

HARDTACK

Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

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March 12, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting at Indiana History Center Auditorium

450 West Ohio Street

The Plan of the Day

Four Civil War Personalities of Note from Randolph County, Indiana



Randolph County Indiana Historical Society

Ask someone from outside eastern Indiana where Randolph County is located and most do not know. Randolph County does not get much media attention, good or bad.

Randolph County is located in eastern Indiana, borders on Darke County, Ohio, and was organized on August 10, 1818. The county seat is Winchester. The 1860 census of the county reported a population of 18,997 residents, and the 2010 census indicated 26,171 residents.

Regardless of the number of county residents in 1860, Randolph County was a strong supporter of the Union cause. Records indicate that 2,375 citizens served the Union cause during the Civil War with 52 of those being black. The same records report that 266 sacrificed their lives for the Union cause. There are no records to indicate the number of wounded or those who suffered permanent physical and psychological disabilities, but there had to have been many.

Phil DeHaven will present biographical sketches of four Civil War personalities from Randolph County, one civilian and three officers whose careers moved rapidly forward after the Civil War. Phil calls these people:

“Union City’s Main Man”

“The Mighty Man of Winchester”

“Our Tom”

“Winchester’s Cussin’ Colonel,” or “Winchester’s Mystery Man,” or “Winchester’s Lost Soul”

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.

Our Guest Speaker

Phil DeHaven was born and raised in Albany, Indiana. He earned his BS and MA degrees from Ball State University and taught history for thirty-seven years at West Side Middle School, Randolph Eastern School Corp. in Union City, Indiana. He retired from teaching in 2000 and served as Mayor of Union City 2000-2003. He is the past president of the late Randolph County Civil War Round Table.

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2011-2012 Campaign Plans

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

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.

Other Camp Activities

Hamilton County Civil War Roundtable: The Carmel-Clay Civil War Roundtable is now the Hamilton County Civil War Roundtable. They meet at the Conner Prairie Interactive History Park located at 13400 Allisonville Road. Doors open at 7:00 p.m., and the program will start at 7:30 in the Lilly Theater on the 2nd floor of their main office building. We will have plenty of free parking, and people should enter through the main entrance where the ticket office is located. Camp coffee and hardtack should be available. Meetings will be on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, September through May, excluding December.

3/21 Ron Durrah – “Brother vs. Brother Genealogy”

4/18 Phil DeHaven – “CSA Brig. Gen. William E. ‘Grumble’ Jones”

Crossroads of America Civil War / Political Show: This Civil War show will be held at Beech Grove High School, 5330 Hornet Avenue in Beech Grove on Friday, March 30, 2012 – 4pm – 8 pm and Saturday, March 31, 2012 – 9am – 4pm. Thousands of Civil War and political items will be offered by national dealers. For more information, contact Harvey W. Warner, www.ironbrigaderelics.com or call 317-784-2617.

Lew Wallace Study and Museum: In honor of International Museum Day, there will be free admission to the Lew Wallace Study and Museum on May 18.

Civil War Heritage Days: The second annual Civil War Heritage Days will be held June 23 – 24, 2012 in Danville, Indiana. One new event will be a Grand Ball held on Saturday evening in the Courthouse Rotunda. A dance class will be given before the Ball for anyone who would like to learn the dances beforehand. Once again two High Teas will be held on the Courthouse Grounds. Music will be heard from the stage on the square. Civil War re-enactors will be camping at the museum, courthouse and government center. For more information, visit www.civilwarhendricks.com or contact Cindy, 745-2604 or Gail, 696-3129.

Special Orders

32nd Indiana Regiment Monument: The nation’s oldest Civil War monument, the Bloedner Monument, marks the graves of thirteen soldiers from the 32nd Indiana who were killed on December 17, 1861 at the Battle of Rowlett’s Station, Kentucky. The original monument was carved by Private August Bloedner in January 1862. The monument and eleven of the soldiers’ graves were moved to Cave Hill National Cemetery in June 1867, and the other two soldiers’ graves were moved to private cemeteries. Because over half of the inscription had worn off, the monument was moved to a conservation lab at the University of Louisville on Dec. 17, 2008. The treated monument was moved to the Frazier History Museum in Louisville, where it is now on free public display. The National Cemetery Administration hosted an event on December 6, 2011 to commemorate the conservation and replacement of this monument. A replacement monument was installed at the site of the original monument on December 16, 2011. To read the full article, please visit <http://www.civilwarnews.com/archive/articles/2012/febmar/32in-021205.htm>.

The American Civil War and Indian Wars: The McCord Gallery & Cultural Center, located at 9602 W. Creek Rd. (129th & LaGrange Rd.), Palos Park, Ill., will present a rare opportunity to view a museum quality collection of privately owned artifacts from the Civil War and the Indian Wars Thursday, March 1 – Sunday, March 4. A musket that belonged to mountain man Thomas Fitzpatrick who defended the Indian tribes in 1850, moccasins used in a Ghost Dance by a warrior who fought Custer's cavalry at the Battle of Little Big Horn, a flag carried in battle by Union infantryman Thomas Silence, and items from the Wagon Box Fight and the Fetterman Massacre (battles fought during Red Cloud's War) are just a few of the items that will be on display. Artifacts such as these make history come alive and arouse curiosity in the viewer about the lives and times of their original owners. Docents and Civil War re-enactors will be on hand during the exhibit to discuss the significance of the items. At the evening events noted historian Dr. Ted Karamanski will present informative lectures on events of the Civil and Indian Wars. Wine and light refreshments will be served. Open to the public: 10:00am – 4:00pm; General Admission: \$12, \$10 (members). No charge for children under 18, students, and active Military; Evening Events: Friday, March 2 & Saturday, March 3, 7:00pm. \$50 per guest. For more information call 708-671-0648, email office@mccordgallery.org or visit www.mccordgallery.org.

150th Commemoration of the First Battle of Kernstown: The Kernstown Battlefield Association invites you to be with them on March 24 for the 150th commemoration tour of the First Battle of Kernstown with the foremost authority on this battle, renowned author/historian Gary Ecelbarger, as your tour guide. Registration deadline is March 10th. To learn more about this tour and to download the flyer and registration form, please visit <http://www.kernstownbattle.org/> or call Donna Crawford at 540-869-2896 to have her mail you the information.

Central Kentucky Civil War Relic Show and Logistics of War Battle: This show will be held May 4-6 (9-9 Saturday and 9-5 Sunday) at the Cave City Convention Center in Cave City, Kentucky. There will be 300 tables (\$7 table or 3 for \$15) with CDs, tapes, books, memorabilia, currency, documents, stamps, weapons, photographs, uniforms and other collectibles. There will also be a tea party, fashion show, two meals and standard amenities. There is no fee for reenactors if received by April 15, and there is no charge for sutlers and period artisans. For more information, visit www.cityofcavecity.com or call Cave City – City Hall 270-773-2188, Gary Hogan 270-473-1747, or Ed Keiley 270-531-3115.

Perryville Under Fire: The Aftermath of Kentucky's Largest Civil War Battle: The author of this new book is Stuart Sanders, the former executive director of the Perryville Battlefield Preservation Association. The book highlights what soldiers, civilians, communities, and institutions endured once the fighting stopped. With 7,500 casualties sustained in less than five hours, veterans remarked that Perryville was the most intense battle that they ever experienced. As nearly every barn, home, shed, stable, business, school, and church became makeshift field hospitals, the burden of caring for this massive number of casualties fell upon Perryville's three hundred inhabitants and the residents of other nearby communities. Union doctors were woefully unprepared for the

large number of casualties, a drought and lack of anesthesia accentuated the suffering, and delayed burials made the battlefield a horrific environment. As one soldier remarked, "The spectacle presented by the battlefield was enough to make angels weep." The book is available from Amazon.com.

Official Records

February attendance: 34

A tribute to Vernon Earle from Tom Krasean: Longtime Round Table member, Vernon Earle, passed away on Sunday February 14, 2012 near his home in Greenwood. The first meeting open to the public of the Indianapolis Civil War Round Table was held on April 12, 1955, and Vernon attended and soon after joined the group. Over the coming years, Vernon became one of the most prominent members by serving in every officer position: editor of the *Hardtack*; Round Table librarian; and was speaker eight times over the years. His favorite topics were "Petersburg and the Crater," and "Andrews Raid." He was also the recipient of all three Round Table awards, including the prestigious General's Cup in 1988. Vernon served along with Alan Nolan as co-chairs of the Fifty-Year History Committee in 2005. Ill health over the past three years kept this soft spoken and loyal volunteer from attending meetings, but to his many friends, the man and his dedication to the organization will not be forgotten.

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.

Charitable Sponsors: In an effort to upgrade our speakers and programs, the board of ICWRT is asking members and organizations with which they are involved (companies or charitable organizations) to consider sponsoring one or more speakers. This could be done as a gift now, or a person could opt to make a bequest in a will for that purpose. Because of our limited membership, we can't bring in as many national speakers as we would like to. If you are interested or want more info, call Chris Smith at 450-7430.

Book Raffle:

Beefsteak Raid, by Edward Boykin

The Orphan Brigade: The Kentucky Confederates Who Couldn't Go Home, by William C. Davis

To Appomattox: Nine April Days, 1865, by Burke Davis

A Woman Doctor's Civil War: Esther Hill Hawk's Diary, edited by Gerald Schwartz

Letters from the Iron Brigade: George W. Partridge, Jr. 1839-1863, by Hugh L. Whitehouse

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

Facebook: The Indianapolis Civil War Round Table is on Facebook. We invite you to join our group. Feel free to post Civil War related messages on our site.

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

1. Name the only African-American reported to work for a daily newspaper during the war.
2. In what northern city was the first Sanitary Fair held?
3. What Protestant denomination split into northern and southern factions and did not reunite until 1993?
4. Who was the only cabinet member with Jefferson Davis when he was captured?
5. What is the name commonly used for the Battle of Ocean Pond?

Answers to the February quiz:

1. What group was expelled by Grant from his department in General Orders No. 11? *** Jews
2. By what other name was the Battle of Hatcher's Run known? *** Dabney's Mills
3. Name the battle in which the opposing commanders were John Newton and William Miller. *** Natural Bridge, Florida, March 4-6, 1865
4. Name the architect who was the general secretary of the U.S. Sanitary Commission. *** Frederick Law Olmstead
5. General Joseph E. Johnston had a distinguished Revolutionary ancestor. Who was it? *** Patrick Henry

The Soldier Speaks

Information from Indiana Magazine of History, Volume 30, Issue 2, pp.181-197:

William M. Lacy was born near Modoc in Randolph County. During the Civil War, he enlisted in 1862, in Company I, 94th Illinois Volunteers. After the War, he returned to his home in Bloomington, Illinois and then moved to a farm in Dallas County, Iowa. Later he returned to live with his widowed mother in Randolph County until her death in 1895. He moved back to Iowa but came back again in 1908 and spent most of the last eighteen years of life living with his niece, Miss Sylvia L. Hunt (who became Mrs. M.L. Harris). The following are excerpts from the diary he kept from January 1, 1863 to February 22, 1864.

“Thursday June 11. Traveled early in the morning and stayed all night at Youngs Point [La.] six miles from Vixburg. Watched the shells flying into Vicksburg from the north and west of town.”

“Thursday, June 18th. Not on duty today Some of our regiment are building what we call Grape vine baskets for the purpose of protecting the cannon & also the cannoners. Weather very nice and warm.”

“Saturday June 20th. Our artillery commenced firing on the city this morning early. We left camp went out on the hill sides to shelter Firing ceased about noon. Built a shelter from the shells this evening.”

“Tuesday June 23rd. Called up very early in the morning Ordered to cook two days rations pack knapsacks and hold ourselves in readiness for marching at a moments warning But didnt move. Still ordered to hold ourselves in readiness with two days provisions Supposed we were going to big black river to assist them in threshing Johnson.”

“Wednesday June 24th. Called out on guard this morning at half past 7. Ten of our Company charged on a rifle pit and brought out ten prisoners in the meantime the rebs threw grape and shell among us, but fortunately none of our men were hurt. One man from Co. A killed & one from Co. H wounded in the operation. Up nearly all night watching for rebs.”

“Friday July 3rd. We went on picket this morning at 7 again This morning to my surprise all the pickets came out of their ditches met one another in good friendship, and remained out of their ditches all day. All seemed to be peace and quiet. After shelling at one another every opportunity for three weeks. What a change in one days time.”

“Saturday July 4th. Relieved from picket this morning at 8 O'clock Returned to camp and in one hours time word came that Vicksburg had surrendered, and we should get ready and march inside the works We did so and when we got in we found the guns stacked and guards placed over them Rumor says 30,000 men, from fifty to eighty thousand stand of small arms and a hundred fifty to two hundred pieces of artillery.”

“Sunday July 5th. All quiet in Vicksburg Quite an intermingling of soldiers and prisoners also of sentiment Found the majority ignorant. found as I think quite a number of Union men among the prisoners.”

Soldier of the Month

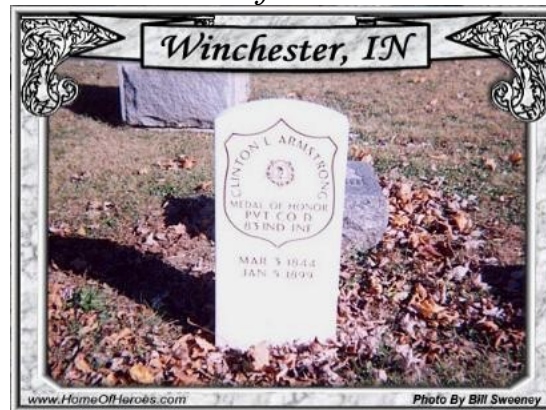


Photo and information from homeofheroes.com

Clinton Lycurgus Armstrong is one of two Medal of Honor recipients buried in Randolph County. “On the morning of May 22, General Grant launched what he hoped would be a crushing assault against Vicksburg. In the fighting that followed, the Union Infantry was repulsed and thrown back along a three-mile front. The Union Army suffered more than 3,000 casualties, and 97 Union soldiers earned Medals of Honor (the second largest single-day total in history.) Private Clinton Armstrong was one of eighty soldiers cited simply for "Gallantry in the charge of the 'volunteer storming party,' seemingly innocuous wording that actually denotes the fact that Private Armstrong was at the head of his attacking force where the enemy fire was hottest and the danger the greatest. Following the failed assault on May 22, a forty-seven day siege was laid against the city, which finally surrendered to Union forces on July 4.”

Historic Site of the Month



Randolph County Indiana Historical Society

The Randolph County Historical Society is located at 416 South Meridian Street in Winchester, Indiana. The Museum is open M-F 10-4:30 (closed for lunch from 12-1:30). They are also open for special events and private tours. Appointments can be made for after hours and weekend research times. They can be contacted by email at rchsln2@comcast.net or by phone at 765-584-1334.

Re-enlist NOW for the 2012-2013 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 2012 thru June 2013

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):

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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 11, 2012

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; warm bread & butter; carrot cake; coffee/tea/soda

Our Guest Speaker: John Hoptak

* **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. **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, 2012**. 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 11, 2012
dinner meeting, including the buffet dinner:**

Name

Name

Reservation form and payment must be received by June 1, 2012.

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

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Indianapolis, IN 46224