



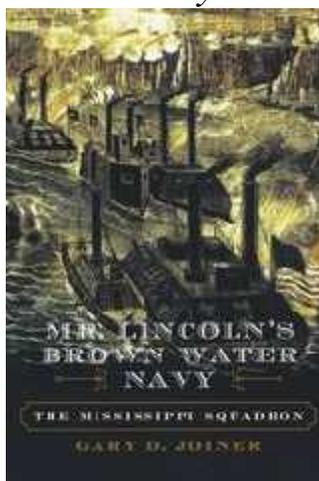
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Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter
<http://indianapoliscwrt.org/>

March 13, 2017, at 7:30 p.m.
 Meeting at Indiana History Center Auditorium
 450 West Ohio Street

The Plan of the Day
Mr. Lincoln's Brown Water Navy: The Mississippi Squadron



Mr. Lincoln's Brown Water Navy: The Mississippi Squadron describes the Civil War as fought on the rivers of the West. The ironclads and gunboats protected army forces and convoyed much needed supplies to far-flung Federal forces. They patrolled thousands of miles of rivers and fought battles that were every bit as harrowing as land engagements. This book is about the men who fought under these conditions and the highly improvised boats in which they fought.

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

Gary Joiner is a historian and award-winning author who teaches history and geography at Louisiana State University in Shreveport, where he is an assistant professor of history and also director of the Red River Regional Studies Center.

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.

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Quiz Master:

Tony Trimble

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Editor: Jenny Thompson

Members are encouraged to wear their badges to the meetings, so people will know who you are.

2016-2017 Campaign Plans

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. 86th 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 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.

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'Toole's Restaurant at 160 E. Carmel Dr., Carmel, IN 46032. Meetings will be on the second Wednesday of the month, September through May, excluding December.

April 12, 2017 – Samuel Passo - 15th Indiana Regiment

May 10, 2017 – Bob Smith - Sultana ancestor

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.

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

Move of *The Battle of Atlanta Cyclorama Painting*: The painting moved from its Grant Park home to the new Lloyd and Mary Ann Whitaker Cyclorama Building at the Atlanta History Center on February 9-10. The painting has been at Grant Park since 1921 and is one of only seventeen cycloramas from 1880 to 1920. This painting first opened in Minneapolis in 1886 and moved to Atlanta in 1892. Seven feet of the sky was trimmed off when it was moved to Grant Park because the building was not big enough to display the entire painting. The Atlanta History Center will re-create the missing section in phase two of this project. They will also restore the 128 plaster figures that were created in the mid-1930s. In May, they also plan to install the Texas, which is undergoing restoration at the North Carolina Transportation Museum in Spencer, North Carolina. This train played a role in the 1862 Great Locomotive Chase.

New State Archives Building: The General Assembly approved \$25 million to build a new State Archives Building in 2015. This was to be funded by sale of rights to cell towers on state-owned land. In September 2016, Governor Pence announced a deal with an Ohio telecom firm to manage the towers, but this caused complaints from Indiana telecoms. In February 2017, Governor Holcomb cancelled the deal and hopes funding for the building will be passed by this year's General Assembly. The new building plans and designs have been halted since fall. The Friends of the Indiana State Archives are urging us to contact our legislators, and especially Representative Tim Brown (Tippecanoe County) who is the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, to support funding the State Archives in this year's budget. Since January 1, 2017, there have been five leaks in the current building, including one caused by a bullet and one in the roof of the vault holding important records.

Crossroads of America Civil War/ Political Show: Thousands of Civil War and Political Items will be offered by National Dealers at Beech Grove High School, 5330 Hornet Avenue, Beech Grove, Indiana (exit 52 on I-465) on March 31 and April 1. All table rent and admission fees will be donated to Beech Grove High School programs. For more information, contact Harvey W. Warrner at www.ironbrigaderelics.com or 317-784-2617.

Monument Cleanup: The Solomon Meredith monument in Riverside Cemetery in Cambridge City, Indiana is in need of cleaning and maybe some restoration. Mark Davis from Stone Saver Cemetery Restoration has provided an estimate of the cost of this project and Phil Harris has set up the following "Go Fund Me" page to raise money for the project. http://www.19thindianaironbrigade.com/Meredith_Restoration.html

Hunley Model: Friends of the Hunley have released a new model to mark the 153rd anniversary of the Hunley's historic mission. This is perfect as a desk decoration or for the mantle. The cost is \$32.95 and all proceeds go to support the efforts to save and display the Hunley. Call 843-743-4865 or visit http://hunleywebstore.com/mm5/merchant.mvc?Store_Code=FOTH&Screen=PROD&Product_Code=1816

Maps of James River area in Virginia: A man spoke to our December speaker Lou Malcomb about these maps, but she has no way to contact you. She sent this map for you to view. https://savingplaces.org/11-most#.WLF7JX_MbCs Lists the James River as one of the top 11 places endangered and needing preservation. The map is large; she has a pdf if you need it. It identifies land owners as of 1865. It shows by color, the position of Union and Confederate lines in the vicinity of Richmond and Petersburg, Virginia. It is a detailed map of roads, railroads, cities, towns, hamlets, courthouse locations, churches, mills, hydrography and topography and identifies farmsteads by names of owners. [No.12. Report of the Chief Engineer, U.S.A.]

Official Records

February Attendance: 23

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:

Civil War Ghosts in Virginia, by L. B. Taylor, Jr.

The Civil War: The Best of American Heritage, edited by Stephen W. Sears

A Different Valor: The Story of General Joseph E. Johnston, CSA, by Gilbert E. Govan and James W. Livingood

Chickamauga: Bloody Battle in the West, by Glenn Tucker

The Children of Pride: A True Story of Georgia and the Civil War, edited by Robert Manson Myers

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



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.

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

1. What order was given by Gen. Hunter and disavowed by Lincoln in 1862?
2. What is the more common name for the Battle of Belle Grove?
3. Name the center of guerilla activity in Arkansas burned by Federal troops in 1863.
4. By what popular name was the Battle of Monroe's Crossing known?
5. What unit was known as the Greyhound Division?

Answers to the February Quiz:

1. In November 1863, an engagement was fought at Droop Mountain? In what state is it?
*** West Virginia
2. Name the Union scout and intelligence officer who became famous because of his friendship with Alexander Gardner. *** John Babcock
3. In 1862, Lincoln sent Gen. McClelland to Indiana, Illinois, and Iowa. What were his orders? *** Raise troops for an attack on Vicksburg
4. Fishing Creek, Beech Grove, Logan's Crossroads, and Somerset were all names given to what battle? *** Mill Springs
5. In 1864, Sherman fought an engagement at Jenks Bridge near what city? *** Savannah, GA

The Soldiers Speak

Quotations from: Wright, John D., ed. *The Oxford Dictionary of Civil War Quotations*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2006; and "Reconstructing the *USS Westfield*, A Civil War Gunboat." Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History. <http://brazosvalleymuseum.org/exhibits/reconstructing-uss-westfield-civil-war-gunboat> accessed 29 April 2015.

Ferdinand Le Comte, Swiss observer on McClellan's staff: "Upon the whole, the navy of the United States, whether it be by its creations or by its operations, has acquired, and is acquiring still, the greatest honor in this war. It may well console her for the disappointments which the land army has experienced."

Confederate witness of the final moments of the *USS Westfield*, 1 January 1863, Battle of Galveston: "Forward she was blown into fragments down to the water.... The commodore's boat and all in it were annihilated in the terrible catastrophe – scattered through the air in fragments. The smoke-stacks and the after part of the ship lay in a black mass in the water for ten minutes, when there was another flash, and she was speedily wrapped in flames."

Civilian of the Month



Photo and information from “Building a Brown Water Navy.” Hallowed Ground Magazine, Winter 2011. Civil War Trust. <http://www.civilwar.org/hallowed-ground-magazine/winter-2011/building-a-brown-water-navy.html> accessed 29 April 2015.

James B. Eads, a St. Louis engineer wrote to Gideon Welles, “suggesting specifications for retrofitting snagboats, a type of steamer typically used to clear river obstructions, to serve as gunboats in shallower, narrower river waters.” Welles sent his letters to the War Department for the Army, who commissioned Eads to build them. He built the first seven of these gunboats in less than three months.

Historic Site of the Month



Photo and information from “Cairo, Illinois.” <http://www.angelfire.com/wi/wisconsin42nd/cairo.html> accessed 29 April 2015.

Cairo, Illinois was surrounded by water on two sides. It became a huge military camp. Fremont “established a naval base on the Ohio River side of Cairo. It consisted of mainly of the floating wharfboats... simply flatboat hulls covered with shed-like structures....It was here the gunboats from Carondelet and Mound City were fitted out with crews and ordnance.”

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