



HARDTACK



Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

<http://indianapoliscwrt.org/>

April 11, 2016, at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting at Indiana History Center Auditorium

450 West Ohio Street

The Plan of the Day The U.S.S. *Constitution* in the Civil War



U.S.S. *Constitution*, circa 1881.

Image from <https://ussconstitutionmuseum.org/collections-history/library-and-manuscript/photographs/>.

The U.S.S. *Constitution* is a symbol of the spirit that produced our United States. The product of men, the champion of a new nation, and the upholder of freedom on the seas. She remains tangible evidence of the achievements of our forefathers. The qualities that made Old Ironsides so inspirational also made her a tempting prize for the Confederates. This presentation discusses the Union's struggle to stop her from becoming the first ship of war to hoist the flag of the Confederacy.

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

Bruce Kolb is a past Commander of the Department of Indiana Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), and he currently serves as Captain of the 27th Indiana Sons of Veterans Reserve, the military unit of the SUVCW. He has been a Civil War reenactor for 25+ years and has held every rank from private to general. Mr. Kolb's collection of Americana has been on display at the Sullivan Munce Museum in Zionsville and the Indiana State Museum. He is currently a practicing attorney in the areas of tax and motor

carrier law, living in Fishers, Indiana. He and his wife Lauri have been married for 26 years. They have two children.

Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2015-2016 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.

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.

2015-2016 Campaign Plans

May 9, 2016 - Brian Jordan – *Marching Home: Union Veterans and Their Unending Civil War*

June 13, 2016 - Shelby Harriel – *Forbidden, Hidden, & Forgotten: Women in the Ranks During the Civil War*

Other Camp Activities

Hamilton County Civil War Roundtable: They meet at the Carmel City Hall, located at 1 Civic Square, Carmel, IN 46032. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the program will start at 7:00 in the Second Floor Counsel Room. Join us for dinner at 5:15 p.m. at Dooley O'Tools Restaurant at 160 E. Carmel Dr., Carmel, IN 46032. Meetings will be on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, September through May, excluding December.

April 13, 2016 – Phil DeHaven – *Bedford Forrest Johnsonville Campaign*

May 11, 2016 - Chuck Beemer – *Tragedy on the Tennessee*

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.

Special Orders

Confederates in Canada: Nikki Schofield's newest book, *Confederates in Canada*, has been published. This historical novel tells about a Union soldier serving as a spy in Canada as Confederates do all they can to sabotage the federal war effort. As with her previous books, Nikki has a "Resources" section listing the books which she used for research, so you can do further reading on the subject. She will have the books for sale at the April meeting for \$15. Let her know if you plan to buy a printed copy, so she can bring enough. You can also purchase the book in electronic format.

Joliet Junior College Civil War Symposium: Joliet Jr. College, 1215 Houbolt Ave., Joliet, IL 60431 is holding a Civil War Symposium "Legacy, Social Change, and Remembrance from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 30, 2016. Speakers include Don Doyle ("The Cause of All Nations: International Impact of Civil War"); Robert Girardi ("Illinois in the Civil War"); Doug Hurt ("Agriculture, Food Production and the Civil War"); Theodore Karamanski ("Chicago during the Civil War"); and Nicholas Sambaluk ("Revolution and Use of Technology during Civil War"). Pre-registration by April 1, 2016 is \$20, after that date it is \$40. The college will provide refreshment and lunch and books will be on sale. Dress is business casual / professional dress. Only 170 guests can attend this event. For questions or more information, please contact Dennis Doyle at ddoyle@jjc.edu.

Blockade runner found: Archaeologists located the remains of a Confederate blockade runner in the Atlantic Ocean near Oak Island, North Carolina on February 27. To read more about this discovery, visit <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/shipwreck-found-off-ncarolina-believed-to-be-civil-war-era-steamer/ar-BBqs9o3?ocid=1PRCDEFE>.

Lee's Headquarters at Gettysburg update (from Civil War Trust update, March 24, 2016): Demolition has begun on non-historic structures around the Mary Thompson House. These include a hotel and restaurant. They plan to restore the property to its appearance during the battle, serving "as a fortress, field hospital, and the nerve center for the Confederate Army."

Civil War-era landmine causes evacuation: Police evacuated twenty homes in Hot Springs, Arkansas after a man brought home what he thought was a thirty-two pound cannonball. He had dug it up near Danville. After viewing pictures of Civil War-era weapons, he realized it was actually a landmine, so he contacted police. The U.S. Air Force Bomb Squad will explode it. To read more, visit <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/20-arkansas-homes-evacuated-because-of-civil-war-landmine/ar-BBrcZqL?li=BBnb7Kz&ocid=1PRCDEFE>.

Myth of the Lost Cause: Last year's banquet speaker, Ed Bonekemper gave a two-hour talk at the Smithsonian on March 29 on the "Myth of the Lost Cause." To see this presentation, please visit <http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/85049153>.

Hessong Family Arrival in Marion County (from Bob Hessong): It took the Hessong family thirty days to travel from Maryland to Marion County in 1838. A family member found a letter telling about that eventful trip. They faced snow in the Allegheny Mountains. One son, Benjamin, and Mary became ill before they reached Wheeling, so they had to see a physician in Gratiot. It rained for six days making the roads between Dayton and Indianapolis a swamp. They became stuck in the mud fifteen miles from Indianapolis; they used a borrowed chain to pull themselves out. They paid \$11.16 in tolls and lodging by the time they reached Columbus, Ohio and \$49.77 for provisions and horse feed, for a total of \$60.93. Four of their sons were with them on the Conestoga wagon and they would later serve in the Fifty-second Indiana Infantry. One son, Benjamin Franklin, became a prisoner at Andersonville and died soon after his release. He lies buried in the Crows Nest Cemetery just off Kessler Boulevard. Another brother, who was born after they arrived, also served in the same regiment. One son, Martin Luther, founded the Pleasant View Lutheran Church, now located at Hoover Road and 73rd Street. He established a student college scholarship that the church continues to give out today. Peter was a teacher at Zionsville Academy and his daughter, Edith Silver, taught math at Arsenal Technical High School.

Official Records

March Attendance: 45

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.

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.

2016-2017 Slate of officers to vote on: President: Chris Smith; Vice President: Dave Sutherland; Secretary: Mark Thornton; Treasurer: Tony Roscetti; Immediate Past President: Peg Bertelli; Preservation Committee: Andy O'Donnell; Website: Ed Pope; Program Selection Committee: Chris Smith, Jenny Thompson, Dave Klinestiver; Publicity Committee: Peg Bertelli, Dave Sutherland & Tony Roscetti; Quiz Master: Tony Trimble; Hardtack Newsletter Editor: Jenny Thompson.

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:

Rehearsal for Reconstruction: The Port Royal Experiment, by Willie Lee Rose

Gettysburg, by Mackinlay Kantor

Lee Moves North: Robert E. Lee on the Offensive, by Michael A. Palmer

A Brotherhood of Valor: The Common Soldiers of the Stonewall Brigade, C.S.A. and the Iron Brigade, U.S.A. (Advance uncorrected reader's proof), by Jeffrey D. Wert

Ghosts of the Confederacy: Defeat, the Lost Cause, and the Emergence of the New South, by Gaines M. Foster

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

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

1. Federal infantry destroying the _____ were defeated by A.P. Hill south of _____ at the Battle of _____.
2. Who wrote, "I am sure that not the slightest expression of feeling was visible on my face. Poor Burnside feels dreadfully, almost crazy, I am sorry for him." To what event did he refer?
3. Name the Hoosier general who won a battle at Fort Fillmore.
4. To whom did the mayor of Charleston surrender the city in 1865?
5. In what state was a skirmish fought at Paint Lick Bridge?

Answers to the March Quiz:

1. A skirmish occurred at Sharpsburg but not in Maryland. What state was the other Sharpsburg in? *** Kentucky
2. Name the brick fort found on a long, sandy island near Beaufort, North Carolina. *** Fort Macon
3. In 1862, Lincoln signed a bill allowing a substitute for coinage, which was in short supply. What was substituted? *** Postage Stamps
4. Who commanded Confederate troops in skirmishes near Springfield and Steubenville? *** Gen. John Hunt Morgan
5. Who issued a proclamation which read: "Our army has come among you, and is prepared to assist you with the power of its arms in regaining the rights of which

you have been despoiled.” To whom was it issued? *** Robert E. Lee to the people of Maryland before Antietam

The Poet Speaks

Poem from: www.eldritchpress.org/owh/oldiron.html.

Old Ironsides

By Oliver Wendell Holmes

September 16, 1830

Ay, tear her tattered ensign down!
 Long has it waved on high,
 And many an eye has danced to see
 That banner in the sky;
 Beneath it rung the battle shout,
 And burst the cannon's roar;--
 The meteor of the ocean air
 Shall sweep the clouds no more.

Her deck, once red with heroes' blood,
 Where knelt the vanquished foe,
 When winds were hurrying o'er the flood,
 And waves were white below,
 No more shall feel the victor's tread,
 Or know the conquered knee;--
 The harpies of the shore shall pluck
 The eagle of the sea!

Oh, better that her shattered bulk
 Should sink beneath the wave;
 Her thunders shook the mighty deep,
 And there should be her grave;
 Nail to the mast her holy flag,
 Set every threadbare sail,
 And give her to the god of storms,
 The lightning and the gale!

Officer of the Month



Photo and information from: "Blake, George, RADM," accessed 18 March 2016.
<https://navy.togetherweserved.com/usn/servlet/tws.webapp.WebApp?cmd=ShadowBoxProfile&type=Person&ID=550497>.

Commodore George Smith Blake, U.S.N., was born at Worcester, Massachusetts, on March 5, 1802. His naval career began in 1818 as a midshipman on the U.S.S. *Independence*. He received promotions to second lieutenant (1826), first lieutenant (1827), commander (1847), captain (1855), and commodore (1862). He also served on the following ships: the U.S.S. *Columbus*; the schooner *Alligator*; the revenue cutter *Florida*, the schooner *Grampus*, the ship *Warren*, the frigate *Java*, and the schooner *Experiment*. He served at the following Navy yards: Philadelphia, Norfolk, and Key West. He served as Superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy from 1857 to 1865. He served as Lighthouse Inspector for the Atlantic Coast Second District from 1865 until he retired October 1, 1870.

Historic Site of the Month

Information from "accessed 19 March 2016, <https://ussconstitutionmuseum.org/>.

The U.S.S. Constitution and Museum is located at Charlestown Navy Yard, Building 22 in Charlestown, Massachusetts. Admission is free, but suggested donations are Adults \$5-10; Children \$3-5; and Families \$20-25.

Re-enlist NOW for the 2016-2017 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 2016 thru June 2017

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:

Indianapolis Civil War Round Table

Annual Dinner Meeting

Monday, June 13, 2016

at

MCL Cafeteria – Township Line *

2370 W. 86th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46260
(317) 334-1875

Doors to the banquet room will be open by 6:00 pm

Food and drinks can be purchased in the cafeteria

Meeting will begin at 6:45 pm

Our Guest Speaker: Shelby Harriel

Speaker's Topic: Forbidden, Hidden, & Forgotten: Women in the Ranks During the Civil War

* **Directions:** From the North on I-465, take the Meridian St. / US 31 N exit. Keep left to take the Meridian St. ramp. Turn left (south) on N. Meridian Street. Turn right (west) on 86th St. MCL is on the right before you reach Township Line Road. From the east, travel west on 86th St., passing Meridian St., Spring Mill Rd., and Ditch Rd. MCL is on the right before you reach Township Line Road. From the South, take Meridian St. north until you reach 86th Street. Turn left (west). MCL is on the right before you reach Township Line Road. From the west, travel east on 86th St. to Township Line Rd. MCL is on the left just after you pass Township Line Road.

Reservations are not required. All members and guests are invited to attend.

Please contact Tony Roscetti at 317-475-9227 or anthony.roschetti@pnc.com if you have any questions or comments.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

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