



HARDTACK



Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

<http://indianapoliscwrt.org/>

April 8, 2019 at 6:45 p.m.
Meeting at MCL Cafeteria Township Line
2370 W. 86th Street

The Plan of the Day



The Battle of Franklin, image from <https://boft.org/history>

The Battle of Franklin - John Bell Hood and *The Art of War* (Sun Tzu)

Though General John Bell Hood, much less any other general officer during the Civil War, would not have known the war maxims or principles of *The Art of War* by Sun Tzu, it is enlightening to play “Monday Morning Quarterback” and to evaluate Hood’s performance at Franklin (11/30/1864) based on the now hugely popular English edition of *The Art of War*, originally written around 500 B.C.

Hood violated many Sun Tzu war principles at Franklin, but three Tzu war maxims particularly sealed his fate, costing him and the Army of Tennessee dearly: (1) No general should fight a battle simply out of pique (i.e., irritation), (2) be careful of pressing the enemy too hard, (3) the opportunity for defeat is offered by the enemy himself.

JOIN US BEFORE THE MEETING AT MCL CAFETERIA!

All ICWRT members and guests are invited to join us at 6:00 P.M. at MCL Cafeteria, 2370 W. 86th Street before the meeting to enjoy dinner and fellowship.

Our Guest Speaker



Kraig McNutt lives in Colorado Springs now, after spending more than 50 years in the South and Midwest. When not mining his Civil War library of over 10,000 volumes or researching one of his original Civil War letters, he enjoys reading original period Civil War newspapers and writing Civil War articles.

Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2018-2019 Campaign

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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.

2018-2019 Campaign Plans

May 13, 2019 – Gary Johnson – "Countering Mallory's Infernal Machines"

June 10, 2019 – David Koehler – "Census in the Civil War"

NOTE: Our meetings will start at 6:45 p.m. and now will be held at MCL Cafeteria, 2370 W. 86th St.

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.

April 10, 2019 - Mac Wyckoff - Bombardment of Fort Sumter

May 8, 2019 - Nikki Schofield - Clara Barton impersonation

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 the Museum of Madison County, 13 West 11th Street, in downtown Anderson.

April 15, 2019 - Gib Young - "Indiana at Gettysburg"

May 20, 2019 - Dave Gillespie - "Confederate Reenactor"

June 17, 2019 - Jim Orr - "Jedediah Hotchkiss"

July and August - no meeting

September 16, 2019 - Stephen Ritchie - "Robert E. Lee, West Point Cadet"

October 21, 2019 - TBA

November 28, 2019 - "The War in the West"

December - no meeting

Special Orders

Book Review by Nikki Schofield: *The Cotton Kingdom, A Traveller's Observations on Cotton and Slavery in the American Slave States, 1853-1861*, by Frederick Law Olmsted, is not a book you will find at Barnes & Noble, but Amazon will print it for you. The author was the landscape architect for Central Park, wrote for the *New York Times*, and served with the U.S. Sanitary Commission during the war. His writing is well done, easy to read, and interesting. The reason this book would not be on a shelf in a bookstore today is because his language might offend some people, but his choice of words reflects his era. Mr. Olmsted was from New York. He traveled in the Deep South in the 1850s. Chapter one is a preface to the travelogue and was written after the Civil War began. It is 538 pages. I recommend this book if you want to know about life in southern states just before the war.

Park Day 2019, Saturday, April 6, 9:00 AM: Join a few Round Table members at the General Lew Wallace Study & Museum, 200 Wallace Ave., Crawfordsville, IN 47933. Planned activities include: clearing brush, installing markers/interpretive signs,

landscaping, planting, painting, trail maintenance, and trash removal. Tools are provided but volunteer's tools are appreciated. Water and snacks are provided. For more information: Deb King dking@ben-hur.com (765) 362-5769.

Letter From the Editor: I have enjoyed serving as editor of this newsletter since September 2006. Due to health reasons, I will be resigning in June 2020. If you are interested in taking this position, you will also need to be part of the Program Committee next year, so you can help choose the speakers for 2020-2021. All that is needed for this job is a love of history. I will provide you a folder of potential speakers and will help in this transition. Please contact Jenny at jkt60jet@gmail.com or Nikki at nikki1942@sbcglobal.net.

Independent Bookstore Day: Jenny Thompson will be one of the authors at this event at the Indiana Historical Society on April 27, 2019 from 1 - 4 p.m. She will be selling her Eighth Indiana book series.

Behind the Rifle: Women Soldiers in Civil War Mississippi: Shelby Harriel's book is Amazon's #1 new release in the category of Confederate history.

Official Records

Attendance: 36

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.

Book Raffle:

The White Tecumseh: A Biography of William T. Sherman, by Stanley P. Hirshson

The Shipwreck of Their Hopes: The Battles for Chattanooga, by Peter Cozzens

Lee's Young Artillerist: William R. J. Pegram, by Peter S. Carmichael

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

Echoes of Glory: The Illustrated Civil War Atlas, from Time Life Books

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

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

1. On 6 November 1863, skirmishes were fought at Droop Mountain and Sewell Mountain in what state?
2. Where is the Devil's Pulpit?
3. On what battlefield would you find the Slaughter Pen?
4. During what campaign were skirmishes at Howell's Ferry, Lost Mountain, and Allatoona?
5. On 23 October 1862, Federals destroyed Goose Creek Salt Works. Where is it?

Answers to the March Quiz:

1. Name the Confederate commander who entered Kentucky for the last time in June, 1864. *** John Hunt Morgan
2. To whom did Native Americans refer to as, "Little Chief"? *** Jefferson Davis
3. A skirmish at Messinger's Ferry occurred in the aftermath of what major battle? *** Vicksburg
4. Who said, "Here is a paper with which if I cannot whip Bobbie Lee, I will be willing to go home"? *** George B. McClellan
5. What was "boiled rye"? A Confederate substitute for coffee

The Newspaper Speaks

From www.newspapers.com

Terre Haute Star (Terre Haute, Indiana) Wednesday, January 4, 1865, page 2

The Confederacy Under a Cloud.

From the *Richmond Enquirer*, Dec. 24.

There is no denying the fact that for a time the affairs of the Confederacy are under a cloud. The march of Sheridan through the heart of Georgia has been accomplished, and he has been allowed to establish his communications with the naval forces on the Atlantic without any other loss than that of numerous stragglers and the usual wear and tear of an army on going an expedition. Savannah once captured, he will endeavor not only to make the valuable line of the Savannah river useful for strategical purposes up to Augusta - if we do not bytimes impede the navigation - but he will also march at once upon Branchville, and endeavor to possess himself of that most important center of our railroad communication. Hood's progress in Tennessee had been peremptorily checked, and his army has lost the compactness, the efficiency and the spirit which had signalized it after a few months' service under Johnston. Like the march of Bragg into Kentucky, which ended with the battle of Murfresboro, won by the men and lost by the commanders, the move into Tennessee, also undertaken to withdraw

Sherman from the cotton States, had been an unsuccessful diversion. The battle of Franklin may have been brilliant, but it was useless; and the affair at Nashville seems to have been the battle of Winchester over again. A miserable brigade of Yankee cavalry turns the flank of our army, and our intrenchments are abandoned and the army is in retreat. There is reason to believe that Forrest was absent on a similar diversion in Kentucky, and Hood thus deprived of the most efficient part of his forces. Were the forces that had been sent to defend East Tennessee and West Virginia detached on a like diversion? Breckinridge - whom the Yankees had, with ten thousand men, at Sparta, in Tennessee, and whose command was scattered from the banks of the Holston to the head waters of the James - was far off in Abingdon, and the raid of the Yankees, which cost us our lead works, if nothing more, has the appearance of a "perfect surprise."

What do we see in all this? Not a want of men; for as yet we have met the enemy at all points where he has attacked us, and, if our numbers have often been inferior to his, success, has not been wanting on that score. For a want of gallantry in our soldiers; for the last battle, the attack on Franklin, was full of brilliant deeds, and cost us more Generals and men than we could well afford. Not a want of supplies, for ammunition has been abundant, and as long as communications, have been open, provisions have never yet failed. But it can not be denied that there is a sad want of generalship in the general management of our military affairs. And this again, not from absence of military skill and genius on the part of our leaders. With such men as Lee, Johnston, Beauregard, and a host of others, we can afford to meet even generals of merit like Sherman and Thomas. But a war like ours cannot be carried on successfully by separate armies and independent commands. There must be but one man at the head of all our forces, so that all military operations shall be conducted by one master mind, and work together in happy harmony toward one great end. He ought not to be a man outside of the army, with a thousand other cares weighing on his mind, and countless urgent claims dividing his attention. The true commander in-chief, to be all he ought to be, must be in the army, as well as of the army; his mind given, without a single rival thought, to the one great purpose of his life - the war; his must be the glory, as his is the responsibility. Austria's noble armies suffered less from the enemy than from the orders of the Aulic Council; but when Joseph I, saw in his campaign against Turkey, that the administration of the affairs of a vast empire and the command of a great army were incompatible, he devolved the latter upon Linden, and returned to Vienna. The result was, that the discontented and discomfited army conquered victory after victory, and the affairs of Austria assumed a new and most satisfactory aspect.

Officer of the Month



Photo and information from Find a Grave Memorial # 7680873

Fountain Branch Carter was born April 6, 1797 in Halifax County, Virginia. He married Mary Armistead Atkinson in 1823. They had twelve children. Their son, CSA Captain Theodrick Carter, was mortally wounded during the Battle of Franklin and died in the home two days later. The government refused to compensate Carter for the damages to the property, so he was forced to sell much of the land after the war. He died in the home August 22, 1871 and lies buried in Franklin City Cemetery in Franklin, Tennessee.

Historic Site of the Month



Photo from <https://www.historynet.com/battle-of-franklin.htm> and information from <https://boft.org/visit>

The Carter House at 1140 Columbia Avenue, Franklin, Tennessee, was in the middle of the Battle of Franklin. You can take 90-minute guided tour of this home at 2 p.m. Monday through Saturday for \$25 and a 90-minute guided walking tour of the Franklin battlefield at 11 a.m. Monday through Saturday for \$25.

Re-enlist NOW for the 2019-2020 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 print legibly!

Name..... Date

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(please specify Membership Level):

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_____ **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 \$ _____
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If someone invited you to join the ICWRT, please list his or her name below:

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