



HARDTACK

Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

<http://indianapoliscwrt.org/>



June 13, 2016, at 6:45 p.m.

Meeting at MCL Cafeteria – Township Line
2370 W. 86th Street

The Plan of the Day
Forbidden, Hidden, and Forgotten:
Women in the Ranks during the Civil War



Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of women boldly defied Victorian societal norms when they disguised themselves as men, shouldered muskets, and joined the firing line. As soldiers, they participated in every major engagement from the beginning to the end of the Civil War. Their wartime experiences and sacrifices mirrored those of their male counterparts. They served picket duty along the snowy banks of the Rappahannock, languished in Andersonville, suffered debilitating wounds during the Wilderness, succumbed to disease in New Orleans, and lost their lives during Pickett's charge. **WHY** did these women risk the shame that discovery would bring them and their families? **WHY** did they risk their lives fighting a man's war? During this audio/visual presentation, you will learn the answer in their own words. In addition, hear generals, common soldiers, and ordinary citizens describe their interactions with these women warriors.

Our Guest Speaker



Shelby Harriel received her B.A. in History with a minor in mathematics in May 1997, and her M.Ed. with an emphasis in mathematics and history in 2005. She earned both degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi. Shelby has been teaching mathematics at Pearl River Community College since 2007. While her career has always revolved around mathematics, Shelby actively pursues her passion for history through research, exchanging ideas, and speaking to the public. For her efforts, Pearl River Community College bestowed upon her the Outstanding Humanities Instructor award in 2014.

Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2016-2017 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.

2016-2017 Campaign Plans

- September 12, 2016 – James Alexander Thom – *Fire in the Water*
 October 10, 2016 – Charlie Aiken – Who Was Private John Rooks? : Counties Named for Civil War Combat Deaths
 November 14, 2016 – Robert Houghtalen – The War Not Forgotten – Civil War Soldiers, Central State Hospital, and PTSD
 December 12, 2016 – Lou Malcomb – Maps, Mapping, & Mapmakers of the Civil War: A Novice Explorer’s Perspective
 January 9, 2017 – Ray Boomhower – Lew Wallace’s Civil War career
 February 13, 2017 – Jim Floyd – Paying for the Civil War: Taxes, Internal Revenue, and Enrolled Agents
 March 13, 2017 – Gary Joiner – *Mr. Lincoln’s Brown Water Navy*
 April 10, 2017 – Connie Hansen – A Visit with Jennie Wade’s Mother
 May 15, 2017 – Robert I. Girardi – The Murder of Major General William “Bull” Nelson
 June 12, 2017 – Thomas Bogar – *Backstage at the Lincoln Assassination: The Untold Story of the Actors and Stagehands at Ford’s Theatre*

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 second 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 third Wednesday of the month, September through May, excluding December.

- Sept. 14, 2016 – Ray Boomhower – Lew Wallace: A Hoosier Renaissance Man
 Oct. 12, 2016 – Prof. Caroline E. Janney – Women in the Civil War
 Nov. 9, 2016 – Greg Biggs – Turning the Tide: The Union cavalry in the Tullahoma Campaign
 Dec. – no meeting
 Jan. 11, 2017 – Jenny Terpening – Civil War Medicine
 Feb. 8, 2017 – Bob Houghtalen – A War Never Forgotten...How Hoosier Soldiers Were Treated When They Returned Home
 March 8, 2017 – David Sutherland – Virginia Military Institute’s Civil War Legacy
 April 12, 2017 – open
 May 10, 2017 – open

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

Newburgh Reenactment: The city of Newburgh will remember Johnson's 1862 Newburgh Raid with activities for the whole family on July 15 – July 17. On July 15, they will hold a cotillion ball. On July 16, there will be a farmer's market, Civil War beard competition, skirmish and raid reenactment, and Victorian tea. On July 17, there will be a historic home tour and a mock trial. For more information, please visit <http://www.newburghmuseum.com/newburgh-remembers/>.

Looters dig up a Civil War battlefield: On Memorial Day weekend, looters dug up a section of Petersburg National Battlefield looking for relics. The park staff located a large number of excavated pits in the eastern portion of the park and are urging to public to contact them with any information. For more information, please visit http://www.stripes.com/military-life/military-history/an-affront-to-the-memory-of-people-who-fought-looters-dig-up-a-civil-war-battlefield-1.412035?utm_source=Stars+and+Stripes+Emails&utm_campaign=Daily+Headlines&utm_medium=email.

Official Records

May Attendance: 32

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.

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.

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

Answers to the May Quiz:

1. Name the general who lost his command because of Bragg's escape from Kentucky. Who was his replacement? *** Don Carlos Buell; William S. Rosecrans
2. What facility was known as the American Bastille? *** Old Capitol Prison
3. What battle included the successful Federal assault on Montgomery Hill? *** Nashville
4. What contribution was made to the war effort by George W. Morse? *** Invented the Morse Carbine
5. Who did Federal troops fight at Dead Buffalo Lake? *** Sioux Indians

The Obit Speaks

From "Woman who Fought in Civil War Dies, aged 92," Fold 3, 1 June 2007. accessed 28 April 2015, http://www.fold3.com/page/778_female_civil_war_soldiers_spies/stories/#3111/.

"Woman Who Fought In Civil War Beside Hubby Dies, Aged Ninety-two:

RARITAN, N. J., Oct. 4. Mrs. Elizabeth A. Niles, who, with close-cropped hair and a uniform, concealed her sex and is said to have fought beside her husband through the civil war, is dead here today, aged ninety-two.

The war call found the couple on their honeymoon. The husband, Martin Niles, joined the ranks of the Fourth New Jersey Infantry, and when the regiment left, Elizabeth Niles marched beside him. She fought through many engagements, it is said, and was mustered out, her sex undiscovered. Her husband died several years after the war."

Officer of the Month

Information from "Union Records of Scouts and Spies," *Community & Conflict: The Impact of the Civil War in the Ozarks*, accessed 16 April 2015, <http://www.ozarkscivilwar.org/archives/1911>.

Mary Ann Pittman dressed as Confederate Lieutenant Rawley and accompanied Nathan Bedford Forrest through Tennessee and Mississippi. When she revealed her identify "he laughed and said she made quite a good looking woman. Forrest cautioned her to let this secret go no further, and believed 'success would be more certain if she appeared as a woman dressed herself in a suit of female apparel...' and then sent her off on a mission....As 'Mollie Hayes,' Pittman visited St. Louis and gained information on Union troops and fortifications." She was captured by Union troops and informed General Booth of Forrest's pending attack. The Union felt they could trust her and provided a pass through Federal lines in January 1865, so she could serve as a spy for them.

Historic Site of the Month

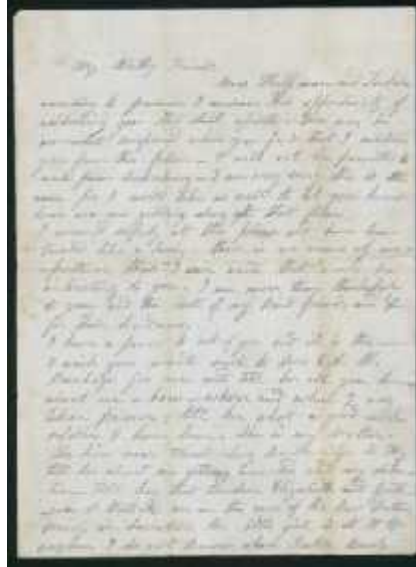
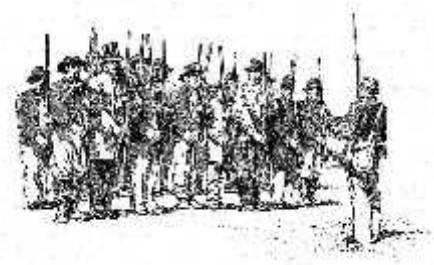


Image from <http://history.ky.gov/landmark/tell-her-what-a-good-rebel-soldier-i-have-been-mary-ann-clark-disguised-during-the-civil-war/>

The Kentucky Historical Society has several letters from Mary Ann Clark, who served using the name of Henry Clark under General Braxton Bragg. Her letters are available at <http://www.kyhistory.com/cdm/compoundobject/collection/MS/id/63/rec/1>
<http://www.kyhistory.com/cdm/compoundobject/collection/MS/id/60/rec/2>

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:

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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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