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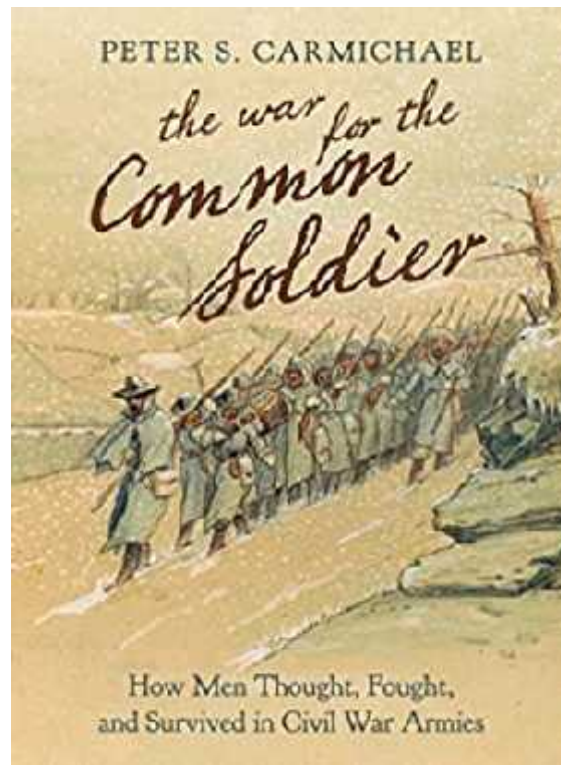
Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter  
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Monday, April 12, 2021 at 6:45 p.m. via Zoom

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## *The Plan of the Day*



### **The War for the Common Soldier: How Men Thought, Fought, and Survived in Civil War Armies**

The War for the Common Soldier tells about the daily life of soldiers facing daily dreariness and pandemonium in fighting a war. Pete Carmichael will discuss why men fought, juggling apathy, patriotism, manliness, defiance, and obedience. He paints vivid pictures of soldiers both North and South. His exhaustive research is evident. You will enjoy his enthusiastic presentation. Come and join us via Zoom and hear about the men who fought the Civil War.

## *Our Guest Speaker*



Peter S. Carmichael

Peter Carmichael is a Indianapolis native and the Robert C. Fluhrer Professor of Civil War Studies and Director of the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College. He was a member of our Round Table when he was a boy and had his mother drive him to meetings. At that time, Pete was also a drummer boy in a re-enactor unit.

Pete is the author of **The Last Generation: Young Virginians in Peace, War, and Reunion** and **Lee's Young Artillerist: William R. J. Pegram**. Pete also wrote the introduction to G. Moxley Sorrel's book, **At the Right Hand of Longstreet: Recollections of a Confederate Staff Officer**. All of these books are available at Amazon.

**Join Peter Carmichael on April 12, 2021 from 7pm – 9pm.** Attached is the link for the March 8th Indianapolis CWRT Meeting with John Fazio, Guest Speaker.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87887358480?pwd=Z05Lck40d2VjTmkwd3VBdUJwM3NSQT09>

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When Mon April 12, 2021 7pm – 9pm Eastern Time - New York

Where <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87887358480?pwd=Z05Lck40d2VjTmkwd3VBdUJwM3NSQT09> ([map](#))

Joining info [meet.google.com/owk-yauo-ksw](https://meet.google.com/owk-yauo-ksw)

## *Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2020-2021 Campaign*

### *Officers:*

President: Angie Gilmer

Vice President: William Ghormley

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Treasurer: Tony Roscetti

Immediate Past President: Nikki Schofield

### *Committees:*

Preservation: Andy O'Donnell

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Program Selection: Bob Gottschalk, Nikki Schofield, & Tony Trimble

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Tour Director: Peter Benner

### *Quiz Master:*

Tony Trimble

### *HARDTACK Newsletter:*

Editor: Robert Gottschalk

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 [flyingcircus2011@hotmail.com](mailto:flyingcircus2011@hotmail.com) by the tenth day following the preceding month's meeting.

## *Other Camp Activities*

**Hamilton County Civil War Roundtable:** Meetings cancelled until further notice due to Covid-19.

**Madison County Historical Society Civil War Roundtable:** Meetings cancelled until further notice due to Covid-19.

## *Official Records*

**Attendance at March Zoom Meeting: 24**

**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.

***This Day In History***  
By Nikki Stoddard Schofield

April 12, 1861, Confederate troops bombarded Fort Sumter, thus beginning the Civil War. General Jefferson Columbus Davis, now buried at Crown Hill Cemetery, was there.

April 12, 1862, Union raiders stole the train engine “General” between Atlanta and Chattanooga. The “Texas” pursued. Buster Keaton made the great silent film “The General” based on this event.

April 12, 1863, General James Longstreet’s troops began besieging Suffolk, Virginia. The siege ended May 4.

April 12, 1864, General Nathan Bedford Forrest’s men captured Fort Pillow, Tennessee, on the Mississippi River, and massacred black soldiers.

April 12, 1865, Mobile, Alabama surrendered to Union troops after being evacuated the previous day by General Dabney Maury’s men.

***Test Your Civil War Knowledge (with Trimble’s Trivia)***

1. Name the tent designer who commanded Confederate troops in New Mexico.
2. What is a “fougasse”?
3. On 11 September 1862 a skirmish was fought at St. John’s Bluff. In what state is it?
4. What regiment was originally known as La Garde Lafayette? How did it get its name?
5. On what battlefield would you find the “Hell Hole”?

Answers to the March Quiz:

1. Wilson’s Creek
2. Gen. Turner Ashby
3. A vicious guard dog who patrolled Castle Thunder and Libby Prisons
4. Benjamin Butler
5. Red River Campaign

## Lost Cause Religion

By Nikki Stoddard Schofield

At the June 1988 meeting, we presented the Colonel Howard Bates Award to our member Lloyd Hunter for the best speech of the 1987-1988 campaign. Lloyd spoke at the February 8, 1988, meeting on “The Immortal Confederacy – A Look at the Lost Cause Religion.”

The Fall 2020 issue of Baptist History & Heritage has published an article by Christopher C. Moore entitled “Dividing the Mind of the White South: Carlton McCarthy and the Bifurcation of Confederate Memory,” which makes reference to Lloyd Hunter’s article “The Immortal Confederacy: Another Look at Lost Cause Religion,” published in The Myth of the Lost Cause and Civil War History edited by Gary W. Gallagher and Alan T. Nolan (Indiana University Press, 2000).

Mr. Moore wrote: “The Lost Cause was a sacralization of white Southern memory, often involving an apology of the Confederate cause and a veneration of Confederate soldiers, primarily in an attempt to preserve a distinctive Southern identity vis-à-vis Northerners. Here I borrow historian Lloyd Hunter’s term, “sacralization.”

If you are interested in reading this article by Mr. Moore, you may obtain a single issue by emailing Jackie Riley at Jackie@baptisthistory.org.

## *Civil War Face of the Month*



FindaGrave.com

John Franklin Chenoweth was listed as a farm laborer in the 1860 Census. He was the oldest of Stephen and Cassandra Chenoweth’s four children, born near Sulphur Springs, Henry County in early 1844.

In November, 1861, not quite 18 years old, John enlisted in Company F, 57th Indiana Infantry. The 57th served in Wagner's Brigade, along with the 15th and 40th Indiana Regiments, and the 97th Ohio Regiment.

Chenoweth saw service from Shiloh through Franklin, being twice wounded, at Stones River and Resaca.

Captured when Wagner’s advanced line was overrun at Franklin, John spent the next four months at the notorious Cahaba Prison in Alabama. He was exchanged after only four months at Camp Fisk, near Vicksburg, Mississippi in April 1865.

Unfortunately, he was one of the nearly 2000 former prisoners loaded onto the S.S. Sultana for their journey home. Chenoweth, along with at least 10 other members of the 57th, perished on the ship when boilers exploded just north of Memphis on April 27. He was just 21 years old.

## *Historic Site of the Month*

### **Culp's Hill Rehabilitation**



*nps.gov.*

Culp's Hill, the site of key fighting July 2-3, 1863, during the Battle of Gettysburg is undergoing a major rehabilitation project as Gettysburg National Military Park and the Gettysburg Foundation partner to improve the site's cultural and natural landscape.

*The Culp's Hill project will improve the cultural and natural landscape of 18-acres of Culp's Hill where key battle action occurred on July 2-3, 1863.*

For much of the Battle of Gettysburg, the Union Army's defensive battle line was arrayed in the shape of a fishhook, anchored on three hills and a ridge, with its left on Little Round Top, the center on Cemetery Ridge and Hill, and its right on Culp's Hill.

On the evening of July 2, 1863, a spontaneous Confederate attack resulted in loss of Union breastworks on the lower part of Culp's Hill and presented a serious threat to the Baltimore Pike which was a major Union supply line and escape route. The following morning, a sustained seven-hour fight allowed the Union troops to reclaim the entire hill and helped cement the eventual Union victory at Gettysburg.

During the immediate post-battle years, Culp's Hill enjoyed great attention as veterans and visitors walked the ground to see the bullet-shattered trees and remnants of Union breastworks.

By the turn of the 20th century, natural intrusions claimed much of the visual evidence of the great battles on the Union right, resulting in Culp's Hill becoming one of the least-visited area on the battlefield. Confusing placements of monuments, loss of viewsheds, and lack of access to specific points of interest have made interpretation difficult.

#### **All of this is about to change.**

Through an exciting partnership between the National Park Service (NPS) and the Gettysburg Foundation, supported by a generous donation from Gettysburg native and California businessman Cliff Bream, a rehabilitation project will transform and enhance the visitor experience at Culp's Hill.

Tree and brush removal from 18 critical acres of the battle ground will open up viewsheds not seen for nearly 100 years. This improvement will reveal the difficult ground over which the fighting occurred, as well as the

overwhelming advantage Union breastworks provided during the evening of July 2 and the long fight on July 3. Specific areas where heavy fighting occurred, which were repeatedly captured by photographers in the immediate post-battle years, will once again be visible, accessible and more understandable to our visitors.

On upper Culp's Hill, terrain around rock formations on both the Union and Confederate positions will be cleared to allow visitors to see the closeness of the lines as the battle raged in the darkness on July 2, 1863. In addition to woodlot treatment, a trail to Forbes Rock will be formalized and interpretive waysides will be added to key locations. This initiative will also allow visitors to fully visualize and interpret the unique and intense fighting that took place on Culp's Hill.

Together, the various elements of this rehabilitation project will transform the interpretive value of Culp's Hill, allowing visitors to better understand the consequential fighting that took place on the right flank of the Union line.

The 21st century has been an exciting time to see the Gettysburg battlefield come to life under the stewardship of the NPS with the help of the Gettysburg Foundation and many generous donors who support their preservation and educational missions.

The great work continues.

DONATE TO THE CULP'S HILL REHABILITATION PROJECT AT:

GETTYSBURG FOUNDATION  
1195 Baltimore Pike  
Gettysburg, PA 17325



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Re-enlist NOW for the 2021-2022 Campaign

Membership Extension Notice

The past year has been unprecedented in how it has impacted all of our lives. With the risks and concerns presented by the Coronavirus, the ICWRT was required to substantially alter the 2020-2021 campaign. With the cancellation of a number of meetings and the transition to Zoom calls for several more, the ICWRT was unable to provide the high level of meetings and presentations to which all of us have become accustomed. As a result, the Executive Board has determined that everyone who has an active membership for the 2020-2021 campaign will have their memberships extended at no additional cost for the 2021-2022 campaign. For anyone who has already paid for membership in the 2021-2022 campaign, their memberships will also be extended for an additional year. It is anticipated that the ICWRT will be able to return to our regular, in-person meetings beginning in September 2021 and we look forward to the return of all current and former members. Thank you for your understanding and commitment to our wonderful organization.

Tony Roscetti, Treasurer  
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