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

May 10, 2021 at 6:45 p.m. via Zoom

The Plan of the Day

The Memorialization of Robert E. Lee



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In regard to the erection of Confederate monuments, Robert E. Lee once stated that he thought it wiser “not to keep open the sores of war but to follow the examples of those nations who endeavored to obliterate the marks of civil strife.” Yet in the years following his death in 1870, Lee was memorialized with hundreds of schools, highways, counties, and monuments. The presentation will focus on why and how Lee was memorialized by the nation at Arlington House and provoke thought on the meaning of that moving forward.

Our Guest Speaker



Matt Penrod

Recently retired, Matt Penrod began his 28-year National Park Service career at Antietam Battlefield, before transferring to the Robert E. Lee Memorial in Arlington, Virginia. There he served as the education program manager and special events coordinator for more than two decades, interpreting the meaning of memorializing Robert E. Lee to hundreds of thousands of students and visitors. Most recently, Matt was part of the team that created new exhibits, reinventing the concept of memorializing Lee in the 21st Century.

Join Matt Penrod on May 10, 2021 from 7pm – 9pm.

Topic: ICWRT

Time: May 10, 2021 07:00 PM Indiana (East)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83121701758?pwd=SVNIVUEvQnVmK3kvdXU5UXMzQ0haUT09>

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kHbthykEw>

Remaining 2020-2021 Campaign Plans

June 14, 2021 — **Return to the M.C.L.!** - Mike Beck and Bruce Kolb – “G. A. R.”

Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2020-2021 Campaign

Officers:

President: Angie Gilmer
 Secretary: Bill Nicholai
 Immediate Past President: Nikki Schofield

Vice President: William Ghormley
 Treasurer: Tony Roscetti

Committees:

Preservation: Andy O'Donnell
 Program Selection: Bob Gottschalk, Nikki Schofield, & Tony Trimble
 Publicity: Peg Bertelli & Chris Smith

Website: Ed Pope
 Tour Director: Peter Benner

Quiz Master:

Tony Trimble

HARDTACK Newsletter:

Editor: Robert Gottschalk

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

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.

After Action Report from April's Presentation

April Zoom Meeting Attendance: 27

Everyone enjoyed Dr. Peter Carmichael's excellent talk on the War for the Common Soldier on Monday, April 12. Below are answers to some of the questions raised.

Pete's email: pcarmich@gettysburg.edu

Pete's book: The War for the Common Soldier. University of North Carolina Press. Chapel Hill. 2018
 UNC Press Discount Code (if purchasing books): 01DAH40

Illustrator for the cover of Pete's book: Adolph Metzner, Captain in the 32nd Indiana Infantry.

Library of Congress Metzner Page:

<https://www.loc.gov/collections/civil-war/?fa=subject:drawings%7Ccontributor:metzner,+adolph>

Other books Pete recommended:

The Infernal War. Timothy Mason Roberts (ed.). Kent State University Press. Kent, Ohio. 2018.

Deserter Country: Civil War Opposition in the Pennsylvania Appalachians. Robert Sandow. Fordham University Press. New York. 2009.

Website Pete mentioned (R-rated): Private Voices: <https://altchive.org/about/introduction>

This Day In History
By Nikki Stoddard Schofield

On May 10, 1863, Thomas Jonathan Jackson died of his wounds in Guiney Station, now called a "Shrine" and operated by the National Park Service. I once witnessed a candlelight gathering of Civil War enthusiasts listening to a narrative of Stonewall's death told by a park ranger. More than one person in the group of Northerners shed tears while listening to the story. Although history records that General Jackson died of pneumonia, a doctor, now deceased, who was a member of our Round Table for many years, told me that he believed Stonewall died of adult respiratory distress syndrome. The doctor said that if the five medical men there at the time had gotten Thomas out of bed and walked him around, fluid would not have collected in his lungs and caused his death. Imagine how events might have played out if Stonewall was at Gettysburg. The chaplain of the Stonewall Brigade, Rev. James Power Smith, said, "When the Lord decided the South must lose, he knew that he first must take home Stonewall Jackson."



N.P.S.

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

1. What happened at Fort Jackson, La. on December 9th, 1863?
2. On May 23rd, 1862, Stonewall Jackson caused fear in Washington by winning a battle where?
3. Who rode a roan horse named Fox during his first two major battles of the war?
4. On what battlefield would you find Herr Ridge?
5. By what name is Camp Sumter better known?

Answers to the April Quiz:

1. H. H. Sibley, CSA
2. A prototype land mine detonated by fuse among enemy troops.
3. Florida
4. 55th New York Infantry; Name derived from large number of French immigrants in regiment
5. Pickett's Mill, Georgia

Preservation Opportunities of the Month

Gettysburg & Bristoe Station

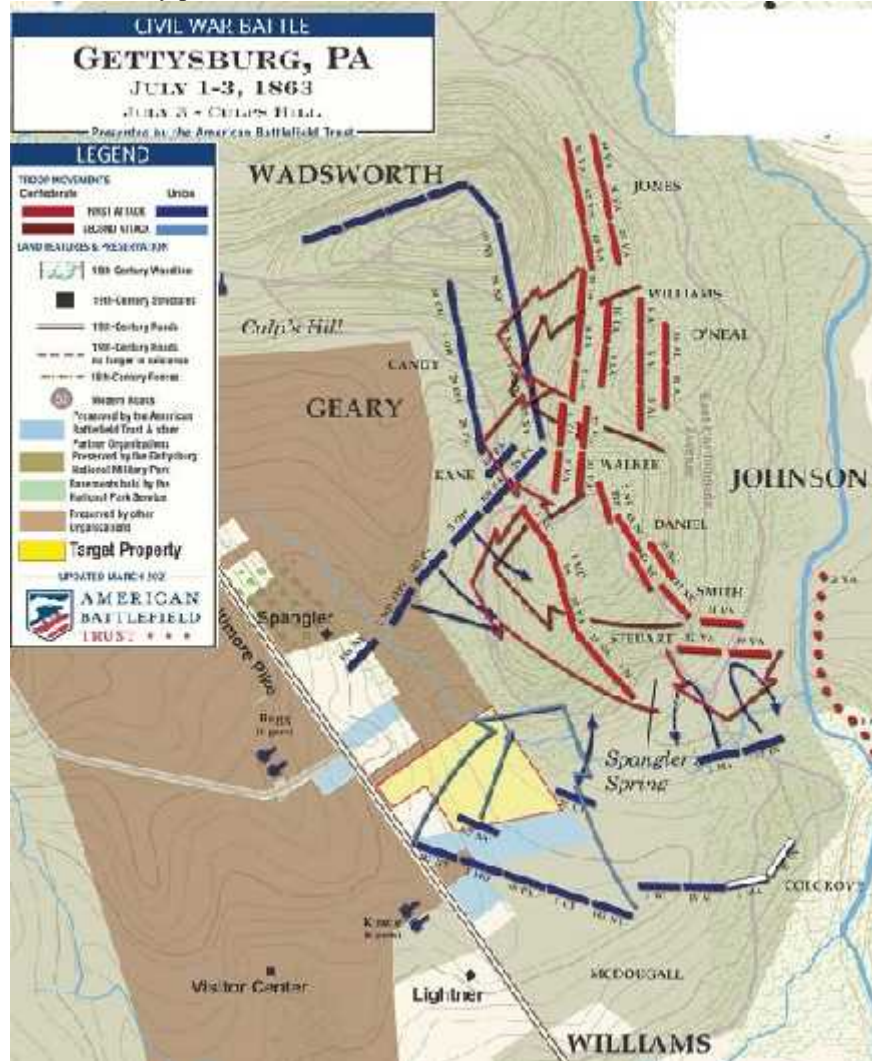
Today, we have no time to spare. Your help is needed to save two important Eastern Theater Civil War battlefields. For one of them, we only have 30 days. Our deadline is May 15th!

Both of these battlefields face the imminent threat of residential and commercial development — unfortunately, pieces of each have already been lost.

6 Acres at Gettysburg near Culp's Hill

This 6-acre parcel served as a key Union position near Culp's Hill. Preserving this tract will not only add to our success along the Baltimore Pike but also fill in most of a key "hole in the donut" of preserved land between the Gettysburg Museum and Visitor Center complex with National Park Service land around Culp's Hill.

If we are able to save this land in the next 30 days, we will have the chance to present new opportunities for interpretation and to helpfully provide easier access to this key part of the battlefield.



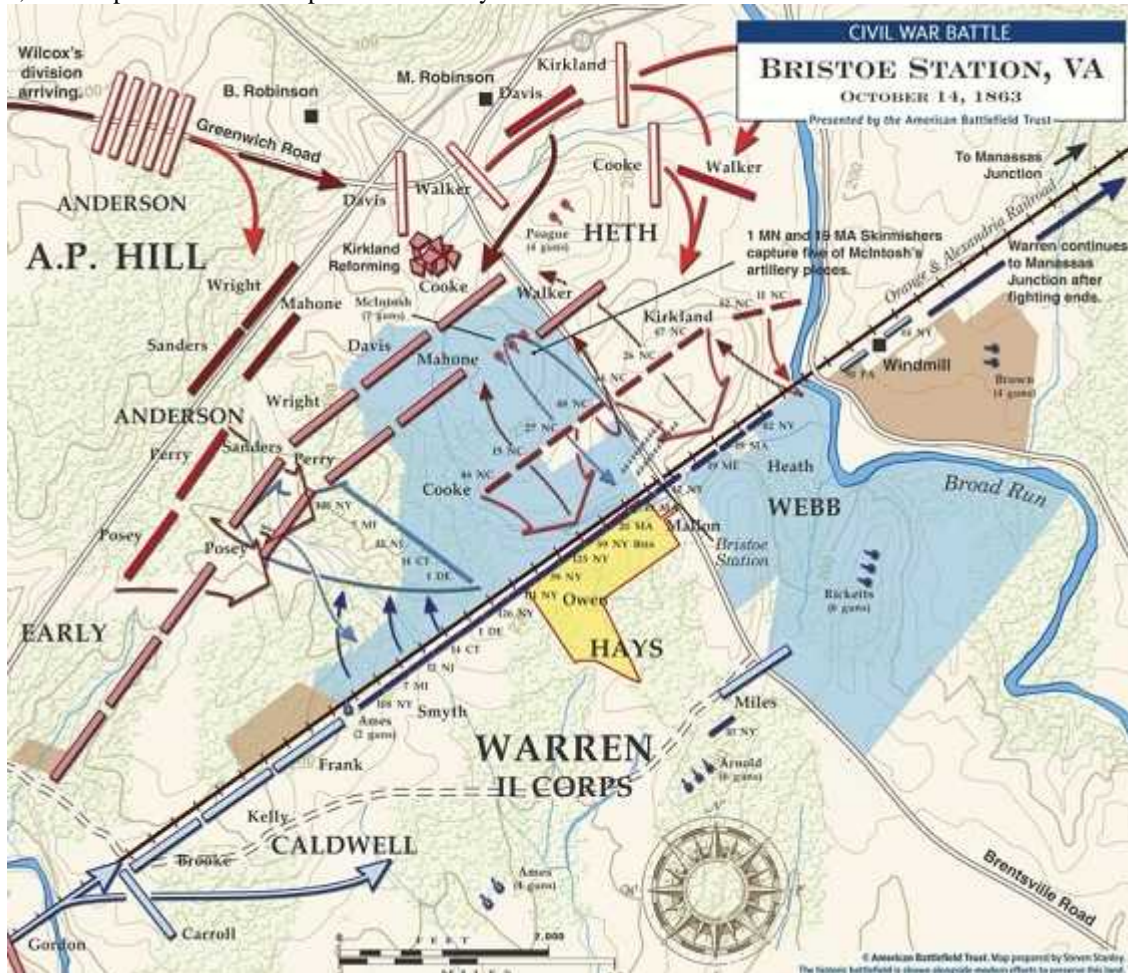
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22 Acres at Bristoe Station

This 22-acre parcel marked the position of Union troops led by General Joshua Owen, who acted as the main force to repel the Confederate attack.

It's also worth mentioning that these same 22 acres had seen action about a year earlier in the Battle of Kettle Run, a part of the Second Manassas Campaign, making this land twice hallowed.

Encroachment is continually threatening this otherwise pristine battlefield, which means that it's up to us to intervene. If we protect these acres now, we can preserve a crucial piece of the story of Bristoe Station.



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Combined, these properties are worth more than \$1.3 million.

However, thanks to a generous contribution from the Gettysburg Foundation and anticipated funding from the federal American Battlefield Protection Program and other state and local sources, we only need to raise \$103,500 to see this land saved forever. Meaning that any gift that you give today will be multiplied with a \$12.87-to-\$1 match!

Please give today to ensure these 28 critical acres of hallowed ground are saved forever.

David N. Duncan, President, American Battlefield Trust

To make a gift by mail, send your check made out to:

American Battlefield Trust
1140 Professional Court
Hagerstown, MD 21740.

To make a gift by phone, call **1-888-606-1400**.

Historic Site of the Month

Columbus-Belmont State Park, Kentucky



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Polk's Mississippi River Chain

Lying 330 miles west of Indianapolis is one of the greatly overlooked small treasures of Civil War parks. Overlooking the Mississippi River about 20 miles below Cairo, Illinois, it was here in September 1861 that Confederate general Leonida Polk occupied this northern terminus of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad area and began construction of Ft. DeRussy. Polk christened the fortress "the Gibraltar of the West," and stretched a giant chain of 20 pound links across the river to block Northern vessels.

The Confederate movement into Kentucky ended that State's neutrality. On November 7, 1861, Union General Ulysses S. Grant launched an attack from Cairo on the Confederate camp at Belmont, Missouri, across the river from Columbus. After initial success, Confederate reinforcements from Columbus eventually caused Grant to re-embark his force.

Polk was compelled to abandon his "Gibraltar" after Ft. Donelson, Tennessee fell in February 1862.

The park has a museum and gift shop (in what was a farmhouse and hospital in 1861), a 32 lb. Columbiad gun, and some of the finest earthworks that still exist. The site is open daily from May 1 through Labor Day, and weekends through the end of September. Closed between October 1 and April 30, except by appointment. Admission is \$4.00 for adults, and \$3.00 for seniors and children and 16.



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Belmont Battlefield from Ft. DeRussy

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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