



HARDTACK



Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

<http://indianapoliscwrt.org/>

December 8, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.
Meeting at Indiana History Center Classroom downstairs
450 West Ohio Street

The Plan of the Day Honest Abe



A two-time grant recipient honored by the Indiana Arts Commission for his theatrical work, Danny utilized funds to conduct extensive research into Abraham Lincoln's life and career and has been touring the Midwest as Honest Abe since 2009. His portrayal focused largely on Lincoln's overlooked Hoosier boyhood but also details his failures in business, his success as a prairie lawyer, his courtship of Mary and the notorious leniency he displayed toward his four beloved sons, his burgeoning political ambitions, his life in the White House and the strong faith which sustained him throughout the Civil War. Enjoy legendary jokes and historic speeches ("A House Divided," "Gettysburg Address" and "Second Inaugural") as President Lincoln arrives to inspire and entertain on December 8th.

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

Danny Russel is a professional actor with more than 25 years of stage credits including appearances at Beef & Boards, Phoenix Theatre, Lilly Theatre, City Center, Children's Theatre Institute, Conner Prairie, Indiana State Museum and many other venues.

Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2014-2015 Campaign

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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.

2014-2015 Campaign Plans

Jan. 12, 2015	Michael Weeks – <i>The Civil War Road Trip Series</i>
Feb. 9, 2015	Brian Dirck – <i>Lincoln and the Constitution</i>
Mar. 9, 2015	Fred Schaefer – <i>Civil War Medicine</i>
Apr. 13, 2015	Ross Hudgins – <i>Maggie: The Civil War Journals of Margaret Nichol Vaulx</i>
May 14, 2015	Khabir Shareef – Maj. Martin Delaney: Highest ranking black Civil War officer
June 8, 2015	Ed Bonekemper – <i>Six Turning Points of the American Civil War</i>

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.

Dec – no meeting

1/21 Brian Dirck – Lincoln’s Law Practice

2/18 Phil DeHaven – The Woman Would be First Lady

3/18 – MaryAnne Matthews – Mrs. President: A Visit with Mary Todd Lincoln

4/15 Dave Walker – Portraying Jeff Davis

5/20 Margaret Hobson – The Iron Men of Indiana’s 44th Regiment

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.

December – no meeting

Official Records

November Attendance: 25

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.

President’s Column: You have a real treat in store for you when you attend the December meeting, because I heard our speaker, Danny Russell when he presented his first-person President Lincoln program at Crown Hill. He was participating in the tour of Lincoln's coffin, which Crown Hill sponsored. His presentation was excellent. Can you recommend the book that you are currently reading? I can recommend the one I'm reading. It is "Reveille in Washington," by Margaret Leach, published in 1942, with a new introduction by James McPherson. I am doing research for my 6th book, "Washington City Citadel." If you want to know what was going on in our nation's capital during the Civil War, this is an excellent source of information, and is written in an entertaining style.

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:

Women in the South in War Times, compiled by Matthew Page Andrews

War Years with Jeb Stuart, by W.W. Blackford

The Story the Soldiers Wouldn't Tell: Sex in the Civil War, by Thomas P. Lowry

Letters from the Iron Brigade: George W. Partridge, Jr. 1839-1863, by Hugh L. Whitehouse

Henry Halleck's War: A Fresh Look at Lincoln's Controversial General-in-Chief, by Curt Anders

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

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

Identify the Civil War figure associated with each of the nicknames below:

1. “Fightin Joe”
2. “Old Prayer Book”
3. “El Capitan Colorado”
4. “Leopard”
5. “Neptune”

Answers to the October quiz:

1. Name the Union general who was a cousin of Frederic Chopin. ** Wladimir Krzyzanowski
2. What did it mean to “sin away the day of grace?” ** Continued support of the Confederacy after offers of amnesty
3. What are “grand rounds?” ** Formal inspection of a line of sentinels by high ranking officers
4. On what battlefield would you find the Devil's Pulpit? ** Lookout Mountain
5. Name the ship with a Hoosier-related name that participated in the capture of Fort Fisher. ** USS *Wabash*

Answers to the November quiz:

1. Who were the “Immortal 600”? ** Prisoners transferred from Andersonville to reduce overcrowding

2. On what battlefield would you find Spangler's Meadow? ** Gettysburg
3. To what did the nickname "Kid-glove Dandies" refer? ** Derisive name for John C. Fremont's personal guard
4. What unit was known as the "Jackass Regiment"? ** 1st Indiana Heavy Artillery
5. Col. Caleb Carlton, 89th Ohio, wrote the following to his wife, "We are going to find it troublesome to pass the time here, five hundred or more officer in the three rooms with nothing to do." Where was he? ** Libby Prison

The Civilians and Soldiers Speak

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

William Howard Russell (1861): "Soon afterwards there entered, with a shambling, loose, irregular, almost unsteady gait, a tall, lank, lean man, considerably over six feet in height, with stooping shoulders, long pendulous arms, terminating in hands of extraordinary dimensions, which however, were far exceeded in proportion by his feet. He was dressed in an ill-fitting wrinkled suit of black, which put one in mind of an undertaker's uniform at a funeral; round his neck a rope of black silk was knotted in a large bulb, with flying ends projecting beyond the collar of his coat; his turned-down shirt-collar disclosed a sinewy muscular yellow neck, and above that, nestling in a great black mass of hair, bristling and compact like a ruff of mourning pins, rose the strange quaint face and head, covered with its thatch of wild, republican hair, of President Lincoln." (Wright, 348)

Francis B. Carpenter: "...his laugh stood by itself. The neigh of a wild horse on his native prairie is not more undisguised and hearty." (Wright, 41)

William Howard Russell (1861): "Where men bred in courts, accustomed to the world, or versed in diplomacy, would use some subterfuge, or would make a polite speech, or given a shrug of the shoulders as the means of getting out of an embarrassing position, Mr. Lincoln raises a laugh by some bold west-country anecdote, and moves off in the cloud of merriment produced by his joke." (Wright, 349)

U.S. Brig. Gen. William E. Doster: "In conversation, [Lincoln] was a patient, attentive listener, rather looking for the opinion of others, than hazarding his own, and trying to view a matter in all of its phases before coming to a conclusion." (Wright, 80)

Anonymous writer in the *Charleston Mercury*, January 10, 1865: "Blackguard and buffoon as [Lincoln] is, he has pursued his end with an energy as untiring as an Indian and a singleness of purpose that might almost be called patriotic." (Wright, 14)

C.S. Lt. Col. Scott Shipp: "If you ask me on what mental characteristics [Lincoln's] greatness rested, I answer, On a quick and ready perception of facts; on a memory, unusually tenacious and retentive; and on a logical turn of mind, which followed sternly and unwaveringly every link in the chain of thought on every subject which he was called to investigate." (Wright, 381-382)

Civilian of the Month



Photo from: fb.fold3.com.

Information from: <http://www.nps.gov/libo/historyculture/sarah-lincoln-grigsby.htm>.

Sarah Lincoln Grigsby was the older sister of Abraham. Her mother Nancy taught her to spin, make soap and cook while they lived in Kentucky. After they moved to Indiana, she helped her mother more in their new home. When Nancy died in 1818, Sarah helped prepare, dress and place her mother's body in the casket and then she took over the household chores until her father remarried. She joined Little Pigeon Baptist Church April 8, 1826 and married Aaron Grigsby on August 2, 1826. Complications during the delivery of their first child took both her life and that of the child. "Sarah Lincoln was an important person in Abraham Lincoln's life. When she had started to school, while the family was living in Kentucky, she had taken Abraham with her and had probably helped him learn his letters and numbers. When their mother died, they helped each other through the grief. Their relationship was characterized by a deep affection. As a neighbor said, 'They were close companions and were a great deal alike in temperament.' Sarah's kind and loving care of him may have had much to do with Abraham's development of these same traits."

Historic Site of the Month



Photo from: en.wikipedia.org.

Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial is located at 3027 E. South Street in Lincoln City, Indiana. Lincoln lived here from 1816-1830. The Memorial Visitor Center, pictured above, features five sculptured panels by E.H. Daniels that focus on significant periods in Lincoln's life. The park film and exhibits portray his life in Indiana. Visitors can also visit a living historical farm, the Pioneer Cemetery (where his mother is buried) and the cabin site memorial. The park is open year round except for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Entrance fee is \$3 per person, or \$5 per family. More information about the hours can be found at <http://www.nps.gov/libo/planyourvisit/hours.htm>.

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 jkt60jet@gmail.com by the tenth day following the preceding month's meeting.

**MEMBERS, IF YOU DO NOT RE-ENLIST NOW, THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST HARDTACK.
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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Please complete and detach the form below and include with your check:

ICWRT Membership Enlistment for July 2014 thru June 2015

Please print legibly!

Name..... Date

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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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