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

February 12, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.
 Meeting at Indiana History Center Auditorium
 450 West Ohio Street

The Plan of the Day



Dedication of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, 1902.
 Photo from Indiana Historical Society.

Indianapolis & the War of the Rebellion

This presentation will be a brief history with PowerPoint photos and description of Indianapolis during the Civil War 1861-65 with war installations (arsenals, hospitals, soldiers and family homes, camps with exact locations) and will also include post Civil War Indianapolis with National GAR encampment meetings, monuments and statues (Soldiers and Sailors Monument, O.P. Morton, etc.).

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

Fred Schaefer is a longtime member of the National "Society of Civil War Surgeons" (NSCWS). Fred is a living historian in which he portrays Dr. William H. Wishard from Indianapolis, Indiana. A graduate of I-V Tech College and IUPUI, Fred is a Certified Health Care Manager, Certified Surgical Technologist, Certified Surgical First Assistant, Orthopedic Specialist, and most recently in 2017 received the highest award in his profession, as an honorary Fellow of Association Surgical Technology (FAST). Fred started working at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis in the 1970s as a Surgical Technologist, and for the last 38 years at OrthoIndy as a Surgical First Assistant. Fred is past president of the Indiana State Assembly-Association of Surgical Technologist (ISA-AST). Fred was legislative chair during the passage of two Indiana State Surgical Technologist Bills 2007-2009, "Title protection & Mandating Certification in working in the state of Indiana." Fred has been presenting his Civil War medical knowledge and techniques, to Civil War Round Tables, Re-enactments, Medical Conferences, Museums, and Schools for over 25 years. Fred's antique Medical Surgical Instruments and Equipment can be viewed at the Colonel Eli Lilly's Civil War Museum, Soldiers and Sailors Monument in downtown Indianapolis.

Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2017-2018 Campaign

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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 by the tenth day following the preceding month's meeting.

2017-2018 Campaign Plans

March 12, 2018 – Jenny Thompson – *Above Us or Around Us: The Story and Men of the Bloody Eighth*

April 9, 2018 – Mark Laubacher – Cold Blooded Envenomation of 1861-65

May 14, 2018 – Meredith and Judy Wilson - James Davy's Civil War Diary

June 11, 2018 – Jennifer Murray – *On a Great Battlefield: The Making, Management, and Memory of Gettysburg National Military Park, 1933-2013*

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'Toole's Restaurant at 160 E. Carmel Dr., Carmel, IN 46032. Meetings will be on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, September through May, excluding December.

February 14, 2018 - Mike Murphy, "The Fighting Kimberlin Family"

March 14, 2018 - John Heiser, "1913 Gettysburg Reunion"

April 11, 2018 - Dave Finney, "Stonewall Jackson's Last Days"

May 9, 2018 - Dr. E.C. Fields , "General U.S. Grant"

September 12, 2018 - Tom Williams, "The Crater from the Confederate Perspective"

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

Lincoln Boyhood Home: As of January 1, there will no longer be an entrance fee charged at the Lincoln Boyhood Home.

Digital Restoration of 100 Rare Civil War Photos: Rich Mercadante has just launched a new project on January 28 to digitally restore 100 rare Civil War photos. He is looking for people to back this project. Here is the link to his Kickstarter page:

<https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/835895981/make-100-digital-restoration-of-100-rare-civil-war>

Chambersburg Civil War Tours: Their 2018 Civil War tours are listed below and more information can be found at www.civilwarseminars.org. They offer a special Round Table discount of 10% when three or four members from the same round table register for a complete weekend package. You can contact them with any questions at [\(717\) 264-7101 ext. 206](tel:7172647101).

5th Annual National Ed Bearss Symposium on Military Leadership & Combat

April 4-8, 2018

Featuring Edwin Bearss, Steve Bockmiller, Jim Schmick, & others

Sessions on all aspects of American military history including a tour of the decisive 1814 battle of Baltimore, which saved the city from destruction and yielded our national

anthem, The Star Spangled Banner. Tour also includes frontier forts in the Cumberland Valley with Fort Loudon and Fort McCord as well as visiting the National Civil War Museum, U.S. Army War College and other sites. Optional tours of Shepherdstown battlefield, historic Confederate graves and more. Based in Chambersburg, Pa.

Roads to Gettysburg: Brandy Station and Second Winchester

July 24-29, 2018

Featuring Eric Wittenberg, J.D. Petruzzi, Jerry Holsworth, Steve French, Jeffrey Wert, & others.

We will follow the Blue and Gray on their roads to Gettysburg. Tour the decisive battle ground of Brandy Station, the largest cavalry action in North America, where J.E.B. Stuart and his horsemen battled the Yankees in the largest cavalry action in North America. Also touring the newly restored Second Winchester battlefield where Confederates opened the gates of the great Valley for the invasion of Pennsylvania. Bonus tours will include Aldie, Upperville, Middleburg, and Mosby's Confederacy led by Kevin Pawlak. Based in Chambersburg, Pa.

Mr. Lincoln's City & John Wilkes Booth Escape Tour

October 10-14, 2018

Tours of Mr. Lincoln's Washington, John Wilkes Booth Escape Route and historic Frederick, Maryland with Ed Steers and other leading Lincoln scholars. Sites include Ford's theatre, Lincoln Memorial, Old Soldiers' Home where Lincoln visited, Surratt Tavern, Dr. Mudd House, and more. Bonus tours will include "In the Footsteps of the Presidents" seeing unique places visited by Abraham Lincoln, James Buchanan, LBJ, and Dwight D. Eisenhower at Gettysburg, Antietam, and the Cumberland Valley. Based in Frederick, Md. * Only 30 seats remain- please register early. *

Official Records

Attendance: 30

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:

Dan Sickles: Hero of Gettysburg and "Yankee King of Spain," by Edgcomb Pinchon
A Civil War Treasury, by Albert A. Nofi

Battle of Bull Run: A History of the First Major Campaign of the Civil War, by William C. Davis

Andersonville, A Novel, by MacKinlay Kantor

Voices of the Civil War: Second Manassas, by the Editors of Time-Life Books

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

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

1. While Confederates were considering evacuation of Atlanta, a battle between troops commanded by Generals Hardee and Howard was continuing south of the city near what town?
2. When Braxton Bragg failed to prevent Rosecrans from concentrating his forces at Chattanooga, he set the stage for what battle?
3. Regiments under General Andrew Jackson Smith were given a nickname because they were shuffled so rapidly that they did not know the name of their commander. What was the nickname?
4. On what battlefield would you find Slaughter's Field?
5. Who said, "I never went into a battle willingly or with enthusiasm. I was always glad when a battle was over. It is at all times a sad and cruel business. I hate war with all my heart, and nothing but imperative duty could induce me to engage in its work or witness its horrors."

Answers to the January Quiz:

1. On what battlefield would you find the Dead Angle? *** Kennesaw Mountain
2. Name the Confederate commander who rode Coquette. *** John S. Mosby
3. Who wrote: "We are without machinery, without means, and threatened by a powerful opposition; but I do not despond and will not shrink from the task imposed upon me."?
 *** Jefferson Davis to Varina
4. In what state was a skirmish fought at Big Black River Bridge in 1863? ***
 Mississippi
5. On October 5, 1864, Indiana authorities arrested a prominent Copperhead. Name him.
 *** Lambdin P. Milligan

The Newspaper Speaks

From www.newspapers.com

The Indiana State Sentinel (Indianapolis, Indiana) Wednesday, April 24, 1861, page 3
Meeting to Provide Support for the Families of Absent Soldiers.

At the Court-house meeting on Thursday evening, Mr. James Blake was called to preside, and explained the object of the meeting to be to provide aid, where needed, to the families of those who go at the call of their country to do military duty.

Mr. James M. Ray suggested that the more equitable plan would be to have the Council make an appropriation for that end; and the following resolutions being introduced by Mr. Ray, were, after discussion by Messrs. A. Harrison, S. Yandes, C. Fletcher, W. P. Fishback, Mayor Maxwell, J. N. Sweetzer, and others, unanimously adopted by a rising vote, viz:

WHEREAS, In response to the call of the General Government for the aid of the citizen soldiery to preserve and defend our rights, many of the citizens of Indianapolis are offering their services without having the time or the means of making needful provision for the comfort and support of their families in their absence: and whereas, it is both a privilege and a duty for every citizen to contribute, according to his means, to supply the needful wants of such families while their and our defenders are thus engaged in our country's service: Therefore, be it

Resolved, By the citizens of Indianapolis, in public assembly gathered, that the Council of the city be, and it is hereby requested, through appropriate committees, under strict and responsible supervision, to provide for the needful and comfortable support of every family of the city of Indianapolis, whose wants are not otherwise supplied during the absence of the head or other member of such household, under this call of our country, on whom the support of the family depended, and that for such purpose any needful postponement be made for the usual improvement of the city, until by increase of taxation the treasury of the city can be reimbursed.

Resolved, That the citizens of each township of the county of Marion, including the citizens of Center township, outside of the city, be requested to meet at the place of holding elections in their township, at ten o'clock in the morning, on next Saturday week, April 27, to arrange for taking all needful care of the families of their fellow citizens of their townships who have volunteered in our country's service.

On motion of Mr. Fishback, a committee of three was appointed to procure a roll of the companies, the place of residence, and the probable wants of the companies.

Messrs. Fishback, D. T. B. Elliott, and Judge Coburn were appointed said committee.

On motion of Mr. Dillon, Messrs. C. Fletcher, Sen., J. M. Ray, and A. Harrison were appointed a committee to introduce the subject embraced in the above resolutions to the City Council.

Dr. Elliott mentioned that over 1,000 blankets, comforts, and quilts have been gathered up in the city of Indianapolis to-day, and distributed to the soldiers in camp; but that many more were needed.

After further remarks of a patriotic character by several gentleman, all going to pledge the good faith of the city of Indianapolis that the families of absent soldiers shall be properly cared for, the meeting adjourned.

JAMES BLAKE, President.

JOHN S. SPANN, Secretary.

Civilian of the Month



photo from monumentcircleproject.wordpress.com; information from www.civilwarhome.com/mortonbio.htm

Oliver Hazard Perry Throck Morton was Indiana's governor during the Civil War. "He answered Lincoln's call for troops by raising twice the number requested for Federal service. Certain the war would be brief, he labored to keep in uniform every Indianan who volunteered, so that none would be prevented from serving when the War Department began refusing troops it was unprepared to feed and equip. Largely because of his efforts to encourage volunteerism, Indiana provided 150,000 enlistments to the Federal army with little resort to the draft."

Historic Site of the Month

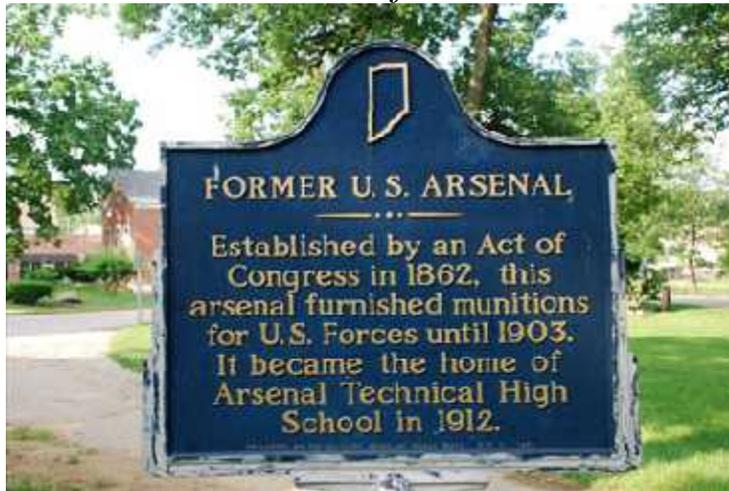


Photo and information from www.waymarking.com

Arsenal Technical High School began as a Civil War arsenal when Congress passed an act to create a permanent U. S. Army arsenal in Indianapolis. Army planners chose this location in 1863 because it was close to downtown and would not disrupt neighborhoods. The first soldiers arrived here in 1865. The government continued to use this site until 1903.

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