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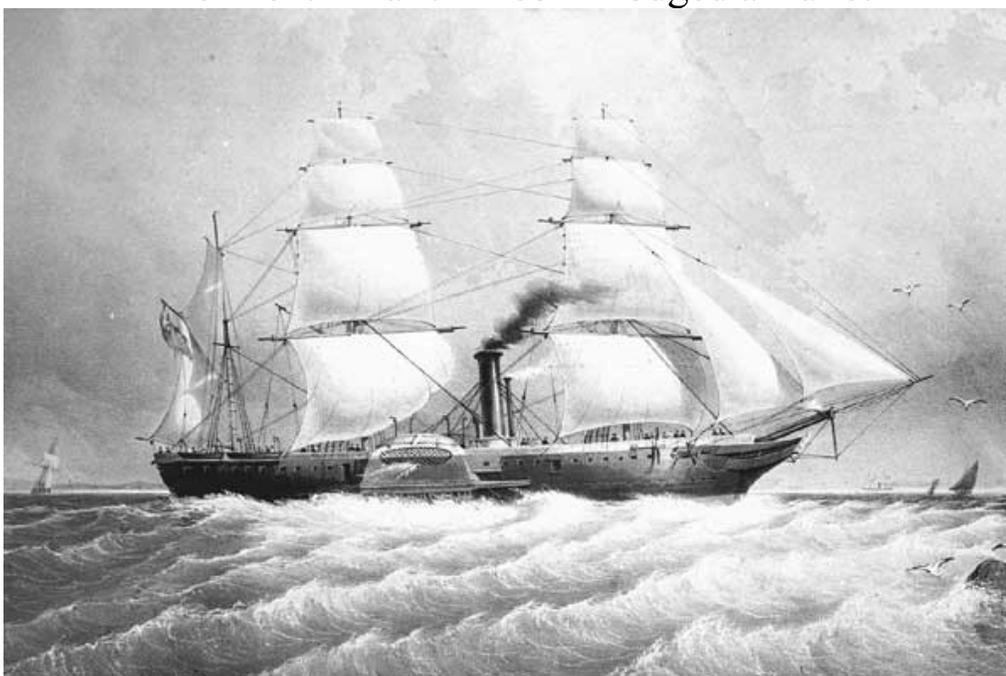
Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

<http://indianapoliscwrt.org/>



June 13, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.
 Meeting at Indian Lake Country Club
 10502 E. 75th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46236

The Plan of the Day The Trent Affair: Lincoln Dodged a Bullet



When the U.S. sloop-of-war, *San Jacinto*, fired on and boarded the British mail packet *Trent*, and forcibly removed two distinguished Confederate envoys bound for Europe on diplomatic missions, President Lincoln was put squarely on the horns of a terrible dilemma. The public was jubilant, the Cabinet elated; but, twisting the British lion's tail almost became a train wreck for the survival of the Union.

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Our Guest Speaker



Howard Stouse, a native of Ohio, was born during World War II in Port Clinton, on Lake Erie. Graduating from high school in Sharon, Pennsylvania, he completed undergraduate work at Columbia College and University of Missouri, Kansas City, majoring in Criminal Justice, with a minor in history. His first Master's Degree was in Criminal Justice and Law, the second in History and Government, both conferred with honors, at Webster University, in Webster Groves, Missouri. Service at the United States Army Intelligence Center, Fort Holibird, Baltimore, Maryland, was not only the beginning of training in his chosen career field, but also introduced him to Pat, his wife of more than forty years. Following tours in the Far East and Germany, he resigned from the military to begin a career as a Federal Special Agent with the Department of Defense. He was a "street" agent in Kansas City, Missouri, and a Senior Resident Agent in St. Louis. He served a tour in the Headquarters as a Team Chief in the Investigations Center in the Baltimore / Washington area and then was appointed Special Agent in Columbus, Ohio. His final assignment, in a career that spanned thirty-five years, was as Chief of Industrial Personnel Security Clearance Adjudication for all firms (contractors) that required Federal security clearances to do business with the Department of Defense. He retired in 1999.

Howard has been fascinated with history from boyhood. Throughout his travels in twenty-two countries, and forty-eight states, he had always been interested in how things evolved and how our country grew and protected itself. His particular favorite is the United States in the Nineteenth Century, especially the Civil War period.

Howard has given presentations at universities, Civil War round tables, libraries, social and fraternal organizations, churches, history seminars and events. He is a Civil War re-enactor, portraying General Alpheus Williams (and sometimes, when his weight is trimmed, General George Meade). He is a member of the General Staff of the Blue and Grey, an organization of individuals that portray various Civil War generals. He is a member and past General-in-Chief of the Columbus, Ohio Civil War Round Table, and an active member in Scottsdale, Arizona and several others. Howard is a participating

member of the Lincoln Forum, and serves as historian/tour leader for the Civil War Education Association and the American History Forum.

Howard and Pat live in Trilogy, a retirement community in Gilbert, Arizona from December to May of each year; from June to November they lived in the suburbs of Columbus, Ohio. In addition to Civil War activities, he enjoys travel, hiking, tennis, restaurants, and good friends.

Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2010-2011 Campaign

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2011-2012 Campaign Plans

September 12, 2011 Modern President: Lincoln & High Technology in the Civil War
Vernon Dahlstrom

October 10, 2011 Lew Wallace Larry Paarlberg

November 14, 2011 The Confederate Flags of 1861: From Secession to War
Greg Biggs

December 12, 2011 The Regular Army of the Eve of the Civil War Bob Bain

January 9, 2012 Steamships & the Civil War: The Role of Cornelius Vanderbilt,
America's First Tycoon Jim Kaiser

February 13, 2012 Merrill Rifle Mike Beck

March 12, 2012 Four Civil War Persons of Note from Randolph County
Phil DeHaven

April 9, 2012 USS Cairo Kevin Stickels

May 14, 2012 Confederates in Indiana: The Raid of John Hunt Morgan
Jim Turley

June 11, 2012 Battle of South Mountain John Hoptak

Other Camp Activities

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

Confederate Colonel's gravestone restored: (*The Richmond Register*, April 25, 2011) David Waller Chenault, a commander of a regiment in John Hunt Morgan's cavalry, was killed at the Battle of Green River Bridge near Campbellville on July 4, 1863 and was buried at the battle site. A few days later, his brother exhumed his body and had it reburied in the family cemetery in Madison County. In 1901, his widow had his body exhumed again and buried in the Richmond Cemetery, because she wanted to be buried between both of her husbands (Chenault and her second husband, another Confederate officer William Todd). In April 2010, vandals toppled about 150 monuments and markers, including Chenault's. Descendants of both Confederate and Union veterans in period uniforms assembled April 22 to watch and assist cemetery workers as they re-erected his grave marker. They fired three volleys of pistol shots when the work was complete to honor this fallen American, who died for a cause he believed in. Gypsy Lee Cosby Jones, whose grandfather fought in Chenault's regiment, was in attendance and has written a book about the men of the regiment *Reflections in the Wind: Reliving a Memorable Era in Northern Madison County*, which can be found in the Eastern Kentucky University library's special collections.

Mary Walker: (*The Post-Standard*, March 16, 2011) Dr. Mary Walker, a Civil War surgeon, who was the only woman awarded a Medal of Honor, was to be honored in her hometown of Oswego, New York, on April 30, with a statue dedication in front of town hall; however, unforeseen delays in the project have postponed the dedication. The bronze statue by sculptor Sharon BuMann will show Walker clasping the medal which hangs around her neck, as she stands next to a podium, her medical bag on the floor.

DNR survey for cultural resources plan: The DNR Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (Indiana's State Historic Preservation Office) is seeking public input for revision of its 2005-2011 Cultural Resources Management Plan, commonly called "The State Preservation Plan." This document is used to guide decisions about programs and funding for historic preservation and archaeology. Your responses on this survey will help build a plan for preserving Indiana's cultural resources for the next seven years. The online survey will be open from May through the end of September. To take the survey, go to <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/6436.htm>.

The Civil War 150: An Essential To-Do List for the 150th Anniversary: This 272-page paperback book features top suggestions for the tours, museums, books, movies, and other activities that every true Civil War aficionado student should seek out during the four-year sesquicentennial commemoration. Sites span the nation from Boston Common to Los Angeles, while some activities can be done with the use of a computer or television. The Civil War Trust is offering this book for \$14.95. For more information, visit <http://www.civilwar.org>.

Official Records

Attendance:

May – 42

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.

Alas Richmond - Nikki's Second Novel

Nikki Schofield, past president of the ICWRT, expects to publish her second novel this year. *Alas Richmond* is about the fall of the Confederacy's capital. She plans to research and begin writing Treason Trials as soon as this novel is complete. If you have any recommended resources about the treason trials held in Indianapolis in 1864, please let her know.

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

Answers to the May quiz:

1. Name the Confederate officer who rode a horse whose original name was "Fancy." ***Stonewall Jackson (renamed Little Sorrel)
2. What does it mean to "pay tribute to Neptune"? ***Get seasick
3. Name the group whose purpose was known as the "Southwestern Conspiracy." ***Knights of the Golden Circle
4. What general said, "I accept this war as the providence of God. He intended the slave should be free, and now he is free."? ***Maj. Gen. William J. Hardee
5. Name the commander who retaliated against bushwhackers who fired on his men by burning the town of Olive Hill, Kentucky. ***John Hunt Morgan

Officers, Civilians and the Commander-in-Chief Speak

"Diplomats and protocols are very good things, but there are no better peace-keepers than well-appointed three-deckers." – Henry John Temple (Lord Palmerston), Prime Minister of Great Britain

Cotton is King: "...the Confederacy has its hand on the mane of the British lion, and that beast, so formidable to the rest of the world, must crouch at her bidding." – *Richmond Whig*, editorializing on the effectiveness of cotton diplomacy

"November 8 has been one of the most important in my naval life." – Diary of Captain Charles Wilkes

"You may stand for this, but damned if I will." – Lord Palmerston, Prime Minister

"The great mass of people did not seem to care what he said or did. We had insulted their flag and they wanted to fight us." – Thomas H. Dudley, US Consul to Liverpool, England

Wilkes told reporters that he had acted on his own initiative: "...he had done right, and said that, right or wrong these men (Mason and Slidell) had to be secured, and if he had done wrong, he could be no more than cashiered for it." Captain Charles Wilkes, November 15, 1861, to Boston newspaper reporters

"There will be no war, unless England is bent upon having one." – Abraham Lincoln

"I am... firmly of the opinion that war with England over the Trent Affair was utterly impossible. Following her whole course of diplomacy, she relied upon her bullying a weak-kneed Secretary of State (Seward) into complying with an unjust demand, and accepted a subterfuge for an apology." – Benjamin Butler, *Butler's Book*

Officer of the Month

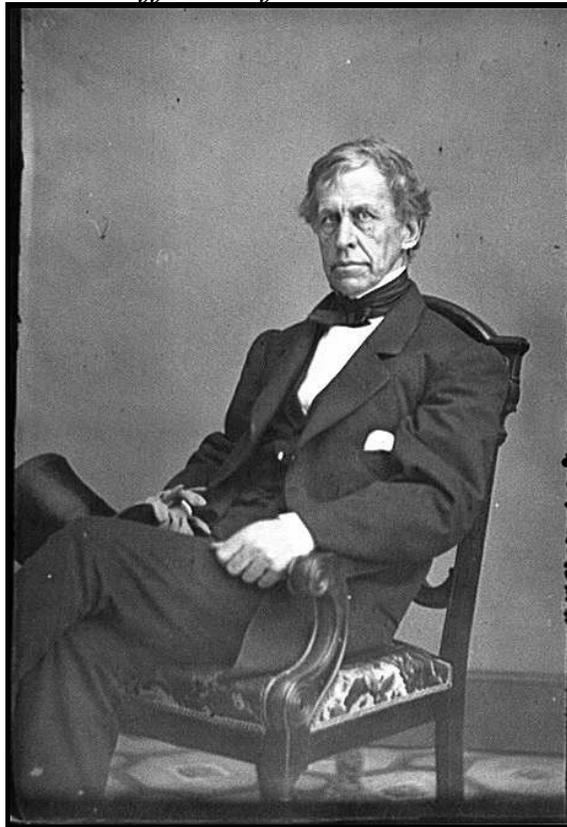


Photo and information from Find a Grave.com

Charles Wilkes was born in New York City, New York on April 3, 1798. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1822, an excellent student of navigation and naval technology. In 1838, he led the first scientific expedition ever outfitted by the US government; this five-year voyage "surveyed 280 islands in the southern seas, 800 miles of Pacific Northwest coastline, and 1,500 miles of unexplored Antarctic coastline." He is credited with discovering on January 19, 1840, that Antarctica was a continent, not just a mass of ice. He is best known for his role in the Trent Affair in the Civil War. He died on February 8, 1877 and was buried in Rock Creek Cemetery, Washington, D.C., but was reinterred to Arlington National Cemetery in 1920. He authored many books including

the reports about his expedition. The Geographical Society of London presented him a gold medal for his scientific services as explorer.

Historic Site of the Month



Photo and information from www.forttours.com/pages/fortwarren.asp

Fort Warren is located on George's Island, a 28-acre island at the entrance to Boston Harbor. It once protected the main shipping channels for many generations and also served as Civil War prison. Mason and Slidell were housed here and over five thousand Confederate soldiers and leaders, including Alexander Stevens, were imprisoned here. From 1833 – 1958, the fort belonged to the US government; it is now maintained by the state Metropolitan District Commission as part of the Boston Harbor Islands, a national park area. More than 100,000 people visit each summer to view the restored portions of the fort; some areas that still show signs of many years of neglect, are still off-limits to visitors. Boston Harbor Cruises offers boat shuttles to the fort in the summer. For more information, contact Fort tour Systems, Inc. at rick@forttours.com or call 817-377-3678.

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.

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

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:

Indianapolis Civil War Round Table

Annual Dinner Meeting

Monday, June 13, 2011

at

Indian Lake Country Club *

10502 E. 75th 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

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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

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

Name

Name

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*

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6019 Allendale Dr.
Indianapolis, IN 46224