

# HARDTACK

Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

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April 8, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting at Indiana History Center Auditorium  
450 West Ohio Street

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*The Plan of the Day*  
I Propose to Fight It Out:  
The Story of Ulysses S. Grant, a One Man Show

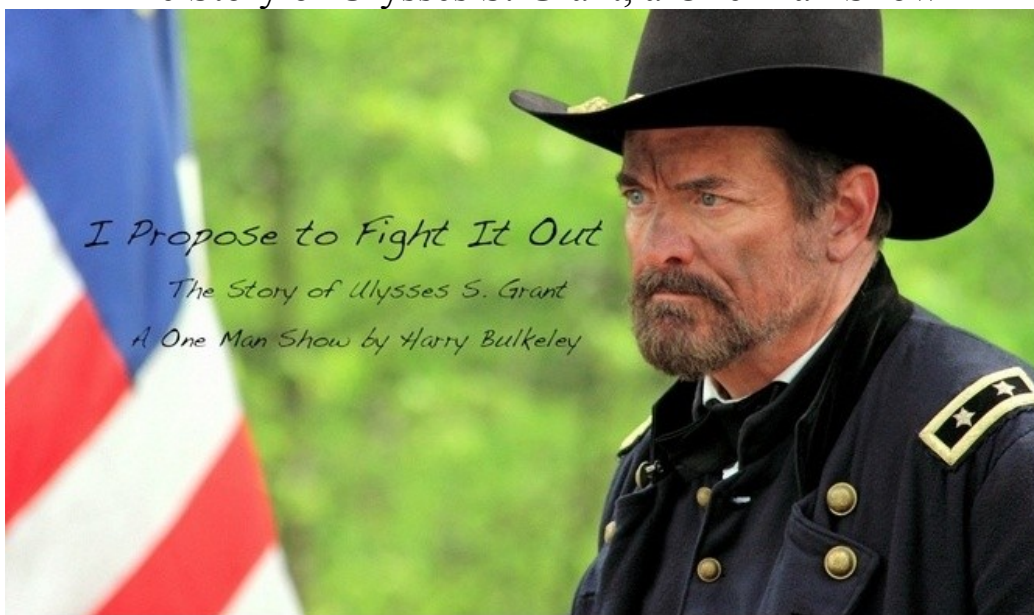


Photo and summary from: "Meet General Grant," accessed May 23, 2012, <http://meetgeneralgrant.com.webs.com>.

Harry Bulkeley has been portraying U.S. Grant for over ten years. "I Propose to Fight It out" follows the general's career from his humble beginnings to his brave last fight to finish his personal memoirs.

## **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.

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.

## *Our Guest Speaker*



Photo and information from: "Meet General Grant," accessed May 23, 2012, <http://meetgeneralgrant-com.webs.com>.

Harry has portrayed General Grant in the PBS American Experience presentation *Ulysses S. Grant: Warrior-President*, the History Channel's *Sherman's March*, *Adam Killogg's Diary*, Shiloh National Military Park's visitors' movie *Shiloh – Fiery Trial*, and the Tennessee Public Television production *The Devil's Own Day*. *USA Today* says that Harry is a "dead ringer" for General Grant. Ed Bearss says, "This man knows Grant." A senior member of the Chicago Civil War Roundtable called this program "one of the best programs we've had in my forty years in the club."

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

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#### *Schedule of Greeters*

April: Jerry Thompson

May: John Wernert

**Members are encouraged to wear their badges to the meetings, so people will know who you are.**

### *2012-2013 Campaign Plans*

- May 13, 2013 Lee Peters – “The Battlefield Growth of Lew Wallace – a study in decision making – from Romney to Monocacy” **Please note that we are meeting in a Classroom at the Indiana History Center this month. There will be signs directing you to the location on the Canal level of the building.**
- June 10, 2013 Larry Stuart – “Sacred Scars, Shadowed Ground: Images of the Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania County Civil War Battlefields”  
**The June program was changed; our previously scheduled speaker cannot attend.**

### *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.

4/17 Del F. Jarvis – “The Battle at Shiloh Church”

5/15 Donald Parman – “John T. Wilder’s Military Career – Wilder’s Lightning Brigade”

**Madison County Historical Society Civil War Roundtable:** They meet on the third Monday each month except July, August and December at 7 p.m. at the Madison County History Center, 15 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street, in downtown Anderson.

4/15 Michael Beck – “J.H. Merrill Rifle”

5/20 Ron Itnyre – “Letters Home: One Family’s Involvement in the Civil War”

6/17 Michael Willever – “More on the Bohemian Brigade”

July and August – no meeting

9/16 Donna Schmink – “Indiana’s Battle Flags”

10/21 TBA

11/18 DVD Lecture Series “Border States”

**Southern Indiana Civil War Roundtable:** This Roundtable in Evansville is looking for speakers from the Indianapolis area. They meet the third Thursday of the month and will pay for a hotel overnight, your gas and dinner. They are looking for a speaker for May. If you are interested in speaking to this Roundtable, please contact Tom Murray at [tmurray50@gmail.com](mailto:tmurray50@gmail.com).

### *Special Orders*

**2013 Basic Cemetery Preservation Workshop:** The Indiana Historical Society announced that registration for the 2013 Basic Cemetery Preservation Workshop is now available. The workshop will be held May 17 and 18 at the Spring Valley Cemetery in Lawrence (northeast side of Indianapolis, near Fort Benjamin Harrison State Park). You

may now register online by going to [www.indianahistory.org/our-services/local-history-services/workshops/copy\\_of\\_upcoming-workshops#cemetery-preservation-basic](http://www.indianahistory.org/our-services/local-history-services/workshops/copy_of_upcoming-workshops#cemetery-preservation-basic) and clicking on “Register online”. PLEASE NOTE there are two options to choose from for the workshop:

Option 1: Friday Afternoon Classroom and Saturday All Day Cemetery Work

Option 2: Friday All Day Cemetery Work and Saturday Morning Classroom

**Memphis parks update (from Greg Biggs):** The article on the renaming of the parks in Memphis in the March newsletter was not quite accurate. There is no move to remove the statue of Nathan Bedford Forrest from Forrest Park at all and there's a reason why - they cannot legally do so. Forrest and his wife are buried there and the statue is part of their grave stone. Tennessee law states that once a cemetery, always a cemetery and only the approval of the Forrest descendents would allow for the statue to be removed. Also, the Huffington Post article mentions that Tennessee has a state park named after Forrest, then without doing their jobs as journalists, they do not state why. This park was part of Forrest's Johnsonville raid of November 1864. He placed some of his artillery there to interdict the river blocking it against Union tinclad gunboats. It ties in with New Johnsonville State Park a few miles upstream on the Tennessee River to interpret that raid. So it is a Civil War site and not just some park named for Forrest. There is big push back in Memphis and across the state against these changes by the way and the state legislature has bills ongoing to retain the names of all historic parks, and Forrest Park is indeed historic.

**Civil War Digital:** Frank Leslie's *Illustrated History of the Civil War* 1894 original edition is now available on DVD (\$32.95) or Flash Drive (\$42.95). The Shenandoah Campaign – 1862 collection is available on DVD (\$39.95) or USB Flash Drive (\$49.95). For Apple computers, order the Flash Drive. For more information or to order, visit <http://civilwardigital.com>.

**An Irrepressible Conflict: The Empire State in the Civil War:** This 7,000-square-foot exhibition at the New York State Museum in Albany, in collaboration with the State Archives and Library, boasts over 200 artifacts from more than twenty-five institutions. The exhibit runs through September 22, 2013 and is organized in chronological order from 1861-1865 and includes sections devoted to the antebellum and postwar periods. To see the online exhibition feature, please visit <http://www.nysm.nysed.gov/civilwar/>.

**Guided Battlefield Tours:** Discover what caused the Battle of Franklin as you board a wagon and travel to key vistas overlooking the Columbia Pike on the Spring Hill Battlefield at Rippavilla, Tennessee. These guided tours to groups of ten or more are available April – December. Lunch is available upon request and reservations are required. For more information, visit <http://rippavilla.org/visitus.asp> or call 931-486-9037.

**Indiana War Memorial Virtual Tours:** The Indiana War Memorial and Soldiers and Sailors Monument can now be viewed in a virtual tour on Google Maps using the following links, which will be added to the web pages shortly. Viewing tip: look for the

arrows on the floor or ground to change direction. Click on the side picture on the links to view inside the buildings.

[Indiana War Memorial Link](#)

[Soldiers and Sailors Monument Link](#)

**USS Monitor sailors buried:** Two unidentified crew members recovered from the Monitor were buried with full military honors in Section 46 at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia on March 8, 2013. To learn more about these sailors, please visit [http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-18563\\_162-57573171/honoring-fallen-civil-war-heroes-140-years-later/](http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-18563_162-57573171/honoring-fallen-civil-war-heroes-140-years-later/).

**Seminary Ridge Museum:** This museum will be opening July 1, 2013 and you can now reserve tickets online. All four floors and the museum entrance are handicapped accessible. Ticket prices are: Adults (13-64) \$9 + tax; Seniors (65+) and Youth (6-12) \$7 + tax; Children under 5, free; and Active Military with ID, free. For more information and to order tickets, visit: [www.seminaryridgemuseum.org](http://www.seminaryridgemuseum.org).

**National Civil War Museum Living History Schedule:** This museum, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, has announced its living history schedule for spring and summer 2013 (weather contingent): April 13-14, Palmetto Guard & Pennsylvania Bucktails; April 27-28, Palmetto Guard; June 1-2, Confederation of Union Generals; June 8-9, Federal Generals; June 15-16, 44<sup>th</sup> Georgia; June 22-23, 27<sup>th</sup> New Jersey; July 27-27, Palmetto Guard; August 3-4, 4<sup>th</sup> North Carolina Cavalry; September 14-15, Confederation of Union Generals; and September 28-29, 7<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Co. A. Visitors to the museum are encouraged to visit the camps and ask questions about attire, food rations and daily life. Most infantry groups will perform loading and firing demonstrations at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. & 3 p.m. on Saturdays and 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Sundays. Admission to the museum is \$10 adults; \$9 seniors; \$8 students; with reduced rates for children and families. For more information call 717-260-1861 or visit [www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org](http://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org).

**Video About Edwin Bearrs:** Americans At War website has a video of noted Civil War historian Edwin Bearss telling about what it was like to get shot multiple times during the Battle of Cape Gloucester in WWII.

<http://www.americans-at-war.com/videodetail.php?id=15>

### *Official Records*

**March 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 on Facebook. We invite you to join our group. Feel free to post Civil War related messages on our site.

**Final Muster of Two Former Members:** James Spears passed away March 14, 2013. He co-authored a book on the Indiana Militia and was a scholar when it came to soldiers' uniforms and equipment. William Parker passed away March 17, 2013. He mailed the Hardtack when Tom Krasean was the editor.

**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.

**Treason Afoot:** Nikki Schofield's newest book, *Treason Afoot*, about the Indianapolis Treason Trials, is now available. The hero suffers from post traumatic stress syndrome. The heroine is endeavoring to make her own way in the city, despite here domineering father's stance that a woman's place is in the home. Fictional and historical characters mingle in this exciting drama when Republicans and Democrats held gun battles in the streets, and men committed treason to overthrow the Lincoln administration. Softcovers are \$15; hardcovers are \$25; and e-books are \$6. Added features include cast of characters by chapter, resources, book club discussion questions, and index to historic end notes. If you are interested, see Nikki.

**Sponsor a Meeting:** Our monthly cost is \$190. Would you be willing to donate money to cover the cost of a monthly meeting? If so, please contact Tony Roscetti.

**Book Raffle:**

*The Army of the Potomac: A Stillness at Appomattox*, by Bruce Catton

*The Last Citadel: Petersburg, Virginia, June 1864 – April 1865*, by Noah Andre Trudeau

*The Generals of Gettysburg: The Leaders of America's Greatest Battle*, by Larry Tagg

*Gray Fox: Robert E. Lee and the Civil War*, by Burke Davis

*They Fought Like Demons: Women Soldiers in the American Civil War*, by DeAnne Blanton and Lauren M. Cook

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

**Special Raffle:** We are having a special raffle for a DVD box-set, *The Untold Secrets of the Civil War*. This 6 disc-set includes the following: *Civil War Minutes – Union*, *Civil War Minutes – Confederate*, *Gettysburg and Stories of Valor*, *Civil War Life*, *Horses of Gettysburg*, *Lincoln and Lee at Antietam*, and *Great Campaigns of the Civil War*. This special raffle will occur over the February through May meetings. Anyone can enter the raffle as often as they wish any time during the next three meetings. We will have the drawing at the June meeting for the winner. The winner needs not to be present at the June meeting to win the raffle. Chances are \$3 each and all proceeds will go the Indianapolis Civil War Round Table operating fund.

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

1. Where would you find Ft. Columbus? What was its primary use?
2. What was the primary weapon used by Rush's Lancers until June, 1863?
3. What do soldiers do "by the nines?"
4. Who rode "Daniel Webster?"
5. What battlefields are connected by the Orange Plank Road?

Answers to the March quiz:

1. What unit was known as the Magnolia Regiment? Why did it disband? \*\*\* 2<sup>nd</sup> Alabama Infantry; Disbanded as a result of Ft. Pillow
2. Name the Confederate officer who rode a fast mare named Nellie Gray. \*\*\* Fitzhugh Lee
3. What nickname was given to the unit of unmarried men raised by Gen. Alvin Hovey? \*\*\* Hovey's Babies
4. Instead of sounding "tattoo," the bugle call was replaced by \_\_\_\_\_. \*\*\* Taps
5. Who wrote: "I have the honor...to tender my service...In view of my age and length of service, I feel myself competent to command a regiment, if the President should see fit to intrust (sic) one to me.?" \*\*\* U.S. Grant

### *The Soldiers and a Civilian Speak*

Lincoln wrote to Burnside in July 1863: "General Grant is a copious worker and fighter...but a meager writer or telegrapher." – J. Donald Hawkins, ed. *Famous Statements, Speeches & Stories of Abraham Lincoln* (Palm Beach Gardens, FL: John Donald Hawkins, 1991), 43-44.

Rice C. Bull wrote in his diary: "On October 21<sup>st</sup> while we were camped at a railroad station I saw General Grant for the first time; he was on his way to take command of the Armies that were gathered there. His train stopped for some time to meet a train coming from the south. When it was known he was on the train the men grouped around his car and began to cheer. After a little time he came out on the platform leaning on the two crutches, for he could not walk; he had been thrown from his horse a few weeks before and was badly hurt. He wore an army slouch hat with bronze cord around it, quite a long military coat, unbuttoned, no sword or belt, and there was nothing to indicate his rank. His appearance would have attracted no attention had he not been General Grant. When the boys called for a speech he bowed and said nothing. He could not lift his hat, as was usual for the officers to do, since both his hands grasped his crutches. After bowing for a short time he went back to his chair in the car. It was while in this painful condition that he planned and fought the battles of Missionary Ridge and Lookout Mountain, a campaign among the most successful of his career." – Ted Bauer and Susan Wales, eds., *Faith in God and Generals* (Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 2003), 96.



In 1864, Elisha Hunt Rhodes wrote: “Yesterday the 18<sup>th</sup>, the 6<sup>th</sup> Corps was reviewed by Lieut. Gen. U.S. Grant...General Grant is a short thick set man and rode his horse like a bag of meal. I was a little disappointed in the appearance, but I like the look of his eye. He was more plainly dressed than any other General on the field.” – Robert Hunt Rhodes, ed. *All For Union: The Civil War Diary and Letters of Elisha Hunt Rhodes* (New York: Vintage Books, 1985), 133-134.

A Confederate colonel wrote in a June 7 letter: “From first to last, Grant has shown great skill and prudence, combined with remorseless persistency and brutality. He is a scientific Goth...destroying the country as he goes and delivering the people over to starvation...[whereas] Lee is almost unapproachable, and yet no man is more simple or less ostentatious, hating all pretension. It would be impossible for an officer to be more revered, admired and respected. He eats the rations of the soldier and quarters alone in his tent. Without parade, haughtiness or assumption...he is worthy of the cause he represents and the army he commands...[yet] Lee has at least met with a foeman who matches his steel...Each guards himself perfectly and gives his blow with a precise eye and cool and sanguinary nerve.” – Robert Hendrickson, *The Road to Appomattox* (New York: John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1998), 39.

Sherman wrote in a letter to Grant: “I believe you are as brave, patriotic, and just as the great prototype Washington – as unselfish, kind-hearted, and honest as a man should be – but the chief characteristic is the simple faith in success you have always manifested...This faith gave you victory at Shiloh and Vicksburg. Also, when you have completed your best preparations, you go into battle without hesitation...no doubts, no reserves; and I tell you, it was this that made us act with confidence.” – Hendrickson, 39.

Mary Chestnut, wrote in her diary: “He [Grant] is their right man, a bull-headed Suvorov...He fights to win that chap does. He is not distracted by a thousand side issues; he does not see them. He is narrow and sure – sees only in a straight line...from a battle in the gutter, he goes straight up...If General Lee had Grant’s resources he would have [already] bagged the last Yankee, or have had them all safe back in Massachusetts.” – Hendrickson, 39-40.

### *Civilian of the Month*



Photo and information from Find a Grave



**Julia Dent Grant** was born January 26, 1826 in St. Louis, Missouri. Her father was a wealthy Mississippi River fur trader, who established White Haven plantation outside St. Louis. His wealth enabled her to attend the Misses Mauros boarding school in St. Louis. Her oldest brother met Ulysses S. Grant at West Point. When they were stationed together at Jefferson Barracks, near White Haven, Grant became a frequent guest and he and Julia began courting. The Mexican American War and lack of her father's consent prolonged their courtship. Grant's family did not accept her because her father owned slaves. Throughout the Civil War, she was frequently seen visiting her husband near the scene of action, and after the war, she traveled with him throughout the North. While he was president, she gave lavish parties and receptions. After Grant's death, she lived in comfort surrounded by her children and grandchildren and supported by a widow's pension and cash advance from his *Memoirs*. She died December 14, 1902 and is buried in General Grant National Memorial in Manhattan, New York.

### *Historic Site of the Month*

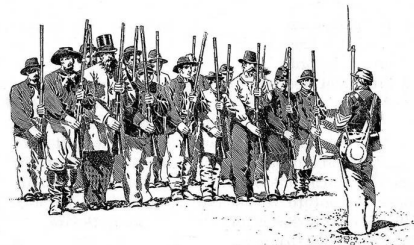


Peace in Union by Thomas Nast, this original oil painting hangs in the War Room Exhibit Gallery (photo and information from "Galena & U.S. Grant Museum," accessed May 23, 2012, <http://www.galenahistorymuseum.org/index.html>).

**Galena & U.S. Grant Museum**, 211 S. Bench St. in Galena, Illinois, is open daily 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. year round. Visitors declare it a "hidden gem for Galena" and "a treasure" "worth every penny." Their "use of technology makes it easy to learn great amounts in a short amount of time." Exhibits include: U.S. Grant, War Room and a Special Exhibit, a four part series examining the life and impact of Ulysses S. Grant using images from the personal collection of Bill Margeson. The Special Exhibit will be changing in April 2013 from exploring a personal side of the general to his presidency. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors (65+), \$20 family, \$6 for children 10-18, and free for children under 10 and members of the Galena-Jo Daviess County History Society.

## Re-enlist NOW for the 2013-2014 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](mailto:anthony.roschetti@nationalcity.com)

*Please complete and detach the form below and include with your check:*

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### **ICWRT Membership Enlistment for July 2013 thru June 2014**

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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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\_\_\_\_\_ **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:

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## Indianapolis Civil War Round Table

Annual Dinner Meeting

*Monday, June 10, 2013*

*at*

### ***Indian Lake Country Club \****

*10502 E. 75<sup>th</sup> 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: Larry Stuart**

\* **Directions:** From I-465: Take the 56<sup>th</sup> Street exit. Go east to Pendleton Pike and turn left. Turn left (north) on to Sunnyside Road. At the stop light at 75<sup>th</sup> Street, turn left to the entrance on your right. \*\*\* From Castleton: Come east on 82<sup>nd</sup> Street, which becomes 79<sup>th</sup> Street at Fall Creek Road. Continue east to the stoplight at Sunnyside Road. Turn right (south) to the stoplight at 75<sup>th</sup> 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 75<sup>th</sup> 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, 2013**. Reservation form and payment can be brought to the 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 10, 2013  
 dinner meeting, including the buffet dinner:**

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Name

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Reservation form and payment must be received by June 1, 2013.  
 Cost: \$22 per person. Please make check payable to *Indianapolis Civil War Round Table*

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