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Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

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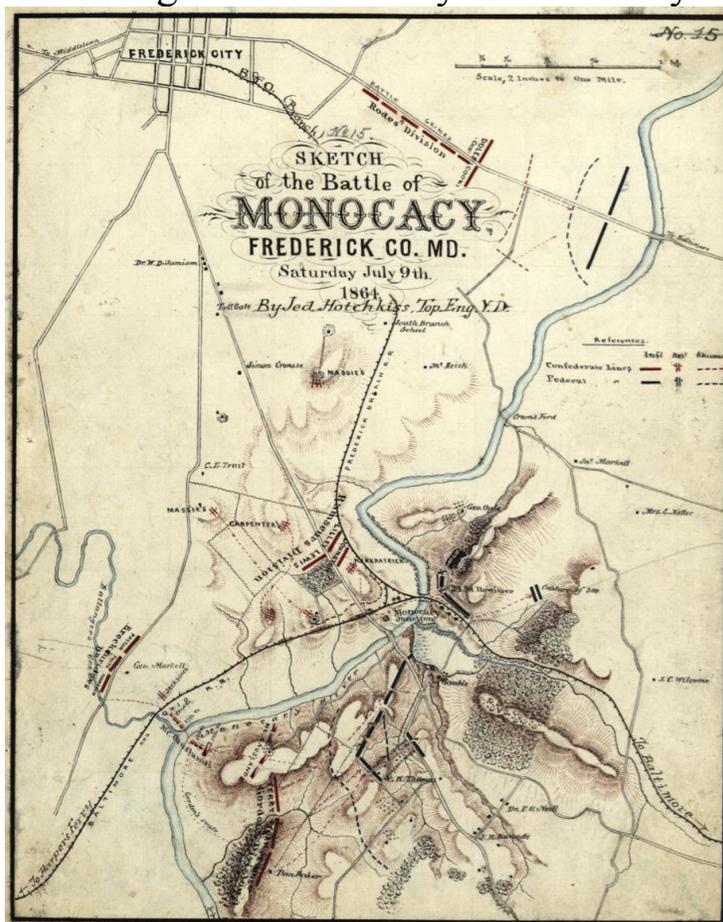
May 13, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting at Indiana History Center Classroom on the canal level of the building  
450 West Ohio Street

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.

## *The Plan of the Day*

The Battlefield Growth of Lew Wallace – a study in decision making – from Romney to Monocacy



“Sketch of the Battle of Monocacy, Frederick Co. Md., Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 1864” by Jed Hotchkiss, from Civil War Trust.

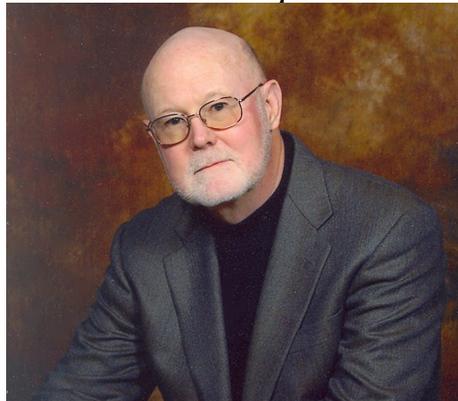
Lew Wallace is a controversial citizen-soldier whose battlefield performance ranged from dismal to brilliant. Let’s look at the types of decisions he made early in the war as well as

the complexity of decisions he made at Monocacy. He remained a political general, unlike Joshua Chamberlain, due to early responsibility beyond his ability. His early war experience in West Virginia and his steady performance at Forts Thomas and Donaldson made him a candidate to be Grant's right arm as Sherman was the left. Why did his action at Forts Thomas and Donaldson give no indication of his future failure at Shiloh? Did you know Lew Wallace later protected Cincinnati by challenging Bragg with a mob? Let's walk in the boots of a famous Hoosier who after the war won fame and fortune. Hear how he learned to be an effective but limited battlefield leader - a losing winner.

### **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*



**Lee A. Peters, PE, F.ASCE**, graduated from Rose-Hulman; is a Vietnam veteran; earned MSCE and MSM degrees at Purdue; honor graduate of Command and General Staff College; and commanded a combat engineer battalion. Lee's consulting practice is thirty-four years old. Challenges include accelerating product development for global companies; operations consultant to the Tenth Pan American Games; replacing paper machines in Mexico; military construction in four countries; industrial plant commissioning; industrial maintenance process improvement at eight facilities; aircraft hangers for business jets and helicopters; building a franchise athlete's multi-million dollar residence; re-constructing a century old theater; claims prevention for a Big Ten university; numerous AAA arbitrations; constructing the Chiller Boiler Plant for Eskenzi Health Services; and laborer building clinics in Bolivia.

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.

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

### *Officers:*

President: Dr. John Wernert

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### *Quiz Master:*

Tony Trimble

### *HARDTACK Newsletter:*

Editor: Jenny Thompson

### *Schedule of Greeters*

May: John Wernert

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

## *2012-2013 Campaign Plans*

June 10, 2013

Larry Stuart – “Sacred Scars, Shadowed Ground: Images of the Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania County Civil War Battlefields”

## *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.

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

9/18 Scott Trostle – “Lincoln’s Funeral Train”

10/16 Daniel Moll – “A Portrayal of Edmund Ruffin”

11/20 Harvey Warner – “Confederate Finances

Dec. – no meeting

1/15 Brian Dirck – “Lincoln and Civil Liberties”

2/19 Jim Johnson – “Religion During the Civil War”

3/19 Brian McCutcheon – T.B.D.

4/16 Robert May – “Origins of the Confederacy”

5/21 Mark Jaeger – “The 10<sup>th</sup> Indiana Volunteers”

**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.

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*

**National Civil War Museum:** The National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania announces a new exhibit "In the Service of our Nation: Conscription during the Civil War," opening on May 15, 2013 with a wine and cheese reception 5:30pm-7:30pm. The new exhibit will examine the events and reasoning that led the Union and Confederate governments to pass conscription acts during the Civil War, exemptions attached to them, and the reaction of the people. Dr. Robert Sandow will present “*PA Draft Resistance*” in our education gallery, main floor at 6:00pm, with a question & answer period to follow. Admission to the reception is \$10 per person with complimentary admission for Museum members. Reservations must be made by contacting Brian Guerrisi at 717.260.1861 x. 1130

or [bguerrissi@nationalcivilwarmuseum.org](mailto:bguerrissi@nationalcivilwarmuseum.org) by May 10, 2013.

Exhibit content will include graphics and a variety of artifacts and documents.

For a complete listing of other events at the Museum, please visit the Museum website: [www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org](http://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org) or call 717.260.1861.

**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

**Civil War Days:** Conner Prairie will hold Civil War Days on May 18-19, 2013.

Admission to Conner Prairie is: \$15 adults; \$14 seniors 65+, \$10 children 2-12, free to children under 2 and for active and retired military (with military ID); and 50% off for immediate family of active and retired military members (rates for March 28 – Oct. 31).

**The Filson Civil War Field Institute:** The Filson Historical Society will host another Civil War Field Institute (using field trips and lectures) to explore East Tennessee in Turmoil on June 6-8, 2013. They will stay in Greeneville, Tennessee and visit: the East

Tennessee Historical Society Museum in Knoxville; Bijou Theater (the location of the Lamar House, which was a center of secessionist activity); Fort Dickerson; Battle of Blue Springs; Bleak House (Longstreet's 1863 headquarters); Old Gray Cemetery; Dickson-Williams mansion (where John Hunt Morgan spent his last night before his death); Andrew Johnson National Historic Site; follow the old railroad route and stop at the bridge burning sites as they leave Greeneville; Cannonball House; Sinking Spring Cemetery (where Morgan was first buried and John Floyd is buried); Saltville-Battlefield Tour; and the depot where the Pottertown bridge burners were hanged. The tour guide will be Brian D. McKnight, Associate Professor of History at the University of Virginia's College at Wise. Cost is \$280 for Filson members and \$330 for non-members. This includes all admission fees to museums and parks, chartered bus, two lunches, a reception and Thursday evening dinner. All participants are responsible for their transportation to Greeneville, their hotel accommodations, and Friday dinner. For more information or to make your reservations, please visit: <http://filsonhistorical.org/events/page/3/>.

**Battery Wagner Commemoration (from Ft. Sumter-Ft. Moultrie Trust Newsletter):** "The battle of Battery Wagner on Morris Island will be commemorated July 18-21 as part of the Lowcountry's continuing observance of the Civil War Sesquicentennial. We are planning a series of events in and around Charleston in partnership with the SC Battleground Preservation Trust, the 54th Massachusetts Regiment, the National Park Service, municipal governments, and others. Conceptual plans include scholarly lectures, living history displays at Fort Moultrie, a historical marker, reenactments on Morris Island, a concert, and screenings of the movie *Glory*." Another place you might want to visit in this area is the Charles Pinckney National Historic Site, 1254 Long Point Rd. near Boone Hall in Mt. Pleasant (free entrance). To learn more about this site, visit: [http://www.nps.gov/chpi/index.htm?utm\\_source=April+-+May+Newsletter&utm\\_campaign=April+-+May+Newsletter&utm\\_medium=email](http://www.nps.gov/chpi/index.htm?utm_source=April+-+May+Newsletter&utm_campaign=April+-+May+Newsletter&utm_medium=email)

**Flag Preservation Update:** The Governor signed Senate Bill 0323 on April 8, 2013. This bill, which renames the Civil War flags fund as the Indiana battle flags fund so that money in this fund can be used to restore and preserve all Indiana battle flags, will go into effect on July 1, 2013.

**Copperhead:** This new film by Ron Maxwell, the director of *Gods and Generals* and *Gettysburg*, is about Abner Beech, a farmer in upstate New York, who is against slavery but opposes the war Lincoln is waging for constitutional reasons. Some consider him a patriot and others a traitor. This movie is scheduled to be released the end of June. To see a preview, visit <http://www.copperheadthemovie.com/>.

**Crown Hill Tours:** Nikki Schofield will be doing several walking tours on Saturdays at Crown Hill this year.

- July 27, 9:30 a.m. - **NEW! "Treason in Indianapolis"** walking tour August 17, 11:30 a.m. - **"President Harrison & Heritage"** walking tour (follows the **Pres. Harrison Wreath Laying at 10:30 a.m.** and will last approximately one hour. FREE. Follow the WHITE LINE on the road to the Harrison Memorial.)
- August 24, 9:30 a.m. - **"Civil War Personalities"** walking tour

- October 5, 9:30 a.m. - **NEW!** "Treason in Indianapolis" walking tour
- October 19, 9:30 a.m. - "Tombstones & Trees" walking tour

## *Official Records*

**April attendance:** 51

**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.

**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.

**2013-2014 New Officer Roster:** President – David Klinestiver; Vice-President – Nikki Schofield; Secretary – Frank Bynum; Treasurer – Tony Roscetti; Programs – Jenny Thompson; Preservation – Andy O'Donnell; Webmaster – Paul Watson; Publicity – Peg Bertelli, Dave Sutherland & Tony Roscetti; Quiz Master – Tony Trimble; and Editor – Jenny Thompson.

### **Book Raffle:**

*Unusual Persons of the Civil War*, by Webb Garrison

*Eight Hours Before Richmond*, by Virgil Carrington Jones

*For Cause & Comrades: Why Men Fought in the Civil War*, by James M. McPherson

*Thunder at Harper's Ferry*, by Allan Keller

*Jim Mundy: A Novel of the Civil War*, by Robert H. Fowler

**\*Anyone wishing to donate books for upcoming raffles should either bring them to Tony Roscetti at the May 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. By what name was the 1<sup>st</sup> North Carolina popularly known?
2. What are "Number Ones?"
3. Name the battle known as the "Thermopylae of the Civil War."
4. What famous Confederate unit included Company Darling? Who commanded the unit?
5. Who said, "We cannot change the hearts of those people...but we can make war so terrible...and make them so sick of war that generations would pass away before they would again appeal to it."?

Answers to the April quiz:

1. Where would you find Ft. Columbus? What was its primary use? \*\*\* Governor's Island, New York Harbor; Prison for Confederate officers
2. What was the primary weapon used by Rush's Lancers until June, 1863? \*\*\* 9 ft. lance with an 11 in. 3 sided blade topped with a scarlet pennant
3. What do soldiers do "by the nines?" \*\*\* Load their rifles
4. Who rode "Daniel Webster?" \*\*\* George B. McClellan
5. What battlefields are connected by the Orange Plank Road? \*\*\* Fredericksburg & Chancellorsville

### *The Soldiers and Civilians Speak*

Quotes from <http://www.nps.gov/mono/historyculture>.

Corporal Nicholas Hagerman, Company D of the 14<sup>th</sup> New Jersey, described the blockhouses built to protect Monocacy Junction: "They are agoing to build what thay call Block houses to defent the Bridge thay are built out of logs and are 8 Square thirty feet on each Square with loop holes to Shoot through in case thay come to distroy the Bridge They are agoing to build two of them."

Private Samuel McLain, musician in 144<sup>th</sup> Ohio National Guard, described events before, during and after the battle: "July 7 [1864]: We left Camp Parole at 2 o'clock. We arrived near Harpers Ferry [Monocacy Junction] at 12 o'clock... I think the Rebs will not fight.

July 8: We can hear the battle [west of Frederick, Maryland]. We started after Johnny Rebs after midnight.

July 9: 2 o'clock. The battle is raging fiercely. 4 o'clock. The Rebs are driving our men, oh my God we have to retreat. We are striking for Baltimore. Our men are getting all cut

to pieces. The artillery has left. I must go. Every man must save themselves. We have 45 miles to retreat.

July 11: We arrived in Baltimore or part of us ... We march all night and until 2 o'clock the next day. We have had a hard march. My feet are all raw ... I am well but sore feet ... We had to [throw] all our baggage away and guns. I stuck to my drum and grub. We got no sleep for three nights.”

Mamie Tyler Gatchell was hiding in the cellar of the Thomas Farm during the battle: “Pieces of shell were flying too near to be pleasant ... Minié balls slashed the shubbery, while the larger missiles of War's fearful instruments twisted huge limbs from the trees, leveled down chimneys, & tore out an angle of the house.”

Sergeant Ervin Dunbar, Company H of the 10<sup>th</sup> Vermont, visited the battlefield with his sons in 1913 and wrote the following to fellow soldier Private George M. Douse, who was seriously wounded during the battle: “... I started out for the field..., walking over the new iron pike bridge and along the Washington Road. Some changes in the fields and fences have been made. The trees all about are larger and therefore things have changed some; but when I made it a study to get at the location of our little army, took in the situation fairly well. The river is much larger than I had supposed, and [I can] see why our men could not cross in only at the bridges. I do not know how long you were with the regiment [on] the 9th as at some time you went on the skirmish line, so [I] will tell you now about the regiment....In the morning we would [come] down from the hill to the south side of the railroad on a low flat not far from the mill; [then moved] after to the left a short distance and supported a section of artillery and got shelled a little - no one hurt, I think. In rear of us near the woods and lower down the band boys got shelled a little and so moved out briskly. While here, men began to come in from the front wounded. From this position, we went to the left and formed an extended line of battle along the Washington [Georgetown] pike....We found these spots or places where the regiment fought. Could stand and see these places all at once so you see the field was small. ... We did not get the time to go over the line on which we retreated nor out on the dirt road where McCausland and Gordon pushed our men back and came over the river. Hard fighting was done here. Gordon tells that the river ran red with blood. Perhaps I have told too much of this place....”

## *Civilian of the Month*



Photo and some information from Find a Grave, other information from <http://www.nps.gov/mono/historyculture>

**John Work Garrett** was born July 31, 1820 in Baltimore, Maryland. As president of the B&O Railroad, he played an important role in protecting Washington, D.C. He sent several telegraphs to Secretary of War Edwin Stanton to warn him that Confederates were moving toward Washington. The Union failed to take action until he contacted Major General Lew Wallace. Garrett used his railroad to move troops as Wallace strengthened the Union position at Monocacy. Lincoln paid the following tribute for Garrett's role: "The right arm of the Federal Government in the aid he rendered the authorities in preventing the Confederates from seizing Washington and securing its retention as the Capital of the Loyal States." Garrett died September 26, 1884 and is buried in Green Mount Cemetery in Baltimore, Maryland.

## *Historic Site of the Month*



Thompson Family Album

**Monocacy Battlefield** is located south of I-70, at 5201 Urbana Pike. It is open daily, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., except for New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. The Visitor Center has a free brochure of self-guided auto tour of the park. They also sell brochures for battle-related walking trails and the Best and Thomas Farms.

## 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***

*Please print legibly!*

Name..... Date .....

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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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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).** Golf game will start at 4:00; cost is \$18 to ride or \$10 to walk.

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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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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