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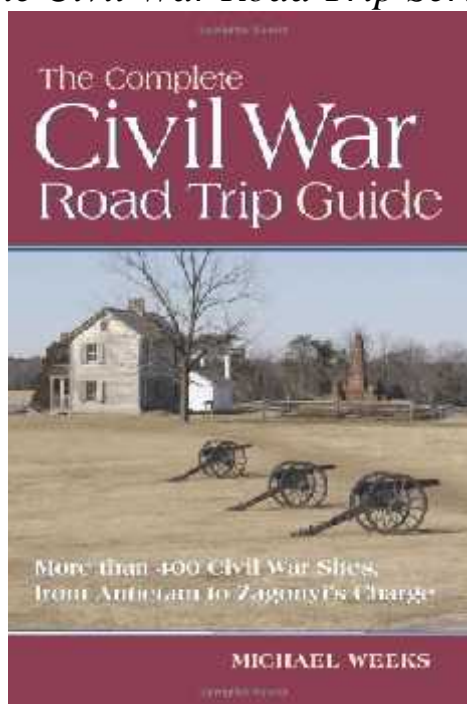
Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

<http://indianapoliswrt.org/>



January 12, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.
 Meeting at Indiana History Center Auditorium
 450 West Ohio Street

The Plan of the Day
The Civil War Road Trip Series



The Complete Civil War Road Trip Guide is the definitive guidebook for Civil War tourists, from the novice historian to the die-hard Civil War buff. The book outlines ten suggested itineraries for short road trips that cover every major battle of the war that will enable a traveler to experience this definitive period of American history. For those who can't resist trying to see it all, the book contains complete information on and reviews of almost 450 historical sites across the United States related to the Civil War, including all 384 of the principal battlefields listed by the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission, as well as lodging and other travel information. *The Complete Civil War Road Trip Guide* will enable the historical traveler of any level to experience the Civil War like no other book has done.

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

Michael Weeks is an amateur historian with a passion for the road. He personally visited all 444 sites in this book and has driven tens of thousands of miles across America in search of the living roots of U.S. history. Weeks lives in the South Loop side of Chicago, Illinois, with his wife, Charlotte.

Books for sale: Our speaker will have three Complete Civil War Road Trip Guides available for sale: Civil War Road Trip: Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania; Vol. I; and Vol. II. The cost is \$20 for one, \$35 for two, and \$50 for all three.

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

Feb. 9, 2015

Brian Dirck – *Lincoln and the Constitution*

Mar. 9, 2015

Fred Schaefer – Civil War Medicine

Apr. 13, 2015

Ross Hudgins – *Maggie: The Civil War Journals of Margaret Nichol Vaulx*

May 14, 2015

Khabir Shareef – Maj. Martin Delaney: Highest ranking black Civil War officer

June 8, 2015

Ed Bonekemper – Six Turning Points of the American Civil War

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.

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.

Cambridge City Civil War Round Table: Dave Sutherland will present “The Battle of New Market” in February 2015.

Indianapolis Crossroads of America Civil War / Political Show: The fifth annual show will be held in the main gym of Beech Grove High School on March 27-28, 2015. Friday’s hours are 4-8 p.m. Saturday’s hours are 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. All profits will be donated to the Beech Grove High School Student Incentive Fund.

Special Orders

“Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War”: The Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site is pleased to announce the opening of a new exhibition, “Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War” on January 26, 2015. The traveling exhibition was organized by the National Constitution Center, Philadelphia, and the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office, Chicago. Based upon an original interactive exhibit developed by the National Constitution Center, this traveling version explores Lincoln’s struggle to resolve the basic questions that divided Americans at the most perilous moment in the nation’s history: Was the United States truly one nation, or was it a confederacy of sovereign and separate states? How could a country founded on the belief that “all men are created equal” tolerate slavery? In a national crisis, would civil liberties be secure? President Lincoln used the Constitution to confront the secession of Southern states, slavery and wartime civil liberties. Lincoln’s decisions about these three intertwined crises of war reinvented the Constitution and the promise of American life. This exhibition develops a more complete understanding of Abraham Lincoln as president and the Civil War as the nation’s gravest constitutional crisis. The exhibit will close on March 6, 2015.

Confederate Monument at Garfield Park: The local chapter of Sons of Confederate Veterans is raising money to restore the 102-year-old monument to the 1,616 soldiers who died at Camp Morton. They plan to clean the dirt-stained stone, make structural repairs, and shine the corroded brass plates. The Indy Parks board voted unanimously to oversee the repairs. Indy Parks Foundation set up a fund to collect money for the project. Donations can be made online at indyparksfoundation.org or by mail to Indy Parks Foundation, c/o Garfield Park Confederate POW Memorial Fund, 615 N. Alabama St., Suite 119, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Preservation of Battlefields: The recently passed 2015 National Defense Authorization Act (H.R. 3979) reauthorizes the federal matching grant program through the end of 2021 for the preservation of Civil War battlefields and expands that program to provide grants for the acquisition of land at Revolutionary War and War of 1812 battlefields. Since 1999, this program has helped preserve over 23,000 acres of battlefields in seventeen states, including Antietam, Chancellorsville, Manassas, Chattanooga, Franklin, Gettysburg, Perryville, and Vicksburg. The expanded program could benefit Bennington, N.Y. and Vt.; Brandywine, Pa.; Cowpens, S.C.; Caulk's Field, Md.; Guilford Courthouse, N.C.; Princeton, N.J.; River Raisin, Mich.; Sarotoga, N.Y.; and Yorktown, Va.

Lincoln Assassination Symposium, April 19, 2015: Two-part lecture by noted author/historian Robert C. Jones during the sesquicentennial of Lincoln's death, 1:30-3:30. Hosted by Hope United Presbyterian Church, Plainfield, IN. Spaghetti dinner provided at 12:30. All events are free, with a free will offering for lunch.

For information, www.hopepresplainfield.org; <http://rcjbooks.com>;

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Robert C. Jones is President of the Kennesaw Historical Society, as well as well as a member of the executive board of the Kennesaw Museum Foundation, which helped fund the 40,000 square foot Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History in Kennesaw, GA. Robert has written a number of books on Civil War themes, including "Retracing the Route of Sherman's Atlanta Campaign", "Conspirators, Assassins, and the Death of Abraham Lincoln", and "Great Naval Battles of the Civil War."

Official Records

December Attendance: 50 ?

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: This month is the final bidding on Alan Nolan's silent auction books. Be sure to add your name to the sheets for the books you want. I would like to recommend a book I read recently -- *Lincoln's Boys, John Hay, John Nicolay, and the War for Lincoln's Image*, by Joshua Zeitz, published in 2013. It is excellent. Because the story of Lincoln's death comes about midway in the book, the last half is about the

careers of those two men who served in the White House during the Civil War. The book is well researched and well written.

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:

Kearny the Magnificent: The Story of General Philip Kearny, 1815-1862, by Irving Werstein

The Battle of Chapman's Fort: May 26th, 1864, by Warren Ripley

The Land They Fought For: The Story of the South as the Confederacy 1832-1865, by Clifford Dowdey

The Illustrated Confederate Reader, selected and edited by Rod Gragg

Into the Wilderness with the Army of the Potomac, by Robert Garth Scott

***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. Name the New York prison, opened in 1864, which remains open today.
2. At what battle did a group known as the "Forlorn Hope Band" engage in a suicidal charge?
3. What was the directive in Confederate General Orders #45? Who issued it?
4. What was a "quartermaster shot"?
5. Who said, "My plans are perfect, and when I start to carry them out, may God have mercy on General Lee, for I shall have none."?

Answers to the December quiz:

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

1. "Fightin Joe" *** Gen. Joseph Wheeler, CSA
2. "Old Prayer Book" *** Gen. Oliver O. Howard, USA
3. "El Capitan Colorado" *** Gen. John B. Magruder, CSA
4. "Leopard" *** Gen. John Hunt Morgan, CSA
5. "Neptune" *** Gideon Welles, Sec. of the Navy

The Soldiers Speak

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

US Maj. Gen. Joshua L. Chamberlain, October 3, 1889: "In great deeds something abides. On great fields something stays. Forms change and pass; bodies disappear, but spirits linger, to consecrate ground for the vision-place of souls. And reverent men and women from afar, and generations that know us not and that we know not of, heart-drawn to see where and by whom great things were suffered and done for them, shall come to this deathless field to ponder and dream; And lo! The shadow of a mighty presence shall wrap them in its bosom, and the power and the vision pass into their souls." (Wright, 43)

Chaplain Thomas B. Van Horne: "Battle-fields become a part of history equally with the story of the conflicts enacted upon them....Not alone do the topographical features which suggest plans of battle and dominate tactical combinations become historic, but those also of mere grandeur and beauty, whenever the hosts of war commingle in deadly strife, where nature has been lavish of her gifts....And in all that is grandly concomitant with grandest battle, Chattanooga is pre-eminent." (Wright, 412)

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.

Soldier of the Month



Oklahoma Historical Society

Stand Watie: About twelve thousand Native Americans served in the Confederate army and six thousand served in the Union army. Most were members of the Five Civilized Tribes. Two of the best known were Union Colonel Ely Parker, who served as an aide to General Grant and made the formal ink copy of the terms of surrender signed at Appomattox, and Confederate Brigadier General Chief Stand Watie, who organized the First Cherokee Mounted Rifles. The Confederates raised eleven regiments and seven battalions of Indian cavalry. Stand Watie and his troops fought in eighteen battles during the Civil War and he was the last Confederate general to surrender on June 23, 1865.

Historic Site of the Month



Thompson Photo Album

Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park: Florida's largest Civil War battle occurred at Olustee on February 20, 1864. It became the state's first historic site in 1912 and reenactments are held each February. In 2013, a Florida chapter of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War asked permission to erect a monument to honor Union soldiers at the park in the area that holds three Confederate monuments. Park officials started to act on this request, but Sons of Confederate Veterans were opposed to having a Union monument near their monuments.

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