



# HARDTACK



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

Monday, January 10, 2022 at 6:45 p.m.  
 Meeting at MCL Cafeteria Township Line  
 2370 W. 86th Street

## *The Plan of the Day*



## “Civil War Show & Tell”

This is **your** program! **You** are the speaker. Bring your favorite book, artifact, weapon, quilt, badge, ribbon, picture, or whatever pertains to the Civil War to the meeting, tell us what you know about the item and what makes it special to you.

If you plan to show a gun, do not bring the ammunition. Keep it covered, and enter directly into our meeting room from the parking lot. ***Do not bring a weapon through the MCL restaurant!***

## *Our Guest Speakers*

# YOU!

This is how the program will be conducted. When you arrive, sign up on the clipboard that Nikki Schofield will monitor. Our program is one hour long, so if six people sign up, they will each have 10 minutes to talk. If twelve people sign up, each person can speak about their item(s) for five minutes. If twenty people sign up, each person has three minutes to talk. Be mindful of your time limit. If the item can be handled, pass it around for the members to see up close. Depending on how long our business meeting takes, the program time can be adjusted accordingly – less business, more show and tell. We want everyone to have an opportunity to share their treasurers, and will not cut anyone off. We can be a little flexible. Start setting aside what you plan to bring so you are not scrambling to find that precious something just before it's time to leave for the meeting!

### **Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2021-2022 Campaign**

#### *Officers:*

President: William Ghormley

Vice President: Steven Magnusen

Secretary: Bill Nicolai

Treasurer: Tony Roscetti

Immediate Past President: Angie Gilmer

#### *Committees:*

Preservation: Andy O'Donnell

Website: Ed Pope

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

Publicity: Peg Bertelli & Chris Smith

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.

### ***2021-2022 Campaign Plans***

January 10, 2022 – YOU! – "Civil War Show and Tell"

February 14, 2022 – Michael Eisenhut – The Iron Brigade at Gettysburg

March 14, 2022 – "Could the South Have Won?" Chris Smith, moderator; David Finney for the South; Preston Breunig for the North; and Tony Trimble on McKinley Cantor's view

April 11, 2022 – Steve Stotlymyer - "Too Useful to Sacrifice: Reconsidering George B. McClellan in the Maryland 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"

### ***Other Camp's Activities***

**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, 11 West 11th Street, Anderson, Indiana.

### ***Official Records***

**December 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.

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### ***Message from President Bill Ghormley***

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Terrific 2022!!

See you at the "Show & Tell" on January 10th — remember, no ammunition if you bring a weapon

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### ***This Day In History***

*by Nikki Stoddard Schofield*

January 10, 1861, Florida seceded from the Union and U.S. Senator Stephen Mallory of Florida resigned from Congress to join the Confederacy.

January 10, 1865, the United States Congress gave official thanks to General William T. Sherman for his operations in Georgia.

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

*by Tony Trimble*

1. What is a Bounding Bet?
2. Where would you find Milliken's Bend?
3. Whose final raid was carried out against Mt. Sterling, Kentucky?
4. In 1860, the army established the Signal Corps. Which one of its leaders later used his knowledge to found the Confederate Signal Corps?
5. At Pitman's Crossroads, a skirmish was fought on 21 October 1862. In what state is it?

Answers to the December Quiz:

1. Maj. Gen. George Thomas
2. Maj. Gen. Ormsby M. Mitchel
3. Brig. Gen. Franz Sigel
4. Clara Barton
5. Secretary of the Navy Gideon Welles

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### **BOOK REVIEWS**

*By Nikki Stoddard Schofield*

"**Lockett's Crucible**," by T.J. Johnston, is a fast-paced novel about James Lockett, serving as a spy behind enemy lines for General Rosecrans. This is volume three of the James Lockett novels, "The Boys from Kalamazoo." The battles of Perryville and Stones River are included in this exciting story.

"**Ends of War, The Unfinished Fight of Lee's Army after Appomattox**," by Caroline E. Janney (a previous speaker at our Round Table), tells of those thousands of soldiers from the Army of Northern Virginia who did not surrender on April 9, 1865, and what they did afterwards that resulted in the birth of the Lost Cause narrative and the defiant resilience of rebellion that followed.

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## ICWRT HISTORY

*by Steve Magnusen*

14 years ago – January 2004, Meeting #488: Nikki Schofield presented on The Perils of Spying: Belle Boyd in First Person.

28 years ago – January 1994, Meeting #388: Arthur Candequist spoke on Freemasonry and the War.

35 years ago – January 1987, Meeting #318: Peter Carmichael presented on The Federal Assault on the Confederate Left at Antietam.

57 years ago – January 1965, Meeting #98: Harold Sunstrom, Indianapolis, spoke on When Bugles Blew – The Lilly Battery.

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### *Hoosier Girls*

In early autumn of 1863, Private William A. Brand of the 66<sup>th</sup> Ohio was shipped west with the Union 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Corps to Chattanooga, Tennessee. A regular contributor to the Urbana Citizen & Gazette, Brand wrote from the Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

“We arrived at Indianapolis at 5 p.m. Friday and left for Louisville at 10:30. But we of the Ohio regiments really were ashamed of our state while riding through the handsome villages of the Hoosier State. The ladies were so pretty and they all love us boys so. Every station was crowded with the prettiest girls the Union can boast of and each was armed with a basket of provisions which the boys were compelled to enjoy. Your correspondent was carried away with the ladies of Indiana and considers himself pledged “when this cruel war is over” to go to Indiana and marry the prettiest girl. “Hold on Quaker!”



*Unknown*

To read the full letter and more, go to

**[Dan Masters' Civil War Chronicles](https://dan-masters-civil-war.blogspot.com/2021/11/joining-rosecrans-army-11th-and-12th.html#more)** <https://dan-masters-civil-war.blogspot.com/2021/11/joining-rosecrans-army-11th-and-12th.html#more>

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## ICWRT Authors and Their Works

**Jenny Thompson's** work on the Eighth Indiana Infantry Regiment has been published in a four-volume series entitled *Above Us or Around Us*. Volume I: **The Story of the Bloody Eighth** tells the history of both the three-month and three-year Eighth Indiana Infantry regiments from April 1861 to August 1865. Readers will learn how they chose their motto "Above Us or Around Us," how they earned their nickname "The Bloody Eighth," and what occurred during each battle. They will also learn about the soldiers' family ties, claims to fame, and tragic endings. This volume includes poems about the Battle of Cedar Creek and poems written by James Whitcomb Riley, whose father, uncle, and favorite teacher served in this regiment, and includes regimental correspondence. Volume II: **The Men of the Bloody Eighth A-K** and Volume III: **The Men of the Bloody Eighth L-Z** continue the story of the Eighth Indiana Infantry through the biographies of the soldiers and contrabands who served in this regiment. Readers will learn about the regiment's Medal of Honor recipient, the soldier who made and sold the first ice cream cone in the world, James Whitcomb Riley's teacher and relatives of James Whitcomb Riley and Carrie Nation, the soldier who held ten patents for his inventions, and the soldier related to Presidents William Henry Harrison and Benjamin Harrison. Two soldiers in this volume named the town of Windfall, Indiana. One soldier and his brother built the first threshing machine in Indiana. Several soldiers experienced close encounters with death or PTSD, which led to suicide. Some became murder victims or committed murder. These biographies will leave a lasting impression on readers as they learn more about the men of the Bloody Eighth. Volume IV: **The Story and the Men of the Bloody Eighth in the News** includes the newspaper articles that provide reports during the war and about brigade reunions after the war. The articles also help readers learn about tragedies, special events, and the deaths of the soldiers in this regiment. Readers can also follow a Tennessee murder trial. The men of the "Bloody Eighth" lived up to their motto "Above Us or Around Us" and are men to be remembered for years to come. This series is now available on Amazon.com:

([https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08NGTDN6X?binding=paperback&ref=dbs\\_dp\\_rwt\\_sb\\_pc\\_tpbk](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08NGTDN6X?binding=paperback&ref=dbs_dp_rwt_sb_pc_tpbk)) for \$20.00 for each volume. Jenny has signed sets available from her for \$60 for the set. Please contact her at [jkt60jet@gmail.com](mailto:jkt60jet@gmail.com) if you would like a signed set.

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Behind all descriptions of historical events are the stories of real people. **Steve Magnusen's** *To My Best Girl: Courage, Honor, and Love in the Civil War: The Inspiring Life Stories of Rufus Dawes and Mary Gates* is the extraordinary true story of a citizen soldier and the girl he loves, as both become embroiled in the cauldron of our nation's Civil War.

Rufus R Dawes will emerge from a troubled family background to become an officer in a famous unit thrust into horrific battles in the eastern theater. But before those stirring war scenes, there is the early life of a proud and intelligent descendant of leading Revolutionary War figures, ancestors who helped form the United States, the Northwest Territory, and the state of Ohio.

Rufus will meet beautiful and vibrant Mary Beman Gates and fall in love. But there is separation due to distance and social standing, apparently little reciprocal feeling, and competition by others better situated than he. Can it ever become more than infatuation? The outbreak of war intervenes. Faced with the doubt of his own survival, is it possible to fulfill any dream of a life with Mary?

Mary is a girl with a loving family who becomes a young woman while witnessing many acquaintances and suitors, along with an only brother, march off to war. Tragic battle losses soon mount. Will she—should she—become involved with a soldier whose life is in daily jeopardy far away?

The drama unfolds upon Rufus and Mary, and upon family members and soldiers who experience their own battles, trying to survive while patriotically performing their duty to the nation. Based on many letters and diary entries, most never published, this is a timeless story of love and courage. The is available in hardcover, paperback or eBook at: [www.ToMyBestGirl.com](http://www.ToMyBestGirl.com) (using PayPal for a signed copy), Amazon ()

- Barnes and Noble online

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**"Brothers of War. The Iron Brigade at Gettysburg"** by **Michael Eisenhut** is a new Civil War novel released in June of 2021. It has won several awards including the 2021 American Writing Awards for military history.

This historical fiction was meticulously researched and is based on actual brothers and their squad who fought as members of the famed Iron Brigade, particularly the Nineteenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry regiment.

"Brothers of War" not only puts readers into the middle of the Battle of Gettysburg, but also makes them feel as though they are among the soldiers marching, camping, and fighting in this epic story of the American Civil War.

Here is a link for more on the book and ordering information. (<https://www.brothersofwarbook.com/>)

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**Nikki Schofield's** *"Spotsylvania County, A Civil War Romance,"* tells of Albany, dressed in a Union uniform, delivering a map to General Grant, after which she aids a Confederate soldier, working as a spy, who falls from his dying horse during the Battle of the Wilderness. Albany rescues Paxton, temporarily blinded by cannon fire. When Paxton regains his sight, he is shocked to learn his companion is a woman and the enemy. As the couple travels the ground, meeting slaves, ne'er-do-wells, deserters, and children, they seek safe havens during the Battle of Spotsylvania Court House. Amid the chaos of battle, they fall in love. The book contains Cast of Characters, Chronology of Historic Events, Book Club and Classroom Discussion Questions, Historic Notes, and Resources.

Nikki's previous books are *Alas Richmond* (2011), *Treason Afoot* (2013), *Savannah Bound* (2014), *Confederates in Canada* (2016), and *Washington City Citadel* (2017). They are available in print or electronic format. ([https://www.amazon.com/Kindle-Store-Nikki-Schofield/s?rh=n%3A133140011%2Cp\\_27%3ANikki+Schofield](https://www.amazon.com/Kindle-Store-Nikki-Schofield/s?rh=n%3A133140011%2Cp_27%3ANikki+Schofield))

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The recently released “*Brigades of Antietam: The Union and Confederate Brigades during the 1862 Maryland Campaign*,” edited by Brad Gottfried, contains six entries by HARDTACK Editor **Bob Gottschalk**. More information can be found on the Antietam Institute’s website (<https://antietaminstitute.org/the-brigades-of-antietam/>). It is also available on Amazon.

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### *Seasonal Battlefield - Parker’s Crossroads, Tennessee*



*Split Rail Fence (Stop 7)*

*Bob Gottschalk*

On December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1862, while Rosecrans’ Army of the Cumberland was locked in combat with Bragg’s Army of Tennessee near Murfreesboro Tennessee, 130 miles to the west Brig. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest fought a battle to avoid entrapment by two Federal brigades at Parker’s Crossroads.

The culmination of an expedition through West Tennessee to destroy Union railroad lines, the battle was set in motion when Brig. Gen. Jeremiah C. Sullivan, commander of the District of Jackson, Tennessee, saw an opportunity to intercept Forrest before he recrossed the Tennessee River. Col. Cyrus L. Dunham’s Brigade, marching from Clarksburg, to the north, arrived first at Parker’s Crossroads early on the morning of December 31<sup>st</sup>. Forrest’s command, advanced from the northwest, and forced Dunham to fall back to the south. As Confederate artillery mauled the Federals from the front, Forrest attacked them from the rear. Having surrounded Dunham’s force, Forrest demanded it’s surrender, which Dunham refused.

Suddenly, Union Col. John W. Fuller’s Brigade attacked Forrest’s rear, capturing more than 300 of his men. Here Forrest shouted his famous “Charge them both ways!” After further close and confused fighting, Forrest disengaged, and his force rode ten miles south to Lexington. His command recrossed the Tennessee River at Clifton on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1863.



*McPeake Cabin*

*Bob Gottschalk*

Midway between Nashville and Memphis (380 miles from Indianapolis), the Parker's Crossroads Battlefield Visitors Center is located ½ mile south of I-40 (Exit 108) on Tennessee Highway 22. It is open every day but Christmas from 9:00-4:30. It includes a small museum, a short interpretive film, and a gift shop.

Self-Guided tours along the paved trails feature wayside exhibits that interpret the battle.



*Parker's Crossroads Battlefield Assoc.*



*Library of Congress*

## Re-enlist NOW for the 2022-2023 Campaign

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

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

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### ICWRT Membership Enlistment for July 2022 thru June 2023

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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. \_\_\_\_\_