



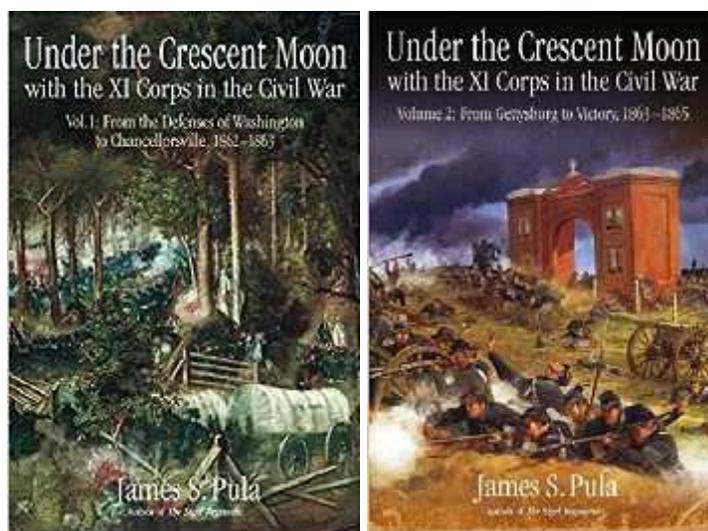
HARDTACK



Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter
<http://indianapoliscwrt.org/>

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

The Plan of the Day Chancellorsville and the Eleventh Corps



Chancellorsville. A century and a half of writers have conditioned us to immediately think of failure and the rout of the Eleventh Corps whenever we hear that name. Countless writers have given us vivid pictures of men throwing away their weapons in frightened panic. That image, and that of the corps as a bunch of cowards, has been repeated over and over until it has become almost an article of faith. But there is another aspect to this story. This presentation will provide evidence that sheds a very different light on what happened than is usually portrayed in the history books.

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



James S. Pula is a professor of history at Purdue University Northwest and editor of *Gettysburg Magazine*. His books include *For Liberty and Justice: A Biography of Brigadier General Włodzimierz B. Krzyżanowski*; *The Sigel Regiment: A History of the 26th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry*; *Under the Crescent Moon With the XI Corps in the Civil War. From the Defense of Washington to Chancellorsville*; *Thaddeus Kosciuszko: The Purest Son of Liberty*, *Polish Americans: An Ethnic Community*, and *The Polish American Encyclopedia*. He was three times awarded the Oskar Halecki Prize for outstanding books as well as the Gambrinus Prize in History from the Milwaukee County Historical Society, Honorary Membership in the Iron Brigade Society, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and the Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland. He will have copies of Volumes 1 and 2 of *Under the Crescent Moon With the XI Corps in the Civil War* available for sale at a discount price of \$25 for Volume 1 and \$25 for Volume 2.

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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

October 8, 2018 – Joe Skvarenina – "Civil War in Hancock County"

November 12, 2018 – John Summerlot – "We were there, on both sides: Indiana University in the Civil War"

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. The October meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. and will be held at Theater at the Fort, 8929 Otis Avenue.

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.

September 12, 2018 - Tom Williams - The Creator from the Confederate Perspective

October 10, 2018 - David Powell - The Battle of Chickamauga

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

December - no meeting

January 9, 2019 - Judy & Merideth Wilson

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 11th Street, in downtown Anderson.

September 17, 2018 - Jason Lantzer - "Rebel Bulldog"

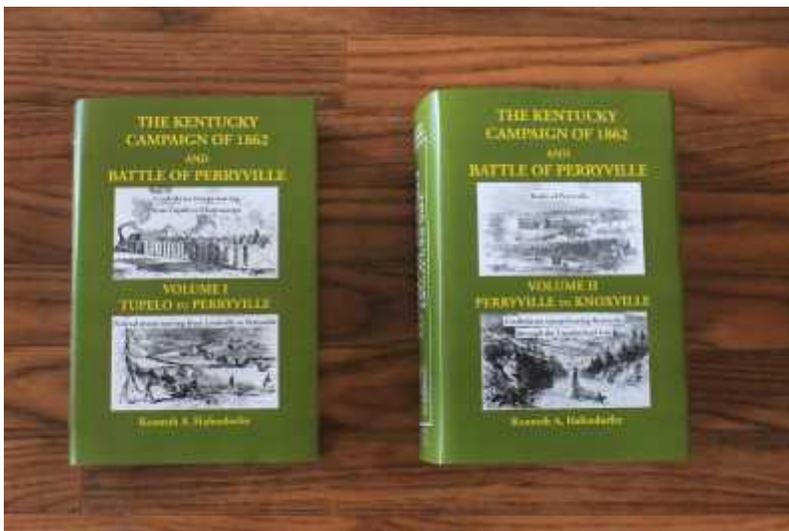
October 15, 2018 - Steve Ritchie - "Robert E. Lee: West Point Cadet"

November 19, 2018 - DVD "Finance and Supply"
 December - no meeting

Special Orders

Two Book Reviews by Nikki Stoddard Schofield: These two books were written in the dialect of the fictional writers. *The God of War, When I Rode with N.B. Forrest* by Robert S. Chambers, is an historical interpretation told by Henry Wylie, who served in Forrest's escort. At the end of the book, Mr. Chambers gives additional information regarding each chapter. *The Good Lord Bird* by James McBride tells about John Brown from the viewpoint of a young black boy, and is written in slave dialect from his viewpoint. This is a National Book Award winner. I highly recommend both books.

Camp Letterman: The Pennsylvania House passed a resolution honoring Camp Letterman.



sale of remaining 52 copies of the late Kenneth A Hafendorfer's last 2 volume book:

This last book was completed at the time of his passing, and his daughter is contacting Civil War Round Tables about this book. The cost is \$170.00 plus shipping and handling. If you are interested in purchasing the book or have any questions, please contact Jennifer Hafendorfer at jennifer.hafendorfer@gmail.com. The summary on the inside covers read: **Volume 1 - TUPELO to PERRYVILLE** covers the period of the American Civil War from early June of 1862 through the first week of October 1862 in the region west of the Appalachian Mountains to the Mississippi River. The narrative begins with Confederate General Braxton Bragg, who was in command of the vast majority of that region known as Confederate Department Number Two. In addition to commanding the main Southern forces of that department, which were in camp around Tupelo, Mississippi, he also was in personal command of the largest Confederate army there, called the Army of the Mississippi. Unable to strike a much larger Federal force, Bragg decided to accomplish by strategy what he could not do by force of arms. Leaving a small army at Tupelo under Major General Sterling Price, called the Army of the West, he would transfer his own Army of the Mississippi by rail, river, and overland east to Chattanooga. There he planned to link up with Major General Edmund Kirby Smith, who commanded the

Department of East Tennessee and a modest sized force called the Army of East Tennessee. In cooperation the two armies would advance north around the left flank of Major General Don Carlos Buell's large Federal Army of the Ohio in northern Alabama and Middle Tennessee with the ultimate goal to enter Kentucky, and give that state a chance to join their banners. In addition, a small Confederate army under Brigadier General Humphrey Marshall was to move into Kentucky from southwest Virginia. Convinced that Federal troops in northern Mississippi and West Tennessee would be shifted east to help Buell, Bragg ordered Major General Van Dorn, who commanded the District of Mississippi with a slightly larger army, to advance into West Tennessee. Bragg optimistically believed the five Confederate armies would ultimately be able to clear the entire states of Tennessee and Kentucky of all Federal forces. The first volume relates in detail Bragg's move to Chattanooga. Then Kirby Smith's march into Kentucky is recounted and his victory at Richmond along with Bragg's advance north from Chattanooga into Kentucky. Buell's reaction to these two Confederate advances is described as he pulls his troops out of northern Alabama and Middle Tennessee. Leaving a garrison force at Nashville, Buell heads his army back to Kentucky. The Battle of Munfordville is covered in detail, as Bragg is able to place his army between Buell and his supply base at Louisville. In the meantime, Kirby Smith is able to occupy Lexington and Frankfort. Bragg then moves to Bardstown leaving Buell able to march on to Louisville unmolested. In Mississippi, Price's defeat at Iuka and Van Dorne's disaster at the Battle of Corinth are recorded. Finally, Buell's reorganized and enlarged Army of the Ohio is depicted leaving Louisville and forcing the Army of Mississippi to evacuate Bardstown and Kirby Smith's newly named Army of Kentucky from Frankfort. **Volume II - PERRYVILLE to KNOXVILLE** covers in extensive detail the Battle of Perryville on October 8, Bragg's withdrawal from the battlefield that night, and retreat to Harrodsburg the next morning. The fight at Dog Walk, Kentucky that same day is described and the beginning of Buell's pursuit of Bragg's army following the engagement at Perryville is conveyed. The three Confederate armies under Braxton Bragg, Kirby Smith, and Humphrey Marshall are then united east of the Dick's River and the decision to leave Kentucky is made. Their retreats by way of the Cumberland Gap and Pound Gap are described, and Buell's pursuit which is hampered by the Confederate cavalry, is forced to end at London, Kentucky. By October 23 the Kentucky Campaign ends. Finally, a summary of the campaign and its results are discussed.

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, which will premiere next spring. <https://to.pbs.org/2OmMpRT>

Old-Fashioned Coffins for two Union soldiers who died more than 150 years ago (from *Stars and Stripes*, August 17, 2018): Three craftsmen - Jim Davy, Mike Weibush, and Russ Muter - are building wooden "toe-pincher" coffins from a tree that fell on the battlefield this year in the wood shop at Manassas National Battlefield Park. The remains of two Union "soldiers found in a battlefield "limb pit" four years ago... will be wrapped in Civil War reproduction Union blankets" and "the wooden coffins will then be placed

inside modern military coffins." They will be buried on September 6 and will be the first burials in a new 27-acre section of Arlington Cemetery. To read the full story, visit https://www.stripes.com/two-union-soldiers-died-more-than-150-years-ago-now-three-craftsmen-are-making-them-old-fashioned-coffins-1.543211?utm_medium=email&utm_source=Stars+and+Stripes+Emails&utm_campaign=Daily+Headlines.

Official Records

June Attendance: 42

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:

War in Kentucky: From Shiloh to Perryville, by James Lee McDonough

Diary of a Confederate Soldier: John S. Jackman of the Orphan Brigade, by William C. Davis

Decision in the West: The Atlanta Campaign of 1864, by Albert Castel

Richard S. Ewell: A Soldier's Life, by Donald C. Pfanz

Days of Glory: The Army of the Cumberland, 1861-1865, by Larry J. Daniel

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

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

1. During the Atlanta Campaign, where did Sherman cut Hood's last railroad into the city?
2. What was the "Lady Bell"? With what battle is it associated?
3. What general was known as "The Great Confederate Murat," an allusion to Napoleon's cavalry commander Joachim Murat?
4. In what state would there have been fighting at Ft. McCook?
5. While Vicksburg was under siege, what city was captured in Louisiana?

The Soldier Speaks

From Newspapers.com

The National Tribune (Washington, District of Columbia) Thursday, December 25, 1884,
page 3

FIGHTING THEM OVER.

What Our Veterans Have to Say About Their Old Campaigns.

CHANCELLORSVILLE.

The Eleventh Corps at Chancellorsville.

TO THE EDITOR: As Comrade Bird, of the 154th N.Y., has called the assembly for the Second Brigade, Second Division of the Flying Half Moon, I will stick my head out of my "dog shelter," but still keep on my knees, where I have been silently watching for something which harmonized with the knowledge and opinion I had always had and held of the stampede of the "Half Moon." My regiment (134th N.Y.), 33d Mass., and, I think, the 73d Pa. and 154th N.Y., were of the Second (Barlow's) Brigade. Now, I am quite sure that our position was well fortified, as Gen. Howard thought and said. During the night previous to the rout a good defense of rails and dirt was built in front of my regiment. I know that our regiment with others advanced across the plank road and field, near to the woods, with videttes out, between sun and dark. Gen. Steinwehr passing down the line with "Keep cool and steady, poys, und fire ven yous see der vites auf deir eyes." No enemy made a show, and we fell back and lay down on picket in those woods previous to this, and were called in, "double-quick." I know I had charge of the outposts on the extreme left, and "took her cross-lots" for the "Grand Reserve," in a style, but I did not find the G.R. till I got back to camp; then we formed and advanced in line of battle as aforesaid. I know that, so far as our regiment and brigade were concerned, we were wide-awake and well prepared for an attack until the afternoon of the rout. Then I was sent with a squad of men (knapsack and all) off to the right and in the rear (as I think) of the First Division, to dig some rifle-pits. We had worked but a few minutes when I had orders to join the regiment immediately, but on reaching camp I found my regiment gone; struck their trail down at a little "run." Here we had orders to "shoot" our knapsacks, and men were detailed to carry them back to camp, where the rest of the regiment had left theirs. Our regiment then continued its course (I think) due south from the plank road for some time and through woods. While the sun was yet well up word was passed down, "No cheering." Soon we were halted, and a string of Johnnies passed from left to right across our route and disappeared. They were prisoners, and the boys said they were Georgians. We then continued our course without interruption until it began to grow dark. We were then filed to the left, halted, and a guard detailed; but the order was almost immediately countermanded. We lost no time in retracing our steps. After it became thoroughly dark we were halted - it became evident that we were in trouble. We received strict orders, "No talking, and secure your cups, and no noise whatever!" We then filed to the right and east, and passed out - over a new "rubber road," between a line of cavalry pickets and in plain sight of rebel camp-fires - of what I always believed to be a mighty tight box. We struck an opening about midnight, filed to the left and north, and laid down behind the artillery. Now, this is just the little that I know of the "Flight into Egypt." I always supposed our whole brigade were out that night meandering through the souging pines and noble oaks, but am very glad to know that part of it was left behind and did

their best to stem the tide. Now, what I heard: The comrades left behind to guard the knapsacks (Alas! where are the sacks and sackers?) said that some regiments of the First Brigade (two years' men whose time was nearly up) broke almost immediately. Also, it was common talk in camp after the fracas was over, that Gen. Devens was drunk and taken by surprise. If Gen. Howard was not as dashing and successful a leader as some others, I don't think any intelligent and observing man of his Corps will say that he was not an honest, humane, upright man. I believe that if the bottom of the Chancellorsville affair was turned up to air and sunlight, Howard would stand clear and free, while some of his subordinates would afford more examples of petty ambitions or "hog contrariness," such as thwarted the plans and successes of more than one of our brave and manly leaders. But, no doubt, it would be far easier to duplicate Fitz-John Porter than to defend and acquit a brave, unselfish leader who fell short of success. - G.F. WARNER, 134th N.Y., Charlottesville, N.Y.

Officer of the Month



(photo and information from Find A Grave memorial # 5842014)

Francis Channing Barlow served as a private and Lieutenant in the 12th New York State Militia. He served as Lieutenant Colonel and Colonel of the 61st New York Volunteer Infantry and was severely wounded at the Battle of Antietam. He served as Brigadier General in the Eleventh Corps. His brigade was not routed at the Battle of Chancellorsville. He was again severely wounded and captured at the Battle of Gettysburg. He led his command in the 1864 Overland Campaign, the Battle of Cold Harbor, and the beginning of the Petersburg campaign until his health forced him to take an extended sick leave in Europe. He returned in April 1865 to the Second Corps and was at the Battle of Saylor's Creek and at the surrender at Appomattox. After the war, he served as New York Secretary of State, New York U.S. Marshal, and New York Attorney General. He died January 11, 1896 and lies buried in Walnut Street Cemetery in Brookline, Massachusetts.

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Historic Site of the Month



(Photo from the National Park Service)

154th New York Monument: The inscription reads "154th New York State Volunteer Infantry, 1st Brigade, 2nd Division, 11th Corps, "The Hardtack Regiment," Anchor of the Buschbeck Line near Dowdall's Tavern, Battle of Chancellorsville, May 2, 1861."

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