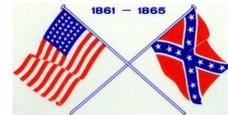


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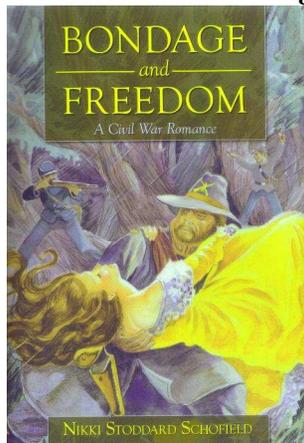
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September 13, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

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

The Plan of the Day **Writing Historical Fiction: *Bondage and Freedom***



With the publication of her first book, Nikki Schofield realizes a dream she has had for over 50 years. She began writing stories as a teenager, but not until this year has one been published. She will tell about the process of self-publishing at AuthorHouse, in Bloomington, Indiana. AuthorHouse is also the publisher of our club's 50-year history by Thomas Krasean.

Bondage and Freedom is the story of a Yankee nurse and a captain of Confederate cavalry in East Tennessee during the final days of the Civil War. This area was almost equally divided between loyalists and rebels, making it an interesting setting for the novel.

Nikki will tell about the resources she used during her research, comparing some first-person narratives with similar incidents in her novel. The biography of General John Crawford Vaughn of Sweetwater, Tennessee, was the book that inspired Nikki to select that area and events of his era for the story.

The main characters were developed from Nikki's extensive research. For the heroine's characteristics, Nikki studied Civil War nurses such as Clara Barton, Mother Bickerdyke and Fannie Beers. Features of the hero came from researching guerrilla warfare and leadership traits of prominent cavalry commanders. Bennett Young's book *Confederate Wizards of the Saddle* was one of the many books Nikki used in gathering authentic incidents in telling this tale.

Jenny Thompson, Hardtack editor, and Peg Bertelli, former club treasurer, served as proofreaders for the manuscript. They were the only two readers, out of seven, with a

Civil War interest. Nikki extends her appreciation and thanks to Jenny and Peg for the valuable advice and comments they gave in regard to the story of Lydia and Brinton.

Both hardcover and paperback books will be available for signing before and after Nikki's speech. Prices are \$25 for hardcover and \$15 for paperback.

Our Guest Speaker



An avid Civil War scholar, Nikki Schofield has served twice as president of the Indianapolis Civil War Round Table from 1996-1997 and 2008-2009. She has been the club's secretary, newsletter editor, and director of the annual trip for many years. In 2009, she was co-chairman of the Midwest Civil War Conference.

In 1995, Nikki began portraying Civil War women, giving speeches to Round Tables and other groups. Some of her living-history presentations have been as Mrs. Stonewall Jackson, Confederate spy Belle Boyd, nurse Clara Barton, Lincoln-conspirator Mary Surratt, abolitionist Delia Webster, actress Laura Keene, and Indiana governor's wife Lucinda Morton.

Nikki has been the library director at Bingham McHale LLP since 1974. Soon after she entered phased retirement, she was hired by Crown Hill Cemetery as their staff genealogist. Since 1993, she has been a tour guide at Crown Hill, which was established in the midst of the Civil War.

An ordained deacon, Ms. Schofield is active in Speedway Baptist Church, where she is an adult Sunday School teacher, business meeting moderator and Global Women's director. She serves on the Coordinating Council of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

Nikki is the mother of two sons, Robert who lives in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Gaven who lives in Richmond, Virginia. She has six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Her second novel, *Alas Richmond*, takes place in the capital of the Confederacy in the final months of the Civil War. The heroine, Verity Stuart, is a Southern belle who lost her husband, and the hero, Giles Tredwell, is an Englishman spying for the Union, while keeping his mission a secret not only from the Confederates but also from Verity.

Nikki's novels are romances sprinkled with historic facts, making them both entertaining and educational.

Ms. Schofield resides in Indianapolis.

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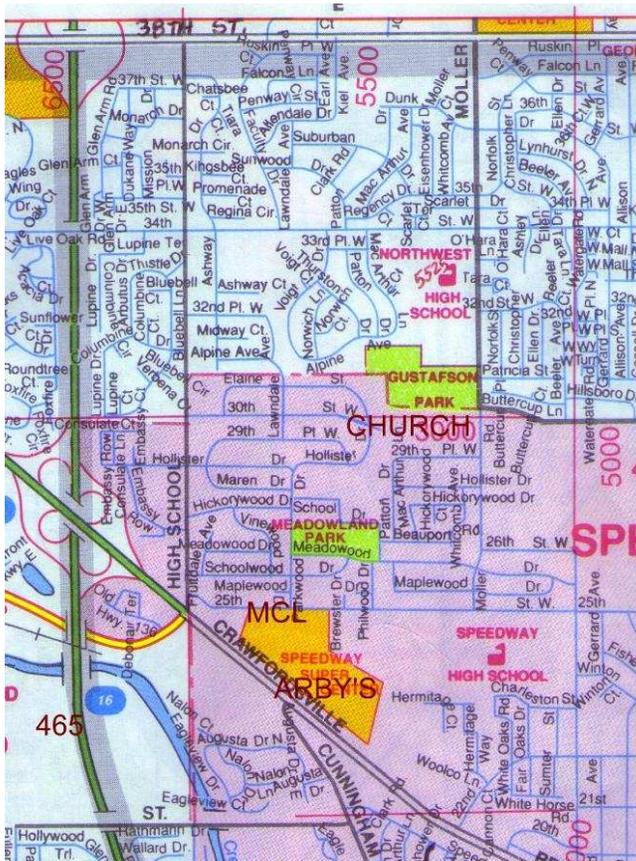
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JOIN US BEFORE THE MEETING AT MCL CAFETERIA!

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 25th 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 25th Street. At the three-way flashing stoplight, turn left (north) on

Moller Road. The church is just south of 30th Street, on the west side of Moller. If you are coming from the north on 465, take the 38th Street exit, heading east. Turn right (south) on Moller Road. The church is after the second stoplight.

2010-2011 Campaign Plans

October 11, 2010	“Battle of Franklin, Tennessee”	David Fraley
November 8, 2010	“Children’s Books about the Civil War”	Alisa Clapp-Itnyre
December 13, 2010	<i>Both Prayed to the Same God – Religion and Faith in the American Civil War</i>	Rev. Robert Miller
January 20, 2011	<i>A Dark and Bloody Ground: Reaping the Whirlwind</i>	Michael Willever
February 14, 2011	“Confederate Industrialization”	Sam Mitrani
March 14, 2011	“The history of the GAR badge”	Dan Mitchell
April 11, 2011	“Theodore Roosevelt and the Civil War”	Gib Young
May 9, 2011	To Be Announced	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:

- September 14: “The Battle of Franklin, Tennessee, November 30, 1864” David Fraley
- October 12: “From California Here We Come: The Golden State in the Civil War” Greg Biggs
- November 9: “Civil War at Fort Wayne” John R. Weaver
- December 14: “Wilder and the Lightning Brigade” Donald Parman
- January 11: “Modern President: Lincoln and High Technology in the Civil War” Vernon Dahlstrom
- February 8: “Steamships and the Civil War: The Role of Cornelius Vanderbilt, American’s First Tycoon” Jim Kaiser
- March 8: “Confederates in Indiana: The Raid of John Hunt Morgan” Jim Turley
- 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

Carmel Civil War Round Table meetings at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Carmel Clay Historical Society’s Monon Depot Museum at 221 First St. SW in Carmel:

- September 15: “Merrill Rifle and Indiana First Heavy Artillery” Mike Beck
- October 20: “Who Lost the Lost Order” Dave Klinestiver
- November 17: “Galvanized Yankees” Jim Goecker

Special Orders

Indiana Soldiers Records Online: The information from the enlistment cards for Indiana soldiers from the State Archives can now be viewed online at <http://www.indianadigitalarchives.org/>. Missing from these records are the physical description of the soldiers, which may be added at a later date.

Major archaeological find at site of Civil War prison: On Monday, August 16, federal and Georgia officials announced they have discovered the exact location of the Confederacy's Camp Lawton, which replaced the overcrowded Andersonville prison in the fall of 1864. This 42-acre stockade held about 10,000 men and was only in existence for six weeks, during which time between 725 and 1,330 men died. The formal announcement was made on Wednesday, August 18, at Magnolia Springs State Park, five miles north of Millen in southeast Georgia.

Official Records

Attendance:

June – 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.

Book Raffle:

Great Civil War Stories, Curtis Blackerby

The Beleaguered City: The Vicksburg Campaign, by Shelby Foote

A Dark and Bloody Ground: Sowing the Wind, by Michael Willever with Michael R. Phelps (signed copy)

How Few Remain: A Novel of the Second War Between the States, by Harry Turtledove
Abraham Lincoln: The Prairie Years and the War Years (Reader's Digest Illustrated Edition), by Carl Sandburg

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

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

1. Who was Orion House. At what battle did he distinguish himself?
2. At what battle site would you find Brown's Ferry?
3. Name the Union general who was a former mayor of San Francisco.
4. Name Grant's best friend from West Point who was killed in the Wilderness.
5. On what battlefield would you find Laurel Hill?

The Poet Speaks

From *The Columbia Book of Poetry*, edited by Richard Marius

Hospital Duties
Unknown author

“Fold away all your bright-tinted dresses,
Turn the key on your jewels today,
And the wealth of your tendril-like tresses
Braid back in a serious way;
No more delicate gloves, no more laces,
No more trifling in boudoir or bower,
But come with your souls in your faces
To meet the stern wants of the hour.

Look around! By the torchlight unsteady
The dead and the dying seem one –
What! trembling and paling already,
Before your dear mission’s begun?
These wounds are more precious than ghastly –
Time presses her lips to each scar,
While she chants of that glory which vastly
Transcends all the horrors of war.

Pause here by this bedside. How mellow
The light showers down on that brow!
Such a brave, brawny visage, poor fellow!
Some homestead is missing him now.
Some wife shades her eyes in the clearing,
Some mother sits moaning distressed,
While the loved one lies faint but unfearing,
With the enemy’s ball in his breast.

Here’s another – a lad – a mere stripling,
Picked up in the field almost dead,
With the blood through his sunny hair rippling
From the horrible gash in the head.
They say he was first in the action;
Gay-hearted, quick-headed, and witty:
He fought till he dropped with exhaustion
At the gates of our fair Southern city.

Fought and fell ‘neath the guns of that city,
With a spirit transcending his years –
Lift him up in your large-hearted pity,
And wet his pale lips with your tears,

Touch him gently; most sacred the duty
 Of dressing that poor shattered hand!
 God spare him to rise in his beauty,
 And battle once more for his land!

Pass on! it is useless to linger
 While others are calling your care;
 There is need for your delicate finger,
 For your womanly sympathy there.
 There are sick ones athirst for caressing,
 There are dying ones raving at home,
 There are wounds to be bound with a blessing,
 And shrouds to make ready for some.

They have gathered about you the harvest
 Of death in its ghastliest view;
 The nearest as well as the furthest
 Is there with the traitor and true.
 And crowned with your beautiful patience,
 Made sunny with love at the heart,
 You must balsam the wounds of the nations,
 Nor falter nor shrink from your part.

And the lips of the mother will bless you,
 And angels, sweet-visaged and pale,
 And the little ones run to caress you,
 And the wives and the sisters cry hail!
 But e'en if you drop down unheeded,
 What matter? God's ways are the best;
 You have poured out your life where 'twas needed,
 And He will take care of the rest."

Officer of the Month

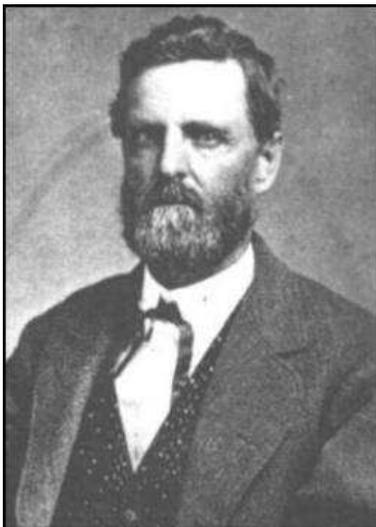
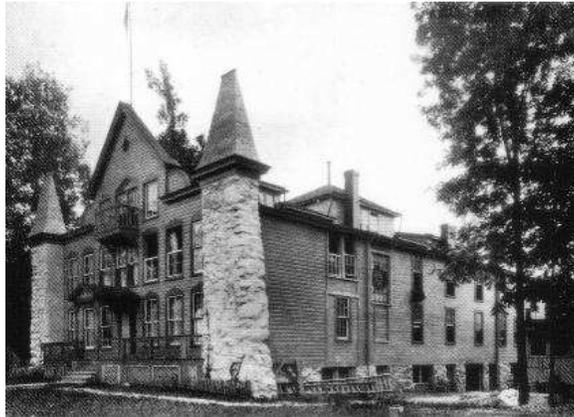


Photo and information from <http://www.findagrave.com>
 John C. Vaughn was born February 24, 1824. "At the start of the Civil War, he was offered positions in the Confederate Government, he chose to be elected Colonel of the 3rd Tennessee Regiment. At New Creek bridge and the Battle of Manassas, his regiment captured Union artillery, the first taken by the Confederates in the field. In September 1862, he was commissioned Brigadier General in command of a brigade of mounted men to operate in east Tennessee and southwest Virginia. In 1863, he fought at Vicksburg and engaged in the Battle of Piedmont in 1864. When General Lee surrendered, General Vaughn was one of the five brigade commanders

who took part in the last council of war held by President Davis. After the war, he returned to Tennessee, was elected to the State Senate and later became a planter in Georgia.” He died September 10, 1875.

Historic Site of the Month



1898 photo

Photo from postcard, Information from <http://www.nps.gov/archive/clba/house.htm>

Clara Barton National Historical Site, Glen Echo, Maryland: This home was built for Clara Barton in 1891 by Edward and Edwin Baltzley. It was designed like the hotel buildings built by the American Red Cross following the 1889 flood in Johnstown, Pennsylvania and used some of the same material in those original buildings. Clara originally used the building as a warehouse for disaster relief supplies, while she lived in rented property at 17th and F Streets NW in Washington, D.C. She moved into the Glen Echo home February 28, 1897, and remodeled it to serve as her residence and the headquarters for the American Red Cross. Red Cross windows were installed in the front upstairs windows. Candles would be lit in the window to indicate travelers could spend the night here, since it was located at the end of the trolley line. Closets were used throughout the house to store disaster relief supplies. Closets, built in the main hallway, were designed to resemble paneled walls and concealed supplies that included blankets, bedding, medical supplies, bandages, canned goods, clothing, hammers, nails, rakes, hoes, seeds, and other emergency supplies. Staff members also lived in this home with her. When Clara resigned as president of the Red Cross in 1904, Glen Echo ceased to function as the headquarters. Clara continued to live here until her death on April 12, 1912.

The house is shown by guided tour only and starts on the hour at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. Groups of ten or more need reservations. There is no cost for the tour. The house is open daily all year, except for Thanksgiving, December 25 and January 1.

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 2010-2011 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:

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Indianapolis, Indiana 46220

Phone: (317) 475-9227
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Please complete and detach the form below and include with your check:

ICWRT Membership Enlistment for July 2010 thru June 2011

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Name..... Date

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We must have a valid email address if you wish to receive the HARDTACK newsletter free of charge!

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_____ **\$30 Individual** _____ **\$35 Family** _____ **\$15 Student**

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In addition to my membership dues, please accept my generous gift of \$ _____
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If someone invited you to join the ICWRT, please list his or her name below:

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