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

March 9, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.
 Meeting at Indiana History Center Auditorium
 450 West Ohio Street

The Plan of the Day Civil War Medicine



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Civil War medicine was a mixture of science, experience and experiment. Although severely ignorant (and often dangerous) by modern medical standards, many Civil War physicians were nevertheless intelligent, hard-working, dedicated men, who did their best to alleviate the incredible suffering brought on by wartime conditions in camp and on the battlefield. With music, contemporary accounts, slides, and first-person living history demonstrations, Civil War Medical Historian Fred Schaefer will present a brief study of this important part of the Civil War and the Civil War soldier's experience.

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



Fred Schaefer, portraying Dr. Wishard, photo from: www.flyergroup.com

Fred Schaefer is a longtime member of the National "Society of Civil War Surgeons" (NSCWS). Fred is a Living Historian in which he portrays Dr. William Henry Wishard. A graduate of I-V Tech College & Indiana University, Fred is a Certified Health Care Manager, Certified Surgical First Assistant, and Orthopedic Specialist.

Fred has worked at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis in the 1970s as a Surgical Technologist, and for the last 35 years at "OrthoIndy," where he is a Surgical First Assistant, and Manager for the 17 member OrthoIndy's CSFA-Pool.

Fred has been studying and presenting Civil War Medical knowledge and techniques, to Civil War Roundtables, Re-enactments, Medical Conferences, Museums, and Schools for approx. 25 years.

Fred's antique Medical Surgical Instruments & Equipment can be viewed at the Indiana State Library, and also, at Colonel Eli Lilly's Civil War Museum, Soldiers and Sailors Monument in downtown Indianapolis.

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

2014-2015 Campaign Plans

Apr. 13, 2015	Ross Hudgins – <i>Maggie: The Civil War Journals of Margaret Nichol Vault</i>
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.

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.

3/16 – Brian Dirck – Lincoln in Indiana
 4/20 – Nancy Baxter – Copperhead Opposition in Indiana
 5/18 – James Orr – A Missed Opportunity in the Wilderness
 6/15 – Steve Jackson – Remembering the Civil War in Madison County
 No meetings in July and August
 9/21 – Gerald G. Jones – Part 2, Northern Civil War Prisons
 10/19 – Margaret Hobson – Researching the 44th Indiana
 11/16 – The Kentucky Campaign in 1862
 No meeting in December

Special Orders

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.

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 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."

Atlanta Campaign Tour, March 25 – March 29, 2015: Please join Greg Biggs and Robert Jenkins as they take you to the sites connected to the siege and capture of Atlanta, Georgia in 1864. From Johnston's River Line through Jonesboro, the tour will cover several key battles - Peachtree Creek, Atlanta, Ezra Church, Utoy Creek and Jonesboro. There will be several stops at each of the fields. Other sites include Shoupade Park and other portions of the River Line; the Chattahoochee River Crossings and Roswell, GA, an industrial center; the site of Johnston's headquarters where he was relieved of command; the site of the Potter House and Atlanta defenses and the site of Atlanta's surrender. We will also see a few museums on this trip with direct Civil War and Atlanta connections including the Marietta Museum; the Atlanta History Center (with one of the three best Civil War collections in the nation); the Road to Tara Museum (which has only one of two remaining Sherman Neck-ties - the melted and bent rails typical of this campaign) along with some *Gone With The Wind* sites including the museum in Marietta and the Margaret Mitchell House. We will visit the Atlanta Cyclorama as well as part of the Battle of Atlanta tour. On the way back home on Sunday, March 29th, we will tie the Atlanta campaign to Hood's Tennessee Campaign with a stop at the Allatoona Pass battlefield in north Georgia. This October 1864 battle was the first fight of the Tennessee Campaign. We will end the tour back in Franklin. In the evening we will have great presentations by Atlanta historians. Scheduled to appear are Steve Davis, noted Atlanta Campaign author and historian; Gordon Jones of the Atlanta History Center and Charlie Crawford, president of the Georgia Battlefield Association. This all kicks off like last year with an early afternoon reception on Wednesday, March 25th, at the Lotz House in Franklin, Tennessee before boarding the coach for the direct run to Marietta. We will be staying at the Hampton Inn - Marietta as last year. We decided to add a day this time to bring more to the tour from two battlefields and a couple museums which would be impossible to do in three days of touring.

About your guides: Greg Biggs has been a student of military history for over 45 years with many interests from ancient Greece to today's wars. He is president of the Clarksville, TN Civil War Roundtable and an officer of the Nashville and Bowling Green, KY CWRTs. He has studied the Atlanta Campaign for over 30 years and lived in Atlanta for several of those years. He gave his first Atlanta tour in 1993 and also does tours of several other western campaigns. Greg was one of the guides for the first portion

of the Lotz House Atlanta tour in March 2014. Robert Jenkins is an attorney from Dalton, GA whose office is next door to what was once General Joe Johnston's headquarters. He has spent many years studying the Atlanta Campaign and was a major contributor to saving several sites in and around Dalton, Georgia. His first book on the Battle of Peachtree Creek is the definitive study of that battle and his knowledge of that field is unsurpassed. His latest book, *To the Gates of Atlanta: From Kennesaw Mountain to Peach Tree Creek, 1-19 July 1864*, is due out any day. For those that took the tour in March 2014, Robert was a co-guide for the Dalton phase.

Here's the pricing and rules for booking the tour: **The package is sold as is.** Terms & Conditions must be accepted upon making reservations. Full payment is due within 7 days of reservation. Please call the Lotz House Museum at (615) 790-7190 to book this tour. A portion of your tour fee may be tax deductible as the Lotz House is a 501(c) 3 entity. **No refunds unless the tour does not mature or unless you substitute someone in your place.** More detailed itineraries will be emailed approximately 2 weeks before departure. There will be moderate walking, mostly at the various battlefields we visit and, of course, the museums.

Tour Package Includes: * Round trip luxury Motorcoach transportation from Franklin, Tn. * Escort Services of Cavalier Tours * Onboard Civil War Guides - Greg Biggs and Robert Jenkins * Evening speakers - confirmed so far - author/historian Stephen Davis (author of two books on the campaign including the recent *What The Yankees Did To Us: Sherman's Bombardment and Wrecking of Atlanta*); Charlie Crawford (president, Georgia Battlefields Association). We have hopefully one more evening speaker (waiting for confirmation). Steve Davis will have his books for sale. * 4 nights Accommodations * Baggage handling * 4 Breakfasts * 2 Lunches * Admission to Atlanta History Center (One of the three best Civil War museums in the nation. They have a surviving Union Army transport wagon with travel honors painted on it from the campaigns in which it served amongst many other artifacts.) * Admission to Margaret Mitchell House * Admission to Marietta Museum * Admission to Gone With the Wind Museum * Admission to Atlanta Cyclorama (covers the Battle of Atlanta) * Oakland Cemetery (Then the location of Gen. Hood's headquarters during the Battle of Atlanta. We will visit the graves of several Confederate generals and Margaret Mitchell, *Gone With The Wind* author) * Admission to Road To Tara Museum (They hold one of the exceedingly few Sherman neckties - the bent railroad track that often represents this campaign - in the country).

Rates are per person: Single - \$685 Double (2 people) - \$555 per person Triple - \$510 per person (If you want to try and split a room with someone, let Greg Biggs know at Biggs@charter.net and he will connect you.)

Terms and Conditions: Cavalier Travel & Tours LLC, Lotz House, their guides and agents act only as an agent of the tour participant in making arrangements for hotels, transportation and/or other services and does not assume any liability for injury, damage, death, loss, accident, or delay to person or property due to act of negligence or default of any hotel, carrier, restaurant, company, or persons rendering any of the services included in the tour, or by act of God. Further, no responsibilities are accepted for any damage and/or delay due to sickness, pilferage, labor disputes, machinery breakdown, quarantine, government restraints, weather or any cause beyond their control. The right is reserved to decline, to accept, or retain any person as a member of any tour, or to cancel, or alter any

tour if circumstances require it. Meals, gratuities, entertainment, tax and transfers are not included unless specifically stated. We will have details about parking your vehicles in Franklin while we are down in Georgia. We are trying to set it up as last year and will let you know. We will also have information for the hotel in Franklin for those of you who are coming in from a long distance and want to stay over Tuesday, March 24th and perhaps Sunday, March 29th as well.

The Raising of the CSS Georgia: (*Stars and Stripes*, February 14, 2015) “The federal agency is spending \$14 million to raise the Confederate ship's wreckage from the bottom of the Savannah River. Divers have been in the water since January and work is expected to wrap up this fall. In a military sense, the CSS Georgia was an ironclad floater that never fired a shot in battle. The Civil War ushered in the era of armored warships. In Savannah, a Ladies Gunboat Association raised \$115,000 to build such a ship to protect the city. But the 120-foot-long CSS Georgia's engines proved too weak to propel its 1,200-ton frame against river currents. It stayed anchored off Fort Jackson as a floating gun battery before it was scuttled in December 1864.” The Army Corps is also seeking any original photographs or other relics related to the ironclad.

Official Records

February Attendance: 26?

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: Our club will be needing a vice-president for the 2015-16 campaign. If you have been a member for years, or if you have recently joined, and have not served as an officer, consider volunteering to serve in this post. Just tell me or one of the officers of your willingness.

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:

July, 1863: The Incredible Story of the Bloody New York City Draft Riots, by Irving Werstein

The Man Who Killed Lincoln: The Story of John Wilkes Booth and His Part in the Assassination, by Philip Van Doren Stern

Indiana Battle Flags and a Record of Indiana Organizations in the Mexican, Civil and Spanish-American Wars, by The Indiana Battle Flag Commission

The American Civil War: A Military History, by John Keegan

Mapping the Civil War, by Christopher Nelson and Brian Pohanka

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

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

1. Name the Union general who hoped to use the Civil War to recruit troops to fight for the independence of his homeland after the war was over. What unit did he command?
2. For what was Frank Leslie known?
3. Name the Union prison nicknamed “Sheal” by Confederate prisoners.
4. On what battlefield would you find the Bloody Salient? By what other name is it known?
5. Where were the troops who wrote this letter? “If you can’t feed us, you had better surrender, horrible as the idea is, than suffer this noble army to disgrace themselves by desertion...This army is now ripe for mutiny unless it can be fed.”

Answers to the February Quiz:

1. What was the only decoration awarded by the Confederacy during the war? To whom was it given and for what? *** Davis Guards Medal awarded to a 44 man militia company from Houston for the repulse of 6,000 Federals at Sabine Pass
2. Confederate General John B. Gordon rode a horse named for a Union General. What was the name of the horse? *** Milroy
3. On what battlefield would you find the Nicodemus House? *** Antietam
4. What is the military term for holding back a segment of a line in order to force the enemy to keep troops there? *** Refuse the Line
5. A Texas soldier from Hood’s brigade used the quotation from Paradise Lost below to describe a famous event that occurred in a major battle. What was the event? *** Confederate cannonade at Gettysburg

Now storming fury rose,
And clamor such as heard in Heaven till now

Was never;...
 ...dire was the noise
 of conflict; over head the dismal hiss
 Of fiery darts in flaming vollies flew,
 And flying vaulted either host with fire.

The Soldiers Speak

Quotations from: John D. Wright, ed., *The Oxford Dictionary of Civil War Quotations* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2006); and "Camp Morton – Civil War Camp and Union Prison 1861-1865, Indianapolis, Indiana," accessed 25 April 2014, <http://freepages.history.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~indiana42nd/campmorton.htm>.

US nurse Belle Reynolds: "At night I lived over the horrors of the field hospital and the amputating table. If I but closed my eyes, I saw such horrible sights that I would spring from my bed; and not until fairly awakened could I be convinced of my remoteness from the sickening scene. Those groans were in my ears! I saw again the quivering limbs, the spouting arteries, and the pinched and ghastly faces of the sufferers." (Wright, 344)

US nurse James Kendall Hosmer: "God pity the world if it has sights in it more melancholy than a military hospital! (Wright, 154)

CS physician Charles Todd Quintard: "After half past five in the morning of the ninth, I dropped – I could do no more. I went out by myself and leaning against a fence, I wept like a child. And all that day I was so unnerved that if anyone asked me about the regiment, I could make no reply without tears. Having taken off my shirt to make bandages, I took a severe cold." (Wright, 341)

US Col. H.B. Reed: "The immense number of wounded [at Shiloh] required an army of surgeons. Many young doctors, among others, were sent from home to help care for them, and, with the best intentions, their want of practical knowledge left much to wish for." (Wright, 343)

The Indianapolis *Journal*, March 4, 1862, describing the health of the prisoners at Camp Morton: "Of the sick prisoners at the military prison and hospitals of this city, the greater proportion are Mississippians. Though some of the Tennesseans and Kentuckians are quite ill, their maladies are not so deep seated as those of the First, Fourth, and Twenty-Sixth Mississippi prisoners. These regiments were at Fort Henry, and at the time of the attack made upon it by Commodore Foote they retreated so rapidly that they left behind most of their baggage, including many articles of clothing much needed for their comfort. On arriving at Fort Donelson they were (thinly clad as they were) put at work immediately upon the fortifications, and were compelled to labor upon the trenches constantly. During the siege of the Fort, they lay in the ditches and rifle pits, day and night. Such exposure would produce disease in the ranks of the most able-bodied soldiers, but when incurred by men of feeble constitutions, the seeds of disease are so firmly planted that no medical skill can remove them. Of the latter class are those now in hospitals. Many are under eighteen years of age, and the large majority are persons of feeble constitution. They receive the best medical treatment, and the nursing care of

female attendants; but in many cases, the best of attention cannot save them from the grasp of death.” (“Camp Morton”)

Doctor of the Month

Photo from: Find a Grave; and Information from:

<https://sites.google.com/site/marioncountyingenweb/home/biographies/wishard-m-d-william-h.>



Dr. William Henry Wishard: William was born in Kentucky and moved to Indiana as a boy. He had a limited education growing up since he needed to help on the farm. He began to study medicine with Dr. Benjamin S. Noble in Greenwood at the age of twenty-two. They worked as partners for ten years. During the Civil War, he served as a volunteer surgeon for two years before returning to his medical practice. He served as coroner from 1876-1880.

Historic Sites of the Month



Indianapolis City Hospital, photo from: indianapublicmedia.org.

Information from: <http://freepages.history.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~indiana42nd/campmorton.htm>.

Indianapolis Civil War Hospitals and Camp Morton Hospital (1862-1865): During the Civil War, there were several hospitals opened to take care of the prisoners at Camp Morton. “The sick prisoners soon overwhelmed the hospital quarters in the old power hall at Camp Morton. Some of the emergency cases were taken to the City Hospital, although sick and wounded Union soldiers already occupied most of the beds there. Hospitals

were also opened in two buildings on Meridian Street. One of these, which became Military Hospital No. 2, was opened in the Gymnasium building on the northeast corner of Meridian and Maryland Streets. By early March, Hospital No. 3 was opened in the old four-story post office on Meridian Street near the corner of Washington. Better quarters were found for a hospital in a frame building on the corner of Curve and Plum Streets, east of the Bellefontaine car shops and north of Massachusetts Avenue. On April 3, patients and equipment from Hospital No. 2 were moved to this new location. In May, a new addition was erected on the north side of the present City Hospital and by May 24, the patients from the downtown hospital in the old post office and from the Bellefontaine hospital were moved there. Despite the best efforts of the hospital staff, many patients died probably in part due to their already poor condition when they arrived at Camp Morton.”

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