



HARDTACK

Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

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September 12, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.
Meeting at Indiana History Center

The Plan of the Day

Frederick Douglass and the African American Participation in the Civil War



National Park Service

This talk will examine the participation of Frederick Douglass, the runaway Maryland slave who became the best-known African American of the 19th century, in the nation's Civil War. The talk will use Douglass as both an actual and a symbolic representative of the response of all African Americans to this bloody conflict. After briefly introducing Douglass's youth and early career as an abolitionist, the talk will focus on the following major points: (1) the skepticism of Douglass, as an abolitionist, about the war goals initially adopted by the Union cause; (2) the lobbying by Africans and abolitionists of the federal government to adopt Emancipation as a war goal; (3) Douglass's role in convincing the Lincoln administration to recruit African Americans into the Union military; (4) Douglass's own activities as a military recruiter; (5) Douglass's and African American support for Lincoln's reelection in 1864; and (6) the lobby by African Americans like Douglass of Lincoln to adopt a Reconstruction program to advance their right. The talk will rely heavily upon Douglass's own words and incorporate graphic illustrations via PowerPoint to show the audience the Civil War world in which Douglass was a leading actor.

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



Jack Kaufman-McKivigan is Mary O'Brien Gibson Professor of History at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis. He received his Ph.D. degree from Ohio State University and taught previously at Yale University and West Virginia University before coming to IUPUI in 1998. He is the author or editor of twenty books, including *The War Against Proslavery Religion* (1984), *Forgotten Firebrand: James Redpath and the Making of Nineteenth-Century America* (2008), and the forthcoming *In the Words of Frederick Douglass*, all published by Cornell University Press. Kaufman-McKivigan also is the editor of the Frederick Douglass Papers, which is in the process of producing a fourteen-volume edition of the selected speeches, letters and writings of Douglass. To date, his project has published nine of these volumes with the Yale University Press.

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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.

2011-2012 Campaign Plans

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| October 10, 2011 | Lew Wallace | Larry Paarlberg |
| 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 | Kevin Stickels | USS Cairo |
| 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

Last living eyewitness to Lincoln's assassination: For those of you online, you may wish to view this interview with the last living eyewitness to Lincoln's assassination. It was recorded circa 1956. <http://www.wimp.com/livingeyewitness/>

Hamilton County Civil War Roundtable: The Carmel-Clay Civil War Roundtable is now the Hamilton County Civil War Roundtable. The first meeting of the 9th annual campaign will be on September 21 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. The first three presenters come from the Conner Prairie staff.

9/21 Dan Freas on "Development of the new Civil War Experience at Conner Prairie." This commemorates the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

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

"Mud and More Mud: The Tullahoma Campaign," November 3-5, 2011: This Fall The Filson Civil War Field Institute will visit a now visually stunning place in Middle Tennessee to explore a campaign that is only just becoming appreciated by Civil War historians as an important campaign that achieved vital goals with very few casualties on either side. Some sites we will visit: **Fortress Rosecrans** at Murfreesboro, which was the main supply base for Union Gen. Rosecrans; **Hoover's Gap, Liberty Gap, Guy's Gap**, sites of the three battles for the 1st phase of the campaign; **Shelbyville, TN** where Joe

Wheeler's CS cavalry was driven from the town in great confusion; **Oaklands Historic House Museum; The Cowan Railroad Museum; The Chockley Tavern** which served as a stagecoach stop and Major General Patrick R. Cleburne's HQ. Sites around Tullahoma including the fights along the Elk River, the fall back to Cowan and the fight up on Sewanee Mountain. The keynote speaker on Thursday evening will be Michael Bradley. Co-tour guides are Greg Biggs and Michael Bradley. The cost is \$280 for Filson members and \$330 for non-members, which includes all admission fees to museums and parks, chartered bus, two lunches, a reception and one dinner (Thursday evening). Special group rate accommodations will be \$94 at the Fairfield Inn and Suites Murfreesboro. For more information and to register, please visit <http://www.filsonhistorical.org/programs-and-publications/filson-civil-war-field-institute.aspx>

Special Orders

The Bracken Rangers: Co. K, 28th Regiment, 1st Indiana Cavalry and Essays on the American Civil War: The author of this book, Robert Stevens, has asked if anyone has any information about the Bracken Rangers or thoughts about where info, such as the company books, might be located. If you can help him with this request, please email him at MiamiRob@AOL.com or write him at Robert Stevens, P.O. Box 600364, North Miami Beach, FL 33160.

H.L. Hunley: (USA Today, 6/24/2011) On June 21, "the conservation specialists at Clemson University's Warren Leach Center in Charleston began the process of rotating the 7-ton, 40-foot submarine to expose a side of its hull never before seen in the post-Civil War era." After they examine the entire keel, "the submarine will undergo a preservation treatment to remove the corroded layer of iron from its exterior."

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.

Perryville: Civil War Trust is raising funds to save 141 acres of critical land at Kentucky's largest battleground. On this property (the Union I Corps right flank), the 3rd Ohio Regiment and the 15th Kentucky Infantry Regiment faced Confederate soldiers led by brigadier generals Bushrod Johnson, Daniel Adams, and Patrick Cleburne. Visit their website for more information: <http://www.civilwar.org/battlefields/perryville/perryville-2011/>

Research Request: I am looking for a copy of Blue & Gray magazine, Vol. 25, Issue 6. The primary subject of the issue is the Battle of Richmond, Ky. If you have a copy which you would loan me for a few days, I would appreciate it. Tony Trimble

New gravestones mark region Civil War veterans' sacrifices: (nwitimes.com) The grave sites of six region Civil War veterans buried in Lake and Porter counties received new government-issues granite headstones on August 19-20. At least twenty-three more Civil War veteran headstones will be installed at eight cemeteries in both counties in the coming weeks. The group plans dedication ceremonies for sometime this fall.

Official Records

June banquet attendance: 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.

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:

Soldiering: The Civil War Diary of Rice C. Bull, edited by K. Jack Bauer

Marching Through Georgia: My Walk with Sherman, by Jerry Ellis

A Stillness at Appomattox, by Bruce Catton

The Diary of Calvin Fletcher, Volume VII: 1861-1862, edited by Gayle Thornbrough, Dorothy L. Riker, and Paula Corpuz

Distant Thunder: A Photographic Essay on the American Civil War, by Brian C. Pohanka

***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.**

Book signing: Our past Round Table president, Lloyd Hunter, will be in Indianapolis on Tuesday, September 20, 2011. He will hold a book signing for his new book, *For Duty and Destiny: The Life and Civil War Diary of William Taylor Stott, Hoosier Soldier and Educator*, at the Indiana History Center from 2-4 in the afternoon. Stott fought with the Eighteenth Indiana. He later became president of Franklin College. Round Table members are invited to stop by, say hello to Lloyd, and perhaps purchase his book. The Indiana Historical Society is the publisher of his book, and it sells for \$27.95.

Final Muster: Bryce E. Richard, who was once an active member of the ICWRT and who served as Secretary from 1982-1984, passed away on July 10, 2011. He will be missed.

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

1. Name the general who commanded the Confederacy's Iron Brigade.
2. Whose horse was originally named "Jeff Davis?" To what was it changed?
3. What was "Edith?" Where was it located?
4. What unit was known as the "Puritans?"
5. Who said, "That, Sir, is the last thing on which I wish to be congratulated.?" To what accomplishment did he refer?

Frederick Douglass Speaks

"I didn't know I was a slave until I found out I couldn't do the things I wanted." – *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave*, 1845.

"I prayed for twenty years but received no answer until I prayed with my legs."

"Fugitive slaves were rare then, and as a fugitive slave lecturer, I had the advantage of being the first one out." – *Life and Times of Frederick Douglass*, 1881.

"The national edifice is on fire. Every man who can carry a bucket of water, or remove a brick, is wanted, but those who have the care of the building, having a profound respect for the feeling of the national burglars who set the building on fire, are determined that the flames shall only be extinguished by Indo-Caucasian hands, and to have the building burnt rather than save it by means of any other. Such is the pride, the stupid prejudice and folly that rules the hour." – "Fighting Rebels with Only One Hand," *Douglass' Monthly*, September 1861.

“Once let the black man get upon his person the brass letters U.S., let him get an eagle on his button, and a musket on his shoulder, and bullets in his pocket, and there is no power on earth or under the earth which can deny that he has earned the right of citizenship in the United States.” – speech on July 6, 1863.

“I recognize the Republican party as the sheet anchor of the colored man's political hopes and the ark of his safety.”

“I am a Republican, a black, dyed in the wool Republican, and I never intend to belong to any other party than the party of freedom and progress.”



Soldiers of the Month



“Storming Fort Wagner,” Kurz & Allison, Library of Congress

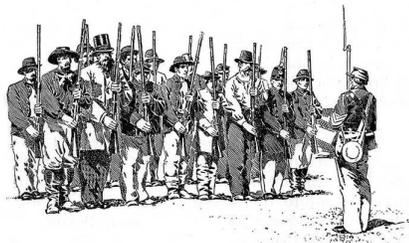
Two of Frederick Douglass’ sons fought in the 54th Massachusetts (made famous in the movie *Glory*). Both **Charles and Frederick Douglass Jr.** survived the Civil War, and lived to see their father hang a picture of the 54th storming Fort Wagner in his front hallway at his Cedar Hill home in Washington D.C.



Charles Douglass, Library of Congress

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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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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:

Historic Site of the Month



National Park Service

Cedar Hill, Frederick Douglass National Historic Site, 1411 W. Street SE, District of Columbia: The site is open every day of the year with the exceptions of Thanksgiving, December 25, and January 1st. Summer hours (April 15-October 14) are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Winter hours (October 15-April 14) are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Access to the house is by ticketed tour only. There are a limited number of tickets available for each hour. Tour tickets are available by reservation or on a first-come, first-served walk-in basis. Reservations are encouraged. Ranger led tours last approximately 30 minutes. Visitors are encouraged to arrive at least 20 minutes early to pick up tickets at the Visitor Center and use restrooms.

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