

# HARDTACK

Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

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February 11, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.  
Meeting at Indiana History Center Auditorium  
450 West Ohio Street

## *The Plan of the Day*

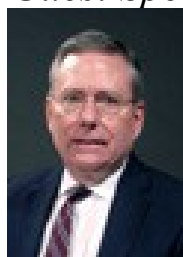
### The Papers of Lew and Susan Wallace

The Indiana Historical Society and the Lilly Library at Indiana University will soon publish a documentary edition, *The Papers of Lew and Susan Wallace*, in 5 DVD-ROMs. Thomas A. Mason served as project director for this edition. Lew Wallace was a controversial military figure – as the youngest major general in the Union army, he managed to incite professional jealousy among his seniors. West Point regulars resented that he had come up through the militia ranks. After his distinguished performance at Fort Donelson, the later arrival of his division at Shiloh put his career on hold and haunted him during the postwar period. Lew Wallace was a prolific novelist and author of *Ben-Hur*. His wife, Susan Wallace, was a widely published author of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry. The publication of their papers sheds light on this fascinating Victorian couple.

### **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*



**Thomas Mason** holds a B.A. in History with Highest Honors from Kenyon College, a M.A. and a Ph.D. from the University of Virginia. He is an adjunct lecturer in the History Department at IUPUI. He served as Vice President of the Indiana Historical Society Press 2002-2006. He served as an editor for *The Papers of James Madison* and has written articles and reviews in encyclopedias, newspapers, scholarly journals, and online networks, and the book *Serving God and Mammon: William Juxon, 1582-1663, Bishop of London, Lord High Treasurer of England, and Canterbury*. He has chaired sessions at several historical conferences, including the Lew Wallace Symposium at Wabash College

in 2005. He is a member of several professional societies and served as president of the Indiana Association of Historians in 2008-2009.

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

#### *Officers:*

President: Dr. John Wernert	Vice President: Dave Klinestiver
Secretary: Frank Bynum	Treasurer: Tony Roscetti
Immediate Past President: Jerry Thompson	Programs: Jenny Thompson

#### *Committees:*

Preservation: Andy O'Donnell	Website: Paul Watson
Publicity: Peg Bertelli, Dave Sutherland & Tony Roscetti	

#### *Quiz Master:*

Tony Trimble

#### *HARDTACK Newsletter:*

Editor: Jenny Thompson

#### *Schedule of Greeters*

	March: Dave Sutherland
	April: Jerry Thompson
Feb: Frank Bynum	May: John Wernert

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

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.

### *2012-2013 Campaign Plans*

March 11, 2013	Bob Bain – “The Armies Gather”
April 8, 2013	Harry Bulkeley – “I Propose to Fight It Out: The Story of Ulysses S. Grant, A One Man Show”
May 13, 2013	Lee Peters – “The Battlefield Growth of Lew Wallace – a study in decision making – from Romney to Monocacy” <b>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.</b>
June 10, 2013	Phil Tichenor – “Andersonville: A Visual Presentation”

### *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.

2/20 John Rutherford – “From Riding with Morgan’s Raiders to General Counsel of the L&N Railroad – The Adventures of a Southern Rebel from the Hoosier State”

3/20 Chris Kolakowski – “Tullahoma Campaign”

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.

2/18 DVD lecture on First Manassas or Rull Run

3/18 Larry Stuart – “Sacred Scars, Shadowed Ground” Battlefield Photo Program

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”

### *Special Orders*

***The Indiana Jackass Regiment in the Civil War:*** This new book by Philip E. Faller, former Indianapolis resident, is the first one written about the activities of the 21<sup>st</sup> Indiana Volunteer Infantry / 1<sup>st</sup> Indiana Heavy Artillery. They spent 3-1/2 years in Louisiana participating in the capture of New Orleans, LA, Battle of Baton Rouge, LA (a noteworthy battle in its day), 1st and 2nd Teche Campaigns, Siege of Port Hudson LA (longest total siege in US History), Red River LA Campaign, Capture of Fort Morgan, AL and Capture of Mobile, AL. Most of its members were from west central and south-west Indiana: Clay, Greene, Knox, Martin, Morgan, Owen, Parke, Putnam, Morgan and Sullivan counties. One company was from Elkhart and LaGrange counties. While the regiment converted from infantry to heavy artillery, they still took to the field with their 30-pounder Parrott rifles and mortars. The book also includes a complete roster of the regiment. The book is available on Amazon.

**Indiana’s Civil War 150<sup>th</sup> Commemoration:** Indiana Historical Bureau website has a collection of newspapers, letters, journals, current writing, links and resources, and a calendar of events that can be viewed on the following website:

<http://www.in.gov/history/CivilWar.htm>.

**Civil War Records Online:** If you are looking for an Indiana Civil War soldier, you can search for them on the following website: [www.Indianadigitalarchives.org](http://www.Indianadigitalarchives.org).

**Indiana 2016 Statehood Bicentennial:** In 2016, Indiana will be two hundred years old. If you are interested in learning what is being planned for that anniversary, visit the following website: <http://www.in.gov/history/3921.htm>.

**Discovering the Civil War:** This month, this landmark exhibit opens at the Tennessee State Museum in Nashville. This National Archives exhibit allows visitors a chance to walk in the shoes of scholars to unlock secrets, solve mysteries and uncover unexpected events in twelve thematic areas. The original Emancipation Proclamation will also be on view for a six-day period during the exhibit. For more information, please visit [http://www.tnmuseum.org/custpage.cfm/frm/45806/sec\\_id/45806](http://www.tnmuseum.org/custpage.cfm/frm/45806/sec_id/45806).

**Whitewater Canal Historic Site Civil War Program:** In April of this year, this site was able to have an incredible Civil War program for Franklin County fifth grade school children. Over 200 children and 100 adults were able to participate in this all day, hands-on program. This program was funded through the Franklin County Community Foundation and the Whitewater Valley REMC Foundation. They are hoping to offer this great educational program again in 2013. Both of the groups who helped in 2012 do not make grants for repeat programs. The site is looking for groups who might be able to help fund this program in 2013. If you are interested in helping, please contact Joanne M. Williams, Program Director and Cultural Administrator, (Whitewater Canal State Historic Site, 19083 Clayborn Street, P.O. Box 88, Metamora, IN 47030) at 765-647-6512 or [jwilliams@indianamuseum.org](mailto:jwilliams@indianamuseum.org).

**Crossroads of America Civil War / Political Show:** This Civil War Show will be held Friday, March 29, 4-8 p.m. and Saturday, March 30, 9-4 p.m. at Beech Grove High School, 5330 Hornet Avenue, Beech Grove (Exit 52 on I-465). Thousands of Civil War and Political items will be offered by National Dealers. All table rent and admission fees will be donated to BGHS school programs. For more information, contact Harvey W. Warner at [www.ironbrigaderelics.com](http://www.ironbrigaderelics.com) or 317-784-2617.

### *Official Records*

**January attendance:** 36

**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.

**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.

**2013-2014 Possible Changes:** We are considering moving to a different location for our meetings in 2013-2014, or we may have to raise dues to cover expenses of meeting at the Indiana History Center. Our monthly cost is \$190. If you would like to continue meeting at the Indiana History Center, would you be willing to donate money to cover the cost of a monthly meeting? If so, please contact Tony Roscetti.

**Book Raffle:**

*They Have No Rights: Dred Scott's Struggle for Freedom*, by Walter Ehrlich

*The Image of War: The Pictorial Reporting of the American Civil War*, by W. Fletcher Thompson, Jr.

*Inside Lincoln's Army: The Diary of General Marsena Rudolph Patrick*, edited by David S. Sparks

*Stonewall Jackson: The Man, The Soldier, The Legend*, by James I. Robertson, Jr.

*Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era*, by James M. McPherson

**\*Anyone wishing to donate books for upcoming raffles should either bring them to Tony Roscetti at the February 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. What multi-volume series was billed as, "The South's response to the Official Records?"
2. What was a "copperbottom"?
3. What was it that soldiers referred to as a "contribution"?
4. What was a "donkey" used for?
5. Who said, "The central idea pervading this struggle is the necessity that is upon us, of proving that popular government is not an absurdity,?" To whom did he say it?

Answers to the January quiz:

1. Name the only Civil War general to be killed by Indians. (HINT: It was after the war.) \*\*\* E.R.S. Canby
2. On what battlefield would you find Benner's Hill? \*\*\* Gettysburg
3. Name the U.S. warship named for an Asian flower. \*\*\* U.S.S. Hydrangea
4. On what battlefield would you find Priest Cap? \*\*\* Port Hudson
5. Who wrote the following to his wife: "By some strange operation of magic I seem to have become *the* power of the land. I almost think that were I to win some small success now I could become dictator..."? \*\*\* George B. McClellan

### *The Press Speaks*

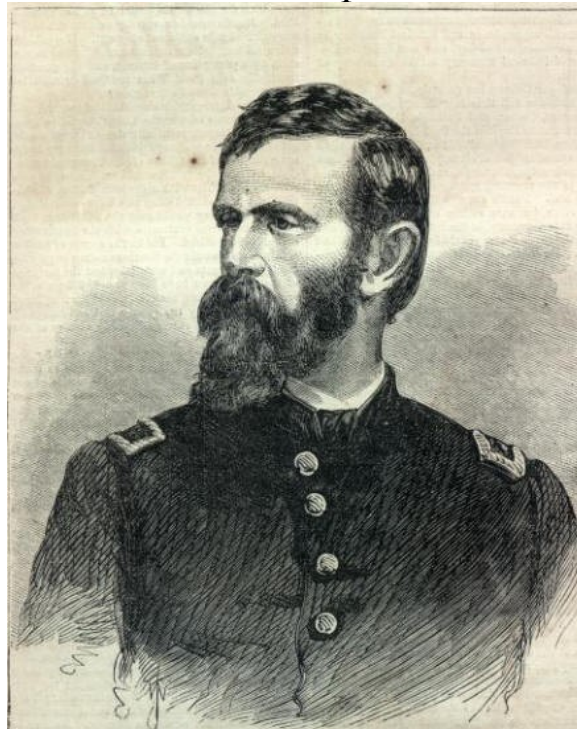


Photo from *Harper's Weekly*, July 12, 1862, 433.

"Major-General L. Wallace," *Harper's Weekly*, July 12, 1862, 439. – "MAJOR-GENERAL LEWIS WALLACE... has been, we believe, a lawyer by trade, and a citizen of Indianapolis, Indiana. When the rebellion broke out, in April, 1861, he raised a regiment which was afterward known as the Eleventh Indiana Volunteers. They were Zouaves, and their friends claimed that they were more perfect in the Zouave drill than any other regiment in the service. When they were mustered in, at Indianapolis, Colonel Wallace made the whole regiment kneel before the State House and take a solemn oath to 'remember Buena Vista' – Jeff Davis having, as is said, cast imputations of cowardice upon the Indiana Regiments at Buena Vista. The Eleventh Indiana saw some service during their three months' campaign. They were at the capture of Romney and other affairs in Western Virginia. At the expiration of their term of service Colonel Wallace reorganized them for the war, and they were sent to Missouri. On the increase of the army of the West, Colonel Wallace was appointed Brigadier under Colonel P.F. Smith, and was in command for some time in Smithland, Kentucky. He made several important reconnoissances [sic] at this time, and attracted so much attention by his skill and daring

that he was soon promoted to the command of a division. At the storming of Fort Donelson he distinguished himself conspicuously, and was therefore promoted to a Major-Generalship. He again did good service on the second day's fight at Pittsburg Landing. After the evacuation of Corinth his division was ordered to Memphis, which place they reached a few days since. General Wallace's first act, on assuming command at Memphis, was to put a stop to the secession gamble of the Memphis Argos. Of all the Western officers General Wallace is perhaps the most popular with his men. Of his strictness as a disciplinarian our correspondent tells a good story, In camp near Pittsburg he met one day four of his soldiers carrying to their tent half an ox, which they had appropriated. He ordered each of the men by turns to carry the half ox on his shoulders round a tree for an hour – the performance to last a whole day in the broiling sun. He then compelled them the next day to fan the carcass, so as to keep off the flies. And on the third day he had them bury it with appropriate ceremonies. The amusement this affair caused in camp may well be imagined.”

### *Civilian of the Month*



Susan Arnold Elston Wallace, Photo and information from Find a Grave

Susan Arnold Elston was born in Crawfordsville, Indiana on December 25, 1830. She married Lew Wallace in 1852. She wrote six books: *The Storied Sea*, *Ginevra*, *The Land of the Pueblos*, *The Repose in Egypt*, *Along the Bosphorus and Other Sketches*, and *The City of the King*. Reproductions of some of her books can still be found online today. She helped complete Lew's Autobiography after his death. She died October 1, 1907 and is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Crawfordsville, Indiana.

## *Historic Site of the Month*



**Lew Wallace Statue:** This marble statue of Lew Wallace was sculpted by Andrew O'Connor. Indiana honored Wallace in 1910 by presenting this statue to the National Statuary Hall in the U.S. Capitol Building. All states have presented two statues each. In 1900, Indiana presented a statue of Governor Oliver Hazard Perry Morton, which is located on the first floor of the Senate Wing.

Photo from "Architect of the Capitol" website

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