

# HARDTACK

Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter  
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October 10, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.  
Meeting at Indiana History Center Auditorium  
450 West Ohio Street

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## *The Plan of the Day* Lew Wallace



ben-hur.com

(Information from civilwarhome.com) “Although he would have much preferred to be remembered as a highly successful military hero, Lew Wallace has been thwarted in this ambition and is best known as an author. Born in Indiana, he had worked as a clerk and early displayed a fascination for Mexico which would affect him in later years. During the Mexican War he served as a second lieutenant in the 1st Indiana but saw only minor action. In 1849 he was admitted to the bar in his native state and seven years later entered the state senate.” Our speaker will discuss the military experience of Lew Wallace, focusing on the Civil War.

### **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*



**Larry Paarlberg** is the Executive Director of the General Lew Wallace Study & Museum. He is a graduate of West Lafayette High School, with honors; Purdue University (BA in American History, Minor in German), with honors; and Ohio State University (Masters in Architectural Preservation), with honors. Prior to this position, he served as the Executive Director of the Goodwood Museum and Gardens (Tallahassee), Project Manager for the Knott House Museum on the Historic Tallahassee Preservation Board, and Historic Sites Specialist for the Florida State Bureau of Historic Preservation. He has been a member of several Board of Directors, a featured guest speaker and instructor at several Florida Universities. He is married and has one son.

### *Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2011-2012 Campaign*

#### *Officers:*

President: Jerry Thompson  
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Tony Trimble

#### *HARDTACK Newsletter:*

Editor: Jenny Thompson

#### *Summer Campaign:*

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.

### *2011-2012 Campaign Plans*

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

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, September through May, excluding December.

10/19 Tim Cumrin on "John Hunt Morgan's raid into Indiana and Ohio." Tim is the historian at Conner Prairie.

11/16 Dan Schoeneberg - TBD

### *Special Orders*

**Free Trip to Gettysburg:** *The Gettysburg Magazine* is having a subscription drive to get 1,000 new subscriptions. From now until December 31, 2011, every time a person gets a new subscription, their name will be entered in our Subscription Drive Drawing. For those of you who are already subscribers, you can join in too. Let others know about the magazine and encourage them to subscribe. If you refer them and they subscribe, you will get your name entered in the drawing as well. Another way to enter is to purchase a gift subscription for someone. If you bring in five new subscriptions, you get your choice of the following gifts: any five back issues of the magazine; E.P. Alexander, *Military Memoirs of a Confederate* (hardcover); *Confederate Ordnance Manual* (hardcover); John N. Opie, *A Rebel Cavalryman with Lee, Stuart, and Jackson* (hardcover); Capt. Charles A. Stevens, *Berdan's United States Sharpshooters* (hardcover); Glenn Tucker, *High Tide at Gettysburg* (hardcover); or John M. Vanderslice, *Gettysburg Then and Now* (hardcover). The first week of January, they'll be drawing ten names from the entries. If they reach their goal of 1,000 new subscriptions, the first name drawn will receive a

grand prize of a three day stay in Gettysburg for two, which includes a two night stay in the Historic Gettysburg Hotel on the square plus \$200 cash. Other prizes include gift certificates to Gatehouse Press, ranging from \$50-\$250. If they fall short of their goal, the ten names will receive gift certificates to Gatehouse Press, ranging from \$30-\$250.

**In Honor of a Civil War Relative:** Private John Cook Hester of the 19<sup>th</sup> Indiana Volunteer Regiment, Infantry Company C, was the Great-Great-Grandfather of Roberta Reno Caito. In his honor, the Caito Family restored one of the original flags from the 19<sup>th</sup> Indiana Volunteer Infantry. The 19<sup>th</sup> was part of the “Iron Brigade of the West,” fighting in such battles as Brawner’s Farm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Fitzhugh’s Crossing, Gettysburg, Wilderness, Cold Harbor and Petersburg. In proportion to its numbers, the Iron Brigade sustained the heaviest losses of any brigade during the Civil War. The Regiment gained this name during the Battle of South Mountain, Gibbon’s men gave such a good account of themselves, the corps of Commander Hooker referred to them as an “Iron Brigade.” It is also said that General McClellan said, “These men must have been made of Iron.” Whoever said the famous name first, the name stuck throughout the war. On another occasion, Gen. McClellan was noted as saying, "I have seen them under fire acting in such a manner as to reflect the greatest credit upon themselves and their state" (Wisconsin, Indiana, and Michigan).



**The Cartography of Robert Sneden DVD Special Offer:** Throughout the Civil War, Private Robert Knox Sneden, an American landscape painter, worked as a Union Army cartographer on the staff of Major General Samuel P. Heintzelman’s III Corps. He witnessed most of the battles of the Army of the Potomac and created maps from observing the action and interviewing participants. When later captured, he witnessed and sketched conditions in Richmond’s Libby Prison and the Confederacy’s most infamous prison at Andersonville, Georgia. He also saw much of the South, having been released in Charleston, South Carolina. Throughout the war, from beginning to end, Sneden made 316 brightly colored sketches, many in watercolor. Every sketch is now available on a single DVD in downloadable jpeg format in 300 dpi high resolution. The DVD contains three folders: Maps, Map Gallery, and Map List. The Map Gallery folder contains a pdf file with smaller, low resolution versions of the maps. The Map List and the Map Gallery are there to facilitate the user in locating the high resolution map(s) they want to review or use. The DVD is available through Amazon book at \$42.50. This offer can be purchased direct by forwarding a check or money order for \$32.50 postpaid to Chet Hearn, 5266 Wolf Run Village Lane, Erie, PA 16505-5524. For more information, you may contact Chet at [hearn4287@roadrunner.com](mailto:hearn4287@roadrunner.com) or call him at (814) 835-4644.

**Civil War camp marker to be moved:** The monument marking where the 9<sup>th</sup> Indiana Regiment camped for two days before joining the Union Army in 1863 in Valparaiso (on West Street west of Horseprairie Avenue) will be moved to the Porter County Historical Society Museum. To read the news article about this and to see a picture of this monument, please visit our Facebook page.

### *Official Records*

**September attendance:** 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.

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

**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:**

*A Stillness at Appomattox*, by Bruce Catton

*Slaves in the Family*, by Edward Ball

*The Life of Billy Yank: The Common Soldier of the Union*, by Bell Irvin Wiley

*Civil War Curiosities: Strange Stories, Oddities, Events, and Coincidences*, by Webb Garrison

*Andersonville: The Last Depot*, by William Marvel

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

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

1. Name the Florida born officer who became a Lt. Gen. in the Confederate army.
2. What was the Confederate name for the battle of Olustee?
3. Name the Confederate governor of Florida, who committed suicide in April, 1865.
4. Who was the Floridian who served in the Confederate cabinet?
5. What fort was the headquarters for the Union's East Gulf Blockading Squadron?

Answers to the September quiz:

1. Name the general who commanded the Confederacy's Iron Brigade. \*\*\* Jo Shelby

2. Whose horse was originally named “Jeff Davis?” To what was it changed? \*\*\* Robert E. Lee; Traveller
3. What was “Edith?” Where was it located? \*\*\* A 10-inch Columbiad at Fort Moultrie
4. What unit was known as the “Puritans?” \*\*\* 1<sup>st</sup> Maine Cavalry
5. Who said, “That, Sir, is the last thing on which I wish to be congratulated.”? To what accomplishment did he refer? \*\*\* Ambrose E. Burnside on his appointment to command the Army of the Potomac

### *Lew Wallace Speaks*

From Lew Wallace: *An Autobiography, Volume I*:

“In the nature of things Freedom and Slavery cannot be coexistent. I could not bring myself to defend the institution of slavery, my sympathies would side with the fugitive against his master. In all nature there was nothing more natural than the yearning for freedom.”

“My greatest personal satisfaction was due to discovery of the fact that in the confusion and feverish excitement of real battle, I could think.”

“I find my interest in battle rather increased than otherwise – in fact I like the excitement, and in very truth, I never heard music as fascinating and grand as that of battle.”

“This soldiering business sadly deadens that very good thing so carefully cultivated by Christians – humanity.”

### *Civilian of the Month*



Photo and quote from [benhur.com](http://benhur.com), other information from [in.gov](http://in.gov)

**David Wallace**, Lew's father, was born in 1810 in Pennsylvania. He studied law and was admitted to the bar in Brookville, Indiana. He graduated from West Point in 1821 as a second lieutenant and served in the 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Indiana militia, with the ranks of lieutenant, captain and colonel. He served in the Indiana House of Representatives from 1828-1831, as lieutenant governor from 1831-1837, and as governor from 1837-1840. He also served as the Whig state chairman in 1846, a member of the constitutional convention in 1850, and was elected judge of the court of common pleas in 1856. He passed away in 1892. Lew Wallace said this of his father, "Almost the earliest of my recollections is the gray uniform of Cadet [David] Wallace. The small tail and shining bullet-buttons of the coat captured my childish fancy. None of the good man's after honors exalted him in my eyes like that scant garment."

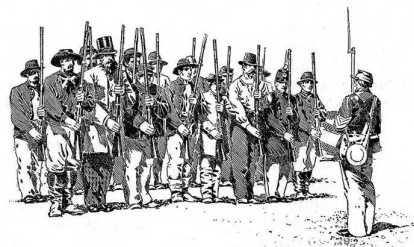
### *Historic Site of the Month*



**General Lew Wallace Study and Museum**, 200 Wallace Avenue, Crawfordsville, IN  
 The museum is a National Historic Landmark, which is open Monday – Tuesday, by appointment; Wednesday – Saturday, from 10-5; and Sundays, from 1-5. Final tours begin at 4:30 p.m. They have a special exhibit "Agents of Deterioration" in 2011, in the Lynne D. Hohlbein Education Room inside the Carriage Interpretive Center until December 11. These objects have crumbled, rusted, tarnished and faded. "Usually, these pieces are resting in our collections' vault," said Museum Director Larry Paarlberg. "In this exhibit, they dramatically illustrate some of the challenges that museums face." Materials used by preservationists to extend the life of fragile memorabilia will also be on display, along with hints from experts on how families can lengthen the life of their own antiques and cherished mementos. Admission is \$3 for Adults, \$1 for Students, and free for children 6 and under.

## 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:

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

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

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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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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