



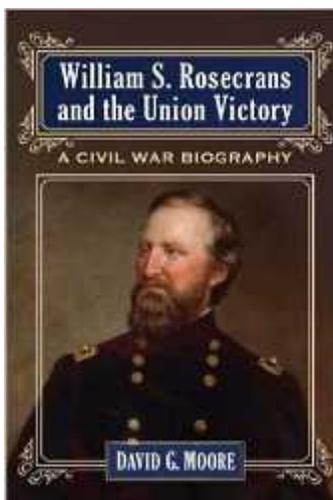
HARDTACK



Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter
<http://indianapoliscwrt.org/>

November 9, 2015, at 7:30 p.m.
 Meeting at Indiana History Center Auditorium
 450 West Ohio Street

The Plan of the Day
William S. Rosecrans and the Union Victory



This is the first biography of Union General William S. Rosecrans in more than fifty years. It tells the story of his military successes and the important results that led to the Union victory in the Civil War: winning the first major campaign of the war in West Virginia in 1861; victories in northeastern Mississippi that made the Vicksburg Campaign possible; gaining the victory without which Abraham Lincoln said the "nation could scarcely have lived over;" conducting two brilliant campaigns in Tennessee and fighting the battle of Chickamauga (giving permanent possession of Chattanooga to the federals); and defending Missouri from an invasion in 1864. The book also attempts to explain why Rosecrans was removed four times despite his military successes and examines the important part politics played in the war. Additionally it reveals a man who promoted many advances in medical care, transportation, and cartography; a man interested in engineering as well as theology.

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



David Moore has been a history guide for over thirty-five years. He specializes in the mid-Atlantic area near his home base of Washington, D.C. He stumbled upon the Rosecrans story quite unexpectedly while searching for the grave of Mary Suratt in Washington's Mt. Olivet cemetery. He spent more than twenty years researching General Rosecrans's military career. His book *William S. Rosecrans and the Union Victory* was published in March 2014 and is in the collection of over one hundred libraries in the United States, Canada, and several overseas countries.

He will have copies of the book for sale for \$25 and will be signing books.

Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2015-2016 Campaign

Officers:

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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

- Dec. 14, 2015 - Mark LaPointe – The Irish Volunteer
 Jan. 11, 2016 - Tony Roscetti – Acoustic Shadows During the Civil War
 Feb. 8, 2016 - Alan Teller – Abraham Lincoln’s Boyhood Years
 Mar. 14, 2016 - Dave Sutherland – The Battle of New Market
 Apr. 11, 2016 - Gary Joiner – Brown Water Navy
 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.

November 11, 2015 – Bruce Kolb – *The USS Constitution* in the Civil War

January 13, 2016 – TBA

February 10, 2016 – Danny Russel – Honest Abe Impersonation

March 9, 2016 – Steve Martin – Hoosiers and the Civil War

April 13, 2016 – Phil DeHaven – Bedford Forrest Jacksonville Campaign

May 11, 2016 - TBA

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.

11/16 – The Kentucky Campaign in 1862

No meeting in December

Special Orders

New Book: Ed Bonekemper, our speaker in June 2015, has published a new book: *The Myth of the Lost Cause*. “The former Confederate states have continually mythologized the South’s defeat to the North, depicting the Civil War as unnecessary, or as a fight over states’ Constitutional rights, or as a David v. Goliath struggle in which the North waged “total war” over an underdog South. In *The Myth of the Lost Cause*, historian Edward Bonekemper deconstructs this multi-faceted myth, revealing the truth about the war that nearly tore the nation apart 150 years ago.”

Official Records

October Attendance: 20

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:

Lee: The Last Years, by Charles Bracelon Flood

Four Brothers in Blue, by Robert Goldthwaite Carter

The Gettysburg Campaign, by Edwin B. Coddington

Civil War Command & Strategy: The Process of Victory and Defeat, by Archer Jones

The West Point Atlas of American Wars: Volume I 1689-1900, by Brigadier General Vincent J. Esposito

***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. What object did the 4th Illinois Cavalry use for target practice?
2. What was "Lady Breckinridge?" Where did it become famous?
3. Name the regiment known as La Garde Fourchettes? Why? Who was its commander?
4. On what battlefield would you find Bloody Hill?
5. Who sent the following ultimatum: "No terms except an unconditional and immediate surrender can be accepted. I propose to move immediately upon your works." To whom was it sent?

Answers to the October Quiz:

1. On what battlefield would you find the Nicodemus house? *** Antietam
2. What unit was known as Rush's Lancers? *** 6th Pennsylvania
3. What was a Stake Torpedo? *** Floating mine anchored in the path of approaching vessels
4. How many ranks were in a "column of companies"? *** 10
5. Who said, "Relieved from the necessity of guarding cities...with our army free to move from point to point...nothing is now needed to render our triumph certain, but...our own unquenchable resolve."? *** Jefferson Davis, April 4, 1865

The Soldiers Speak

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

U.S. Asst. Secretary of War Charles A. Dana: "The incapacity of the commander [Rosecrans] is astonishing, and it often seems difficult to believe him of sound mind. His imbecility appears to be contagious." (p. 58)

President Abraham Lincoln: "[Rosecrans] is confused and stunned, like a duck hit on the head, ever since Chickamauga." (p. 256)

U.S. General William S. Rosecrans: "I need no other stimulus to make me do my duty than the knowledge of what it is. To threats of removal or the like I must be permitted to say that I am insensible." (p. 346)

Officer of the Month



Photo and information from Find A Grave Memorial #2726. Some information from "General Rosecrans Memorial." Kingston Township, Delaware County, Ohio. Accessed 27 April 2015.

<http://www.kingstontwp.org/Rosecrans.htm>.

William Starke Rosecrans graduated from West Point in 1842. He became major general during his service in the Civil War. Lincoln offered him the position of running as vice president for Lincoln's second term, but his delay in accepting the position led to Andrew Johnson's nomination. He worked in the mining business in Mexico and California, inventing an "odorless oil, a round lamp wick, a short practical lamp chimney, and a new economical method of manufacturing soap." He served as Ambassador to

Mexico from 1868 to 1869, represented California in Congress from 1881 to 1885, served as Register of the Treasury from 1885 to 1893. He died in Redondo, California in 1898 and was buried in Arlington Cemetery. Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego and Rosecrans Avenue in Los Angeles were named in his honor.

Historic Site of the Month



Photo and information from “General Rosecrans Memorial.” Kingston Township, Delaware County, Ohio.
Accessed 27 April 2015. <http://www.kingstontwp.org/Rosecrans.htm>.

General Rosecrans Memorial: This “modest memorial was erected in 1940 on the site of his birthplace and childhood home. The large boulder surrounded by a wrought iron fence holds a plaque in memoriam and rests along side the road that bears his last name in Kingston Township.”

Re-enlist NOW for the 2015-2016 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 2015 thru June 2016

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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