



# HARDTACK



Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter  
<http://indianapoliscwrt.org/>

January 13, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.  
 Meeting at Indiana History Center Auditorium  
 450 West Ohio Street

## *The Plan of the Day* Sutler Tokens



Photo from <http://www.nps.gov/fosc/forteachers/sutler5.htm>

Our speaker will be explaining what sutler tokens are, how and why they started, who used them, what the various types there were and the effects sutlers had on the Civil War. He will bring a number of them to exhibit at our meeting.

### **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*

Dennis Haskett was born in 1947 at Noblesville, Indiana. He was raised in Westfield and graduated from Westfield High School in 1965. After graduation, he entered an apprenticeship as a metal modelmaker and finished his apprenticeship in 1969. In 1970, he joined the Peace Corps and spent two years teaching metal working and welding at a vocational high school in Rasht, Iran. After completing his term of service, he spent almost a year traveling in central Asia (India, Nepal, Afghanistan, Pakistan, etc.). On his way home, he took the overland route through Europe. He liked Germany so much that he tried to find a job there so he could stay. He found a job working for Siemens and stayed there for four years. He got married there and his daughter was born there. In 1977, they moved back to the U.S. He worked for a couple of different companies as a modelmaker and in 1982 decided to start his own company. With a friend, Ron Walker, they started Vibcon Corporation and they ran it successfully for nearly 30 years. In 2009, he sold his half of the business and retired. He has traveled extensively throughout the world. At last count, he has visited 52 countries and 49 of the 50 states. His hobbies are coin and token collecting, Civil War and World War II history, traveling and he reads extensively. His daughter lives in Switzerland and her husband is Swiss. He tries to visit them at least once a year, visiting somewhere else in Europe also.

### *Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2013-2014 Campaign*

#### *Officers:*

President: Dave Klinestiver

Vice President: Nikki Schofield

Secretary: Frank Bynum

Treasurer: Tony Roscetti

Immediate Past President: Dr. John Wernert

#### *Committees:*

Preservation: Andy O'Donnell

Website: Ed Pope

Program Selection: Nikki Schofield, Jenny Thompson, Dr. John Wernert

Publicity: Peg Bertelli, Dave Sutherland & Tony Roscetti

#### *Quiz Master:*

Tony Trimble

#### *HARDTACK Newsletter:*

Editor: Jenny Thompson

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

### *2013-2014 Campaign Plans*

Feb. 10, 2014

Dave Sutherland – VMI's Civil War Legacy

Mar. 10, 2014

Justin Ellison – Civil War in popular culture

Apr. 14, 2014

Gail Stephens – *The Shadow of Shiloh: Major General Lew Wallace in the Civil War*

May 12, 2014

Fred Leickly – The Battle of Cedar Creek, by Col. W.H. Polhamus

June 9, 2014

Anita Morgan – State & County Governments providing material & financial relief for soldiers' families

### *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.

1/15 Brian Dirck – “Lincoln and Civil Liberties”  
 2/19 Jim Johnson – “Religion During the Civil War”  
 3/19 Brian McCutcheon – “Ft. Donaldson”  
 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.

1/20 Annual Show and Tell  
 2/17 DVD program “Early Union Triumphs in the West”  
 3/17 Richard Nottingham – “Battlefield Photos”  
 4/21 Gib Young – “Words of Glory, Words of Romance”  
 5/19 Steve Ritchie – “The Relationship Between Robert E. Lee and Thomas Jackson”  
 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*

### *Official Records*

**December 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.

**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:**

*Spies for the Blue and Gray*, by Harnett T. Kane (signed)

*History of the United States Sanitary Commission in the War of the Rebellion*, by Charles J. Stille

*The Battle of Monroe's Crossroads and the Civil War's Final Campaign*, by Eric J. Wittenberg

*Sherman's Horseman: Union Cavalry Operations in the Atlanta Campaign*, by David Evans

*This Terrible Sound: The Battle of Chickamauga*, by Peter Cozzens

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

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

1. What was the "Peripatetic Coffin?"
2. What unit was known as the "Bully Dutchmen?" Where was it raised?
3. Who wrote, "When any female shall by word, gesture, or movement insult or show contempt for any officer or soldier of the United States she shall be regarded as a woman of the town plying her avocation.?"
4. What was invented by William F. Ketchum?
5. On what battlefield would you find "Slaughter's Field?"

Answers to the December quiz:

Identify the Civil War personality associated with each of the nicknames below.

1. "Granny" \*\*\* Gen. Robert E. Lee
2. "Shanks" \*\*\* Gen. Nathan Evans
3. "Old Clubby" \*\*\* Gen. Edward Johnson

4. “Old Bush” \*\*\* Gen. Bushrod Johnson
5. “Old Cock Eye” \*\*\* Gen. Benjamin Butler

### *The Regulations Speak*

The following Post Sutler-Regulations are from <http://www.nps.gov/fosc/forteachers/sutler4.htm>

“254... The Post Council shall have power from time to time, to prescribe the quantity and kind of clothing, small equipments, and soldiers; necessaries, groceries, and all articles which the sutler may be held bound to keep on hand, to supply the probable wants of the officers and men; to examine the sutler's books and papers; and on actual inspection, to fix the tariff of prices of the said goods or commodities. For this purpose, the Council shall also examine, as far a[s] practicable, the prices for which similar articles are sold in the vicinity of the post, and determine the prices accordingly. To inspect the sutler's weights, measures, &c, &c”

“256... When there is a sutler with troops, he shall, for the privilege enjoyed, be assessed, and held to pay, at the end of every two months, or oftener; as may be determined by the Council of Administration of the post, at a rate not exceeding twelve cents a month for every officer and enlisted soldier serving at the post-the monthly average number of such persons to be determined equitably by the said Council.”

“279... Every military post may have one Sutler, to be appointed by the Secretary of War only upon the recommendation of the council of Administration, approved by the commanding officer.”

“280... A Sutler shall hold his office for a term of three years, unless sooner removed; at the expiration of which time, he may be re-appointed by the War Department, upon the same recommendation as specified in paragraph 279”

“281... Besides the amenability of the Sutler, under the 60th Article of War, he may be removed by the Secretary of War, or suspended from the privilege of suttling, by the commanding officer of the post, until the decision of the War Department can be known in the cause”

“282...In case of non-appointment, accidental vacancy, or suspension, the commanding officer of the post, upon the nomination of the Council of Administration, may appoint a person to act as Sutler, until the pleasure of the Secretary of War be made known there upon. In case the Secretary of War does not appoint the person nominated by the Council, or approve of the one temporarily selected by the commanding officer, he will then designate a person to act as Sutler, until an appointment be made in the mode prescribed in paragraph 279.”

“283... Troops in campaign, on detachment, or on distant service, will be allowed Sutlers, at the rate of one for every regiment, corps, or separate detachment; to be appointed by the commanding officer of such regiment, corps, or detachment, upon the

recommendation of the Council of Administration, subject to the approval of the General, or other officer in command.”

“284... Sutlers shall be considered, by their warrants, as superior to enlisted soldiers; they are not entitled, however, to exercise any military authority over soldiers, but will be treated with respect, and protected in their places.”

“285... The commanding officer will lend his authority to protect the Sutler in his privileges; and no tax or burden, in any shape, other than the authorized assessment for the post-fund, will be imposed on him. If there is a spare building, the use of it may be allowed to the Sutler, he being responsible that it is kept in repair. If there be no such building, he will be allowed to erect one suitable to his purpose; but this article gives the Sutler no claim to quarters, transportation for himself or goods, or to any military allowance whatever.”

“286... The tariff of prices fixed by the Council of Administration shall be exposed in a conspicuous place, in the Sutler's store. No difference of prices will be allowed, on cash or credit sales.”

“287... No Sutler shall credit any enlisted soldier, within the same month, to exceed one-half of his monthly pay, without sanction, in writing, from the soldier's company commander.”

“288... Sutlers are not allowed to keep ardent spirits, under penalty of losing their situation”

“289... Due-bills are in no case to be issued to soldiers by Sutlers.”

*290... Sutlers are expressly prohibited from farming out, or underletting to another, the business and privileges granted by their appointment; and any Sutler who shall violate this regulation, shall forthwith be removed.*

### *Civilian of the Month*



Photo and information from <http://www.nps.gov/fosc/forteachers/sutler8.htm> and Find A Grave

**Hiero T. Wilson** assisted his brother as post sutler at Fort Gibson from 1834 – 1843. He became partners with Fort Scott's first sutler, John A. Bugg, in 1843 and took over as sutler and postmaster when Bugg in 1848 to seek his fortune in gold. He served as sutler for ten years. He lived at the fort until his death in 1892. During that time, he was influential in politics, served as secretary and treasurer of the town company, promoted the building of railroads, served as bank director and the railroad director, and was active in mercantile affairs and real estate until 1868, when he retired. Wilson County, a housing addition, and one of the streets in Fort Scott were named in his honor. He is buried in Evergreen Cemetery at Fort Scott, Kansas.

### *Historic Site of the Month*



Drawing of possible sutler store at Fort Scott. Photo and information from <http://www.nps.gov/fosc/forteachers/sutler1.htm>

**Fort Scott** in Kansas has a sutler exhibit in the 1840s officer's quarters building. A plaque marks the location of the original building west of the dragoon stables. The sutler was a trader, postmaster, barkeeper and news vendor for the military, civilians and the Indians.

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