



# HARDTACK

Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

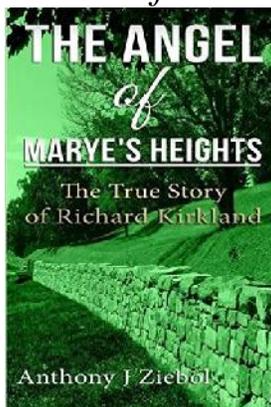
<http://indianapoliscwrt.org/>



October 9, 2017 at 6:45 p.m.

Meeting at MCL Cafeteria – Township Line  
2370 W. 86<sup>th</sup> Street

## *The Plan of the Day*



### ***The Angel of Marye's Heights: The True Story of Richard Kirkland***

Would you risk your life to save your mortal enemy? Perhaps the only soldier revered on both sides of the Mason-Dixon line, Richard Rowland Kirkland is arguably the most famous "common" soldier of the American Civil War. His act of compassion at the battle of Fredericksburg in December of 1862 is both controversial and shrouded in mystery. Although this act is well known, the rest of his story, along with that of the 2nd South Carolina Infantry is not. In addition to Fredericksburg, this Angel of Marye's Heights was present at some of most fierce fighting of the war and most iconic locations: Henry House Hill at First Bull Run, the Dunker Church at Antietam, the Peach Orchard and Wheatfield at Gettysburg and Snodgrass Hill at Chickamauga. For the first time, the true epic of Richard Kirkland is revealed. This is his tale of the struggle between darkness and light, of the fight to deny the overwhelming bloodshed from destroying that which makes us human.

### **JOIN US BEFORE THE MEETING AT 6:00 for a meal at the MCL**

The doors to the Banquet Room open at 6:00. \* **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. **Reservations are not required. All members and guests are invited to attend.**

### *Our Guest Speaker*

Anthony J. Ziebol is an accomplished journalist and writer from Minneapolis, Minnesota. After receiving a degree in print journalism from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Ziebol moved back to the Twin Cities and began writing as a staff reporter for newspapers and as a freelancer for Midwest magazines. He has given presentations on Kirkland and the 2nd South Carolina regiment throughout the United States. He will have copies of his book for sale for \$20.

### *Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2017-2018 Campaign*

#### *Officers:*

President: Dave Sutherland

Vice President: Tony Trimble

Secretary: Mark Thornton

Treasurer: Tony Roscetti

Immediate Past President: Chris Smith

#### *Committees:*

Preservation: Andy O'Donnell

Website: Ed Pope

Program Selection: Chris Smith, Jenny Thompson, Tony Trimble

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.

### *2017-2018 Campaign Plans*

November 13, 2017 – David Garshaw – The American Civil War and Religion

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, September through May, excluding December.

October 11, 2017 - Greg Biggs, "Forrest the Napoleonic Cavalry"

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"

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

October 16, 2017 - TBA

November 20, 2017 - "Filling the Ranks"

### *Special Orders*

**Indiana Historical Society new exhibit:** "You Are There 1863: Letter Home from Gettysburg" invites you to join war bride Mahala Beem as she reads a just-received letter from her husband, Capt. David Enoch Beem, describing his experiences on the battlefield of Gettysburg during the Civil War. Set in the parlor of the home she shares with her in-laws in Spencer, Indiana, visitors are invited join her as she reads her highly anticipated letter, one of the gems of the IHS collection. Mahala shares this most recent correspondence from the battlefield with visitors and prompts a multimedia experience that brings her husband's words to life. Guests may meet characters such as Mahala and her in-laws Levi and Sarah Beem, who are all experiencing life on the Indiana home front in different ways.

### *Official Records*

**Attendance:** 24

**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:**

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

*Meade of Gettysburg*, by Freeman Cleaves

*The Confederate High Command & Related Topics (Themes in Honor of T. Harry Williams)*, edited by Roman J. Heliak and Lawrence L. Hewitt

*A Class by Themselves: The Untold Story of the Great Southern Families*, by William Stadiem

*Ordeal of the Union: A House Divided 1852-1857*, by Allan Nevins

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

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

1. For what was Captain of Engineers Henry M. Robert best known?
2. What nickname was adopted by the 40th New York Infantry Regiment?
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?
4. Name the battle that took place 6 miles north of Richmond on May 11, 1864. Why is it especially remembered?
5. What surprising event occurred in Maryland on Sept. 13, 1862?

Answers to the September Quiz:

1. Who assumed command of the Department of East Tennessee on May 12, 1863? \*\*\*  
Maj. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner

2. What role did the firm of Emile Erlanger and Company (Paris) play in the war? \*\*\*  
Made a 5-million-pound loan to the Confederate government
3. A skirmish was fought at Cannon's Bridge on Feb. 8, 1865. Where is it? \*\*\*\*\* The  
South Edisto River, South Carolina
4. Who said, "Among the excrescences upon the body politic is one which may be best  
described by its Greek name Gynaekocracy, which manifests itself in the absurd  
endeavors of women to usurp the places and execute the functions of the male sex."? \*\*\*  
Anna Dickinson, a prominent activist
5. What well-known Civil War weapon was manufactured by C. Girard and Co. of Paris?  
\*\*\* The LeMat Revolver

### *The Newspaper Speaks*

From [www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)

*News and Observer* (Raleigh, North Carolina) Saturday, August 5, 1905, page 5

Richard Kirkland.

(For the *New and Observer*.)

There has been a fearful battle

At the foot of Marye's hill;

And a desultory firing

Told of sullen passion still.

Thirty thousand Northern soldiers,

Eager for the deadly fray,

Yesterday had charged the ramparts

Where the Southern army lay.

Fierce had been the rage of combat,

Fierce the storm of shot and shell;

While above the din of battle

Rose the angry "Rebel yell."

All about them raged the battle,

As in agony they lay;

And around them angry bullets

Whistled through the livelong day.

"Water, water!" moaned the dying,

Writhing on the crimson sod;

And they cried in bitter anguish;

"Water in the name of God!"

"Water!" - and a deep emotion,

Tender pity of their woe,

Filled a gallant soldier's bosom,

Though he was their country's foe.

Over the protecting rampart  
 Boldly Richard Kirkland sprang;  
 And the bullets whistled round him,  
 And the din of combat rang.

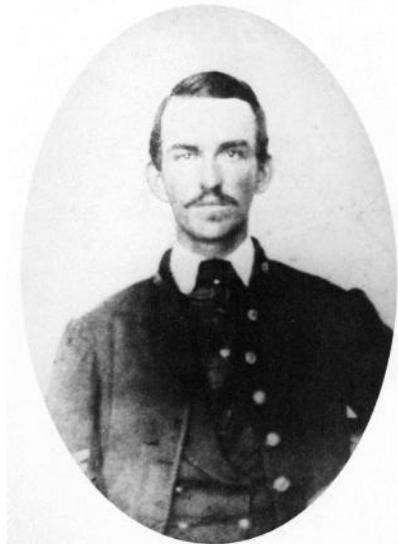
"Water!" - and he kneeled and gently  
 Raised a thirsty bleeding foe;  
 And he gave them cooling water,  
 And he eased their bitter woe.

Quickly then the deadly firing  
 Ceased; and resting from the fray,  
 Loud the gallant northern soldiers  
 Cheered the wearer of the gray.

This is all for Richard Kirkland  
 Did a soldier's duty well  
 Till at bloody Chickamauga,  
 Wounded mortally, he fell.

But his memory should be cherished  
 And his name be honored still,  
 For that deed of gallant mercy  
 At the foot of Marye's hill.  
 GEORGE H. MURPHY.

### *Officer of the Month*



Photos and information from Find a Grave memorial # 4063

**Richard Kirkland** was born August 20, 1843 in Flat Rock, South Carolina. He died September 20, 1863 at Chickamauga. His last words were: "No, I am done for. You can

do me no good. Save yourselves and tell Pa good-bye and I died right. I did my duty. I died at my post." He lies buried in Section 14 of Quaker Cemetery in Camden, South Carolina.

### *Historic Site of the Month*



Photo and information from  
[www.waymarking.com/waymarks/WM97YK\\_Hampton\\_Park\\_Fountain\\_Camden\\_SC](http://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/WM97YK_Hampton_Park_Fountain_Camden_SC)  
Hampton Park Fountain, Camden, South Carolina. The inscription on the plaque reads:

To

Richard Kirkland

C.S.A.

In commemoration of his heroism at Fredericksburg, Dec. 13, 1862. Christlike compassion moved him to leap over the stone wall, a mark for hostile guns, and carry water, again and again, to the suffering foe fallen thick in front.

"Greater Love Hath No Man Than This"

He fell at Chickamauga, aged 20.

A tribute from the school children of Camden. AD 1910

## 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:

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 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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