at Hilton Head and was eventually exchanged in the summer of 1864. He commanded a brigade in George Pickett's division during the Petersburg campaign, at Five Forks, and at Saylor's Creek before surrendering with the army at Appomattox. Steuart returned to Maryland, where he divided his time between farming and rising to state command of the United Confederate Veterans. He died at the age of 75 on 22 November 1903 at South River, Maryland. He is buried in Green Mount Cemetery in Baltimore.

### *Historic Site of the Month*

#### FREDERICKSBURG AND SPOTSYLVANIA NATIONAL MILITARY PARK, VA.

This park commemorates the Battle of Fredericksburg, the Chancellorsville Campaign (Chancellorsville, Second Fredericksburg, and Salem Church), the Battle of the Wilderness, and the Battle of Spotsylvania Court House. A self-guided tour of the four battlefields, consisting of 16 stops, begins at Fredericksburg Battlefield Visitor Center on U.S. 1, Lafayette Blvd. Walking trails are available at each battlefield. The grounds are open dawn to dusk daily, except for New Year's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. Building hours vary from season to season. Entrance to the parks are free. There is a fee to view each 22 minute movie at Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville (\$2, age 10-61; \$1, over 61, free, children under 19 and school groups through 12<sup>th</sup> grade).

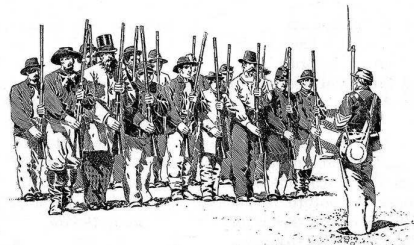


Bloody Angle at Spotsylvania



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Edward Johnson's odd habit, described by Mary Chestnut in *Mary Chestnut's Civil War*, edited by C. Vann Woodward:

"He had an odd habit of falling into a state of incessant winking as soon as he was the least startled or agitated. He seemed persistently winking one eye at you, but he meant nothing by it. In point of fact he did not know it himself. In Mexico he had been wounded in the eye – and the nerve vibrates independently [*illegible word*] of his will."

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