

# HARDTACK

Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

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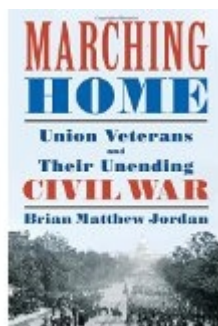
May 9, 2016, at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting at Indiana History Center Auditorium  
450 West Ohio Street

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## *The Plan of the Day*

### *Marching Home: Union Veterans and Their Unending Civil War*



For well over a century, traditional Civil War histories have concluded in 1865, with a bitterly won peace and Union soldiers returning triumphantly home. In a landmark work that challenges sterilized portraits accepted for generations, Civil War historian Brian Matthew Jordan creates an entirely new narrative. These veterans— tending rotting wounds, battling alcoholism, campaigning for paltry pensions— tragically realized that they stood as unwelcome reminders to a new America eager to heal, forget, and embrace the freewheeling bounty of the Gilded Age. Mining previously untapped archives, Jordan uncovers anguished letters and diaries, essays by amputees, and gruesome medical reports, all deeply revealing of the American psyche.

### **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*



**Brian Jordan** graduated in 2009 with a Bachelor of Arts in History and Civil War Era Studies from Gettysburg College. A native of northeastern Ohio, he discovered a passion for history at an early age. He is a frequent speaker at Civil War Round Tables nationwide, delivers popular tours for Gettysburg College's Civil War Institute and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, and conducts seminars for various Teaching American History grant recipients. His published work has appeared in multiple journals including *Civil War History* and the *Pennsylvania Magazine of History & Biography*. Jordan is currently working on a Ph.D. in History at Yale University, and researching his next book, a cultural history of Union veterans.

### *Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2015-2016 Campaign*

#### *Officers:*

President: Peg Bertelli

Vice President: Chris Smith

Secretary: Mark Thornton

Treasurer: Tony Roscetti

Immediate Past President: Nikki Schofield

#### *Committees:*

Preservation: Andy O'Donnell

Website: Ed Pope

Program Selection: Chris Smith, Jenny Thompson, Dave Klinestiver

Publicity: Peg Bertelli, Dave Sutherland & Tony Roscetti

#### *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](mailto:jkt60jet@gmail.com) by the tenth day following the preceding month's meeting.

### *2015-2016 Campaign Plans*

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, September through May, excluding December.

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 11<sup>th</sup> 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/>.

### *Official Records*

**April Attendance:** 24

**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.

**Book Raffle:**

*The Civil War Day by Day: An Almanac 1861-1865*, by E.B. Long with Barbara Long

*The Stonewall Brigade: A Novel of the Civil War*, by Frank G. Slaughter

*Stanton: The Life and Times of Lincoln's Secretary of War*, by Benjamin P. Thomas and Harold M. Hyman

*Major General John Pope and the Army of Virginia*, by Wallace J. Schutz

*The Faded Banners: A Treasury of Nineteenth-Century Fiction*, edited by Eric Solomon

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

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

1. Name the general who lost his command because of Bragg's escape from Kentucky. Who was his replacement?
2. What facility was known as the American Bastille?
3. What battle included the successful Federal assault on Montgomery Hill?
4. What contribution was made to the war effort by George W. Morse?
5. Who did Federal troops fight at Dead Buffalo Lake?

Answers to the April Quiz:

1. Federal infantry destroying the \_\_\_\_\_ were defeated by A.P. Hill south of \_\_\_\_\_ at the Battle of \_\_\_\_\_. \*\*\* Weldon RR; Petersburg; Reams' Station
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? \*\*\* McClellan on his relief from command in 1862.
3. Name the Hoosier general who won a battle at Fort Fillmore. \*\*\* E.R.S. Canby
4. To whom did the mayor of Charleston surrender the city in 1865? \*\*\* Gen. Alexander Schimmelfennig
5. In what state was a skirmish fought at Paint Lick Bridge? \*\*\* Kentucky

### *The Soldiers Speak*

From "The Overland House Letters of William Beynon Phillips – Part Two." Grand Army Blog. <https://unionveterans.wordpress.com/> accessed 29 April 2015.

William Beynon Phillips, in letter to wife, 29 Nov 1874: "I am glad that I am going back to San Mateo, it is so healthy, rural and quiet & such a nice job, besides; it will aid me to fortify myself stronger so as to resist the attack of my enemy-drink-. I believe that this time I have conquered, I feel altogether different concerning this vital matter, and shall beware of the first glass, no matter what plea. I am now two weeks in a new life and my hopes are brightened, my faith in finally overthrowing my enemy is stronger and my insight into the future gladdens my heart with cheerful comfort & bright anticipation of again laying down the foundations of, and rearing again, a happy home.... And now, here I am without a home, and without a friend, in all this wide, wide world, and believe me, I have suffered & do suffer the keenest anguish at this dark and dismal conviction. I have often thought that at last I would be unable to stand the fearful strains of a brain continually on the rack and a heart full of remorse, spending night after night unable to sleep. I am very thankful that I have now a different feeling and that I am not as restless, but that I have a livelier hope & have faith yet in a prosperous future. Dear Annie, when we start again I hope we shall both together go hand in hand, cheerful and happy, contented and hopeful, doing our best & leaving the result to God. I'll try & do my best, and I flatter myself that my best has not yet been tried. I'll leave liquor alone, and my best is not to be sneezed at. Thank God, I am very healthy & have a strong constitution & and a fair share of human intelligence & some talent and I shall try henceforth to put them to the right use, and I know, well enough, leaving liquor alone, that I am bound to be successful-yet, I have a great deal to overcome in myself & the world will look with a keen and doubtful eye upon me for a long time, yet the endeavor is worth all & above all for in it is involved my own salvation & the future of our dear little family."

## *Soldier of the Month*

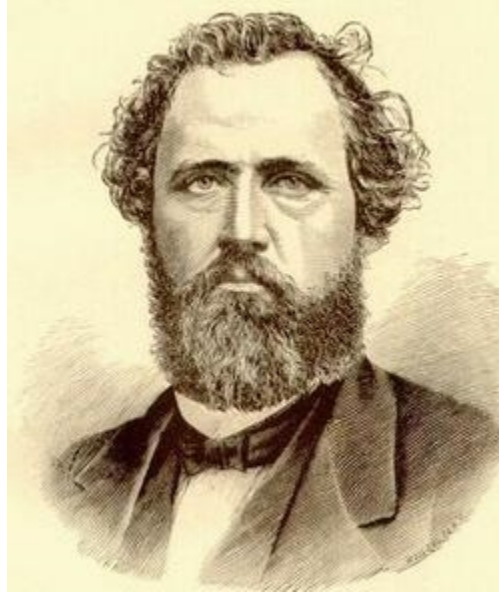


Photo and information from Find a Grave memorial #3007; and “Grand Army of the Republic History.” Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War National Headquarters. [http://www.suvcw.org/?page\\_id=167](http://www.suvcw.org/?page_id=167) accessed 29 April 2015.

Benjamin Franklin Stephenson served as a Chief Surgeon of the 14<sup>th</sup> Illinois. “Concerned with the after-war lives of Union veterans, he formed the Grand Army of the Republic on April 6, 1866 at Decatur, Illinois, and served as its first Commander-in-Chief.” The GAR filled a void felt by many veterans, by allowing them to meet for camaraderie and to help other veterans. They founded homes for veterans, helped them gain their pensions, and provided relief for other veterans.

## *Historic Site of the Month*



Photo of monument in Congress Park in Saratoga Springs, NY and information from “Civil War ‘Silent Sentinels’ still on guard in North, South,” by Chris Carola, *Stars and Stripes* newspaper, 19 Apr 2015.

After the Civil War, several Northern companies, such as Monumental Bronze Company of Bridgeport, Connecticut, mass-produced statues depicting Union and Confederate soldiers to honor the fallen and surviving veterans. “Known as the ‘Silent Sentinel,’ ‘Single Soldier’ or similar names, he tops many of the thousands of Civil War monuments to be found in more than 30 states.... The Northern version features a Union soldier wearing a kepi and caped greatcoat, while his Southern counterpart typically wears the iconic slouch hat and bedroll strapped diagonally across his chest.... All those soldier monuments — North and South — are a collective symbol of the losses felt in virtually every community, Jones said. ‘It represents the humanity, the family’ and, he said, ‘the people who didn’t come back or who did come back worse for the wear.’”



## 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](mailto:anthony.roschetti@pnc.com)

*Please complete and detach the form below and include with your check:*

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### **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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# Indianapolis Civil War Round Table

## Annual Dinner Meeting

*Monday, June 13, 2016*

*at*

***MCL Cafeteria – Township Line \****

*2370 W. 86<sup>th</sup> 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 86<sup>th</sup> St. MCL is on the right before you reach Township Line Road. From the east, travel west on 86<sup>th</sup> 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 86<sup>th</sup> Street. Turn left (west). MCL is on the right before you reach Township Line Road. From the west, travel east on 86<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:anthony.roschetti@pnc.com) if you have any questions or  
comments.***

***We look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.***

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