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Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

<http://indianapoliscwrt.org/>

January 13, 2020 at 6:45 p.m.
Meeting at MCL Cafeteria Township Line
2370 W. 86th Street

The Plan of the Day



photo from <https://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/atlanta-campaign.html>

“THE QUESTION WAS ONE OF SUPPLIES” - THE LOGISTICS FOR WILLIAM T. SHERMAN’S ATLANTA CAMPAIGN - No army in history moved without a secure line of supplies especially if it moved into enemy territory. If an army got cut off from its supplies then calamity usually followed often ending in defeat and/or destruction. When William T. Sherman set his sights on Atlanta, he prepared for the supplying of his army in a manner that surpassed every other Civil War general. Rebuilding railroads and confiscating locomotives and cars to haul supplies, Sherman set a daily goal for shipments to his forward base in Chattanooga. Ruthless in making sure that only supplies got on the cars, Sherman also had to worry about protecting the line of rails that ran back to Louisville, Kentucky from Confederate raiders. Building on a system begun by William S. Rosecrans, Sherman's engineers built forts and blockhouses and prepared pre-fabricated trestles for replacing those brought down by Confederate raiders. While his preparations were masterful and thorough, they were not without some flaws. This program will examine the nuts and bolts of these logistics and cover the errors that were also made. In the end, his supply line performed as expected and Atlanta

was captured. This set the stage for two more campaigns that Sherman would undertake before the war ended in April 1865 as well as logistics for more modern wars. There is a power point for this program.

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

Greg Biggs is the published author of several articles and books. He has served as a Civil War Tour Guide and attended several U.S. Military Staff Rides.

Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2019-2020 Campaign

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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.

2019-2020 Campaign Plans

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

January 8, 2020 - Craig Dunn - 19th Indiana Regiment

February 12, 2020 - Stephen Towne - Surveillance & Spies in the Civil War

March 11, 2020 - Tom Williams - Stonewall Jackson's Valley Campaign

April 8, 2020 - Ray Boomhower - Pres. Harrison's Role in the Civil War

May 13, 2020 - Ted Chamberlain - General Chamberlain

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.

Special Orders

Official Records

Attendance: 37

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 Decisive Battle of Nashville, by Stanley F. Horn

The First Day of Gettysburg: Essays on Confederate and Union Leadership, edited by Gary W. Gallagher

Lee's Tarnished Lieutenant: James Longstreet and His Place in Southern History, by William Garrett Piston

A Hundred Days to Richmond: Ohio's "Hundred Days" Men in the Civil War, edited by Jim Leeke

The Warrior Generals: Combat Leadership in the Civil War, by Thomas B. Buell

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

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

1. Who was the officer ordered by Lincoln to organize troops in Indiana during Fall, 1862?
2. The escape of Braggs' troops from Kentucky led to the removal of what General?
3. Who were the "Kid-glove Dandies"?
4. What were "Kilpatrick's Monuments"?
5. When Sherman abandoned his flanking movement, a day of tragic losses occurred where?

Answers to the December Quiz:

Identify the Civil War figure(s) known by each of the nicknames below.

1. "Old Rosy" *** William S. Rosecrans
2. "Young Napoleon" *** George B. McClellan
3. "Old Prayer Book" *** Oliver O. Howard
4. "Joe Brown's Pets" *** Georgia State Militia
5. "Johnny Shiloh" *** John Lincoln Clem

The Newspaper Speaks

From Newspapers.com

New York Daily Herald (New York, New York) 06 Sept 1864, Tuesday, page 4

NATIONAL THANKS TO GENERAL SHERMAN AND HIS ARMY.

Executive Mansion, Sept. 3, 1864.

The national thanks are tendered by the President to Major General William T. Sherman and the gallant officers and soldiers of his command before Atlanta, for the distinguished ability, courage and perseverance displayed in the campaign in Georgia, which, under Divine power, resulted in the capture of the city of Atlanta.

The marches, battles, sieges and other military operations that have signalized this campaign must render it famous in the annals of war, and have entitled those who participated therein to the applause and thanks of the nation. ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Officer of the Month



Photo and information from Find A Grave memorial # 951

William T. Sherman was born February 8, 1820 in Lancaster, Ohio. He graduated from West Point sixth in his class at the age of sixteen. He served in the Army, attempted careers in banking and law, and became the first president of Louisiana Military Seminary (Louisiana State University). He rejoined the Army with the start of the Civil War. "Everlasting fame was his during the Georgia campaign and his 'March to the Sea.'" He continued to serve in the Army until his retirement in 1884, overseeing the completion of the transcontinental railroad, orchestrating the defeat of the Plains Indian tribes, and establishing the Ft. Leavenworth Command School. He died February 14, 1891 and lies buried in Section 17 of Calvary Cemetery and Mausoleum in Saint Louis, Missouri.

Historic Site of the Month



Photo and information from <http://www.civilwarrailroadtunnel.com/the-tunnel.html>
Tunnel Hill, Georgia: Museum and standard (Great Locomotive Chase or Civil War) tours cost \$7 and deluxe (both tours combined) tours are \$12; all tours begin at the top of the hill Monday - Saturday 9-5. Tunnel Hill was completed in 1850. The 1848 Clisby Austin House served as Sherman's Headquarters May 7-13, 1864. The Museum and Visitor Center is located at 215 Clisby Austin Road.

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