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Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

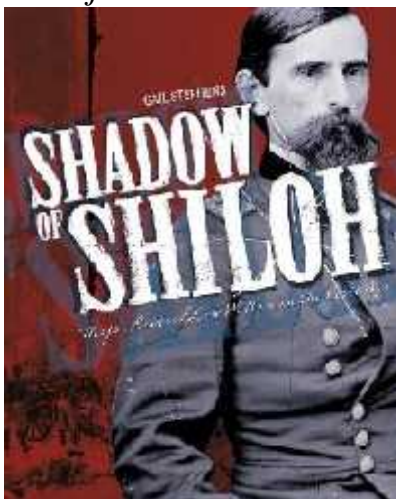
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April 14, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting at Indiana History Center Auditorium
450 West Ohio Street

The Plan of the Day

The Shadow of Shiloh: Major General Lew Wallace in the Civil War



In the spring of 1862, Major General Lew Wallace was a Union military hero. At the age of 35, he was the youngest major general in the Union Army, rising to that rank from colonel in 11 short months. Devoted to the Union, he was also a romantic about war, pursuing honor, fame and glory in combat. Then in early April 1862, though only a short distance away, Wallace mysteriously failed to appear on the bloody battlefield of Shiloh with his division until the end of the first day of that battle. The common perception is that this was a death blow to his career, until Lincoln decided to give him another chance, assigning him to command in Maryland where in the summer of 1864, with his army vastly outnumbered, Wallace fought the battle of Monocacy, “the battle that saved Washington,” restoring his fighting reputation. The truth, however, is never that simple. Wallace was a genuine hero, but he made mistakes and he was a scapegoat for the mistakes of others. The story of Lew Wallace and the Civil War is fascinating and complex, highlighting some important truths about battles fought within the Union Army as well as those with the Confederates.

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



Gail Stephens has a Bachelor's Degree in International Politics from George Washington University in Washington DC, and did graduate work at Johns Hopkins and Harvard Universities. She worked for the Department of Defense for 26 years, retiring in 1994 as a member of the Department's Senior Executive Service. Upon retirement, she began to study the American Civil War. She volunteers at Monocacy National Battlefield near Frederick, Maryland, lectures regularly on various Civil War topics, including Monocacy, Major General Lew Wallace and the 1864 Maryland campaign, and gives battlefield tours. In 2002, she won the National Park Service's E.W. Peterkin award for her contributions to public understanding of Civil War history. Gail is on the boards of the General Lew Wallace Study Museum and the Western Maryland Interpretive Association. She has written articles on Lew Wallace and Early's 1864 invasion of the North for several Civil War publications, including *North and South* magazine. Her book on Wallace's Civil War career, *Shadow of Shiloh*, published by the Indiana Historical Society Press in October 2010, won the Civil War Forum of New York City's William Henry Seward Award for best Civil War biography of 2011.

Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2013-2014 Campaign

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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 by the tenth day following the preceding month's meeting.

2013-2014 Campaign Plans

<p>May 12, 2014 June 9, 2014</p>	<p>Fred Leickly – The Battle of Cedar Creek, by Col. W.H. Polhamus Anita Morgan – “Liberal Provisions...Nothing...Action Which Comes Far Short’: State and Local Government Attempts to Aid Soldiers’ Families in Indiana”</p>
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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.

4/16 Robert May – “Origins of the Confederacy”
5/21 Mark Jaeger – “The 10th 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 11th Street, in downtown Anderson.

4/21 Gib Young – “Words of Glory, Words of Romance”
5/19 Steve Ritchie – “Jackson and Ashby: Partners in Command”
6/16 Donna Schmink – “Indiana’s Battle Flags”
July and August – no meetings
9/15 Gerald G. Jones – “Northern Civil War Prisons”
10/20 Kevin & Lucinda Rushton – “US Christian Commission”
11/17 DVD program “Shiloh and Corinth”
December – no meeting

Special Orders

New South Shore Line exhibit and poster: Hammond’s Indiana Welcome Center recently unveiled their new 2014 “Region United, Nation Divided: Following Lincoln” exhibit and poster celebrating Northwest Indiana’s role in the Civil War. The poster by Mitch Markovitz “depicts two uniformed Civil War soldiers gathered behind a veteran’s headstone at Crown Point’s Historic Maplewood Cemetery telling wartime stories to a modern family.” The cemetery is one of the sites on the South Shore Civil War Memorial Trail. The exhibit will continue through April 30. To read more about this exhibit, please visit http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/lake/hammond/new-south-shore-line-poster-depicts-region-s-civil-war/article_f5357d70-2341-5e12-8aeb-1572e5f56bb0.html#.UxDek7HDuZY.email.

Recreating Lincoln funeral train: Dave Kloke is constructing an exact replica of Lincoln's funeral train in Elgin, Illinois. This train will retrace the funeral procession route to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Lincoln's death next year. The Leviathon 63 locomotive will be pulling an open-air rail car in a fifteen-mile round trip at the Fishers Train Station, 11600 Municipal Drive this April 27 and 28 as part of a fundraiser to complete the presidential funeral car. To order tickets and for more information, visit <http://www.the2015lincolnfunealtrain.com/leviathan-is-coming-to-indianapolis/>.

Field of Lost Shoes premiere: The movie that tells the story of seven Virginia Military Institute cadets and the fatal charge of their corps at the Battle of New Market is premiering in Richmond on April 13. Weather permitting, 300-400 VMI cadets will parade from the state Capitol to the CenterStage Carpenter Theatre for the by-invitation screening. The date for the release to general audience theaters has not been determined yet. To read more about the film, please visit http://www.roanoke.com/news/virginia/film-recounting-vmi-s-role-at-new-market-to-premiere/roanoke.com/news/virginia/film-recounting-vmi-s-role-at-new-market-to-premiere/article_f27e8aea-aa57-11e3-85ce-0017a43b2370.html.

Book Reviews by Nikki Schofield: Two books published in 2013 about Lincoln are excellent. *Backstage at the Lincoln Assassination, The Untold Story of The Actors and Stagehands at Ford's Theatre*, by Thomas A. Bogar, gives a good history of the 47 people backstage when Booth shot Lincoln. Especially noteworthy is the innocence of Ned Spangler, which Bogar researched extensively. The second book, written by Joshua Zeitz, is entitled *Lincoln's Boys: John Hay, John Nicolay, and the War for Lincoln's Image*. It is also well researched and well written.

Our One Common Country: Abraham Lincoln and the Hampton Roads Peace Conference of 1865: This new book by James B. Conroy is the first book ever written about when Lincoln met Confederate leaders on a steamboat in Hampton Roads in February 1865, seeking a peaceful end to the Civil War, the only presidential peace mission in America's wartime history. For more information about the book, please visit <http://www.jamesbconroy.com/>.

Civil War: The Untold Story: This new five-part series will air on WFYI this summer. The series shows the war in the Western Theater (including Shiloh, Vicksburg, Chickamauga, and Kenesaw Mountain), the role of African Americans in securing their own freedom, the political concerns of Abraham Lincoln, and the effect of war on civilians in the South. To read more about it, please visit <http://www.historynet.com/civil-war-the-untold-story-a-new-five-part-series-on-pbs.htm>.

Official Records

March Attendance: 26

June Banquet: The sign-up form for the banquet will be sent as soon as it is available.

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.

Help Sponsor a Meeting: We are accepting donations in increments of fifty dollars to help pay the cost of our monthly rental: \$50 (Brigadier General); \$100 (Major General); \$150 (Lieutenant General); and \$200 (General). Those who donate \$200 will be given the honor of leading the pledge to the flag before the meeting. Checks should be written to the Indiana Historical Society with "ICWRT" noted in the memo line and given to treasurer Tony Roscetti, so we can keep a record of the donations.

Book Raffle:

The Seven Days: The Emergence of Lee, by Clifford Dowdey

Lincoln for the Ages, edited by Ralph G. Newman

An Honorable Defeat: The Last Days of the Confederate Government, by William C. Davis

Ordeal of the Union: A House Dividing 1852-1857, by Allan Nevins

Gateway to the West: The History of Jefferson Barracks from 1826-1894, Volume 1, by March E. Kolbaum

***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.**

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

1. The last ground skirmish of the war was a Confederate victory. Where was it?
2. After the war, Gen. Sherman was asked what battle was the bloodiest. What did he say?
3. Name the Confederate general who ended the war tied in the saddle and wearing a French-made cork leg.
4. On what battlefield would you find Breckinridge's Slaughter Pen?
5. What distinction was achieved by Sally Tompkins?

Answers to March quiz:

1. What state was home to the St. John the Baptist Regiment? How did it get its name? *** Louisiana; Named for the parish where it was organized
2. Name the Confederate general who rode Fire Eater? *** Albert Sidney Johnston
3. Where would you find the Bottle? By what more common name is it known? *** James River three miles north of City Point; Bermuda Hundred
4. Who said, "The hardships of forced marches are often more painful than the dangers of battle."? *** Stonewall Jackson
5. Who were the Jessie Scouts? For whom are they named? *** An elite group of scouts under Fremont in Missouri; Named for Jessie Benton Fremont

The Officers and Reporters Speak

Quotations from: John D. Wright, ed., *The Oxford Dictionary of Civil War Quotations* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2006).

Brig. Gen. William T. Sherman, telegram to Brig. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, April 5, 1861: "I have no doubt that nothing will occur to-day more than some picket firing. The enemy is saucy, but got the worst of it yesterday, and will not press our pickets far. I will not be drawn out far, unless with the certainty of advantage, and I do not apprehend anything like an attack upon our position." – Wright, 363.

New York Herald, April 9, 1862: "One of the greatest and bloodiest battles of modern days has just closed, resulting in the complete rout of the enemy, who attacked us at daybreak Sunday morning....The slaughter on both sides is immense...." – Wright, 89.

New York Tribune reporter Junius Henry Browne: "There was no pause in the battle. The roar of the strife was ever heard. The artillery bellowed and thundered, and the dreadful echoes went sweeping down the river, and the paths were filled with the dying and the dead. The sound was deafening, the tumult indescribable....Death was in the air, and bloomed like a poison-plant on every foot of soil." – Wright, 35.

Brig. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant: "The battle of Shiloh, or Pittsburgh Landing, has been perhaps less understood, or, to state the case more accurately, more persistently misunderstood, than any other engagement between National and Confederate troops during the entire rebellion." – Wright, 123.

Brig. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant – "Shiloh was the severest battle fought at the West during the war, and but few in the East equaled it for hard, determined fighting. I saw an open field, in our possession on the second day, over which the Confederates had made repeated charges the day before, so covered with dead that it would have been possible to walk across the clearing, in any direction, stepping on dead bodies, without a foot touching the ground." – Wright, 123.

Officer of the Month



Photo and some information from Find a Grave; other information from http://www.slate.com/articles/life/history/2013/03/ben_hur_and_lew_wallace_how_the_scapegoat_of_shiloh_became_one_of_the_best.html

Colonel Robert Ingersoll, 11th Ill. Cav., was at the Battle of Shiloh and was captured near Corinth, Mississippi. He served as a lawyer before the war, but turned to politics after the war. He served as Illinois Attorney General 1867-1869, was a popular public speaker, and advocated equal rights for blacks and women. Although the son of a Congregational minister, he became a prominent atheist. His conversation about the existence of God with Wallace on a train in 1876 turned Wallace to a study of theology and led him to write *Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ*.

Historic Sites of the Month



Union Siege Guns on Grant's Last Line
Photo and information from National Park Service

Shiloh National Military Park and the Corinth Civil War Interpretive Center have excellent films and displays to show visitors about the siege, battle and occupation of this key railroad junction. They hold a living history demonstration each year to commemorate the Battle of Shiloh anniversary. The park is open every day from dawn to dusk and the park visitor center and Corinth are open from 8-5 daily. Both locations are closed on Christmas Day. There is no charge to visit.

Re-enlist NOW for the 2014-2015 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 Indianapolis Civil War Round Table, and give it to Tony Roscetti, ICWRT Treasurer, at the next Round Table meeting, or mail your re-enlistment form and payment to:

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ICWRT Membership Enlistment for July 2014 thru June 2015

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In addition to my membership dues, please accept my generous gift of \$ _____
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