



# HARDTACK

Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

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April 11, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting at Indiana History Center

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## *The Plan of the Day*

### Theodore Roosevelt and the Civil War



Photo from National Park Service History

This presentation will be about the Roosevelts during the Civil War by Theodore Roosevelt, circa 1915. All of his adult life, people have asked our speaker, “Has anyone ever told you that you look like Theodore Roosevelt?” For a few years he would occasionally appear as Theodore Roosevelt for some local school children but a chance meeting with Mr. Fritz Klein, the foremost Abraham Lincoln historical interpreter in America, convinced him to become a professional historical interpreter. Hours of study, research, and watching and listening to audio and video samples of Mr. Roosevelt have enhanced the remarkable physical resemblance of Theodore Roosevelt – circa 1915. Mr. Young has brought the 26<sup>th</sup> President to life from New York to Seattle and from Shreveport to Marquette. Some of his favorite presentations have been his regular visits to Mt. Rushmore and Devils Tower, the Strasburg Railroad in Pennsylvania, the Lincoln

Home in Springfield, Illinois. As one would expect, appearing before children at schools and other venues is always a fun time for Mr. Roosevelt. Children love meeting the man the Teddy Bear was named after and the fellow 'on the horse' in A Night in the Museum. A signal honor is the chance to perform with Dean Malissa (George Washington), Bill Barker (Thomas Jefferson) and Fritz Klein (Abraham Lincoln) on stage. "Seeing the talent these gentlemen display is a treat for me as well as the audience." Young says he is looking forward to another visit to Oklahoma.

### *Our Guest Speaker*

**Gib Young** is a businessman who works and lives in Huntington, Indiana. Mr. Young, a US Navy veteran and lifelong Hoosier (of the Purdue Boilermaker variety) has appeared in local theater, sang with his church choir and with a Civil War era group called The Company Singers. He is a graduate of Bethel College in Mishawaka and of Lafayette Jefferson High School where his love of American History first took root. He is an amateur history buff of the US Navy in WWII, the American Civil War, and, of course, Theodore Roosevelt.

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

**All ICWRT members and guests** are invited to join us at 6:00 P.M. at Shapiro's Delicatessen, 808 S. Meridian St. (just south of McCarty Street) before the meeting to enjoy dinner and fellowship.

### *Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2010-2011 Campaign*

#### *Officers:*

President: Chris Smith

Secretary: Frank Bynum

Vice President & Programs: Jerry Thompson

Treasurer: Tony Roscetti

#### *Committees:*

Preservation: Andy O'Donnell

Website: Paul Watson

Publicity: Dave Klinestiver, Dave Sutherland & Tony Roscetti

#### *Quiz Master:*

Tony Trimble

#### *HARDTACK Newsletter:*

Editor: Jenny Thompson

#### *Summer Campaign:*

Tony Trimble

### *2010-2011 Campaign Plans*

May 9, 2011

History of the Gun

Mike Marsh

June 13, 2011

The Trent Affair: Lincoln Dodged a Bullet

Howard Strouse

### *Other Camp Activities*

**Camp Tippecanoe Civil War Round Table** meetings at 7 p.m. at the Tippecanoe Arts Federation Building, 638 North Street, Lafayette, only a few blocks northeast of the downtown square and historic courthouse:

- April 12: “The Real First Day of Chickamauga (September 18, 1863)” Dale Philipps
- May 10: “Demobilizing Union Soldiers: The Grand Review Victory Parade in Washington” Bob Bain

**Indianapolis Crossroads of America 2010 Civil War/ Political Show:** This show will be held Friday, April 1 (4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.) and Saturday, April 2 (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) in the main gym of Beech Grove High School, 5330 Hornet Avenue, Beech Grove, IN. All profits will be donated to the Beech Grove High School Student Incentive Fund. For more information, contact Harvey W. Warrner at [Ironbrigaderelics.com](http://Ironbrigaderelics.com) or 317-784-2617.

**Civil War Heritage Days – Hendricks County:** The Danville Public Library and Hendricks County Historical Museum are sponsoring Civil War Heritage Days – Hendricks County. Currently plans are being made for the festival which will be June 25 & 26, 2011. If you or someone you know would be interested in helping with the festival, please contact Gail at 696-3129 or Cindy at 745-2604. Events will include Civil War Units, Agriculture & Transportation Display, Music, Civil War Ancestor Show & Tell, High Tea, Quilt Display, Church Service and many other activities.

### *Special Orders*

**Weider History Group Special Offer:** *1861: Hell Breaks Loose* is the first in a series of annual collector’s editions the Weider History Group is publishing for the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War. The official on-sale date of this magazine is March 2, 2011. With a minimum order of 20 copies, you can buy this unique special for \$5.00 per copy, instead of the newsstand rate of \$9.99. Jenny has a copy of this magazine and will bring it to the April meeting. Please see her if you would like to preview the magazine before purchasing your own copy. If you would like to purchase this magazine, please give your name to Tony Roscetti. When we have twenty people signed up, he will contact you for the money needed to place the order.

***Guns of the Civil War:*** Zenith Press is offering a special promotion to Civil War groups to order this new book by Dennis Adler at a 25% discount. Illustrated with over 350 color photos, *Guns of the Civil War* traces the evolution of gun making in the war-torn South as well as those being manufactured by established makers, such as Colt’s, Smith & Wesson, E. Remington & Sons, Whitney, Rogers & Spencer, Manhattan, Savage, and countless others that have become little more than obscure footnotes to our nation’s greatest arms race. This sprawling history book takes readers through the development of America’s most legendary 19<sup>th</sup> century handguns and rifles and the roles they played in our nation’s history. Jenny will have a copy of this book with her at the April meeting, and Tony Roscetti will have fliers to order the book.

**Camp Chase Gazette:** The ICWRT is now listed on their website free of charge. They sent us samples of their newspaper *The Civil War Courier* for our members. If you would like a copy, please see Tony Roscetti.

**Springfield Civil War Symposium:** Clark County Historical Society is presenting this symposium on May 7, 2011 in Springfield, Ohio, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Clark County Heritage Center, 117 South Fountain Ave. Topics and speakers include: “The Underground Railroad” and “Road to Disunion” – Fergus Bordewich; “Secession Crisis” – Nicole Etcheson, Ph.D.; “Election of 1860” – Mark Grimsley, Ph.D.; and “Battles & Leaders” – Ethan Rafuse, Ph.D. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for students; lunch is included. For tickets, call 937-324-0657; space is limited, and the deadline is April 30, 2011.

**Gettysburg Update:** Gettysburg National Military Park has recently acquired a 95-acre parcel of land that was formerly the Gettysburg Country Club. It has taken nearly two decades of efforts to acquire this property.

### *Official Records*

**Attendance:**

March – 37

**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.

**War in Tennessee: CHATTANOOGA & KNOXVILLE, JULY 13-17, 2011**

Tour Coordinator: Tony Trimble, 1714 Beech Dr. N. Plainfield, IN 46168;

Phone: 317-839-5817; email: [tonytrimble@comcast.net](mailto:tonytrimble@comcast.net) **Sign Up Deadline: May 1, 2011**

**WE MUST HAVE 38 PEOPLE MINIMUM FOR THE TRIP. IF WE DO NOT REACH THAT NUMBER, THE TRIP WILL BE CANCELLED.**

**ITINERARY**

**Tuesday, July 12**—Depart from Holiday Inn Airport Indianapolis, 7:30 AM; Lunch in Hendersonville, Tn.; Stones River National Battlefield, Murfreesboro, Tn.; Arrive in Chattanooga; Dinner

**Wednesday, July 13**—Tour Chickamauga National Military Park, Visitors Center & Museum; Lunch on the Battlefield;

**Thursday, July 14**—Battles for Chattanooga Electric Map; Tour Lookout Mtn. Battle Sites; Lunch; Tour Missionary Ridge & Orchard Knob; Visit Chattanooga National Cemetery; Dinner at Buttonwillow Church;

**Friday, July 15**—Depart Chattanooga, 8:00 AM; Arrive in Knoxville 10:00 AM; Tour Civil War sites including: Bleak House (Confederate Hall); 2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Church; Cherokee Heights; Fort Hill; Forts Dickinson & Stanley; Battery Wiltsie; National Cemetery; Fort Sanders (Lunch & Dinner at appropriate times)

**Saturday, July 16**—Depart Knoxville, 8:00 AM; Tour Richmond Battlefield (KY) and Civil War sites in Lexington including John Hunt Morgan house; Todd House; John Hunt Morgan Equestrian Statue; and City Cemetery; Arrive Indianapolis 7:00 PM.

**Book Raffle:**

*Battlefields of the Civil War*, by James V. Murfin

*All the Daring of the Soldier: Women of the Civil War Armies*, by Elizabeth D. Leonard

*The Visual Dictionary of the Civil War*, by John Stanchak

*Pea Ridge: Civil War Campaign in the West*, by William L. Shea and Earl J. Hess

*The Civil War: An Illustrated History*, by Geoffrey C. Ward, with Rick Burns and Ken Burns

**\*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.**

**Final Muster:** Dr. Norris Virl “Doc” Owen, a member of our Round Table for a number of years, passed away on Friday, March 11, 2011. He served one year as Treasurer, and in 1983, he was awarded the Harman award. He will be missed.

**Election of Officers:** The election of officers for the 2011-2012 campaign was held at the March meeting. The changes to the current roster are that the new president will be Jerry Thompson, the new vice president will be John Wernert, and Jenny Thompson will be in charge of programs.

***A Dark and Bloody Ground: Reaping the Whirlwind:*** The book is now in layout at the publishers. If you would like to pre-order a copy of Michael Willever’s book, please send your name and address to him at [mwillever@comcast.net](mailto:mwillever@comcast.net).

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

1. Who was the last Civil War soldier to serve as President of the United States?
2. Name the Confederate guerilla commander whose men rescued Gen. Jo Shelby at the Battle of Prairie Grove.
3. What is a “bummer’s roost”?
4. What was unique about the USS Modoc?
5. What was “horizontal refreshment”?

Answers to the March quiz:

1. Name the Confederate state that sent the most troops and suffered the most casualties. \*\*\* North Carolina
2. What area of the Confederacy has been described as, “a salvage yard for senior Confederate officers deemed malcontents and incompetents?” \*\*\* The Trans-Mississippi Dept.
3. Name the Lincoln Administration official whose enemies called him, “the meanest man in Washington?” \*\*\* Montgomery Blair

4. On what battlefield would you find Benner's Hill? \*\*\* Gettysburg
5. Who first described the Civil War as an, "irrepressible conflict?" \*\*\* William Henry Seward

### *A Commander-in-Chief Speaks*

From BrainyQuote.com

Quotes from Theodore Roosevelt:

"A man who is good enough to shed his blood for the country is good enough to be given a square deal afterwards."

"A vote is like a rifle; its usefulness depends upon the character of the user."

"If there is not the war, you don't get the great general; if there is not a great occasion, you don't get a great statesman; if Lincoln had lived in a time of peace, no one would have known his name."

### *Sailor/Special Agent of the Month*

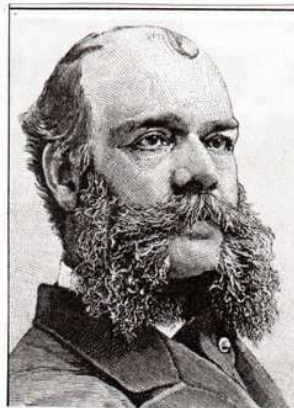


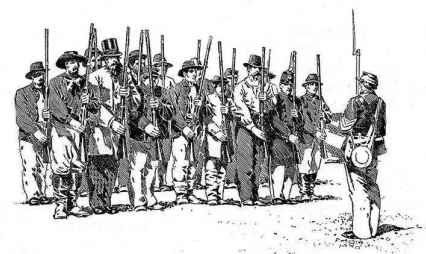
Photo and information from Find A Grave Memorial

**James Dunwody Bulloch** was born near Savannah, Georgia on June 25, 1823. He served in the United States Navy and eventually retired. He joined the Confederate military in 1861 and served as the first Confederate Special Agent in Liverpool, England, securing money for Confederate Navy vessels and material. After the War, he stayed in England and became a citizen, working as a cotton importer and broker. He was never pardoned for his role in supporting the Confederacy. He died on January 7, 1901, at the age of 77, from complications due to cancer and cardiac failure. He was buried in Toxteth Park Cemetery in Merseyside, England. The inscription on his grave reads "an American by birth, an Englishman by choice."

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.

## Re-enlist NOW for the 2011-2012 Campaign

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:

Tony Roscetti  
6260 Green Leaves Road  
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:*

### ***ICWRT Membership Enlistment for July 2011 thru June 2012***

*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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# Indianapolis Civil War Round Table

**Annual Dinner Meeting**

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

*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 \$22 per person (includes tax and tip)***

Menu: Fried chicken; savory, slow simmered Swiss steak; mashed potatoes and gravy; green beans; corn; coleslaw; fresh baked bread & butter; carrot cake; coffee/tea/soda

### **Our Guest Speaker: Howard Strouse**

\* **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. **A round of golf could be arranged for the afternoon. Contact Jean Bly to arrange times (phone 823-6425 or cell 697-1280)**

Reservation form (attached below) should be completed and submitted, along with payment, by **June 1, 2011**. Reservation form and payment can be brought to the March, April or May meeting or mailed to:

***Tony Roscetti  
6260 Green Leaves Road  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46220***

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

**Individuals attending the Indianapolis Civil War Round Table, June 13, 2011  
dinner meeting, including the buffet dinner:**

**Name**

**Name**

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Reservation form and payment must be received by June 1, 2011.

Cost: \$22 per person. Please make check payable to *Indianapolis Civil War Round Table*



### *Historic Site of the Month*



Photo of gallery room and information from National Park Service

Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace National Historic Site is located at 28 E. 20<sup>th</sup> Street, New York City. It is open Tuesday – Saturday, 9-5 p.m. and is closed on the following federal holidays (New Year’s Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day). The period rooms can only be seen by guided tours, which available on the hour at 10, 11, 1, 2, 3 and 4. There is no tour at noon. Tours are limited to 15 people and last approximately 30 minutes. Groups of 10 or more must make reservations for a group tour at least two weeks in advance, by calling (212) 260-1616. Visitors can also visit the ground floor gallery which contains hundreds of items from Roosevelt’s life.

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