



# HARDTACK

Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter  
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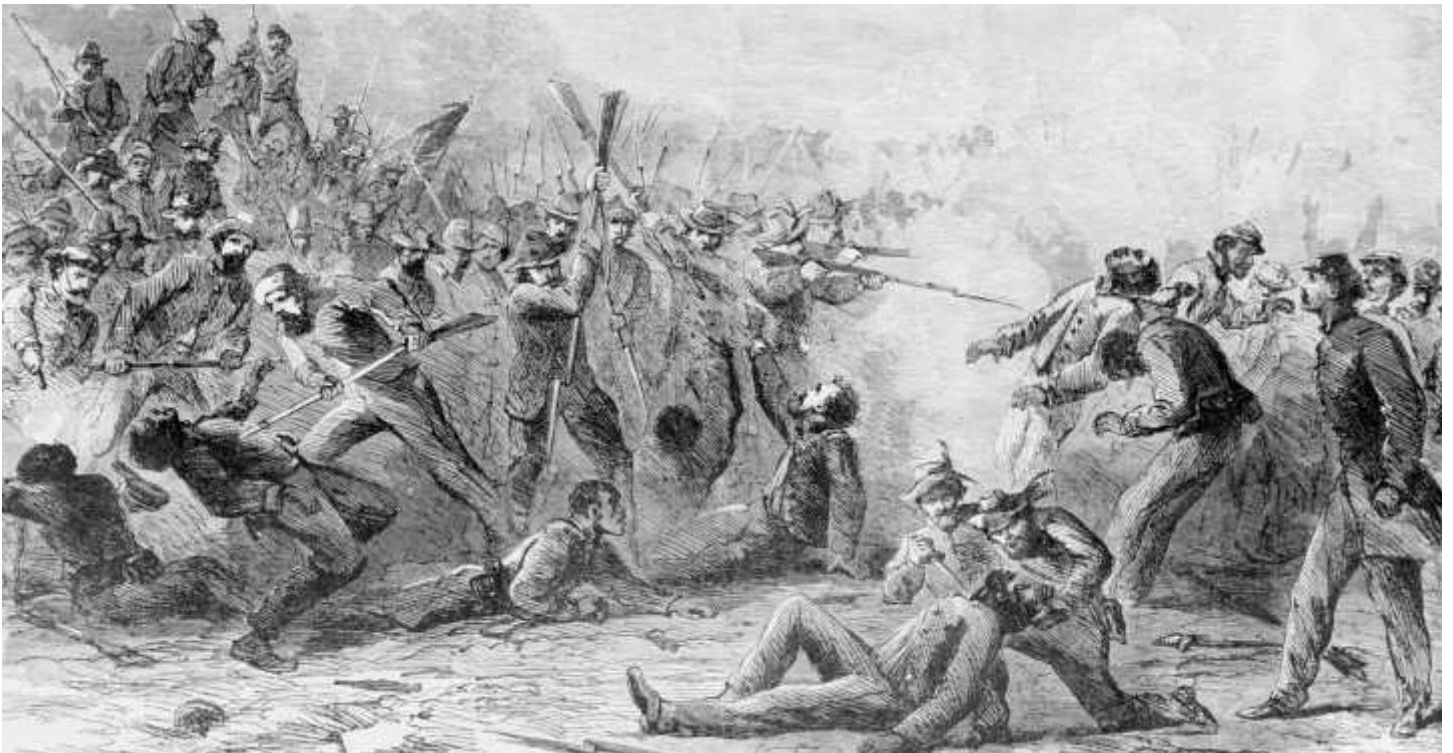
Monday, September 14, 2020 at 6:45 p.m.  
 Meeting at MCL Cafeteria Township Line  
 2370 W. 86th Street

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## *The Plan of the Day*

### *Our Guest Speaker - Gerald Jones*

Gerald G. Jones is a lifelong resident of Madison County. He has retired from Guide Corporation, General Motors after 37 years. A graduate of Ball State University and past president of the Indianapolis Civil War Roundtable, he has been studying the Civil War since 1970. He has been Chairman of the Madison County Historical Society Civil War Roundtable since its inception in 1992. He also serves as Treasurer and on the board of the Madison County Historical Society. Gerald is married with three children, one granddaughter, and one grandson.



### **“The Battle of Fort Pillow”**

America’s Civil War created many heroes, villains, casualties, and controversies. One of the greatest controversies surrounds the events of April 12, 1864 on a Western Tennessee bluff overlooking the Mississippi River. Tennessee Unionist and Black troops manned this place, named Fort Pillow. Attacked and overwhelmed by the troops of Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest, what followed became known as the Fort Pillow Massacre. We will look at the events leading up to the battle and the historical information recorded about this event.

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

### *Officers:*

President: Nikki Schofield

Vice President: Angie Gilmer

Secretary: Bill Nicholai

Treasurer: Tony Roscetti

Immediate Past President: Tony Trimble

### *Committees:*

Preservation: Andy O'Donnell

Website: Ed Pope

Program Selection: Tony Trimble, Angie Gilmer

Publicity: Peg Bertelli, Dave Sutherland, & Tony Roscetti

### *Quiz Master:*

Tony Trimble

### *HARDTACK Newsletter:*

Editor: Bob Gottschalk

## **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.

**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 [flyingscircus2011@hotmail.com](mailto:flyingscircus2011@hotmail.com) by the tenth day following the preceding month's meeting.

## *2020-2021 Campaign Plans*

September 14, 2020 – Gerald Jones - "The Battle of Fort Pillow"

October 12, 2020 – Michael K. Shaffer – "The Battle of Kelly's Ford"

November 9, 2020 – Danny Russell – "Abraham Lincoln and the Gettysburg Address"

December 14, 2020 – Tony Trimble – "Death Struggle in Missouri"

January 11, 2021 – Matt Penrod – "The Memorialization of Robert E. Lee"

February 8, 2021 – YOU! – "Civil War Show and Tell"

March 8, 2021 – John Fazio – "The Confederate Secret Service and the Assassination of Abraham Lincoln"

April 12, 2021 – Michael Eisenhut - "The Iron Brigade at Gettysburg."

May 10, 2021 — Kelsey Johnson and William Ghormley - "The Underground Railroad"

June 14, 2021 — Bruce Kolb and Mike Beck - "The Grand Army of the Republic"

## *Other Camp Activities*

**Hamilton County Civil War Roundtable:** There will be no meetings allowed in the Carmel City Hall building for outside organizations for the month of September and further updates for October will not be issued until the end of September. Considering this fact and also in consideration for many of us who are senior citizens, we therefore decided to cancel our meetings scheduled for both September and October and will reschedule the speakers for 2021.

This year the November meeting happens to fall on Veterans Day and therefore the Carmel City Hall is closed for this recognized holiday. So, our November meeting has been rescheduled for December 9th, 2020. This meeting will be held in a forum fashion to discuss the Battle of Shiloh following the showing of the Shiloh Battlefield Park documentary. Further information will be forthcoming as we get closer to that date.

**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 11<sup>th</sup> Street, in downtown Anderson.

## *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.

### **September Book Raffle:**

1. The Dependable General: George Henry Thomas, by Frank A. Palumbo
2. Shiloh: The Battle That Changed the Civil War, by Larry J. Daniel
3. Sickles at Gettysburg, by James A. Hessler
4. The Army Medical Department, 1818-1865, by Mary C. Gillett
5. Mr. Davis's Richmond, by Stanley Kimmel

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

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

1. Lincoln signed the Income Tax Bill on 1 July 1862. What were the rates?
2. On 9 May 1864 a Union general was killed at Spotsylvania. Name him.
3. Who wrote, "Beware of rashness, but with energy and sleepless vigilance go forward and give us victories."?  
To whom was it written?
4. What city was the focus of a campaign that included a naval bombardment of Fort Anderson?
5. As the battle of Antietam raged on 17 September 1862, another Union force was surrendered in Kentucky.  
Where did this occur?

Answers in the October Hardtack.

## CROWN HILL TOUR

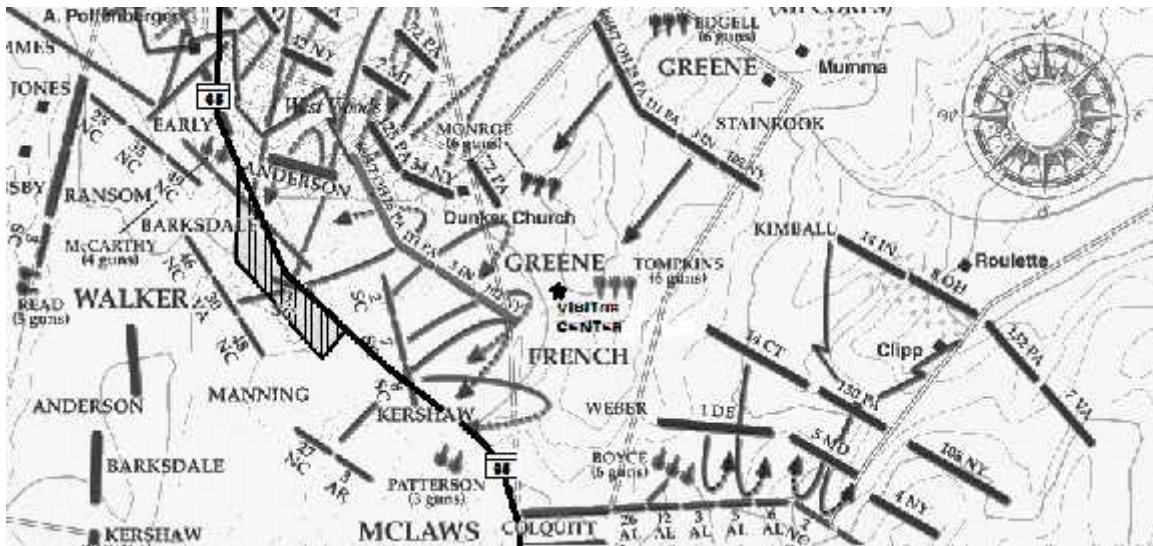
Although Crown Hill Heritage Foundation cancelled all 2020 cemetery tours, they have given permission for Nikki Schofield to conduct a Civil War tour on Saturday, September 19, for members of the Civil War Round Table. Meet at the Waiting Station at the 34th Street Gate at 9:30 a.m. When everyone has gathered, we will move our cars to the Gothic Chapel where the tour begins. If you are not yet a member of the CWRT, you can join at that time. The walking tour lasts about an hour and a half. Wear comfortable shoes. We will not go to the Crown, the highest point of land in Marion County, but you can drive there following the tour.

## NEW BOOK BY FORMER MEMBER

A former member of our Round Table, Andy Bowman, has just published "Carrying The Colors, The Life and Legacy of Medal of Honor Recipient, Andrew Jackson Smith," by W. Robert Beckman and Sharon S. MacDonald with Andrew S. Bowman and Esther L. Bowman. The publisher is Westholme. Sharon has been a speaker at our Round Table. Andy has spoken to us about his ancestor, Andrew Smith, whose father was a white landowner and his mother was a slave. He served in the 55th Massachusetts, an African-American regiment. When the color bearer was killed, during an assault on a Confederate battery in South Carolina, Andy Smith held the colors steady as the decimated regiment withdrew. On January 16, 2001, President Bill Clinton presented the Medal of Honor for Andrew Jackson Smith to Andy Bowman in the White House.

## *Preservation Call of the Month*

### **Antietam**



A crucial part of the “West Woods” portion of the Antietam battlefield has just come onto the market, and **we need your help to protect it today**. We are working against an urgent deadline that requires us to act now to purchase and protect a 3-acre tract before it is lost.

The area that we are trying to save saw some of the heaviest fighting of the War. Historian Bruce Catton wrote:

*“In a square of ground measuring very little more than one thousand yards on a side – cornfield, barnyard, orchard, East and West Woods, and the fields by the turnpike – nearly twelve thousand men were lying on the ground dead or wounded.”*

Anyone who has visited this portion of the battlefield is familiar with the state highway that runs through it. Currently, anyone who wishes to walk that western part of the battlefield must “wait until the coast is clear” of speeding traffic before sprinting across the road.

The three acres we are targeting are privately owned land within the boundary lines of the national park. Until now, this land has been 1.) completely inaccessible to the public, and 2.) not protected.

By saving this land today, we will help to open up this part of the battlefield for greater visitation and prevent any future sale and development of this crucial property. Saving this land would add significantly to the historic land preserved all around the West Woods and gets us one step closer to being able to declare Antietam an essentially preserved battlefield.

If we act quickly, you and I can save it forever!

The price to acquire this land is \$310,000. While that is a big number, it is also a very fair price. The real kicker here is that we have to close on the property no later than September 30 of this year! ***That’s right, just a few weeks away.***

Thankfully, a few major donors have generously stepped forward to cover half the cost. So, I am asking for your generosity to help raise our \$155,000 portion as soon as possible.

Please make a gift to preserve this land today, so that we can honor the courage and valor of the American soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice here.

Jim Lighthizer  
President  
American Battlefield Trust

P.S. To thank you for your generosity, it would be my honor to send you a recently re-discovered piece of American history. **For your gift of \$62 or more**, I will send you a specially commissioned reproduction of the Samuel G. Elliott burial map for the Antietam Battlefield, on which you may see the West Woods and the graves of the brave men who fought surrounding it.

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## Re-enlist NOW for the 2020-2021 Campaign

All ICWRT members may continue to receive the monthly HARDTACK, via email at no additional charge. Members who HARDTACK by U.S. Mail are asked to pay an additional printing and mailing costs.

Please bring your completed re-enlistment form (below) payment to Indianapolis Civil War Round Table, and give it to ICWRT Treasurer, at the next Round Table meeting, or mail form and payment to:

Tony Roscetti  
6260 Green Leaves Road  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46220



newsletter,  
prefer to receive the  
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together with your  
Tony Roscetti,  
your re-enlistment

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