



# HARDTACK



Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

<http://indianapoliscwrt.org/>

December 10, 2018 at 6:45 p.m.  
Meeting at MCL Cafeteria Township Line  
2370 W. 86th Street

## *The Plan of the Day*



Photo from PBS.org

**Clara Barton** served the Union cause with courage and dedication. Not only did she nurse the soldiers, but she also provided much-needed supplies and organizational skills. Nikki will portray Clara in first person, telling about Miss Barton's life and exploits on the field of battle. In a world dominated by men, Clara Barton was undeterred in her crusade to help wound soldiers. Ms. Schofield will also give a history of Clara's work for missing soldiers after the war and in founding the American Red Cross.

## *Our Speaker*



An avid Civil War scholar, Nikki Schofield has served three terms as president of the Indianapolis Civil War Round Table from 1996-97, 2008-2009, and 2014-15. She also

has been the club's secretary, newsletter editor, and director of the annual trip. In 2000, she was co-chairman of the Midwest Civil War Conference.

In 1995, Nikki began giving first-person speeches to Round Tables and other groups as Civil War women. Some of her living-history presentations have been as Mrs. Stonewall Jackson, Confederate spy Belle Boyd, nurse Clara Barton, Lincoln-conspirator Mary Surratt, abolitionist Delia Webster, actress Laura Keene, Frederick Douglass's second wife Helen Pitts Douglass, and governor's wife Lucinda Morton.

Ms. Schofield served for 37 years as the library director at Bingham McHale LLP. After retirement, she became the staff genealogist at Crown Hill Cemetery, where she has been a tour guide since 1993. She has developed the Civil War walking tours at Crown Hill.

An ordained deacon, Ms. Schofield is active in Speedway Baptist Church, where she is an adult Sunday school teacher, business meeting moderator, and assistant treasurer. She served five years on the national Coordinating Council of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

As a volunteer, she gives tours of Indiana Medical History Museum and writes finding aids for collections at the Indiana State Library, Manuscript and Rare Book Division.

She is the mother of two sons, Robert who lives in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Gaven who lives in Richmond, Virginia. She has six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Nikki Stoddard Schofield has an author page on Amazon where her six Civil War novels are available in print and electronically. Her 7<sup>th</sup> book, *Spotsylvania County*, will be published by Kindle Direct Publishing in 2019.

## **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.

### *Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2018-2019 Campaign*

#### *Officers:*

President: Tony Trimble

Vice President: Nikki Schofield

Secretary: Linda Smith

Treasurer: Tony Roscetti

Immediate Past President: Dave Sutherland

#### *Committees:*

Preservation: Andy O'Donnell

Website: Ed Pope

Program Selection: Dave Sutherland, Jenny Thompson, Nikki Schofield

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.

### *2018-2019 Campaign Plans*

January 14, 2019 – James Fuller – "Oliver P. Morton and the Civil War in Indiana"

February 11, 2019 – Steve Williams– "Lambdin P. Milligan and the Fire in the Rear"

March 11, 2019 – David Finney – "Valor, Gallantry, and Remembrance: The Medal of Honor, Taps, and Memorial Day"

April 8, 2019 – Kraig McNutt – "Battle of Franklin"

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'Tools 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.

December - no meeting

January 9, 2019 - Judy & Merideth Wilson - Civil War Diaries

February 13, 2019 - Jim Fuller - Gov. Oliver P. Morton and the Civil War

March 13, 2019 - Rob Girardi - Jefferson Davis

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

May 8, 2019 - Curt Fields - General Grant, part II

**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.

December - no meeting

### *Special Orders*

**Reconstruction: America After the Civil War:** PBS recently announced a new four-hour documentary, produced and hosted by Henry Louis Gates, Jr., the Alphonse Fletcher University Professor at Harvard University and director of the Hutchins Center for African and African American Research, will premiere next spring. <https://to.pbs.org/2OmMpRT>

**Crossroads of America Civil War, Political Postcard, and Paper Show:** This event will be held on March 22, 2019 (4 - 6:30 p.m.) and March 23, 2019 (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.) at Beech Grove High School, 533 Hornet Ave, Beech Grove (exit 52 on I-465). For more information contact Harvey W. Warrner at [www.ironbrigaderelics.com](http://www.ironbrigaderelics.com) or 317-784-2617.

**Vicksburg Campaign 2019 Battlefield Tour:** Ed Bearss and Terry Winschel will be guides on the Chicago Civil War Round Table's Annual Battlefield tour May 2-5. The cost is \$860 per person for double occupancy, \$1,135 single occupancy, or \$560 tour only (plus an additional \$100 for non-members). A \$200 per person deposit is required with your reservation form and the balance is due February 1, 2019. The tour includes visits to Pemberton's HQ, Balfour House, Old Court House, USS Cairo, Chickasaw Bayou Battlefield, Grant's Canal, Grand Gulf Military Park, Port Gibson Battlefield, Champion Hill Battlefield, Big Black River Bridge Battlefield, and Vicksburg National Military Park. For more information, please visit [chicagocwrt.org/battletour.html](http://chicagocwrt.org/battletour.html).

## *Official Records*

**Attendance:** 32

**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.

**Final Muster:** Charlie Hughes was a member of our Round Table from 1893 to 2008. He passed away on October 13, 2018. He was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He was past president for the Connersville Blue and Gray Civil War Round Table and Kiwanis. He was also a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War -Ben Harrison Camp, American Legion, VFW, and Amvets.

### **Book Raffle:**

*All for the Union: The Civil War Diary and Letters of Elisha Hunt Rhodes*, edited by Robert Hunt Rhodes

*Judah P. Benjamin: The Jewish Confederate*, by Eli N. Evans

*Gettysburg: Day Three*, by Jeffrey D. Wert

*Not War But Murder: Cold Harbor 1864*, by Ernest B. Furgurson

*The Civil War Papers of George B. McClellan*, edited by Stephen W. Sears

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

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

Identify the Civil War personality or object associated with each nickname.

1. "Kriz"
2. "Old Cock Eye"
3. "Old Gridiron"
4. "Magic"
5. "Hold Fast"

Answers to the November Quiz:

1. Name the Union general born in Liberty, Indiana. \*\* Ambrose Burnside
2. A former aide to Jackson was lost at Fisher's Hill. Name him. \*\* Alexander "Sandie" Pendleton
3. On 1 October 1862, there was fighting at Davis' Bridge near what Confederate capitol? \*\* Nashville, TN
4. By what name is Fort Lawton better known? \*\* Andersonville
5. On what battlefield, would you find the Nicodemus house? \*\* Antietam

### *Clara Barton Speaks*

From "Significant Clara Barton Quotes - Angel of the Battlefield" by Brittney Wilson on <https://thenerdynurse.com/significant-clara-barton-quotes-angel-of-the-battlefield/>

"You must never so much think as whether you like it or not, whether it is bearable or not; you must never think of anything except the need, and how to meet it."

"I may be compelled to face danger, but never fear it, and while our soldiers can stand and fight, I can stand and feed and nurse them."

"The surest test of discipline is its absence."

"The door that nobody else will go in at, seems always to swing open widely for me."

"I may sometimes be willing to teach for nothing, but if paid at all, I shall never do a man's work for less than a man's pay."

"I have an almost complete disregard of precedent, and a faith in the possibility of something better. It irritates me to be told how things have always been done. I defy the tyranny of precedent. I go for anything new that might improve the past."

"Offering a hand up is not a hand-out."

"People should not say that this or that is not worth learning, giving as their reason that it will not be put to use. They can no more know what information they will need in the future than they will know the weather two hundred years from today."

"I have never worked for fame or praise, and shall not feel their loss as I otherwise would. I have never for a moment lost sight of the humble life I was born to, its small environments, and the consequently little right I had to expect much of myself, and shall have the less to censure, or upbraid myself with for the failures I must see myself make."

"An institution or reform movement that is not selfish, must originate in the recognition of some evil that is adding to the sum of human suffering, or diminishing the sum of happiness."

"Everybody's business is nobody's business, and nobody's business is my business."

"Others are writing my biography, and let it rest as they elect to make it. I have lived my life, well and ill, always less well than I wanted it to be but it is, as it is, and as it has been; so small a thing, to have had so much about it!"

### *Soldier of the Month*



(Photo and information from Find A Grave memorial # 29551859)

Dorence Atwater was born February 3, 1845 in Terryville, Connecticut. He enlisted as a private in Company D, Second New York Voluntary Cavalry on September 1, 1861. Captured at Hagerstown in July 1863, he spent time at Belle Island in Virginia and Andersonville. At Andersonville, he became the "Clerk of the Dead" and recorded an estimated 13,000 names before his exchange in February 1865. "Fearing the actual list would be lost or destroyed, he made a copy for himself with the hope at the end of the war to publish the list so that families would know what became of their loved ones." The War Department confiscated his list and used it as evidence against Captain Wirz in his war crimes trial. "In July and August of 1865, Atwater returned to Andersonville in the

company of Clara Barton to identify and mark the graves of the Union dead. Because of the accuracy of his list, only 460 of the graves at Andersonville National Cemetery would be marked as unknown. When the task was completed, he regained possession of the list and upon refusal to return it to the War Department he was arrested, court-martialed and sent to the Albany Penitentiary. Petitions by Clara Barton, Horace Greeley, and others led to his release." The list was published by Horace Greeley on February 14, 1866. He served as United States Consul to the Seychelles Islands and in Tahiti. While in San Francisco for medical reasons, he died on November 26, 1910. According to "Dorance Atwaters' Body Now at Rest" published in the *San Francisco Chronicle* on April 7, 1912 (page 38): His remains were placed in a crypt at Cypress Lawn until January 1912. GAR veterans accompanied his casket to the dock where impressive ceremonies and a farewell volley occurred before the casket was put aboard a steamer bound for Tahiti. Because his wife was connected to the ruling family in Tahiti, he was given an elaborate funeral and is buried in a churchyard in the village of Papura.

### *Historic Site of the Month*



**Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Office Museum.** It is located at 437 7th Street NW in Washington, D.C. It is open Thursday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. (last admission is at 5 p.m. and tours begin on the half hour) or by appointment Monday through Wednesday. It is closed New Year's Day, Easter, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day. Admission is: \$9.50 for adults; free for children under 9; \$7.00 for students; \$8.50 for seniors (60+); and \$8.50 for military with ID. The preserved rooms are accessible by stairs and elevator. *Stars & Stripes* published the following in "Museum tells of Clara Barton's work during the Civil War," on July 31, 2018. "WASHINGTON - Early in 1865, after working on battlefields and hospitals during the Civil War, Clara Barton learned there were families of missing Union soldiers who did not know their relatives' fates. She received approval from President Abraham Lincoln in March 1865 to try to track down soldiers who had disappeared during the conflict. She opened an office on the third floor of her boarding house in Washington and was soon flooded with thousands of letters from relatives looking for information, according to the Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Office Museum, which is located in that old space. Barton closed the office in 1868 after revealing the whereabouts of more than 22,000 missing soldiers. Her work in that office, according to the museum, put her on a path toward becoming the nation's 'foremost humanitarian' and founder of the American Red Cross."



## Re-enlist NOW for the 2018-2019 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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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 2018 thru June 2019**

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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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