



# HARDTACK



Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

<http://indianapoliscwrt.org/>

November 12, 2018 at 6:45 p.m.

Meeting at MCL Cafeteria Township Line

2370 W. 86th Street

## *The Plan of the Day*

### We were there, on both sides: Indiana University in the Civil War

For being a small Midwestern university (at the time), IU has an oversized presence in the Civil War. From a campus and community divided over the issues, to state and federal battles over slavery, and from John Brown's raid to Appomattox, IU alumni and faculty were there and often on both sides. They were generals and spies. They were "the bravest of the brave" according to General Sherman. They exclaimed "My God is that you? Have we been fighting each other?" when meeting on the battlefield. IU alumni and faculty represent an interesting cross section of the Civil War culture, people, politics, and battles. We will look at some notable examples in some of the most historic moments of Civil War.

### **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*

**John Summerlot** has a bachelor's degree in philosophy and history from Mississippi State University where he proudly survived Dr. John F. Marszalek's Civil War course as an undergrad. In 2008, John started researching IU's military history as a hobby which became an obsession and eventually a career move. He currently serves as the Director of Veterans Support Services for Indiana University. He oversees the Golden Book, IU's oldest military history project which began in 1898 (<https://goldenbook.iu.edu>). John also has a forthcoming book on IU military history as part of the IU Bicentennial in 2020.

### *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*

December 10, 2018 – Robert Smith – *Indiana and the Sultana Disaster: The Story of a Survivor*

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.

November 14, 2018 - Dr. Bruce Allardice - Conscription of a Free People

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.

November 19, 2018 - DVD "Finance and Supply"

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>

**Book Review by Nikki Schofield:** *Emery Upton, Misunderstood Reformer*, by David J. Fitzpatrick, published in 2017, is an excellent biography of this influential military thinker. Upton wrote two books which resulted in changes in the army. He used a mass infantry attack to break the Confederate lines at Spotsylvania Court House in 1864, and was recognized as a rising soldier in the U.S. Army. I highly recommend this book.

**Security at Confederate Cemeteries:** (from "Government spends millions to guard Confederate cemeteries" by Jim Salter published October 15, 2018 in Stars and Stripes) The federal government has hired round-the-clock private security guards to watch over eight Confederate cemeteries. Most of these cemeteries are in the North and none of the cemeteries have been vandalized since they added security. Some are now questioning whether this extra expense is still necessary. To read the full article, visit [https://www.stripes.com/government-spends-millions-to-guard-confederate-cemeteries-1.551984?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=Stars+and+Stripes+Emails&utm\\_campaign=Daily+Headlines](https://www.stripes.com/government-spends-millions-to-guard-confederate-cemeteries-1.551984?utm_medium=email&utm_source=Stars+and+Stripes+Emails&utm_campaign=Daily+Headlines)

**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. Warner 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:** 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.

**Book Raffle:**

*The Negro's Civil War*, by James M. McPherson

*Chickamauga: Bloody Battle in the West*, by Glenn Tucker

*Never Surrender: Confederate Memory and Conservation in the South Carolina*

*Upcountry*, by W. Scott Poole

*Battle Cry of Freedom*, by James M. McPherson

*Army of the Potomac*, by William Swinton

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

Answers to the October Quiz:

1. Who commanded Union troops in the skirmish at Binnaker's Bridge? In what state is it? \*\*\* Sherman in South Carolina
2. What was the National Covenant? What was its purpose? \*\*\* An organization of women whose purpose was to boycott goods not made in America
3. What are jambiers? Who wore them? \*\*\* Black leather leggings worn by Zouaves
4. By what other name is the Battle of Fair Oaks known? \*\*\* Seven Pines
5. The Civil War also had its Bunker Hill? Where was it? \*\*\* North of Winchester, Va. in the Shenandoah Valley

### *The Newspaper Speaks*

From Newspapers.com

*Fort Wayne Daily Gazette* (Fort Wayne, Indiana) Tuesday, December 6, 1864, page 2

Members of Congress:

From some biographical notices of members of Congress re-elected for the next term, we take the following:

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EBENEZER DUMONT - Born in Vevay, Switzerland county, Territory of Indiana, Nov., 23, 1813; attended the Indiana University at Bloomington, but did not graduate; adopted the profession of law; was a member of the State Legislature in 1838; from 1839 to 1845 was treasurer of his county; served in the war with Mexico as a lieutenant colonel and was in several battles; was a Presidential elector in 1842; in 1850 and 1853 he was again elected to the Legislature; was President for nine years of the State Bank of Indiana; when the rebellion broke out he was appointed colonel of the 7th Indiana Volunteers, and was at the battle at Murfreesboro, and, after the battle at that place, was assigned to the command of the troops at Nashville; from that place he led an expedition against Morgan, taking nearly his whole command; and in 1862, while he was yet in the field, he was elected a representative from Indiana to the 38th Congress, serving on the Committee on the District of Columbia, and on Revolutionary Pensions.

### *Officer of the Month*



Photo and information from Find A Grave memorial # 12550551

Captain John David Alexander was born February 2, 1839. He graduated from Indiana University in 1861. He taught school in Greene County until the start of the Civil War. He served as a private, second lieutenant, and captain in the Ninety-seventh Indiana Infantry from August 1862 to December 1864. He was severely wounded in his right hip

at Kennesaw Mountain on June 27, 1864 and returned to the regiment in October. He served as Acting Assistant Inspector General of the Second Brigade for the remainder of the war and mustered out June 9, 1865. After the war, he attended law school at Michigan State University (1865-1866), practiced law in Bedford and Bloomfield, served as prosecuting attorney of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit of Indiana for two terms (elected in 1880 and 1882), and represented Greene County in the state legislature (elected in 1886). He became a member of the Grand Army of the Republic in 1883 (Lovell H. Rousseau Post No. 326 and E. C. Newland Post No. 247) and served as Junior Department Commander, Department Judge Advocate, and Department Commander in 1908. He became a member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States in 1895. He died February 27, 1931 and lies buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in Bloomington, Indiana.

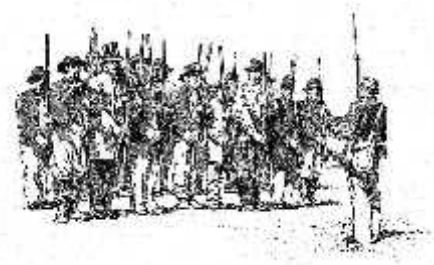
### *Historic Site of the Month*



Photo and information from <https://www.hmdb.org/marker.asp?marker=48597>  
 G.A.R. Soldiers of All Wars Memorial, located on the southeast corner of the Monroe County Courthouse in Bloomington, Indiana, was erected in 1928 by the G.A.R., Paul E. Slocumb Post No. 85 to honor soldiers from the Mexican War, Civil War, Spanish-American War, World War I, and all wars.

## 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  
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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 2018 thru June 2019**

*Please print legibly!*

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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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