



# HARDTACK



Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

<http://indianapoliscwrt.org/>

January 9, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting at Indiana History Center Auditorium  
450 West Ohio Street

## *The Plan of the Day* Lew Wallace's Civil War Career



Library of Congress

At various times in his remarkable life, Lew Wallace of Indiana was a lawyer, a state senator, vice president of the court-martial that tried the conspirators behind the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, governor of the New Mexico Territory during the days of outlaw Billy the Kid, best-selling author, and a diplomat who represented the United States in Turkey. Ray E. Boomhower, the author of the Wallace biography *The Sword & the Pen: A Life of Lew Wallace*, will examine Wallace's turbulent career as a Civil War officer in his talk "Remember Buena Vista! Lew Wallace in the Civil War." Boomhower will track Wallace as he advances from colonel of the Eleventh Indiana to promotion to major general and subsequent downfall following the Battle of Shiloh. He will also talk about Wallace's defense of Cincinnati from Confederate attack and the resurrection of his military career as commander of the Middle Department and role in saving Washington, D.C., from Confederate attack at the Battle of Monocacy. Wallace dreamed always of glory and lived a life full of adventures, triumphs, and tragedies. Through it all, he believed in himself and was never afraid to accept new challenges. He remains one of the most colorful and important figures in the Hoosier State's history.

## **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*



**Ray Boomhower** is interim senior director of the Indiana Historical Society Press, where he also is editor of the IHS's popular history magazine *Traces of Indiana and Midwestern History*. In addition to his Wallace biography, Boomhower has written books on such notable Hoosiers as Gus Grissom, Ernie Pyle, May Wright Sewall, and John Bartlow Martin. He is currently writing a book for Indiana University Press on World War II correspondent Robert L. Sherrod, who covered the Pacific war for *Time* magazine.

### *Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2016-2017 Campaign*

#### *Officers:*

President: Chris Smith

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#### *Committees:*

Preservation: Andy O'Donnell

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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.

### *2016-2017 Campaign Plans*

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 8, 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* (see \* note below)

\* June meeting will be at MCL Cafeteria – Township Line, 2370 W. 86<sup>th</sup> Street. The banquet room doors open at 6:00. The building closes at 9:00, so the meeting will begin at 6:45. **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.

### *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 them 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.

January 11, 2017 – Jenny Terpening – Civil War Medicine

February 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 11<sup>th</sup> Street, in downtown Anderson.

January 16, 2017 – Show and Tell

February 20, 2017 – "Emancipation Completed"

March 20, 2017 - Ron Durrah, "Brother vs. Brother, Family History and the Civil War"

April 17, 2017 - Brian Dirck, "Lincoln's View of Death"

May 15, 2017 - Dr. Thomas Hamm, "Quakers in the Civil War"  
 June 19, 2017 - TBA  
 July - no meeting  
 August - no meeting  
 September 18, 2017 - Tony Roscetti, "Acoustic Shadow"  
 October 16, 2017 - TBA  
 November 20, 2017 - "Filling the Ranks"

### *Special Orders*

**Virginia Historical Society:** The Virginia Historical Society has partnered with the American Civil War Museum to transfer the research collection from the Museum of the Confederacy to the VHS where it will be digitized and catalogued. This new Civil War Research Center at the Virginia Historical Society will be the largest independent repository of Civil War research materials in the world.

**Memphis Parks Update:** Lawyers for the City of Memphis and Sons of Confederate Veterans Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp # 215 returned to court in December to determine whether the Memphis City Council resolution (Feb. 5, 2013) to rename three parks was valid. Forrest Park, near the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, became Health Sciences Park. Confederate Park, near Court Avenue and North Front Street, became Memphis Park. Jefferson Davis Park, at Riverside Drive and Court Avenue, became Mississippi River Park. The day before their resolution, the state legislature had introduced a bill making it illegal to rename historical statues, monuments, buildings, and parks located on public property.

**1st Annual Spring Mill Indiana Civil War Symposium:** This symposium will be held at Spring Mill Historic State Park in Mitchell, Indiana from Thursday August 17 (7:00 p.m.) through Saturday, August 19 (8:00 p.m.). Speakers include Stephen Lee Ritchie, Thomas Y. Cartwright, John F. Marszalek, David L. Mowery, Scott C. Patchan, Dale K. Phillips, James I. "Bud" Robertson, Darryl Smith, Craig L. Symonds, and Jeffrey D. Wert. The cost is \$395.00. For more information, visit <http://www.cwea.net/programs/1708-1st-annual-spring-mill-indiana-civil-war-symposium-thursday-august-17-700-pm-through-s>

### *Official Records*

**December Attendance:** 28

**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.



**Auction:** Allan Arkush has donated a framed picture by Dale Gallon of the thirty-seven members of the Seventy-second Indiana Infantry Company A guarding the bridge at Chickamauga Creek. They were supported by Eli Lilly's Eighteenth Battery, who are pictured in the background. They held off Walker's Division and prevented them from crossing at the bridge. Wilder's Lightning Brigade had two regiments from Indiana; one of those was the Seventy-second Infantry from Lafayette, Indiana. Wilder was from Greensburg, Indiana and supplied the entire brigade, including two Illinois regiments, with Spencer seven-shot repeating rifles. The artillery battery was led by Col. Eli Lilly, making this print an interest for any Hoosier collector. All proceeds from the auction will go to the Indianapolis Civil War Round Table. Starting bid for this auction is \$100. There is a reserve that must be met for the picture. The auction will continue until the June banquet and the picture will go to the winner that night. Please see Nikki Schofield to enter your bid for this picture.

**Book Raffle:**

*The Civil War and Reconstruction*, by J. G. Randall

*Lincoln and His Generals*, by T. Harry Williams

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

*The Army of the Potomac: Glory Road*, by Bruce Catton

*The Army of the Potomac: A Stillness at Appomattox*, by Bruce Catton

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

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

1. What state's flag bears the motto "Battle Born" because it became a state during the war?
2. What seminal event occurred on the James Bennett farm?
3. Who said, "Well, my brave boys prepare a stretcher for me."?
4. Who was the first Hispanic soldier to win the Medal of Honor? At what battle?
5. Name the fort evacuated after a bombardment by the *USS Chickasaw*. Where is the fort located?

Answers to the December Quiz:

Identify the Civil War personality associated with each of the nicknames below.

1. "Fighting Dick" \*\*\* Israel B. Richardson, U.S.V.
2. "Cally" \*\*\* Family Nickname for John Hunt Morgan
3. "Old Heart of Oak" \*\*\* Adm. David Farragut
4. "Indian" \*\*\* Col. Ely S. Parker
5. "Calico Colonel" \*\*\* Mary Ann Bickerdyke

*Lew Wallace Speaks*

“Attack on Fort Donelson: Tennessee, February 1862.” Lew Wallace: from *An Autobiography*. Accessed April 27, 2016.

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Lew kept the gun from a dead Confederate after the Battle of Fort Donelson.

“It is in my study now, a handsomely mounted, muzzle-loading, old-style squirrel rifle. Sometimes I take it out to try at a mark, when, as a souvenir, it strikes me with one drawback – touching it is to revive the memory of its owner looking up at the sky from his sheet of crimson snow; and that he brought the piece to the field with him intending to kill Yankees as he was in the habit of killing long-tailed rodents does not always suffice to allay the shiver it excites.”

### *Officer of the Month*



Photo and information from “Lewis Wallace.” Architect of the Capitol. Accessed April 27, 2016. <https://www.aoc.gov/capitol-hill/national-statuary-hall-collection/lewis-wallace>

Andrew O’Connor is the artist who designed this statue of **Lew Wallace**, which became part of the National Statuary Hall Collection in 1910.

### *Historic Sites of the Month*



This **historical marker** is located at 501 Pike Street and Wallace Avenue in Crawfordsville, outside the **Lew Wallace Study and Museum**. While visiting this marker, take the time to visit his study and museum, which is open Tuesday – Saturday 10-5. (Closed on Saturdays in January and February) Admission is \$5 for adults, \$1 for students, and free for children 6 and under.



## 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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