



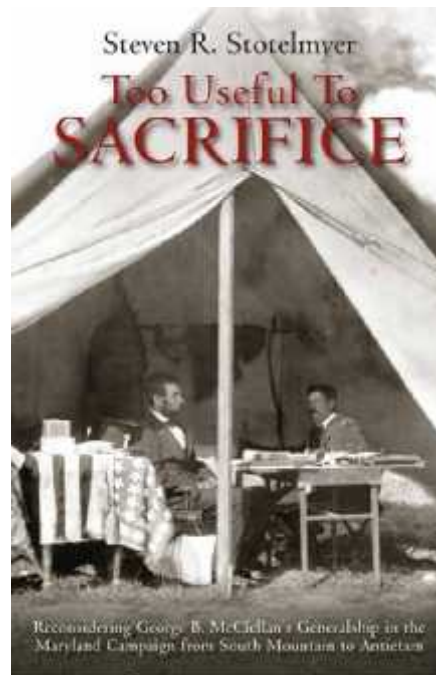
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Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter
<http://indianapoliscwrt.org/>

Monday, April 11, 2022 at 6:45 p.m.
 Meeting at MCL Cafeteria Township Line
 2370 W. 86th Street

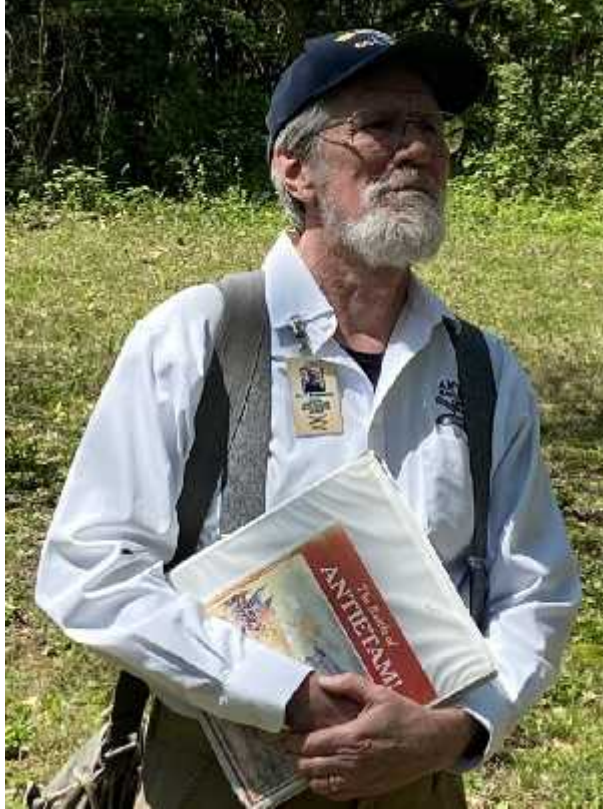
The Plan of the Day



“Too Useful To Sacrifice”

Had Robert E. Lee’s first movement north in September 1862 been completely successful, it is very likely that the late nineteenth century would have seen at least two independent nations between Canada and Mexico. Of course, that did not happen, due in large part to the generalship of George B. McClellan. Ironically, rather than receive the recognition due for guiding the Union through one of its greatest crises, this able general is largely castigated in the pages of traditional history for not accomplishing more. In his presentation, author Steven R. Stotemyer throws light on the accepted myths of General McClellan’s alleged shortcomings during the Maryland Campaign of 1862. Best remembered in popular history as the bad general President Lincoln said had the “slows.” McClellan has long been typecast as the slow, timid, overly cautious general who did not want to fight; however, there are several aspects of the campaign that simply do not fit the stereotype. Steve’s talk explores some of the fallacies behind these long-held beliefs.

Our Guest Speaker



Steven R. Stotelmyer

Steven R. Stotelmyer is a native of Hagerstown, Maryland. He first visited Antietam National Battlefield as a child and has been fascinated with it ever since. After serving in the Navy, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Frostburg State College and a Master of Arts from Hood College in Frederick, Maryland. He worked as a teacher, surveyor, and civil engineer before retiring. Stotelmyer was a founding member of the Central Maryland Heritage League. The organization helped preserve some important locations of the South Mountain Battlefield. He is the author of *The Bivouacs of the Dead: The Story of Those Who Died at Antietam and South Mountain* (Toomey Press, 1992), and *Too Useful To Sacrifice: Reconsidering George B. McClellan's Generalship in the Maryland Campaign of 1862* (Savas Beatie, 2019). Steve is a National Park Service Antietam Battlefield Volunteer as well as a NPS Certified Antietam and South Mountain Battlefield Tour Guide.

Remainder of the 2021-2022 Campaign

May 9, 2022 — Gerald Jones - "Berdan's Sharpshooters"

June 13, 2021 — Karel Biggs - "The Importance of Quinine in the Antebellum South and the Confederate Search for a Substitute"

Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2021-2022 Campaign

Officers:

President: William Ghormley

Secretary: Bill Nicolai

Immediate Past President: Angie Gilmer

Vice President: Steven Magnusen

Treasurer: Tony Roscetti

Committees:

Preservation: Andy O'Donnell

Website: Ed Pope

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

Publicity: Peg Bertelli & Chris Smith

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 by the tenth day following the preceding month's meeting.

Hamilton County Civil War Roundtable: Meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday each month, September through May (excluding December) in Carmel City Hall. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

Madison County Historical Society Civil War Roundtable: Meetings take place on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Bowman Room at the Museum of Madison County History, 15 West 11th Street, Anderson, Indiana.

April 18, 2022 Stephen Ritchie, " Robert E. Lee, From Appomattox to Lexington"

May 16, 2022 Michael Eisenhut " Iron Brigade at Gettysburg"

June 20, 2022 Linda J. Jones "Desertion"

Official Records

March Attendance: 34

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

By Nikki Stoddard Schofield

“Could the South Have Won?” was hotly debated at the March 14, 2022 meeting of the ICWRT. Chris Smith, moderator, opened with a quote from President Harry Truman when asked “What if the South won?” “They didn’t,” Truman replied,

Preston Breunig, the first speaker, presented the North’s side, giving facts about the superiority of the Union states. He also emphasized the importance of Confederate General Patrick Cleburne’s Proposal to Arm Slaves, copies of which he distributed.

Next to speak was David Finney, whose family came from Georgia and South Carolina. He spoke about underdogs of history that nevertheless won. Despite the North’s advantages, Southerners believed in self-will and that they were legally able to withdraw from the Union.

The final speaker, Tony Trimble, gave the perspective of MacKinley Kantor, who wrote “If the South Had Won the Civil War.” He made reference to two other books: “How the North Won” by Herman Hattaway and Archer Jones, and “Why the South Lost the Civil War” by Richard Beringer. Members of the audience asked questions during a lively discussion.



NEW OFFICERS FOR 2022-2023 CAMPAIGN

At the March 2022 meeting, the Nominating Committee, consisting of Tony Roscetti, Nikki Schofield, and Linda Smith, presented the slate of officers for the 2022-2023 Campaign. They are: President, Steve Magnusen; Vice President, Peter Benner; Secretary, Eric Dove; Treasurer, Pete Mohr; Hardtack editor, Robert Gottschalk; Web Master, Ed Pope; Publicity, Chris Smith; Preservation, Andy O'Donnell; Quiz Master, Tony Trimble; Tour Director, Peter Benner; Program Selection Committee: David Finney, Robert Gottschalk, Nikki Schofield, and Tony Trimble; and Nominating Committee, Tony Roscetti, Nikki Schofield, and Linda Smith. The members voted to accept the slate of officers to serve from July 2022 through June 2023.

Nikki Stoddard Schofield

This Day In History

by Nikki Stoddard Schofield

April 11, 1861 - Confederate General P.G.T. Beauregard demanded the surrender of Fort Sumter. Major Robert Anderson, commander of the fort, refused.

April 10-11, 1862 - Fort Pulaski, Georgia, guarding Savannah at the mouth of the Savannah River, fell to Union forces after constant bombardment

April 11, 1863 - General James Longstreet's Confederate troops marched toward Suffolk, Virginia, which they besieged from April 12 to May 4

April 11, 1864, Dr. Mary Edwards Walker began her first day of imprisonment by Confederate troops who captured her south of the Tennessee-Georgia line. The Union Army's only female surgeon was released four months later.

April 11, 1865, President Lincoln delivered his last public address from an upper window of the White House. He called for reconciliation in reconstruction

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

by Tony Trimble

1. On 2 April, 1863 a mob surrounded a wagon in Richmond. By what name is this event commonly known?
2. What nickname did Federal soldiers apply to Jackson, Mississippi?
3. What battle was properly known as, "The Gettysburg of the West"?
4. By 1864, what military installation was described as, "a mound of rubble"?
5. What was the best-known part of the Iron Brigade uniform? Who procured it?

Answers to the March Quiz:

1. Nathaniel Banks
2. His pants
3. It was made up entirely of Irish soldiers
4. Gideon Pillow and John Floyd
5. Jefferson Davis to Robert E. Lee

Honoring the 28th U.S.C.T.



Maryland State Archives

ICWRT President Bill Ghormley and Nikki Schofield recently met with a team working for Indianapolis Mayor Joseph Hogsett to develop memorials from the USCT 28th, raised in and around Fountain Square in Indianapolis.

The committee sought help in finding the gravesites of these United States Colored Troops, and Nikki brought the records of 60 graves at Crown Hill. They are also interested in the New Crown Hill and other cemeteries in the city.

Hogsett's team is working to build community pride for the 28th — which lost over 75% of its numbers between 1863 and 1865. The regiment was mustered into Federal service in December, 1863, and mustered out on November 8, 1865. They saw action at the Crater, the Weldon Railroad, and Poplar Grove Church, before marching into Richmond on April 3, 1865. Between June and November 1865, the 28th served in Texas along the Mexican border.

A mural honoring the 28th's service is to be painted on the walls of Hotel Tango or nearby 702 Virginia Avenue.

Walking tours are being planned, in addition to educational materials and possibly other cultural offerings, including theater and film. There is the possibility of that a parade down Virginia Ave. or Calvary St., with black soldiers as a focal event, will be conducted on either May Day or "Juneteenth" celebrations.

Lots of ideas were floated, and Bill and Nikki offered to help them gather historical evidence.

INDIANAPOLIS CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE PROPOSED TOUR --SUMMER 2022

WEDNESDAY: Leave Indianapolis at 8:30 am. Travel 130 miles to Frankfort, Kentucky, arriving around 11:00 am. Tour Fort Hill and the two Civil War earthwork forts.

Noon: Eat lunch at one of Frankfort downtown restaurants.

1:30 to 5:00 pm visit the Thomas D Clark Center for Kentucky History and see their "Kentucky in the Civil War" exhibit. This visit also includes a tour of the Old State Capitol where the Kentucky Legislature voted on secession in 1861.

5:00 - Travel to the Green Hill Cemetery. Established in 1865 for Frankfort's African-Americans. 142 veterans of Kentucky's United States Colored Troops from the Frankfort area are buried here.

6:00 pm - Travel 27 miles to Hampton Inn in Lexington and check in to your room. Eat dinner at one of the local restaurants.

THURSDAY: Eat breakfast at the Hampton Inn.

10:00 Take a one-hour tour of the Mary Todd Lincoln House. Mary and her family lived her from 1832 to 1839. Mary was age 13 to 19 when she lived here.

11:15 Travel one mile to Ashland, the Henry Clay Estate.

12:00 Eat lunch at Ginkgo Tree Café

1:00 Take a 45-minute tour “Slavery at Ashland”

2:30 take a 90 minute “Signature Henry Clay Tour” led by a docent this tour explores the 18-room mansion and the career of Henry Clay.

4:30 Return to the Hampton Inn

7:00 pm: Hope to schedule a speaker, possibly a history professor from the University of Kentucky or Transylvania University

FRIDAY: Eat breakfast at the Hampton Inn.

8:00 Travel 22 miles to White Hall State historic Sitehome of Cassius Marcellus Clay, emancipationist, newspaper publisher, and Ambassador to Russia under Abraham Lincoln’s Administration.white .

11:00 Take a guided tour of the estate.

12:00 Travel 22 miles to Berea, Kentucky and eat lunch.

1:30 Travel 34 miles to Camp Nelson

2:45 to 5:00 Visit the museum, cemetery, Oliver Perry House, and the US Army Barracks

5:00 return to Hampton Inn or spend the night at the Boone Tavern in Berea.

7:30 Hope to have another speaker this night either from Berea College or one of the two Universities in Lexington

SATURDAY: Return to Indianapolis

IF there is time and interest, we could visit another site on the way home. These possible places could be one of the following:

Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historical Park near Hodgenville, Kentucky

Bardstown, Kentucky – Museum of Women in the Civil War and the Civil War Museum Western Theater

Perryville Battlefield Historic Site

Proposed possible tour dates are as follows:

June 1,2,3,4	July 6,7,8,9
June 8,9,10,11	July 13,14,15,16
June 15,16,17,18	July 20,21,22,23
June 22,23,24,25	July 27,28,29,30
June 29,30 July 1,2	

There are another four weeks in August and another four weeks in September

FEEDBACK FOR CIVIL WAR TOUR

I would like to get some thoughts on a tour to Eastern Kentucky. Can you rate your level of interest in this tour?

Very much interested in this tour -

Somewhat interested in the tour, might go if I have the time available -

I don't have the time or the interest to do this tour?

Are there any other sites you would like to visit in the Eastern half of Kentucky? Eastern Kentucky would be anything east of Interstate 65, including all of greater Louisville.

Any interest in visiting sites related to John Hunt Morgan? Anyone of knowledge of any of these sites?

Do you know or know of a Civil War Historian that could speak to us in Lexington?

Have you visited any of the sites listed on the proposed tour? Do you recommend or not recommend a particular site?

Is there a particular date that would like to use for the tour?

Are there proposed dates that you are unavailable?

Thanks Pete Benner

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Richmond National Battlefield Park acquires new land at Malvern Hill Battlefield

Civil War News (Jan 27, 2022 Updated Jan 27, 2022)

RICHMOND, Va.—Richmond National Battlefield Park Superintendent Doyle Sapp today announced the acquisition of 371 acres of land at the Malvern Hill Battlefield in Henrico County from the Capital Region Land Conservancy (CRLC). This new land brings the total amount of land preserved by the National Park Service at Malvern Hill to approximately 1,300 acres.

“Malvern Hill witnessed the culmination of the Seven Days Battles in 1862 and is one of the best-preserved Civil War battlefields in Virginia,” said Sapp. “We are deeply grateful to our partners at CRLC for their work in preserving this land so that current and future generations may better understand how this conflict shaped our nation’s history.”

Fought on July 1, 1862, the Battle of Malvern Hill pitted Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee’s forces against Union forces led by Maj. Gen. George B. McClellan. Approximately 50,000 soldiers fought on each side, with McClellan’s Federal forces launching the attack in an effort to take the Confederate capital of Richmond. The ideal defensive ground helped McClellan’s army win the Battle of Malvern Hill from a tactical standpoint, but his withdrawal across the James River and failure to capitalize on his army’s success inadvertently made this a strategic victory for Lee and the South.

This newly acquired acreage illustrates the importance of terrain in shaping the course of the battle. The land brings into the national park the leftmost end of the primary Union infantry position atop the hill and also preserves two ridges from which Union cannon fired in direct and very effective support of their comrades.

“When it became apparent to us in 2016 that we were the last defense for Malvern Hill Farm from turning into a residential subdivision, we committed to do our best to preserve the entire 871-acre property and deliver the National Park Service’s land interest,” said Parker Agelasto, Capital Region Land Conservancy’s Executive Director. “Our regional land trust took on the nationally important work because of its significance to our community, though we could not have done it without the support of our partners at the National Park Service who will now steward much of the property for the public to enjoy.”

More information about the Malvern Hill Battlefield, as well as other Civil War sites preserved by the park, can be found at www.nps.gov/rich or [www.Facebook.com/RichmondNPS](https://www.facebook.com/RichmondNPS).

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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