



HARDTACK



Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

<http://indianapoliscwrt.org/>

October 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting at Indiana State Library

315 West Ohio Street

Enter the building on the north side. We are meeting in the History Room on the second floor of the south side of the building. Free parking is available in the surface parking lot just north of the State Capital building.

Note: this meeting is on Thursday and at a different time and location than usual.

The Plan of the Day Battle of Richmond, Kentucky



Battle of Richmond Civil War Mural Commissioned by Kiwanis Club of Richmond from www.richmondkiwanis.info.

Come and learn about the most complete victory one side had over the other during the entire Civil War: The Battle of Richmond, Kentucky. The second largest Civil War battle fought on Kentucky soil, the Battle of Richmond pitted seasoned Confederates under Edmund Kirby Smith against raw Federal recruits (mostly from Indiana) under William "Bull" Nelson. Fought over the course of a day and a half, the Battle of Richmond is the only example of a Federal Army ceasing to exist at the end of the fight. Learn how two Indiana generals, Mahlon Manson and Charles Cruft, figure in the Union debacle.

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



A lifelong Madison County, Kentucky, resident, **Phillip Seyfrit** is a graduate of Model Laboratory School, Eastern Kentucky University and the Mid- America College of Funeral Service. After a twenty year career in funeral industry, in late 2007 Phillip changed direction and accepted the position of Historic Properties Director for Madison County, which duties include management and proper interpretation of the properties relating to the Battle of Richmond and the other Madison County parks sites. Phil's active in Richmond's First Presbyterian Church, the Richmond Masonic bodies, and many national, state and local Civil War preservation and history groups. He is also past president of the Madison County Historical Society. He has been published in several Civil War periodicals and enjoys visiting Civil War battlefields and related sites. Phillip portrays Federal Colonel William Link and Confederate Colonel Preston Smith at events relating to the Battle of Richmond. He is program chairman of the Madison Co. Civil War Roundtable and is a member of the Kentucky Civil War Roundtable and Cincinnati Civil War Roundtable. He was elected as the inaugural president of the Central Kentucky World War II Roundtable in 2010. He was recently appointed by Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear to the Kentucky Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission.

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

Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2014-2015 Campaign

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Quiz Master:

Tony Trimble

HARDTACK Newsletter:

Editor: Jenny Thompson

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 by the tenth day following the preceding month's meeting.

2014-2015 Campaign Plans

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| Nov. 10, 2014 | Scott Schroeder – The Dawn of the Political Cartoon: The Civil War Era |
| Dec. 8, 2014 | Danny Russel – Honest Abe |
| 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 – Civil War Medicine |
| 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 – 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.

10/15 Mr. & Mrs. Jim Gossert – Portraying Mr. & Mrs. Gov. Morton

11/19 David Fraley – Battle of Franklin

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.
 10/20 Kevin & Lucinda Rushton – “US Christian Commission”
 11/17 DVD program “Shiloh and Corinth”
 December – no meeting

Southern Indiana Civil War Roundtable: This group which meets at the Fraternal Order of Police lodge at 801 Court Street in Evansville is looking for speakers for their 2015 schedule. If you are interested, please contact me and I will send your contact information to their program director.

Special Orders

President Abraham Lincoln’s Coffin: Crown Hill Cemetery is pleased to host a replica of President Abraham Lincoln’s Coffin on Sunday, September 28 from 12-5 p.m. A special presentations featuring Abraham Lincoln, as portrayed by Danny Russell will be held from 3-4 p.m. at Crown Hill Funeral Home. You may also view Lincoln’s Coffin on September 27 and September 29 – October 2 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Waiting Station in Crown Hill. For more information, call 317-925-3000 or visit <http://www.crownhill.org/events/detail.php/e/197>.

Ride with the Devil: the Guerrilla Trail through Central Kentucky: The Filson Historical Society invites you to re-discover the bloody chapter in Kentucky history on a bus tour October 13, 2014 (8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) with author James Prichard and historian and author Thomas Shelby Watson. You will visit some of the sites that marked the dark deeds of legendary guerrilla chieftains such as William Quantrill, Samuel “One-Armed” Berry and Marcellus Jerome Clark (better known as “Sue Mundy”). The fee (\$65 for Filson members or \$75 for non-members) covers the cost of the bus, lunch at Talbott Tavern and all admissions to museums. The deadline to register is 3 p.m., September 30. To register, you may call the Filson at 502-635-5083 or register online at <http://www.filsonhistorical.org> by clicking on “Attend an event” (additional processing fees will apply).

Official Records

September Attendance: 18

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: If you missed the September meeting, you have another opportunity to see the beautiful Indiana State Library, which was built in the 1930s. Once again, our meeting will be in the History Room on the south side of the building. Although the State Library closes at 7:00 on Thursday, they are remaining open just for our meeting. Come early and roam the area. Don't forget to join us at 5:30 for dinner at Shapiro's.

I just finished reading a good book which I highly recommend. "Learning from the Wounded, The Civil War and the Rise of American Science," by Shauna Devine, published in 2014, is excellent. Your president, Nikki Stoddard Schofield

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:

There will be no raffle this month.

***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. Name the Union general who was a cousin of Frederic Chopin.
2. What did it mean to "sin away the day of grace?"
3. What are "grand rounds?"
4. On what battlefield would you find the Devil's Pulpit?
5. Name the ship with a Hoosier-related name that participated in the capture of Fort Fisher.

Answers to the September quiz:

1. For what is Pvt. John C. Hollenbeck remembered? *** First casualty from Indianapolis
2. Who was known as “Pet”? *** John Wilkes Booth
3. What is a “Cartridge Class”? *** Group of women who gather to make cartridges
4. What distinction is held by New York cavalryman Cpl. William H. Rihl? *** First Union casualty at Gettysburg
5. Who wrote, “He is gone and sleeps and sleeps in the Valley he loved so much. We miss him all the time and a void is made here which time can hardly fill. To whom did the writer refer? *** Jedediah Hotchkiss on the death of Stonewall Jackson

The Officer Speaks

From: <http://www.nytimes.com/1862/09/07/news/the-battle-at-richmond-ky-a-card-from-maj-gen-nelson.html>.

“REPORT OF COL. LUCAS, OF THE SIXTEENTH INDIANA REGIMENT.
HEADQUARTERS FAIR GROUNDS,
LEXINGTON, KY., Aug. 31, 1862
To O.P. Morton, Governor of Indiana:

We engaged the enemy with the Sixteenth, Fifty-fifth and Seventy-first Indiana regiments evening before last, and repulsed them without loss upon our part. Saturday morning we advanced about two miles the other side of Lancaster, and found the enemy in position with full battery. We engaged the enemy from two and a half hours to three hours. The enemy receiving reinforcements, and finding ourselves outflanked on the right and left, we were obliged to retreat, which we did in tolerable fair order. The men fought well under a heavy fire during the entire engagement, which resulted in quite a number killed in our regiment, also a great many wounded. The other regiments suffered about equal to ours.

Col. TOPPING, of the Seventy-first, was killed. Commanding officer of the Sixty-ninth badly injured by the falling of his horse. A retreat was ordered; we fell back about three miles, and rallied and fought them again. We were reinforced by the Twelfth Indiana, one Ohio and one Kentucky regiment, Gen. MANSON in command. Our loss was considerable, particularly in the Twelfth Indiana. The enemy were again reinforced, we were out-flanked, and compelled to fall back to Richmond, with the loss of one piece of artillery.

About 4 o'clock we engaged the enemy in front of Richmond again. The engagement at that place lasted about one hour to one and a-half hours. We were compelled to fall back, and that in considerable disorder. At this place Gen. NELSON was in command. After retreating about one mile and a-half this side of Richmond we found ourselves completely surrounded and retreat cut off. At this place we had about 400 men rallied in order. The Twelfth and other regiments were in about the same fix, our artillery being out

of ammunition, cavalry in great confusion, the road jammed full of wagons, etc., infantry completely worn out, it seemed impossible to do otherwise than for every man to take care of himself, which appeared to be the order. At this time we were charged by the cavalry, the artillery in the rear and in the front. I understood a large portion of the command with artillery and baggage was surrendered.

Gen. NELSON got away wounded, and Gen. MANSON is as yet unaccounted for. When I last saw him he was trying to make his way through the picket lines. Col. MAHAN, with part of his men, made their escape. Major ORR and myself, after four attempts to pass the picket lines, concealed ourselves until after night, when we passed the lines, and are now here safe, getting our men together as fast as they come in. Scarcely one escaped, either officers or men, without a wound or ball-hole through his clothes. We have our colors with us, though some little injured by bullets.

Major ORR's horse was wounded in the first engagement; also Col. WOLF's and my own. So far we all escaped uninjured.

The enemy are on this side of the river, and we are expecting an attack every moment. Company A, Sixteenth Regiment, have five or six, killed, and several wounded -- among that number SCOTT PARKER. He lived but a few minutes after being shot. Capt. SMITH, Company D, was wounded in the head. Capt. BLACKFORD, Company C, wounded in the thigh. Capt. HILL wounded in the hand. Capt. DOXSY missing. Several other officers were also wounded.

I will report to you full particulars as soon as I can.
I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully, yours,
T.J. LUCAS, Colonel,
Commanding Sixteenth Infantry Regiment.

Officer of the Month



Photo and information from: <http://civilwardailygazette.com/2012/09/29/the-assassination-of-bull-nelson-the-firing-and-rehiring-of-don-carlos-buell/>.

William “Bull” Nelson did not like men from Indiana and referred to them as “uncouth descendents of ‘poor trash’ from the mountains of Kentucky, Tennessee, and North Carolina.” He blamed Indiana regiments for the loss at Richmond, Kentucky and ordered Jefferson C. Davis to Cincinnati for reassignment or face arrest. Davis went to Indiana and came back with Governor Morton. Before the morning was over, Davis shot and killed Nelson in a fit of rage. Davis was arrested but was never charged for the murder.

Historic Site of the Month



Photo and information from: <http://visitorcenter.madisoncountky.us/index.php/2013-01-29-16-11-26>.

The Battle of Richmond Visitors Center is located at 101 Battlefield Memorial Highway in Richmond, Kentucky (½ mile south of the historic Mt. Zion Church and one mile north of Richmond Battlefield Park). It is open during April through October on Monday – Friday: 10-4; Saturday: 10-2; and Sunday: 2-4. It is housed in the historic 1811 Rogers House and is like no other Civil War Visitors Center in the nation. A one-of-a-kind laser guided topographical map gives guests a bird’s eye view of the battlefield, showing troops’ movements, important buildings and homes of the period. A locally produced documentary film, displays, and artifacts found on the battlefield complete this unique experience.

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:

Tony Roscetti
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Indianapolis, Indiana 46220

Phone: (317) 475-9227
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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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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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