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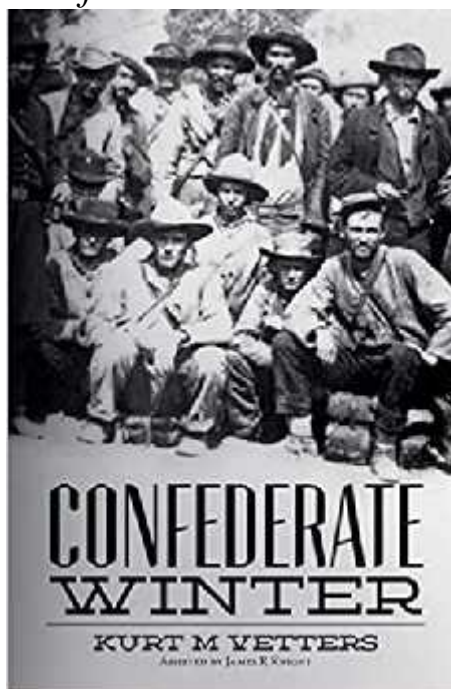
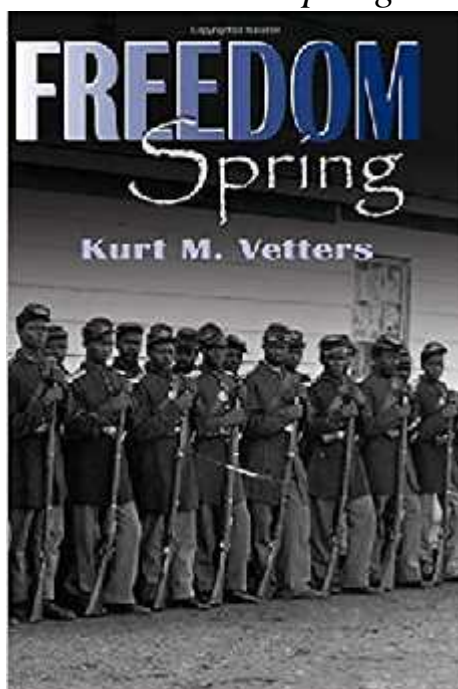


Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

<http://indianapoliscwrt.org/>

March 9, 2020 at 6:45 p.m.
Meeting at MCL Cafeteria Township Line
2370 W. 86th Street

The Plan of the Day *Freedom Spring and Confederate Winter*



Freedom Spring tells the story of a young African-American soldier in the American Civil War. For Jim Coffee, a fourteen-year-old slave in 1864 Alabama, life was about to turn upside down. *Freedom Spring* is a novel of Jim's journey from slavery to the Union Army and freedom. Meghan Markle's great-great-great-great grandfather, Joseph Betts, fought in the battles portrayed. Following the research of esteemed North Alabama historian and author Peggy Towns, *Freedom Spring* immerses you in the events that shaped a nation. The courage and perseverance of brave African-American soldiers wrote an unsung chapter in American history that can now be told.

Confederate Winter is historical fiction based on a true family story. The author's great, great, great grandfather, William Sweeney, fought as a Confederate soldier at the tender age of 14. His father, John, had been drafted the year before into the Union Army. *Confederate Winter* is their story. By 1864, the Confederacy is on the verge of defeat. Atlanta has fallen and Confederate General John Bell Hood's army is in retreat. Hood formulates a bold plan to re-capture Nashville, the great base for the Union army in the

West. A victory could change the course of the war. Hood needs manpower, however, and sends his conscription parties out to scour the countryside. *Confederate Winter* tells the story of a true-life family caught up in this grand adventure. The Federals conscript John Sweeney, the father, in late 1863 as General Sherman prepares his march on Atlanta and the sea. His son William is left in charge of the family farm, until one early fall morning...

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



A direct descendant of William Sweeney and five other Civil War soldiers, Kurt Vettters has pieced this second story together from historical documents and oral history. Formerly a U.S. Army Captain, Mr. Vettters has studied the Civil War his entire life, both as a military professional and as a hobbyist. The author has also been a Civil War reenactor, allowing detailed perspectives in the day-to-day life of a Civil War soldier. Mr. Vettters' active role in the classrooms of his three children ingrained him with an understanding of children's interests in this powerful subject.

Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2019-2020 Campaign

Officers:

President: Nikki Schofield

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Tony Trimble

HARDTACK Newsletter:

Editor: Jenny Thompson

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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

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.

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.

March 16, 2020 - David Fraley, "Medal of Honor Recipients for Actions on the 1864 Tennessee Campaign"

April 20, 2020 - Gerald G. Jones, "The Fort Pillow Massacre"

May 18, 2020 - Stephen Lee Ritchie, "Lee in Defeat: An Examination of Character and Resilience"

June 15, 2020 - Ray Boomhower, "President Harrison"

September 21, 2020 - Stephen T. Jackson, "Gettysburg: After 50 Years - The Great Reunion"

October 19, 2020 - Linda Jones, "Desertion: One Man's Story"

November 16, 2020 - DVD "Virginia 1882-63"

Special Orders

Crown Hill Tours: Nikki Schofield is guiding the following tours at Crown Hill Cemetery. They are all on Saturday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$10 in person or \$7 if the ticket is purchased on Event Bright.

May 9 - Tombstones and Trees (this tour will be held again on October 17)

July 18 - Civil War

August 8 - Treason in Indianapolis (based on Nikki's book *Treason Afoot*)

September 5 - Drama and Disaster

Above Us or Around Us: The Story and Men of the Bloody Eighth: At the beginning of the Civil War, the Eighth Indiana Volunteer Infantry (with 784 men) organized for three months of service (April 25 - August 2). When the war did not end as quickly as expected, the regiment (with 1046 men) reorganized for three years of service. This presentation will provide a brief history of the three-month and three-year Eighth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, some problems faced in the regiment, and claims to fame and tragic endings of some of the soldiers. Jenny Thompson will be giving this presentation at the Danville Public Library on Saturday, March 28 at 10 a.m. Registration is required. Visit the Events Link at www.dplindiana.org or call 317-745-2604.

Events in Vernon, Jennings County: March 26 at 6 p.m. at the North American House, Dr. Curt Fields will portray Ulysses S. Grant; April 25-26, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sassafras Tea Festival and Civil War Living History.

Headstone Rededication: The Indiana Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be holding a headstone rededication for Private Robert B. Demaree, Co. F, 7th Indiana Infantry on April 4, 2020 from 11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. at the Old Shiloh Cemetery, followed by a reception at the Johnson County Museum of History, 7th Indiana Infantry exhibit room and lobby from 1 - 3 p.m. For more information, call 317-346-4500 or see <http://www.johnsoncountymuseum.org/> or contact Michael Beck fsgtcd11thindiana@att.net.

Official Records

Attendance: 30

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.

Silent Auction: We will have a silent auction of Civil War framed pictures at this meeting, so bring your check books. Three Dale Gallon prints will be for sale: The Railroad Cut; Little Round Top and the Valley of Death; and Breechloaders and Green Coats. More prints will be at future meetings.

Book Raffle:

I Rode with Stonewall, by Henry Kyd Douglas

Three Years in the Army of the Cumberland, by James A. Connelly

Confederates in the Attic, by Tony Horwitz

Baltimore and the 19th of April, 1861, by George William Brown

Six Armies in Tennessee: The Chickamauga and Chattanooga Campaign, by Steven E. Woodworth

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

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

1. On 26 December 1863, there was a skirmish at Ft. Gibson. In what state is it located?
2. Name the two generals whose personality conflict at Atlanta worried Jefferson Davis.
3. What happened to 33 U.S. Army officers on 2 March 1863?
4. Who once sent an angry telegram to Lincoln saying, "I have lost this battle because my army was too small:?"
5. Who gave this order: "Let the Federals get very close before your infantry fire; they won't stand long"? To whom was the order given?

Answers to the February Quiz:

1. A skirmish at Springfield Landing was a part of what larger battle? *** Port Hudson
2. Who wrote in 1865 that he had, "been laboring without much progress to advance the raising of negro troops"? *** Jefferson Davis

3. In soldier parlance, what was a "soubrette"? *** Any woman encountered at a sutler store, often a prostitute
4. What was Edith and where would you find it? *** 10-inch Columbiad mounted at Ft. Moultrie
5. After the fall of Island #10, the Mississippi was open to Memphis except for 1 fort. Name it. *** Fort Pillow

The Newspaper Speaks

From Newspapers.com

The National Tribune (Washington, District of Columbia) 30 Apr 1891, Thursday, page 3
Proving What He Said.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: In the issue of March 19, in a short article giving the organization of Fourth Division, Fifteenth Corps, I stated that the Third Brigade, Fourth Division, consisted of the 7th, 50th, 57th Ill., 39th Iowa and 110th U.S.C.T. This has called out many protests from members of the Third Brigade, all denying that there ever was any colored regiment in the brigade or corps. Now, if they will turn to 'Memoirs of Gen. Sherman,' written by Gen. William T. Sherman, edition of D. Appleton & Co., 1875, Vol. II, page 335, they will find the brigade as given above; also find the regiments, batteries and detached companies of the Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Seventeenth, Twentieth, Twenty-third and Tenth Corps, all under his command in North Carolina in April, 1865. The 110th U.S.C.T. was the only colored regiment in all the command outside of Gen. Paine's Third Division, Tenth Corps, which consisted of the following regiments, viz: 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th, 27th, 30th, 37th, 39th and 107th U.S.C.T. - "HIGH PRIVATE," Box 956, Emporia, Kan.

Soldiers of the Month

Information from National Park Service and

[tngenweb.org/giles/files/2018/08/History-of-110th-111th-USCT.pdf](https://www.nps.gov/giles/files/2018/08/History-of-110th-111th-USCT.pdf)

110th Regiment, U.S.C.T.: This regiment first began as the 2nd Alabama Infantry (African Descent) in November 20, 1863 as part of the 2nd Division, 16th Army Corps, Department of Tennessee. They were re-organized as the 110th Regiment, U.S.C.T. on June 25, 1864, District of North Alabama, Department of the Cumberland. They served on garrison duty at Pulaski, Tennessee and railroad guard duty in North Alabama until February 1865. Many were captured during Forrest's attack on Athens, Alabama September 23-24, 1864, but a detachment from Company E saw action at Larkinsville, Alabama on January 8, 1865. Those that had gone with Sherman's army guarded the Nashville and Northwestern Railroad until June 1865. They mustered out February 6, 1866.

Historic Site of the Month



Photo and information from <https://washington.org/find-dc-listings/african-american-civil-war-memorial>

The African American Civil War Memorial is located at 1925 Vermont Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. The wall around this memorial lists the names of the USCT troops. The museum across the street commemorates the African American Civil War soldiers.

Re-enlist NOW for the 2020-2021 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:

Tony Roscetti
6260 Green Leaves Road
Indianapolis, Indiana 46220

Phone: (317) 475-9227
Email: anthony.roschetti@pnc.com

Please complete and detach the form below and include with your check:

ICWRT Membership Enlistment for July 2020 thru June 2021

Please print legibly!

Name..... Date

Address.....
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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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