



# HARDTACK



Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

<http://indianapoliscwrt.org/>

June 10, 2019 at 6:45 p.m.  
Meeting at MCL Cafeteria Township Line  
2370 W. 86th Street

## *The Plan of the Day* Census in the Civil War



Photo from [https://www.census.gov/history/www/sights\\_sounds/photos/1870\\_photos.php](https://www.census.gov/history/www/sights_sounds/photos/1870_photos.php)  
Our speaker will present how the Census played a part during the Civil War. Two Superintendents of the Census, Joseph C.G. Kennedy and Francis Amasa Walker (1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880 respectively) both oversaw the Decennial Census(es) are featured. Joseph Kennedy was known for his tireless efforts of showing statistical economic information for the Union cause. This information was proven to be invaluable to General William Sherman in his infamous 'March to the Sea' campaign in 1864. Also, the rise of the future Census Superintendent Francis Walker (1870 & 1880) will be featured as he rose through the ranks to be a General by the age of 25 at the end of the war. Finally, the 12th Illinois Cavalry will be discussed for their exploits during the Civil War and the use of Census data, but a new topic to the Roundtable will show not all troops were allowed to go home when the war ended. The 12th Illinois played a key part in the Battle of Antietam in 1862, but just as important was what they did from May of 1865 to June of 1866 because they didn't muster out.

### **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*

**David Koehler** is an officer in the Chesapeake Civil War Round Table (based in Annapolis) and works for the U.S. Census Bureau for the past 28 years. He is the facility manager for the Census data center just outside Annapolis, Maryland. David was born

and raised in Joliet, Illinois, and attended the same high school that your Indianapolis Civil War Round Table member Jim Leslie attended. We won't mention the years that was, but we traipsed five miles each way to a one room school house. David's background as a Speech Communication teacher will give you a fun hour of Civil War history that centers around the Census in the mid 1800s.

### *Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2019-2020 Campaign*

#### *Officers:*

President: Tony Trimble

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#### *Committees:*

Preservation: Andy O'Donnell

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#### *Quiz Master:*

Tony Trimble

#### *HARDTACK Newsletter:*

Editor: Jenny Thompson

Editor-in-Training:

**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.

### *2019-2020 Campaign Plans*

September 9, 2019 – Paul Brueske – *The Last Siege: The Mobile Campaign, Alabama 1865*

October 14, 2019 – Steve Williams – "Lambdin P. Milligan and the Fire in the Rear"

November 11, 2010 – Mark Laubacher – "Weapons of Mass Destruction Considered During the Civil War"

December 9, 2019 – Steve Magnusen – *To My Best Girl: Courage, Honor, and Love in the Civil War: The Inspiring Life Stories of Rufus Dawes and Mary Gates*

January 13, 2020 – Greg Biggs – "The Question was One of Supplies: The Logistics for William T. Sherman's Atlanta Campaign"

February 10, 2020 – David Fraley – "Colors and Color Bearers (U.S. and C.S.) on the 1864 Tennessee Campaign"

March 9, 2020 – Kurt Veters – *Freedom Spring*

April 13, 2020 – John Fazio – *Decapitating the Union: Jefferson Davis, Judah Benjamin and the Plot to Assassinate Lincoln*

May 11, 2020 – Michael K. Shaffer – *In Memory of Self and Comrades: Thomas Wallace Colley's Recollections of Civil War Service in the 1st Virginia Cavalry*

June 8, 2020 – Mike Beck and Bruce Kolb – "G.A.R."

### *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.

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

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*

**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](mailto:jkt60jet@gmail.com) or Nikki at [nikki1942@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nikki1942@sbcglobal.net).

**2019 CWRT Congress**, Friday, September 20, 2019 5:00 PM until Sunday, September 22, 2019 1:30 PM: The 3rd CWRT Congress is designed to assist CWRT leaders to improve their member recruitment and retention, establish and manage effective governance, develop effective fundraising for program and preservation efforts and enhance community outreach efforts. **Congress Speakers:** Mark Trout - CEO Missouri Civil War Museum; Matt Borowick, PhD. - Civil War News & R. E. Lee CWRT; Jay Jorgensen, JD, R. E. Lee CWRT; Dr. John Bamberl, MD, Scottsdale CWRT; Dr. Chris Mackowski, PhD, Emerging Civil War; Dr. Curt Fields, PhD, Living Historian; James W. Erwin, JD, CWRT of Saint Louis & Author; and Mike Movius, MPA, Puget Sound CWRT. Tours include: Missouri Civil War Museum, and Jefferson Barracks & White Haven. Hosted by: Civil War Round Table of St. Louis James W. Erwin, President.

**Recommended Hotel** Drury Inn & Suites St. Louis Southwest [Registration Link](#)  
Cost: \$109.99 per night Group Registration Number: 2369307 **Select Your Breakout Sessions** [My Breakouts](#) **What can I bring into the event?** Please bring something from

your CWRT to be used as a prize during our trivia contest. Consider T-shirts, coffee cups, bumper stickers, caps, etc. And, be sure to bring your CWRT marketing items (rack cards, brochures, business cards, etc.) **How can I contact the organizer with any questions?** Call Mike Movius @ 360-481-3117 or email him at [mike@cwrtcongress.org](mailto:mike@cwrtcongress.org) **Do I have to bring my printed ticket to the event?** No. We will have a check-in table as you enter. As long as your name appears on our listing of registrants, you're good to go. **What is the cost?** \$135 [Learn More](#)

**Book Review by Nikki Schofield:** *A Rebel in Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg* by John H. Lewis was published in 1895 and is available in print from Big Byte Books on Amazon. The book of 58 pages tells more than the event of July 3, 1863. Lieutenant Lewis begins his story in the spring of 1860 in Savannah, Georgia, and tells of his army career, including imprisonment, through June 1865. The editors have added some valuable notes. Mr. Lewis is a good writer. This book is well worth reading.

**Civil War Tour at Crown Hill Cemetery:** Nikki Schofield will be conducting the annual Civil War tour at Crown Hill Cemetery on Saturday, July 20, at 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$10 cash or \$7 from Eventbright, which you can access at the web site: [crownhill.org](http://crownhill.org) and selecting EVENTS. The walking tour is an hour and a half, rain or shine. If there is thunder and lightning, the tour will be canceled. Meet at the Waiting Station (red brick building) at the 34th Street gate.

## *Official Records*

**Attendance:** 25

**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.

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

Answers to the May Quiz:

1. How was Forrest's cavalry repulsed at Paducah, Kentucky in April 1864? \*\*\* By gunboats on the Ohio River

2. What were "detached volunteers"? \*\*\* Infantry soldiers who volunteered to serve temporarily in the artillery
3. What finally made the Gatling gun acceptable to the War Department? \*\*\* Change from paper cartridges to rimfire cartridges
4. What important work did Lincoln complete on 17 November 1863? \*\*\* Preliminary draft of the Gettysburg Address
5. Events surrounding what incident are described by James Knox? "Mounted patrols dashed everywhere, bells tolled the alarm, and excited crowds rushed the avenues. Despair was on every countenance." \*\*\* Lincoln Assassination

### *The Newspapers Speak*

From Newspapers.com

*The Independent Monitor* (Tuscaloosa, Alabama) Saturday, January 13, 1860, page 1

CENSUS OF 1860. - As the productions of the year about to close form a large proportion of the elements of agricultural returns to be embodied in the coming census, it is suggested that more than ordinary care be taken by our people in preserving an accurate account of their various products of the field; for, although the census year embraces the period between the first day of June, 1859, and the first day of June, 1860, including the latter, the amount of agricultural products is mainly determined the present winter, and unless some care is exercised the producer is not likely to be prepared to make a proper return upon the sudden and unexpected call of the census agent in the summer. - In fact, it would be well if every farmer and planter would have and hold in view the importance of being fully prepared with a statement wherefrom the questions of the marshals could be promptly and correctly answered. The reason which should induce preparation now on the part of the agricultural community are, at a later period, equally applicable to all classes of persons. It is a gratifying fact, and one creditable to the intelligence of the American people, that in taking the seventh census only three persons demurred to responding to the questions of the marshals, and they waved their objections when appealed to by the officer having the general charge of that work.

We understand that timely notice will be given regarding the nature of the information required for the eighth census, which we hope the public press will liberally aid in spreading throughout the land, and it is not for a moment to be doubted that our people, who are to reap the benefit of the knowledge gained, will manifest an universal and cheerful alacrity in contributing each their quota of the facts, which, in the aggregate, go to illustrate the condition and progress of the nation.

*National Intelligencer.*

*The Highland Weekly News* (Hillsboro, Ohio) Thursday, January 13, 1870, page 2

The Next Census.

In the bill prepared by the Census Committee, the schedules presented are: 1, Population; 2, Mortality; 3, Agriculture; 4, Manufactures, to which is added Mining; 5, Mercantile, under which each merchant must return the amount of purchases and sales, the number of person employed, and the capital invested; 6, Social; under this in addition to schools and churches, is included all reformatory and benevolent institutions; 7, Transportation, to include full returns from all public carriers of the whole business done in passengers and freights, the number of employees, profits, expenses and incidents; 8,

Fisheries. Each of the old schedules has been so extended as to cover a far greater ground than in the last census, while 5, 7, and 8 are wholly new.

### *Officer of the Month*



Photo and information from Find A Grave memorial # 6936731

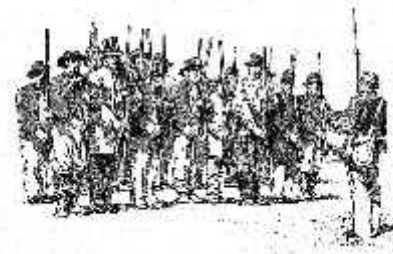
**Francis Amasa Walker** was born July 2, 1840 in Boston, Massachusetts. He became a brevetted Brigadier General at the age of 24 during the Civil War. After the war, he served as superintendent of the 1870 Census, president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, president of the American Statistical Association, the first president of the American Economic Association, economics professor at Yale, and head of the statistical bureau of the U.S. Treasury. He died January 5, 1897 and lies buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery in North Brookfield, Massachusetts.

### *Historic Site of the Month*

**Individual census records** from 1790 to 1940 are maintained by the National Archives and Records Administration. Many public libraries allow the public to access these records free-of-charge from online subscription services. You can access the 1940 Census records from the National Archives Web site at <http://1940census.archives.gov>. Publications related to the census data collected from 1790 to 2010 are available at <https://www.census.gov/prod/www/decennial.html>.

## 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 complete and detach the form below and include with your check:*

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### ***ICWRT Membership Enlistment for July 2019 thru June 2020***

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*We must have a valid email address if you wish to receive the HARDTACK newsletter free of charge!*

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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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