



HARDTACK

Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

<http://indianapoliscwrt.org/>



May 13, 2019 at 6:45 p.m.
Meeting at MCL Cafeteria Township Line
2370 W. 86th Street

The Plan of the Day Countering Mallory's Infernal Machines

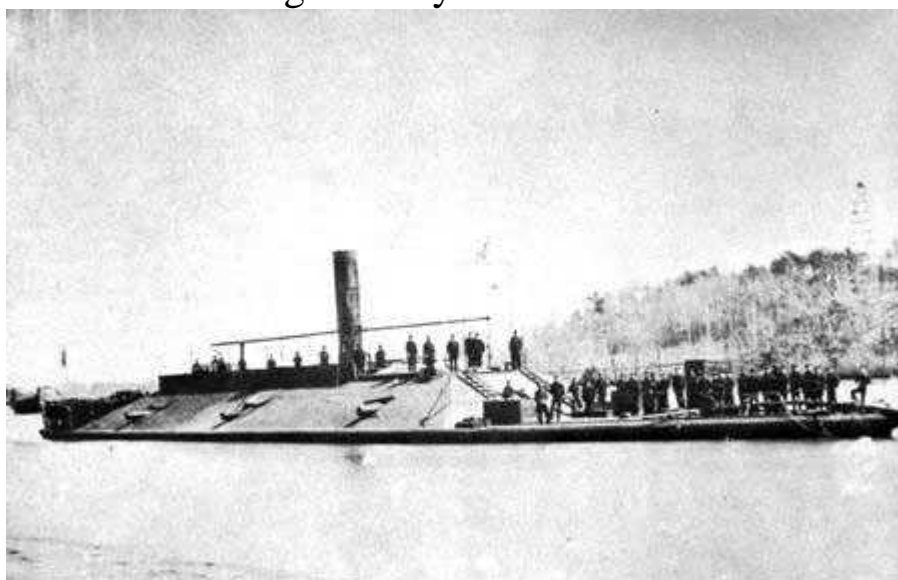


Photo of CSS *Albemarle* from <https://www.ncpedia.org/weapons-civil-war>

Confederate Secretary of the Navy, Stephen Mallory, pushed new technology to overcome the industrial North's numbers advantage. Which of his innovations (ironclads, rifled cannons, stealth weapons, or torpedoes/mines) was the most effective?

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



Having served in nuclear submarines during the 1970s, Gary Johnson wondered what life was like one hundred years earlier in the Navy during the Civil War, a part of the military whose contributions are not well understood. He is a graduate of the Ohio State University in Chemical Engineering. After five years of submarine duty, he worked in Health, Safety, and Environment for Procter & Gamble and his consulting clients. Retiring from consulting, he and his wife live in Cincinnati where he is a member of the Cincinnati Civil War Round Table. The Civil War was a time of technological transition and stress for sailors and officers in the Navy and his presentations focus on how those men had to live and learn the technology and its changes in their daily lives.

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

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

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

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

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.

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 **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](#)

Last Survivor of US slave ships discovered: A recent BBC news article revealed that Sally Smith, who was kidnapped from West Africa in 1860 was the last survivor of the transatlantic slave ships when she died in 1937. To read more about her story, please visit: <https://www.bbc.com/news/education-47791828>

AFTER ACTION REPORT From April 8, 2019 ICWRT Meeting: Because our scheduled speaker had to cancel, the members served as speakers on the topic of whether Confederate monuments should be removed. The discussion was lively. John Gilmore said that removing monuments “robs kids of history.” Wes Hanson said, “Leave them be.” Ted Commons said that “removal will not serve any purpose.” Peg Bertelli said, “Removing statues is fostering willful ignorance.” Martha McDonald said to recognize the people but “publicly say this is wrong.” Bill Ghormley, a guide at Conner Prairie, said they tell the story of Morgan’s Raid and have a program entitled “Follow the North Star” in which participants are treated like runaway slaves. Revisionist history was discussed. Members were in agreement that young people do not learn history in school. The group also agreed that Confederate monuments should not be removed.

BOOK REVIEW By Nikki Stoddard Schofield: *The Battle of Gettysburg* by Frank Aretas Haskell (1828-1864) was privately printed in 1878. Frank compiled the book as a letter to his brother, H. M. Haskell, who published it 14 years after Frank’s death at the Battle of Cold Harbor. In his report on Cold Harbor, General Hancock called First Lieutenant F. A. Haskell, who was aide-de-camp to General Gibbon, “a gallant young officer.” This book is an eye-witness account of the Battle of Gettysburg and is easy reading, since it was originally a family letter. His description of Dan Sickles advancing without orders is especially interesting. I checked Amazon to see if it is still in print. The Kindle version is free. There are several editions, including an annotated volume. I highly recommend this book.

Official Records

Attendance: 34

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 Gettysburg Nobody Knows, edited by Gabor S. Boritt

Annals of the Army of the Cumberland, by John Fitch

They Called Him Stonewall: A Life of Lt. General T. J. Jackson, C.S.A., by Burke Davis

Fierce Patriot: The Tangled Lives of William Tecumseh Sherman, by Robert L.

O'Connell

Distant Thunder: A Photographic Essay on the American Civil War, by Sam Abell and Brian C. Pohanka

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

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

1. How was Forrest's cavalry repulsed at Paducah, Kentucky in April 1864?
2. What were "detached volunteers"?
3. What finally made the Gatling gun acceptable to the War Department?
4. What important work did Lincoln complete on 17 November 1863?
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."

Answers to the April Quiz:

1. On 6 November 1863, skirmishes were fought at Droop Mountain and Sewell Mountain in what state? *** West Virginia
2. Where is the Devil's Pulpit? *** Lookout Mountain
3. On what battlefield would you find the Slaughter Pen? *** Gettysburg

4. During what campaign were skirmishes at Howell's Ferry, Lost Mountain, and Allatoona? *** Atlanta
5. On 23 October 1862, Federals destroyed Goose Creek Salt Works. Where is it? *** Manchester, Kentucky

The Newspapers Speak

From Newspapers.com

The Philadelphia Inquirer (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) Wednesday, March 12, 1862, page 4

Iron-Clad Vessels.

It has now been made clear to all the world that the day of the old lumbering frigates has passed by. The fierce struggle in Hampton Roads on Saturday, and the terrible duel of the *Merrimac* and the *Monitor* on Sunday, have taught a practical lesson which no maritime power can afford to overlook. It was not merely the struggle of Loyalists and Rebels; it was a conflict of the old with the new and the new has won the day. It will stand out in bold relief in the history of naval warfare as one of the signal battles of the world.

The French and the English have theorized; we have advanced to practical tests. The hybrid, wooden and iron monster, *La Gloire*, has been a failure; the iron leviathan, *The Warrior*, has not fulfilled the promises made for it. But the *Merrimac* has won a large renown; the *Monitor* has been a perfect success. So far as harbor defence is concerned, the *Monitor* leaves but little to be desired. No iron-clad vessel that cannot stand the fierce tossings and angry wrenches of a stormy ocean can be expected to compete with her. Our defence from invasion by the seaboard may, therefore, be made perfect. That may be regarded as a point fully settled. The cost of the experiment we can well afford in view of the results to which it has led.

But there is still an unsolved problem. France and England have attempted the solution, but have not succeeded. They will doubtless try and try again. In the meantime our skill and ingenuity can find no more fitting exercise than in experiments in the same direction. The problem may be briefly stated as follows: - How to secure - 1. Perfect impregnability, as in the case of the *Monitor*; 2. Perfect seaworthiness, so that the vessel will remain staunch and tight amid all the straining and wrenching of ocean service; 3. The greatest possible power - for this will come to be an essential element of success - it was this that drove the ploughshare of the *Merrimac* crashing into the ribs of the *Cumberland*; 4. The smallest possible draft of water.

These are the main features of the problem that is yet to be solved. It must now be solved speedily. Again we invite, as we have done before, the attention of our scientific men to this subject. Captain ERICSSON has set a noble and successful example, but there are laurels yet to be won. He who produces the most formidable, manageable and invulnerable ship will merit the everlasting gratitude of his country.

Detroit Free Press (Detroit, Michigan) Wednesday, January 1, 1862, page 1

REBEL TORPEDOES IN THE MISSISSIPPI. - The correspondent of the *St. Louis Republican* under date of December 22, says:

A deserter who came within the lines at Fort Holt to-day states that there are fifty thousand men at Columbus, and this has been so often affirmed lately that there is little

doubt it is true. He also stated that the river is full of torpedoes, and this I think to be partly so from the fact that the Grampus while approaching us to-day made a remarkably zig-zag cruise, turning abruptly and often while passing through Lucas bend.

It is to be hoped that General Halleck will not under-estimate his foe in this case, or believe the stories that they are few in number and ill-defended at Columbus. On the contrary, rebel ingenuity has been expended for months, strengthening that point, which is really the key to the whole southern portion of the river. If Columbus is taken the other fortifications lower down will easily fall, and government should only make the attack with an overwhelming force.

Civilian of the Month



Photo and information from Find A Grave memorial # 2137

Stephen Russell Mallory was born in 1812. He fought in the Second Seminole War (1835 - 1842), served in the U.S. Senate (1851 - 1861; and as Confederate Secretary of the Navy. He was captured in La Grange, Georgia in April 1865 and held as prisoner for almost a year. After the war, he practiced law. He died November 9, 1873 and lies buried in Saint Michael's Cemetery in Pensacola, Florida.

Historic Site of the Month



Photo and information from <https://www.portcolumbus.org/about>

National Civil War Naval Museum, 1002 Victory Drive, Columbus, Georgia: This is the only museum that tells the story of both the Confederate and Union navies during the Civil War. It houses the largest surviving Confederate warship, the CSS *Jackson*, the wreckage of the CSS *Chattahoochee*, and replicas of the USS *Water Witch*, the USS *Hartford*, and the USS *Monitor* turret. It has the largest collection of Civil War Naval-related flags and a timeline exhibit taking visitors month by month through the war. It is open Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday 12:30 - 4:30 p.m., closed on New Year's, Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Admission is \$7.50 for adults, \$6.50 for military/seniors, \$6.00 for students, and free for children 6 and under. Group tours are also available.

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:

ICWRT Membership Enlistment for July 2019 thru June 2020

Please print legibly!

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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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