



HARDTACK

Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

<http://indianapoliswrt.org/>



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

The Plan of the Day



Photo from nationalhumanitiescenter.org/tserve/nineteen/nkeyinfo/cwnorth.htm

The American Civil War and Religion Due to there being so many entangling issues involving religion and the march to war and its aftermath, a simple description is difficult, except for one. Abe Lincoln said something like this, "Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right."

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 Garshaw graduated from Ohio's Hiram College with a double major in history & political science. Drafted into Lyndon's Army in 1968, he served in Vietnam as a combat infantry sergeant, eight months in the field until painful knees made a supply sergeant out of him back at Brigade Main Base. His last three months in the field he served as the platoon sergeant. During this last portion in the field, his easiest two week assignment was serving as the platoon leader until a second lieutenant could be found to assume command. As a veteran, he is most proud of his C.I.B. (combat infantry badge). He also was awarded a Bronze Star. After fifteen years as a State Farm Insurance agent in Zanesville, Ohio, David was called as a lay person to become the Executive for Men's Work and Leader Development in the Division of Homeland Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) based in Indianapolis. Eight years later, he entered seminary and graduated from Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. He retired from active pastoral ministry in 2010; but has and will serve as interim pastor when called by a congregation in need. David has had a long passion for everything related to the Civil War, particularly how religion and the church intermingled with all the issues involved in America's greatest upheaval. A clue about his passion is his experience taking a guide's auto tour at Gettysburg. His wife paid for a three-hour tour. Beginning on the far east side where a small Confederate unit approached the town, it became obvious to David that three hours was not going to be enough time to cover the whole field. The guide was still on Seminary Ridge. After expressing his concern about the time, the guide said, "Hey, no sweat! I enjoy talking with someone who knows so much about what happened here!" The two-hour tour turned into a five-hour tour. David and his lovely wife, Natalie Ann, have three children, of which one is not a girl. They have eight grandchildren.

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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

- December 11, 2017 – Mike Murphy – *The Kimberlins Go to War: A Union Family in Copperhead Country*
- January 8, 2018 – Stephen Towne – *Surveillance and Spies in the Civil War: Exposing Confederate Conspiracies in America's Heartland*
- February 12, 2018 – Fred Schaefer– Indianapolis and the War of the Rebellion
- March 12, 2018 – Kraig McNutt – 58th Indiana and their role at Stone's River
- April 9, 2018 – Mark Laubacher – Cold Blooded Envenomation of 1861-65
- May 14, 2018 – Jenny Thompson – *Above Us or Around Us: The Story and Men of the Bloody Eighth*
- 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.

November 8, 2017 - Pam Newhouse, "Three Brothers at Gettysburg"

January 10, 2018 - Brian Dirck, "Lincoln and the Constitution"

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"

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.

November 20, 2017 - "Filling the Ranks"

Special Orders

First Annual Spring Mill Civil War Conference, update from Stephen Ritchie: This conference was a huge success with one hundred people registered from fifteen states. Reviews were outstanding and twenty-seven people have already signed up for next year. Next year's event will be held August 16-18 at Spring Mill State Historic Park in Mitchell, Indiana. Speakers will include: Stephen Lee Ritchie, Bruce Allardice, Kent Masterson Brown, Stephen Davis, Gary Ecelbarger, Leslie Goddard, Scott C. Patchan, Dale K. Phillips, James I. "Bud" Robertson, and Brian Steel Wills. The cost will be \$395. For more information, visit www.cwea.net and view the 2018 calendar.

More Historic Items to be Removed: Christ Church in Alexandria, Virginia has decided to remove Memorial Plaques about George Washington and Robert E. Lee from their locations on either side of the altar because they make some visitors and guests feel unsafe or unwelcome.

Official Records

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.

Book Raffle:

That Body of Brave Men: The U.S. Regular Infantry and the Civil War in the West, by Mark W. Johnson

The Lincoln Reader, edited by Paul M. Angle

Civil War Curiosities: Strange Stories, Oddities, Events, and Coincidences, by Webb Garrison

High Tide at Gettysburg, by Glenn Tucker

The New Times Book of the Civil War, edited by Arleen Keylin and Douglas John Bowen

***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 is the more common name for the Battle of Chaplin Hills?
2. What nickname was given to the 9th Ohio Infantry?
3. What were "Sherman's Sentinels"?
4. Young James Knox wrote the following account: "Mounted patrols dashed everywhere, bells tolled the alarm, and excited crowds rushed about the avenues. Despair was on every countenance." To what event did he refer?
5. Who was General Burnside describing when he wrote: "he is unfit to hold an important commission," and recommended his dismissal from command?

Answers to the October Quiz:

1. For what was Captain of Engineers Henry M. Robert best known? *** Robert's Rules of Order
2. What nickname was adopted by the 40th New York Infantry Regiment? *** Ellsworth's Avengers
3. Capt. Christopher Rodgers, USN wrote: "The fires of hell were turned upon the Union fleet. The air seemed full of heavy shot, and as they flew they could be seen as plainly as a baseball in one of our games." What event was he describing? *** Naval assault on Charleston, SC 1863
4. Name the battle that took place 6 miles north of Richmond on May 11, 1864. Why is it especially remembered? *** Yellow Tavern; Death of Jeb Stuart
5. What surprising event occurred in Maryland on Sept. 13, 1862? *** Sgt. Barton W. Mitchell found the "Lost Order" of Antietam

The Newspaper Speaks

From www.newspapers.com

The Brooklyn Daily Eagle (Brooklyn, New York) Friday, November 27, 1863, page 1
Brooklyn Tabernacle - Sermon by the Rev. Wm. Alvin Bartlett.

A Thanksgiving Sermon was preached in the Brooklyn Tabernacle yesterday morning by Rev. Wm. Alvin Bartlett, taking for his subject "Man's Evil Thoughts and God's Good Intentions." The services were commenced by reading the 136th Psalm, "O, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good and his mercy endureth forever." After the singing of a hymn the Rev. gentleman offered a prayer in which he appealed to the Most High that our arms might be successful everywhere, so that the war might be ended and the devilish slaughter now going on done away with. After reading the Proclamation of the President and the recommendations of Governor Seymour and Mayor Kalbfleisch he proposed that a collection be taken up for the benefit of the sufferers by the war, which was responded to by the congregation by the contribution of a considerable sum. The 20th verse, 15th Chap. of Genesis was taken as the text: "But as for you, ye thought evil against me but God meant it unto good," &c. He commenced with the history of Joseph, who, sold as a slave into Egypt by his brethren, was made a ruler over that nation, and the subsequent good offices he did his brethren, all going to show man's evil thoughts and God's good intentions. He dwelt upon the obligation of men to God for everything, and even for sin, out of which came much good. The abundant crops and absence of famine and pestilence, were adverted to in order to show how we had been favored. This was not, however, a year of crops, but a year of war, and although there was much to deplore in connection therewith, there was much to rejoice over. It had been commenced by the firing of a gun, and not only this country but the world had been affected by the results. Thousands had been laid in their graves in consequence, and there was not an article of consumption upon which tribute to the war had not to be paid. He would not attempt to make a cause of thanksgiving for this terrible state of affairs, but still there was reason for thanksgiving in the amount of good which grew out of it. The developments in mechanical inventions, by the building of the iron-clads and implements of destruction were then spoken of, the intellectual improvements made, and the heroism developed, were dwelt upon as so much cause for thanksgiving. He referred [sic] to the results of ancient and modern wars, and their effects upon future generations, and held that much good would come out of this war, and that many generations would be benefitted thereby. The thousands of skulls which now strewed the land were the seeds of future righteousness. In relation to the recent call for three hundred thousand men, he said that it was much better that they should be raised by volunteering than by conscription, and thought it the duty of the people [sic] to send a full number, and every implement of destruction so that as soon as possible this blood drenching war might cease; and then he looked to the day when the United States would stand forth as the pattern of the world, in intellect, in heroism, in inventions and mechanics. In conclusion he returned thanks for the spiritual for the spiritual [sic] welfare of the church, which had during the past year laid the foundation for a new edifice, which now was in rapid [sic] progress of completion, and which when finished, would not be inferior to any building even in this city of churches.

A prayer and doxology concluded the exercises.

Civilian of the Month



Photos and information from Find a Grave memorial # 10798

Horace Bushnell was born April 14, 1802 in Bantam, Connecticut. He was a Congregationalist minister and theologian. He influenced religious thinking by breaking away from Calvinism reducing Orthodox Christian theology to make religion more accessible to the people, including children. He wrote several influential works and founded a college in California, which is today the University of California. He died February 17, 1876 and lies buried in section K, lot 46 of Old North Cemetery in Hartford, Connecticut.

Historic Site of the Month



Photo and information from wikipedia.org

Lutheran Theological Seminary was founded in 1826 and is the oldest Lutheran seminary in America. Brig. Gen. John Buford used the Seminary building as a lookout for the first day of Battle of Gettysburg on July 1, 1863. Confederates forced the Union lines back and occupied the seminary grounds until they retreated on July 4. The seminary building became a field hospital for soldiers of both armies throughout and after this battle.

Re-enlist NOW for the 2017-2018 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:

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

ICWRT Membership Enlistment for July 2017 thru June 2018

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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