



HARDTACK



Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

<http://indianapoliscwrt.org/>

September 11, 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 Northern Civil War Prison Camps



“Camp Douglas Confederate Prisoners Fort Donelson Henry” from www.pictures-civil-war.com.

One of the many controversial subjects brought about by the Civil War was the treatment of prisoners in the prison camps both North and South. Many questions have been asked and many still go unanswered. It is a hotly discussed subject still today.

There has been much written about the Southern camps, primarily Andersonville and Libby Prison. Starting about 5 or 6 years ago, more books and information have been introduced about the Northern Civil War Prison Camps, primarily Camp Douglas in Chicago and Elmira Prison in New York State. My talk will look at the Northern prisons and address some of the controversies and questions regarding them.

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

Gerald G. Jones has been a resident of Madison County, Indiana his entire life, married since 1967. He graduated from Pendleton High School. He has Degree in Accounting from Ball State University. He retired from Guide Division of General Motors Corporation in 2001 after 34.5 years. He served in the Indiana National Guard for 6 years. He has been an NRA Firearm Instructor for over 29 years and became a Senior Training Counselor in 2002. He has served as the Treasurer for the Madison County Historical Society since 1998. He has been Chairman of the Madison County Historical Society Civil War Roundtable since it began in 1991. He also served as President of the Indianapolis Civil War Round Table in 1991-1992. Gerald has three children and one granddaughter and one grandson.

Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2014-2015 Campaign

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Tony Trimble

HARDTACK Newsletter:

Editor: Jenny Thompson

Schedule of Greeters

Sept:

Dec:

March:

Oct:

Jan:

April:

Nov:

Feb:

May:

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 jkt60@att.net by the tenth day following the preceding month's meeting.

2014-2015 Campaign Plans

Oct. 9, 2014

Phillip Seyfrit – Battle of Richmond, Kentucky

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 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.

9/17 Steve Jackson – Loudoun Rangers (Unionist Virginia Quakers)

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.

9/15 Gerald G. Jones – “Northern Civil War Prisons”

10/20 Kevin & Lucinda Rushton – “US Christian Commission”

11/17 DVD program “Shiloh and Corinth”

December – no meeting

Special Orders

Crown Hill Tours: Nikki Schofield will be leading the following Civil War tour at Crown Hill: October 4, 9:30 – 11 a.m., “Treason in Indianapolis” learn about those involved in Civil War treason. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, and \$3 for students. Reservations are not required.

Gallant Fourteenth: The Story of an Indiana Civil War Regiment: Nancy Niblack Baxter edits a Personal Friends email list centering on information on Indiana in the Civil War, particularly southern Indiana, home of the regiment she writes about in *Gallant Fourteenth: The Story of an Indiana Civil War Regiment*. Recently a new set of letters from the Fourteenth was discovered and featured in the Friends email. New Civil War discoveries, points of interest, re-enactments like the June 21 Return of the Martin Guards in Loogootee (see photo) and book recommendations and trivia can be shared. Baxter's Civil War novel *The Dream Divided* has just been reissued as a memorial edition to commemorate the return of Indiana soldiers from the Civil War. Thanks and if you have questions my cell phone is 317-418-6563. Here's to the Spirit of '61-'65.



Legacy Weekend: On September 12-13, the Gettysburg Seminary Ridge Museum will host Legacy Weekend to commemorate the time the last patient left the seminary hospital after the Battle of Gettysburg. The weekend will feature a reception, lectures, book signings, a battlefield walk and the commemorative luminary. For more information, visit http://www.seminaryridgemuseum.org/visit/event-calendar/september-2013-programs-and-events/annual-legacy-weekend/?utm_source=Legacy+Weekend&utm_campaign=ENewsletter&utm_medium=email.

Tobias Center for Leadership Excellence at IUPUI Field Trip: Join the Tobias Center this fall on a special trip to Gettysburg, PA. “**Leadership at Gettysburg**,” September 22-23, will explore leadership perspectives within the context of the Civil War’s bloodiest battle. During this unique program, led by Peter Carmichael of the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg, you’ll examine leadership from the vantage points of both commanding generals and ordinary soldiers, and gain a better understanding of the politics surrounding the war and a deeper appreciation for the brave men who fought in it. Don’t miss this opportunity to visit the site of Lincoln’s famous Gettysburg Address and learn how leaders make history. To register, contact the Tobias Center at 317-278-2800, email tcle@iupui.edu, or visit www.tobiascenter.iu.edu.

Official Records

June Attendance: 35

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: We are returning to our roots with our September meeting in the Indiana State Library, where we met when I joined the Round Table in November 1980. The speaker at my first meeting was Al Nolan, one of our club's founders, who spoke on the topic: "Myths and Facts of the Civil War." Five years later, I became Secretary. This is my third term as President. I look forward to a productive year with the Round Table.

My goal is to increase membership and attendance. I hope you will help with this endeavor. 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:

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

The Army of the Potomac: Mr. Lincoln's Army, by Bruce Catton

Campaigning with Grant, by General Horace Porter

Rustics in Rebellion: A Yankee Reporter on the Road to Richmond 1861-1865, by George Alfred Townsend

A Diary of Battle: The Personal Journals of Colonel Charles S. Wainwright, 1861-1865, edited by Allan Nevins

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

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

1. For what is Pvt. John C. Hollenbeck remembered?
2. Who was known as "Pet"?
3. What is a "Cartridge Class"?
4. What distinction is held by New York cavalryman Cpl. William H. Rihl?
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?"

The Commander-in-Chief, Officer and Soldier Speak

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

Abraham Lincoln, Order of Retaliation, July 30, 1863: “The government of the United States will give the same protection to all its soldiers, and if the enemy shall sell or enslave anyone because of his color, the offense shall be punished by retaliation upon the enemy’s prisoners in our possession. It is therefore ordered that for every soldier of the United States killed in violation of the laws of war, a rebel soldier shall be executed; and for every one enslaved by the enemy or sold into slavery, a rebel soldier shall be placed at hard labor on the public works and continued at such labor until the other shall be released and receive the treatment due to a prisoner of war.” (Wright, 254)

Abraham Lincoln: “To take the life of one of their prisoners on the assumption that they murder ours, when it is short of certainty that they do murder ours, might be too serious, too cruel a mistake.” (Wright, 261)

Ulysses S. Grant, in a letter to Secretary of State William H. Seward, August 19, 1864: “We ought not to make a single exchange nor release a prisoner on any pretext whatever until the war closes. We have got to fight until the Military power of the South is exhausted and if we release or exchange prisoners captured it simply becomes a war of extermination.” (Wright, 120)

Anthony M. Keiley, prisoner at Point Lookout prison, Maryland: “A Yankee inspects each [prisoner], taking away his extra blanket, if he has one, and appropriating any other superfluity he may chance to possess, and this accomplished, he visits the tents and seizes everything therein that under the convenient nomenclature of the Federals, is catalogued as ‘contraband,’ – blankets, boots, hats, anything. The only way to avoid this, is by a judicious use of greenbacks, - and a trifle will suffice – it being true, with a few honorable exceptions, of course, that Yankee soldiers are very much like ships: to move them, you must ‘slush the ways.’” (Wright, 181)



Officer of the Month

“In 1911, Sumner Archibald Cunningham, the editor of Confederate Veteran Magazine, received permission to place a bronze memorial tablet in honor of the very well liked Camp Morton commandant, **Colonel Richard Owen**, in Indianapolis. Contributions were so great that a bronze bust of Colonel Robert Owen (shown to the left) was substituted for the tablet and placed in the Indiana State House. Cunningham commissioned Belle Kinney as the sculptor. The bust was dedicated in 1913 in the presence of many veterans, both north and south.

The bust bears the following inscription:

COLONEL RICHARD OWEN
COMMANDANT
CAMP MORTON PRISON 1862
TRIBUTE BY CONFEDERATE PRISONERS
OF WAR AND THEIR FRIENDS
FOR HIS COURTESY AND KINDNESS

A replica of this bust is located in the Indiana Memorial Union on the campus of Indiana University.”

Photo and information from:

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

Historic Site of the Month



Thompson family album Photograph

Johnson’s Island Confederate Stockade Cemetery: Johnson’s Island is located near Marblehead, Ohio across a toll bridge. This prison camp was in operation for forty months. Approximately ten thousand Confederate officers were imprisoned here. Those who lost their lives are buried in this cemetery. This monument, sculpted by Moses Ezekiel, pays tribute to those who died here.

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
6260 Green Leaves Road
Indianapolis, Indiana 46220

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

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

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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