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Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

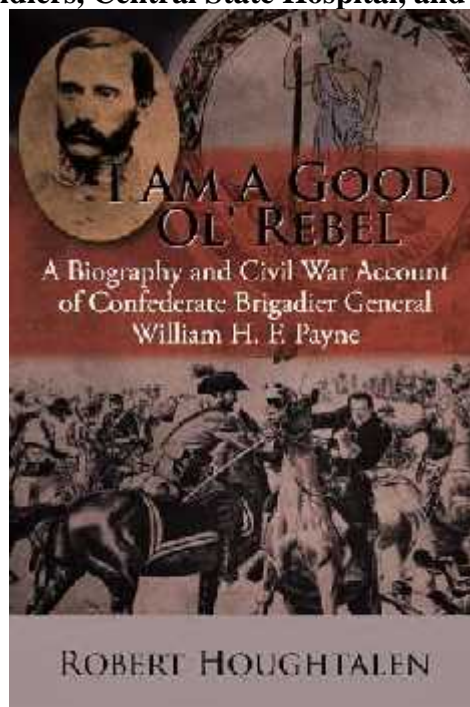
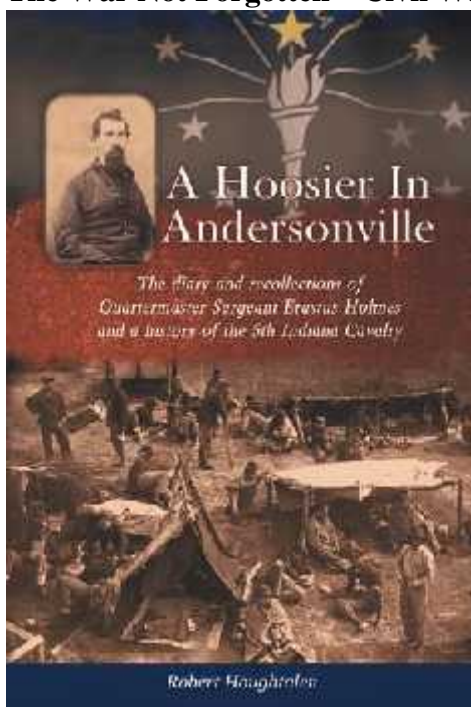
<http://indianapoliscwrt.org/>



November 14, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.
Meeting at Indiana History Center Auditorium
450 West Ohio Street

The Plan of the Day

The War Not Forgotten – Civil War Soldiers, Central State Hospital, and PTSD



For the returning soldiers of Civil War, home was not always pleasant. Many suffered from emotional and psychological problems brought on by what they saw, felt, or had to live through from the war. Today, we hear often of military veterans suffering from PTSD, but for the Civil War veteran it was often labeled Soldier's heart, DeCosta syndrome, melancholy, homesickness and a variety of other names. In many cases, these soldiers ended up in need of more care than their families could provide, and so the U.S. government and local states took on trying to care for these "broken" men. One of the places that these soldiers ended up was Indiana Central State Hospital. Although not designed as a long term facility, Central State did eventually house 271 Union veterans. Robert Houghtalen will discuss the medical histories, lives and tragic stories of many of these men as well as others along with a brief history of Central State in his presentation for the November meeting of the Indianapolis Civil War Roundtable.

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



Robert Houghtalen is a long time resident of Noblesville. He is a graduate of Hanover College with a B.A. in History/Education. In the past, he has been a history teacher at Sheridan JR/Sr High School and is currently teaching in the Noblesville School system. He has also worked as 1st person interpreter at Conner Prairie. He has authored two biographies of Civil War soldiers: *A HOOSIER IN ANDERSONVILLE: The diary and recollections of Quartermaster Sergeant Erastus Holmes* and *a history of the 5th Indiana Cavalry* (which was one of the feature books at the 2014 Hoosier Authors Book Fair) and *I AM A GOOD OL REBEL: A Biography and Civil War Account of Confederate Brigadier General William H.F. Payne* and will have both books available for \$14.99 each. He has a Graduate Certification in Civil War Studies from American Military University. He is currently working on his third book...*Voices: The Telling of the War by Those Who Witnessed It*. He is the great-great grandson of Erastus Holmes.

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.

Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2016-2017 Campaign

Officers:

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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.

2016-2017 Campaign Plans

December 12, 2016 – Lou Malcomb – Maps, Mapping, & Mapmakers of the Civil War:
A Novice Explorer's Perspective

January 9, 2017 – Ray Boomhower – Lew Wallace's Civil War career

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. 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 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 2nd Wednesday of the month, September through May, excluding December.

Dec. – no meeting

Jan. 11, 2017 – Jenny Terpening – Civil War Medicine

Feb. 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 11th Street, in downtown Anderson.

November 21, 2016 – Background to Emancipation

No meeting in December

January 16, 2017 – Show and Tell

February 20, 2017 – Emancipation Completed

Special Orders

Update on Gardner Sketch Books and Indiana History Center Library Tour on November 15, 6:15 – 7:15 p.m.: Kathy will explain the treatment the books received and Suzanne will give us a tour of the library and show the books to us. Please join us for this tour on the second floor and then come to our meeting in the auditorium.

Indiana Historical Society's Festival of Trees: Andy O'Donnell is sponsoring a tree in the name of our Round Table, the Indiana War Memorial, and the Colonel Eli Lilly Civil War Museum Visit the Festival of Trees from November 18 - December 30 and cast your vote for your favorite trees.

Official Records

October Attendance: 27

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 Strange Story of Harper's Ferry, by Joseph Barry

The Crater, by Richard Slotkin

Tara Revisited: Women, War, & the Plantation Legend, by Catherine Clinton

A Stillness at Appomattox, by Bruce Catton

The Civil War: Great American Writers, by various authors

***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. Who proclaimed that his army did not come to Kentucky to conquer but to free its citizens from tyranny?
2. In 1861, Lincoln secretly offered a commission as Brig. Gen. to someone who declined it to join the Confederacy instead. Who was this officer?
3. The Battle of Jonesborough was part of what campaign?
4. Who addressed a group of free Negroes saying, "But for your race among us, there could not be war...It is better for us both, therefore, to be separated."?
5. During a meeting on October 17, 1863 between Grant and Sherman, Grant decided to relieve Gen. Rosecrans from command and appoint George Thomas as his replacement. Where did this meeting occur?

Answers to the October Quiz:

1. In May 1864, a cavalry skirmish occurred at Lane's Prairie. What state is this site in? *** Missouri
2. On what battlefield would you find Stockdale Redan? *** Vicksburg
3. In December 1864, Federal troops formed a rough semi-circle around what state capital? *** Nashville, TN
4. To whom did Lincoln tender the thanks of the country for victory in Tennessee? *** Gen. William S. Rosecrans
5. What Confederate general was heard to remark, "We didn't take Washington, but we scared Abe Lincoln like hell"? *** Gen. Jubal Early

Clara Barton Speaks

Quotes from: Wright, John, ed. *The Oxford Dictionary of Civil War Quotations*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2006.

“General Sherman was right when addressing an assemblage of cadets he told them war was Hell! Deck it as you will, it is this, and whoever has looked active war full in the face has caught some glimpses of regions as infernal, as he may every fear to see.” (22)

“I shall not essay to enlighten you upon the subject of war. Were I to attempt it, I should doubtless miserably fail, for it has long been said, as to amount to an adage, that ‘women don’t know anything about war.’ I wish men didn’t either. They have always known a great deal too much about it for the good of their kind. They have worshipped at Valkyria’s shrine, and followed her siren lead, till it has cost a million times more than the whole world is worth, poured out the best blood and crushed the fairest forms the good God has created.” (22)

“If I were to speak of war, it would not be to show you the glories of conquering armies but the mischief and misery they strew in their tracks; and how, while they marched on with tread of iron and plumes proudly tossing in the breeze, some one must follow closely in their steps, crouching to the earth, toiling in the rain and darkness, shelterless themselves, with no thought of pride or glory, fame or praise, or reward; hearts breaking with pity, faces bathed in tears and hands in blood. This is the side which history never shows.” (22)

Civilian of the Month

Information from “Indiana Medical History Museum Slides and Photographs, 1975.” Accessed April 26, 2016. <http://www.indianahistory.org/our-collections/collection-guides/indiana-medical-history-museum-slides-and.pdf>

Dr. George F. Edenharter was the superintendent of Central State Hospital from 1893 to 1923. He helped design the Old Pathology Building, which became the first building devoted to researching, teaching about, and providing therapy for mental and nervous disorders.

Historic Site of the Month



Photo and information from: <http://www.imhm.org/>

The Indiana Medical History Museum at 3045 West Vermont Street is open Thursday – Saturday from 10-4 for guided tours. Tours start on the hour and last approximately one hour. Nikki Schofield is one of the tour guides now.

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
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Indianapolis, Indiana 46220

Phone: (317) 475-9227
Email: anthony.roscetti@pnc.com

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

ICWRT Membership Enlistment for July 2016 thru June 2017

Please print legibly!

Name..... Date

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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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