



# HARDTACK



Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

<http://indianapoliscwrt.org/>

November 11, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting at Indiana History Center Multipurpose Room on the Canal Level  
450 West Ohio Street

## *The Plan of the Day* U.S. Christian Commission



Photo from <http://www.old-picture.com/civil-war/Commission-Christian.htm>

The United States Christian Commission was a Christian organization founded by the YMCA and started during the Civil War about 1862. Its sole purpose was to minister to the soldiers and make sure they did not go into eternity without a chance to get their heart right with God. The need for chaplains was soon realized, and a call went out and over 5,000 chaplains responded. They started passing out Bibles and handing out Gospel tracts to the troops. They would also go into the churches of the towns and gather food to take into the camps. The Christian Commission also helped in the hospitals and cared for the sick and wounded no matter whether they wore blue or gray. D.L. Moody was noted as saying that “God sees no color nor do I.” He is noted as preaching a service for the Boys of the North on Monday and a service for the South on Wednesday. He walked wherever he went and when he came upon an encampment, he held service. As the war went on, there are several stories where the boys would be in services in camp. One story tells of the boys standing outside in the winter in the snow in their socks trying to hear the chaplain bring a message. And another of the stories tells of General Jackson having a chaplain hold services for twenty-four hours until every one of his boys heard the Word at least once.

## **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.

**COME EARLY TO THIS MEETING:** Another group is meeting in the Auditorium, so we will be meeting in the multipurpose room on the canal level downstairs. The parking lot will be full, so arrive early to get a good parking spot.

### *Our Guest Speakers*

**Kevin and Cindy Rushton** have been Civil War re-enactors for 21 years. They heard about a group called the USCC and began to read about them. As they started learning and telling others about them, people and re-enactors alike started asking questions. They started seeing a need and asked a Pastor friend to preach a service for them at an event. They were invited to more events, so the USCC Mid-States was born. **Rev. Lance Stevens** travels with them as they portray the USCC.

### *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*

Dec. 9, 2013

Dan Moll – Edmund Ruffin

Jan. 13, 2014

Dennis Haskett – Sutler Tokens

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

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.

### *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.

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 – “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.

11/18 DVD Lecture Series “Border States”

**Southern Indiana Civil War Roundtable:** The Southern Indiana Civil War Roundtable is looking for speakers. They meet on the third Thursday of each month at 7 P.M. in the Evansville FOP Lodge at 801 Court Street, in downtown Evansville. The facility is very nice, is very easy to find, and has audio and video capability with a PA system and wide screen digital TV with PC connections for laptops or they can provide a projector. If you are interested in speaking to this group, please contact Tom Murray at (812) 853-5184 or by email at [trmurray50@gmail.com](mailto:trmurray50@gmail.com).

### *Special Orders*

### *Official Records*

**October 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.

**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:**

*Clash of Cavalry: The Battle of Brandy Station*, by Fairfax Downey

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

*Lincoln for the Ages*, edited by Ralph G. Newman

*How the South Finally Won the Civil War and Controls the Political Future of the United States*, by Charles Potts

*Lee and His Generals: Profiles of Robert E. Lee and Seventeen Other Generals of the Confederacy*, by Captain William P. Snow

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

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

1. What was the nickname of Co. G of the 18<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry? How many original members were left at Appomatox?
2. Who or what was "Old Gridiron"?
3. Name two battlefields that featured a Peach Orchard.
4. Who wrote to his wife, "I am sorry that the movement of our armies cannot keep pace with the expectations of the editors of the papers."?
5. What is an "eligible point"?

Answers to the October quiz:

1. Who commanded the prison at Ft. Delaware? What was his nickname? \*\*\* Gen. Albin Schoepf; “General Terror”
2. What state fielded the Emerald Light Infantry? How did it get its name? \*\*\* South Carolina; All Irish
3. Name the Confederate general who reported, “Our condition is horrible. Troops utterly demoralized. Road almost impassable. No provisions and no forage.” He was describing the aftermath of what battle? \*\*\* Braxton Bragg; Shiloh
4. What is a “ladle”? \*\*\* A corkscrew shaped implement used to extract a projectile from an artillery piece.
5. Name three battles that prominently featured “the stone wall.” \*\*\* Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Chancellorsville

### *The Civilians and Commander-in-Chief Speak*

John C. Chamberlain, USCC representative at Gettysburg: “I soon found myself driving stakes with a rock and twisting every spare corner of their bedding over them. My success started others and soon I had the comfort of seeing the whole hospital in the shade....After all, my dear sir, our labors at such times are of such a nature that we can give but a faint idea of them on paper. There are a thousand little nameless acts which the world cannot know, nor we ourselves recall, that are nonetheless important in their issues.” – “Civil War Christian Commission Was Formed – 1801-1900 Church History Timeline,” accessed 18 April 2013, <http://www.christianity.com/church/church-history/timeline/1801-1900/civil-war-christian-commission-was-formed-11630528.html>.

Edward W. Hotchkiss, USSS: “When I left for the [seat] of our late war on the Christian Commission, I said to my congregation, I am going to the war, going to stay six weeks, going to see the end of the war, going to Richmond, & going to return to you safe & well at the end of the 6 weeks. All of which came to pass as foretold. This was without any relative thought one minute before it was spoken.” – “Civil War Diary of Edward W. Hotchkiss,” accessed 18 April 2013, <http://home.earthlink.net/~davidvnewman/hotchkiss.html>.

George Hay Stuart, chairman of USCC: “I have prayed for this union, and I have labored for it, simply because I believe that it would bring glory to my blessed Lord and Master, Jesus Christ....I have labored and prayed for it, because it would bring brethren together, now unhappily divided, to see eye to eye, that the nations that have so long bowed down to idols might learn of Jesus and Him crucified...Since these twenty four hours have passed away, eight six thousand four hundred immortal souls have gone to the judgment seat of Christ....I never hear the funeral bell toll without asking myself the question, what have I done to point that departed soul to the Lamb of God that died to save a perishing world?...Brethren, buckle on your armor for a great conflict; buckle it on for giving the glorious Gospel of the Son of God to the millions of the earth who are perishing for the lack of knowledge.” – “Original Christian Commission,” accessed 18 April 2013, <http://www.nwuscc.org/OldUSCC.html>.

Abraham Lincoln, December 12, 1861: “Your letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> inst and accompanying plan, both of which are returned as a convenient mode of connecting this with them, have just been received. Your Christian and benevolent undertaking for the benefit of the soldiers is too obviously praiseworthy to admit any difference of opinion. I sincerely hope that your plan may be as successful execution as it is just and generous in conception.” – “RACW – Christian Commission,” accessed 18 April 2013, [http://www.racw.org/civ\\_christian\\_commission.html](http://www.racw.org/civ_christian_commission.html).

### *Civilian of the Month*

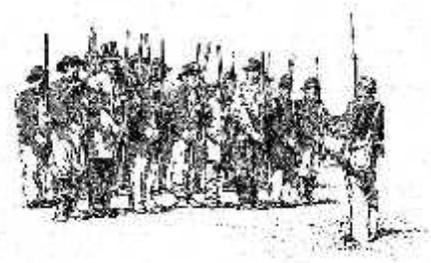


Photo and information from [www.nwuscc.org/OldUSCC.html](http://www.nwuscc.org/OldUSCC.html)

George Hay Stuart served as chairman of the USCC during the Civil War. The goal of this group was “to promote the spiritual and temporal welfare of the soldiers in the army and sailors in the Navy, in cooperation with the Chaplains.” They published collections of hymns, Bible readings and prayers; held devotional meetings in camp; aided the chaplains; and handed out over 30 million gospel tracts and New Testaments to the soldiers. They also helped with wartime relief: “the promotion of the intellectual, moral and religious welfare of the Army and Navy, by suggesting needful national legislation and administration, securing well-qualified chaplains, encouraging Sabbath observance, promoting temperance, multiplying libraries, reading-rooms, and gymnasiums, and endeavoring to arouse the nation to a sense of its obligations to this class of citizens.”

## 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 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:

Tony Roscetti  
6260 Green Leaves Road  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46220

Phone: (317) 475-9227  
Email: [anthony.roschetti@pnc.com](mailto:anthony.roschetti@pnc.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 .....

Address.....  
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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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### *Historic Site of the Month*



Photo and information from [www.usccgettysburg.org/](http://www.usccgettysburg.org/)

**Gettysburg Christian Tours:** Options for visitors include the USCC Museum, the USCC Log Chapel, a tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield and Visitor Center, a Civil War soldier demonstration with Soldier Sam, walking tour, and a candlelight service. For more information and cost of these group tours, please visit:

[http://www.usccgettysburg.org/tour\\_group.asp](http://www.usccgettysburg.org/tour_group.asp)

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