



HARDTACK

Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

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September 10, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.
Meeting at Indiana History Center Auditorium
450 West Ohio Street

The Plan of the Day Indiana Civil War Battle Flags



13th Indiana Volunteer Regiment, Infantry Regimental Battle Flag
Colors made by Tiffany of New York (photo from Indiana Battle Flags brochure)

It is commonplace to remark that those soldiers fight best, that know what they are fighting for. In the Civil War, men did know what they were fighting for, in part because they were always accompanied in battle by the flags of their county and often of their state. Colors were the physical embodiment of the all the soldier held sacred-his cause, his country, his comrades, and his own personal honor as a citizen, as a man, and as a soldier.

Each regiment had a color company or a color guard, whose assignment was to bear the colors into battle and protect them. Each member of a color guard or company was selected for this position based on his courage and steadiness under fire, by the Regimental Commanders. The flags were carried by unarmed color sergeants, and accompanied by armed color corporals, who were instructed not to engage in combat unless the flags were in immediate danger of capture. The flags became the physical symbol of a unit's pride and courage, a rallying point in combat and the source of many heroic deeds in their defense.

Over three hundred Indiana Regimental battle flags are housed today at the Indiana War Memorials.

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



Donna is on the left in this photo taken with her niece Stephanie **Donna Schmink**, a person with extraordinary knowledge and understanding of those silent, yet eloquent, reminders of the sacrifice of Indiana soldiers of the Civil War-the battle flags of the Indiana Regiments-will present a program for the Indianapolis Civil War Round Table's meeting September 10, 2012.

A seventh generation Hoosier, she was an educator for twenty-one years, teaching seventh and eighth graders at Our Lady of Lourdes School in Indianapolis. During her teaching career she created an Honors Civil War Class that included 4th through 8th graders. These same students addressed our governor and state legislators on behalf of the Indiana battle flags. They worked with them and fellow citizens (including members of the ICWRT) to bring about legislation to preserve Indiana's battle flags.

Donna has served two terms on the Indiana Battle Flags Commission (representing ICWRT). For the last sixteen years she has been Collection Manager for the Indiana War Memorials, including the Colonel Eli Lilly Civil War Museum, and the 38th Division Memorial Museum. She was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for Outstanding Meritorious Service by the Indiana Adjutant General Martin Umbarger and Governor Mitch Daniels.

Christian Bradymeyer, Donna's maternal Great Grand Father, and his brother Anthony, fought in Colonel Benjamin Harrison's regiment, the 70th Indiana Volunteers. Christian was seriously wounded at Golgotha Church in Georgia

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.

Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2011-2012 Campaign

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

2012-2013 Campaign Plans

October 8, 2012

Shannon Bennett – “An Irrepressible Conflict: Civil War Rioting in Cincinnati, 1862”

November 12, 2012

Brent Abercrombie – “Camp Morton”

December 10, 2012

Kathi Badertscher – “Civil War and Philanthropy”

January 14, 2013

Meredith Clark-Wiltz – “Unexpected Soldiers: Gender, Duty, and Women’s Experiences in the Civil War”

February 11, 2013

Tom Mason – “The Papers of Lew and Susan Wallace”

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”

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 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.

9/19 Stephen Towne – “Spies and Detectives: Army Intelligence Operations in the

Midwest during the Civil War”
 10/17 Jim Goecker – “Two Men and a Photograph”
 11/21 Tom Williams – “The Stonewall Brigade”
 No December meeting
 1/16 James Tremblay – “Railroad Men of the Civil War”
 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 at 7 p.m. at the Madison County History Center, 15 West 11th Street, in Anderson.

9/17 Michael Winner – “The Life of Major General Thomas H. Ruger”
 10/15 Kevin Stickels – “USS Cairo”
 11/19 roundtable study of the war, topic will be First Manassas
 No December meeting

Monroe County Civil War Roundtable (David Wiley Memorial lecture): Edward Bearss will be speaking about “The Indiana Boys at Antietam” on September 11 at 7 p.m. at the Monroe County Library. This is located at 303 E. Kirkwood Ave., due east of the square downtown.

Special Orders

Image of War Seminar: This seminar will be held October 5-7, 2012 at Antietam. The Center for Civil War Photography (CCWP) was founded in 1999 and has become one of the leading resources for Civil War photography. Their mission is: to educate the public about Civil War photography, its role in the conflict and its rich variety of forms and formats; to digitally secure original images and preserve vintage prints; to enhance the accessibility of photographs to the public; and to present interpretative programs that use stereoscopic and standard images to their fullest potential. The Center is a non-profit organization; members receive discounts to their annual Image of War seminar and also receive their newsletters. The CCWP has produced 3-D presentations running in museums throughout the country. Visit their website to learn more about the exhibits they have produced, to view their online exhibits and to register for the Image of War Seminar, please visit their website: www.civilwarphotography.org/.

Civil War Personalities: This walking tour to learn about Civil War personalities and others who are buried at Crown Hill Cemetery will be held on Saturday, October 6 from 5:30-7:30 pm. Fees are \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, and \$3 for students. Those interested in attending, should meet at the 34th St. gate at Crown Hill. No reservations are required.

Abraham Lincoln discussion Group: Several well-known authors (including Dr. James McPherson) have joined this group. However, the vast majority of current members are just ordinary people who enjoy discussing the 16th President, his life, and his assassination. The site is a totally free site and completely educational in nature, without

any display ads whatsoever. The site is already indexed in Google, and thus can be found by folks doing Lincoln-related research, etc. They would love for some new members to register. <http://rogerjnorton.com/LincolnDiscussionSymposium/index.php>

Mr. Flanagan, the Chaplain and Mr. Lincoln: At the beginning of the Civil War, Michael Allen, a Philadelphia religious Jew but not a rabbi (a chaver), joined the 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry, a regiment assembled by Colonel Max Friedman. Known as the "Cameron's Dragoons," the regiment which contained a large portion of Jewish volunteers, elected Allen as a regimental chaplain, the first Jew to serve in this capacity in the United States Army. As nondenominational chaplain, Captain Allen served as chaplain for all the company's soldiers, regardless of religious affiliation. But on July 22, 1861, Congress enacted a law which required all appointed chaplains to be ordained ministers of a Christian denomination. A representative of the Philadelphia YMCA, visiting the encampment of the 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry shortly thereafter, was appalled to discover that Allen was a Jew, and immediately publicized the fact. Rather than subject his family to the humiliating ordeal of his dismissal, Allen resigned on September 23, 1861, citing poor health. Thus ended the brief career of the first Jewish chaplain in U.S. military history. The forced resignation of Michael Allen, when so many unqualified chaplains professing Christianity remained in office, enraged Colonel Friedman as an act of anti-Jewish bigotry that should not go unanswered. Determined to appoint a Jewish chaplain for his regiment, but wanting a man of impeccable credentials whose rejection by the government could be for no reason other than religious prejudice, Friedman turned to the recently established Board of Delegates of American Israelites, whose charge was the safeguarding of civil rights of the Jewish community, to recommend a suitable candidate. The man selected was a Dutch Jew educated in England, the civilian Rabbi Arnold Fischel. Having recently resigned as Rabbi of New York's Sephardic congregation Shearith Israel, Rabbi Fischel was immediately available. This video shows the historical events leading to the appointment of Rabbi Fischel as the first legally appointed Jewish chaplain in the Union Army. You can view a short clip of this film by clicking this link: <http://youtu.be/qIedPCNCDW8>. For orders and previews, call 800-832-0980, 732-462-3522; Fax 732-294-0330; e-mail info@aldenfilms.com; or write to ALDEN FILMS, P.O. Box 449, Clarksburg, NJ 08510. Price: \$24.95 Length: 30 Minutes ISBN: 978-1-877684-50-0

Horseback Tours on the historic Gettysburg Battlefield: Hickory Hollow Farms offers the opportunity to tour the Gettysburg Battlefield on horseback, in groups of up to ten riders. They can provide a licensed battlefield guide to ride with you and describe the battle as well as answer any questions. Tours are available March through November at the \$40 per person per hour. Guided tours are \$45 per person per hour with a two hour minimum. Riders must be at least 8 years old. Required helmets are provided for riders 8-17 years old. Maximum rider weight is 250 lbs. For more information or to make arrangements for a ride, call them at (717) 334-0349 or cell # (717) 253-6300. To contact them by email, visit the email link on their web page: <http://hickoryhollowfarm.com/>.

The Last Full Measure of Religion and the Civil War Devotion: This Seminary Ridge Symposium will be held October 5-5, 2012 at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at

Gettysburg. It will also include a preview tour of newly rehabbed Schmucker Hall, which will open as the Gettysburg Seminary Ridge Museum on July 1, 2013. To register for this symposium, visit <http://www.seminaryridge.org/> and click on Seminary Ridge Symposium.

In the Very Thickest of the Fight: The Civil War Service of the 78th Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment: The 78th Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment took the field under command of a lackadaisical colonel who was frequently absent and feuded with his own officers and superiors. Distrusted by senior officers, the 78th became a regiment that was always left behind—until its own officers forced their reluctant colonel to resign. His replacement was a forceful leader who turned the regiment into a crack fighting outfit that performed heroically in the battle of Chickamauga and many of the great battles of the Atlanta campaign. It later joined Sherman’s March to the Sea and fought its way out of the tangled swamps of Bentonville in one of the war’s last battles. Its story is told here mostly in the words of its soldiers through letters, diaries and other sources, many never before accessed by historians. This book sheds new light on many important incidents and battles in the Civil War’s Western Theater.

Author **Steve Raymond**, a retired newspaper editor, is author of nine previous books. A member of the Civil War Trust and Puget Sound Civil War Roundtable, he also reviews books on history for the Seattle Times and is a member of the National Book Critics Circle. He and his wife, Joan, live on Whidbey Island in Puget Sound.

Retail: \$18.95 • ISBN: 978-0-7627-8283-3 • Trade paperback • 392 pages • 20 black & white photographs and maps • Publishing September 2012 by the Lyons Press

Review of *Killing Lincoln*, by Nikki Stoddard Schofield: The New York Times best-selling author, Bill O’Reilly, did a poor job of research for his book *Killing Lincoln*. I found many errors and distortions of facts. My first criticism is that the entire book is written in the present tense, which is disconcerting when this is history. As one example of his errors, on page 197, Mr. O’Reilly states: “a congressman shot his mistress’s husband on a nearby lawn. The husband, Philip Barton Key, was...the son of Francis Scott Key.” The truth is: on Feb. 27, 1859, Congressman Daniel Sickles, the husband, shot Philip Key, the lover, who was having an affair with Mrs. Teresa Bagioli Sickles. At his trial, Sickles, defended by Edwin M. Stanton, pleaded temporary insanity and got off. Rather than waste your money of this book, I recommend *American Brutus* by Michael Kauffman. It is excellent.

Official Records

June attendance: 47

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.

Manuscript Publication: The Indianapolis Civil War Round Table board has agreed to sponsor the publication of Lieutenant Edward Schofield Scott's manuscript about his successful escape from Libby Prison. We are asking for donations from members to sponsor the publication. The names of contributors will be listed on the acknowledgement page, without the amounts being given. If not enough contributions are received, the manuscript will not be published. Nikki Schofield will serve as editor, using resources about Libby Prison from her personal library and will enlist volunteer proofreaders from the club. The publisher will be Author House in Bloomington, which is the publisher of our 50 year history. The cost will be determined in the future, based on the length of the completed manuscript. If you would like to donate, please contact Nikki Schofield. No money will be collected until the book is ready to go to press.

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:

The Edge of Glory: A Biography of General William S. Rosecrans, by William M. Lamers

Jubal: The Life and Times of General Jubal A. Early, CSA, Defender of the Lost Cause, by Charles C. Osborne

The American Civil War and the Origins of Modern Warfare, by Edward Hagerman

A Civil War Treasury of Tales, Legends & Folklore, edited by B.A. Botkin

Doctors in Gray: The Confederate Medical Service, by H.H. Cunningham

***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.**

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

1. Name the Confederate soldier whose hanging for murder became the subject of a hit folk song.
2. What other president shares the same middle name as Ulysses S. Grant?
3. Who ordered the largest mass execution of the Civil War?

4. What prompted the question, “Can’t we at least progress another few centuries and get bows and arrows?”
5. What was “The Campaign Planned by a Woman?” Who was she?

The Soldiers and Civilians Speak

Sam R. Watkins wrote: “Flags made by the ladies were presented to companies, and to hear the young orators tell of how they would protect that flag, and that they would come back with the flag or come not at all, and if they fell they would fall with their backs to the field and their feet to the foe, would fairly make our hair stand on end with intense patriotism, and we wanted to march right off and whip twenty Yankees. But we soon found out that the glory of war was at home among the ladies and not upon the field of blood and carnage of death, where our comrades were mutilated and torn by shot and shell.” – Sam R. Watkins, *Co. Aytch: A Confederate Memoir of the Civil War* (New York: Touchstone Book, 1997), 21.

Miss Idelea Collens said to the DeSoto Rifles of Louisiana, late April 1861: “Receive then, from your mothers and sisters, from those whose affections greet you, these colors woven by our feeble but reliant hands; and when this bright flag shall float before you on the battlefield, let it not only inspire you with the brave and patriotic ambition of a soldier aspiring to his own and his country’s honor and glory, but also may it be a sign that cherished ones appeal to you to save them from a fanatical and heartless foe.” – Bell Irvin Wiley, *The life of Johnny Reb* (Garden City, NJ: Doubleday and Company, 1971), 21.

Color-sergeant’s response: “Ladies, with high-beating hearts and pulses throbbing with emotion, we receive from your hands this beautiful flag, the proud emblem of our young republic....To those who may return from the field of battle bearing this flag in triumph, though perhaps tattered and torn, this incident will always prove a cheering recollection and to him whose fate it may be to die a soldier’s death, this moment brought before his fading view will recall your kind and sympathetic words, he will...bless you as his spirit takes its aerial flight....May the God of battles look down upon us as we register a soldier’s vow that no stain shall ever be found upon thy sacred folds, save the blood of those who attack thee or those who fall in thy defence. Comrades you have heard the pledge, may it ever guide and guard you on the tented field...or in the smoke, glare, and din of battle, amidst carnage and death, there let its bright folds inspire you with new strength, nerve your arms and steel your hearts to deeds of strength and valor.” – Wiley, *Johnny Reb*, 21-22.

Mrs. Josephine Wilcox said to the Fourth Michigan: “When you follow this standard in your line of march or on the field of battle, and you see it waving in lines of beauty and gleams of brightness, remember the trust we have placed in your hands. We will follow you in our hearts with our hopes and our prayers. You are the sons of brave men, who under this banner achieved the glorious victory of our national independence....We are the daughters of the brave women of ’76....Our trial has come, our spirits waken and we feel the blood of heroes stirring in our veins. The eyes of the world are placed upon our republican institutions.... Sustain this banner for the love you bear to woman, for under

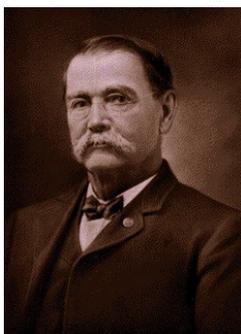
no standard in the wide world is woman so blessed as are Columbia's daughters... You are to go forth to the conflict to strike for... our noble Constitution, for freedom of speech, for freedom of thought, for God and the right... The eagle of American liberty from her mountain eyrie has at intervals during the past few years given us faint warnings of danger. Now she sweeps down on spreading pinions with unmistakable notes of alarm; her cries have reached the ears of freemen, and brave men rush to arms. She has perched on this banner which we now give to your keeping. Let your trust be in the God of battle to defend it." Col. Woodbury said trust reposed in him, the men would not be abused, flag would "never be given up to traitors" or disgraced, it would be defended with their lives, its luster would be increased by their deeds of valor. – Bell Irvin Wiley, *The Life of Billy Yank* (Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill Company, 1952), 29.

The farewell address of Lt. Col. Charles T. Trowbridge to 33rd USCT: "The flags... which you have borne so nobly through the war, [are] now rolled up forever, and deposited in our nation's capital. And while there it shall rest, with the battles in which you have participated inscribed upon its folds, it will be a source of pride to us to all remember that it has never been disgraced by a cowardly faltering in the hour of danger or polluted by a traitor's touch." – William A. Gladstone, *Men of Color* (Gettysburg: Thomas Publications, 1993), 11.

At a flag raising ceremony of 3rd USCT at Camp William Penn, "The keynote speaker, Mr. George H. Earle, spoke of God and the country. He thrilled the audience when he stated: 'Our country now calls upon the colored man to defend the flag you have just raised. That flag which is at this time especially the flag of freedom. You are organizing that you may say to foreign states, who would interfere in our affairs, 'Stand Back!' and to the Rebel hordes, 'Disperse!' Your enemies around you and your enemies in the South have opposed arming you – first, because a musket in your hands was the embodiment of power that might prove hurtful to them and second, because the arming of you was calculated to advance your social status. Never was a colored man more respected than now. Your enemies have said you would not fight. You have already shown how base was that charge. Could you not fight for freedom? Could you not feel for your own children? Do you not realize that when you struggle for the Union, there would be a feeling of gratitude for you hereafter? If you have not fought heretofore, it was not from want of courage, nor from want of loyalty, nor honesty of purpose.'" – Gladstone, 156.

Soldier of the Month

Photo and information from Find a Grave



George L. Banks was born October 13, 1839 and served as Sergeant in Company C of the 15th Indiana Infantry. His citation reads "As color bearer, led his regiment in the assault, and, though wounded, carried the flag forward to the enemy's works, where he was again wounded. In a brigade of 8 regiments this flag was the first planted on the parapet." For this action, he was awarded the Medal of Honor on September 28, 1897. He died August 20, 1924 and is buried in Mount Hope Cemetery in Independence, Kansas.

Re-enlist NOW for the 2012-2013 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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In addition to my membership dues, please accept my generous gift of \$ _____
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If someone invited you to join the ICWRT, please list his or her name below:

Historic Site of the Month



Photo from Wikipedia

The Indiana War Memorial holds the State's collection of Civil War battle flags. Each regiment received a national and a regimental flag. Regimental flags marked the position of the regiment. To see the flag inventory or to obtain a photo order form, please visit the following website: <http://www.in.gov/iwm/2339.htm>.

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