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

October 11, 2021 at at 6:45 p.m.
 Meeting at MCL Cafeteria Township Line
 2370 W. 86th Street

The Plan of the Day

Morgan's Great Raid: Taking the War to the North



History Net

From July 2-26, 1863, while the great battles at Gettysburg and Vicksburg captured the attention of the American people, Confederate brigadier general John Hunt Morgan led nearly 2,500 cavalymen on a daring raid into the North. Morgan's objective was to distract the Union forces under Major General Ambrose Burnside from building up enough momentum to wrestle the mostly pro-Union East Tennessee region from its Confederate occupants and push General Braxton Bragg's Army of Tennessee beyond its supply base at Chattanooga. Morgan's incursion into Indiana and Ohio would produce the effect he desired, but it would end with disastrous results for his famous division. Mowery's presentation will discuss Morgan's Great Raid as it passed through three Union-held states and circumvented Cincinnati, which at the time was the seventh largest city in the United States and which served as the headquarters for Burnside's department. Morgan's special-forces operation represented the pinnacle of Morgan's strategic and tactical skills and the best of his division's raiding capabilities. No other American mounted infantry division on horseback would ever achieve what Morgan's raiders accomplished on the Great Raid of 1863.

Our Guest Speaker



Sidney Daily News

Dave Mowery

David L. Mowery is a native resident of Cincinnati, Ohio, and a graduate of the University of Cincinnati. American military history piqued his interest at an early age. Since childhood, he has researched and visited over seven hundred battlefields across fifty states and nine countries. In 2001, David joined the all-volunteer Ohio Civil War Trail Commission as its Hamilton County representative, but over the years his role expanded to include the final design and historical validation of the entire length of the John Hunt Morgan Heritage Trail of Ohio. He is the coauthor of *Morgan's Raid Across Ohio: The Civil War Guidebook of the John Hunt Morgan Heritage Trail* (Ohio Historical Society, 2014) and the author of *Morgan's Great Raid: The Remarkable Expedition from Kentucky to Ohio* (History Press, 2013) and *Cincinnati in the Civil War: The Union's Queen City* (History Press, 2021). Since 1995, David has been a member of the Cincinnati Civil War Round Table, for which he has written various papers on Civil War subjects and has led many Civil War tours of the Cincinnati region. He has also served with the Buffington Island Battlefield Preservation Foundation, the grass-roots organization working to preserve Ohio's largest Civil War battlefield.

2021-2022 Campaign Plans

October 11, 2021 – Dave Mowery – "Morgan's Great Raid: Taking the War to the North"

November 8, 2021 – Danny Russell – "Abraham Lincoln and the Gettysburg Address"

December 13, 2021 – Tony Trimble – "Death Struggle in Missouri"

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

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

March 14, 2022 – Chris Smith, Tony Trimble, and Panel – "Could the South Have Won?"

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"

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 flyingcircus2011@hotmail.com by the tenth day following the preceding month's meeting.

Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2021-2022 Campaign

Officers:

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Publicity: Peg Bertelli & Chris Smith

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: The Madison County Civil War RoundTable meets throughout the year. The 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

September Attendance: 37 - 38

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.

CALL FOR TWO PANELISTS!

We need two people to volunteer as panelists for the March 2022 meeting entitled "Could the South Have Won?" Chris Smith has agreed to serve as Moderator for the panel discussion. David Finney and Tony Trimble will be on the panel. If you are interested in participating as a panelist, please contact Nikki Schofield at Nikki1942@sbcglobal.net or phone 317-328-8782.

October Book Raffle:

1. Mosby's Rangers, by James J. Williamson
2. The Battle of Franklin, by R. W. Banks
3. Civil War Generalship: The Art of Command, by W. J. Wood
4. From Winchester to Cedar Creek: The Shenandoah Campaign of 1864, by Jeffry D. Wert
5. Giants in the Cornfield: The 27th Indiana Infantry, by Wilbur D. Jones, Jr.

*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.

President's Comments

These last four months are full of ghosts for those of us who live in history. The campaigns of 1862 come to a head on September 17th at Antietam, a bloody day of Cornfield cannister, Bloody Lane slaughter, and Burnside's Bridge over Antietam Creek, guarded by Georgian sharpshooters, who piled up Federal troops like cordwood. We had Troop 343 tell of their visit to Antietam at our last meeting — it was great to have the Scouts and parents with us!

Back in 1862, two weeks later, the battles at Corinth and Perryville completed the Union fall sweep, with the shadows of Fredericksburg and Stones River ahead. With a total of over 80,000 casualties in those five encounters, the war became inescapable — too many lives to repay — and the table was set for 1863. In July of that year came the only significant encroachment on Indiana soil. We will relive Morgan's Raid and hear of Indiana's militia response at our next meeting on October 11th — be there to learn all about it!

Thank you to the many members who told me they enjoyed our travel log through the South at our last meeting. The subject we all agree will need further discussion, research, and thought is where Civil War monuments should be best displayed, and how they should be interpreted. History needs to be passed on to the next generations — but how?

I look forward to our debating these issues.

See you in October (;->

Best,

Bill Ghormley

President Indianapolis CWRT

The Indianapolis CWRT 50 Years Ago – 1971 (Submitted by Steve Magnusen)

Ninety-five ICWRT members welcomed back the late, great Virginian Bud Robertson in September, who appropriately spoke about "*The Last War of Gentlemen*". On October 14 the members welcomed Edward C. Johnson of Chicago, whose sobering topic was "*Civil War Embalming Surgeons*".

This Day In History

By Nikki Stoddard Schofield

October 11, 1862, the Confederate government amends the Conscription Act to exempt people in charge of 20 or more slaves.

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

1. Why was Grant's occupation of LaGrange and Grand Junction in 1862 important?
2. What do you call an oversized grouping of troops larger than one division?
3. What did the 66th Illinois, 7th Illinois, and 97th Indiana have in common?
4. Name the general relieved by Grant at Vicksburg. Who was his replacement?
5. A.P. Hill's corps defeated Hancock's 2nd Corps in what battle south of Petersburg?

Answers to the September Quiz:

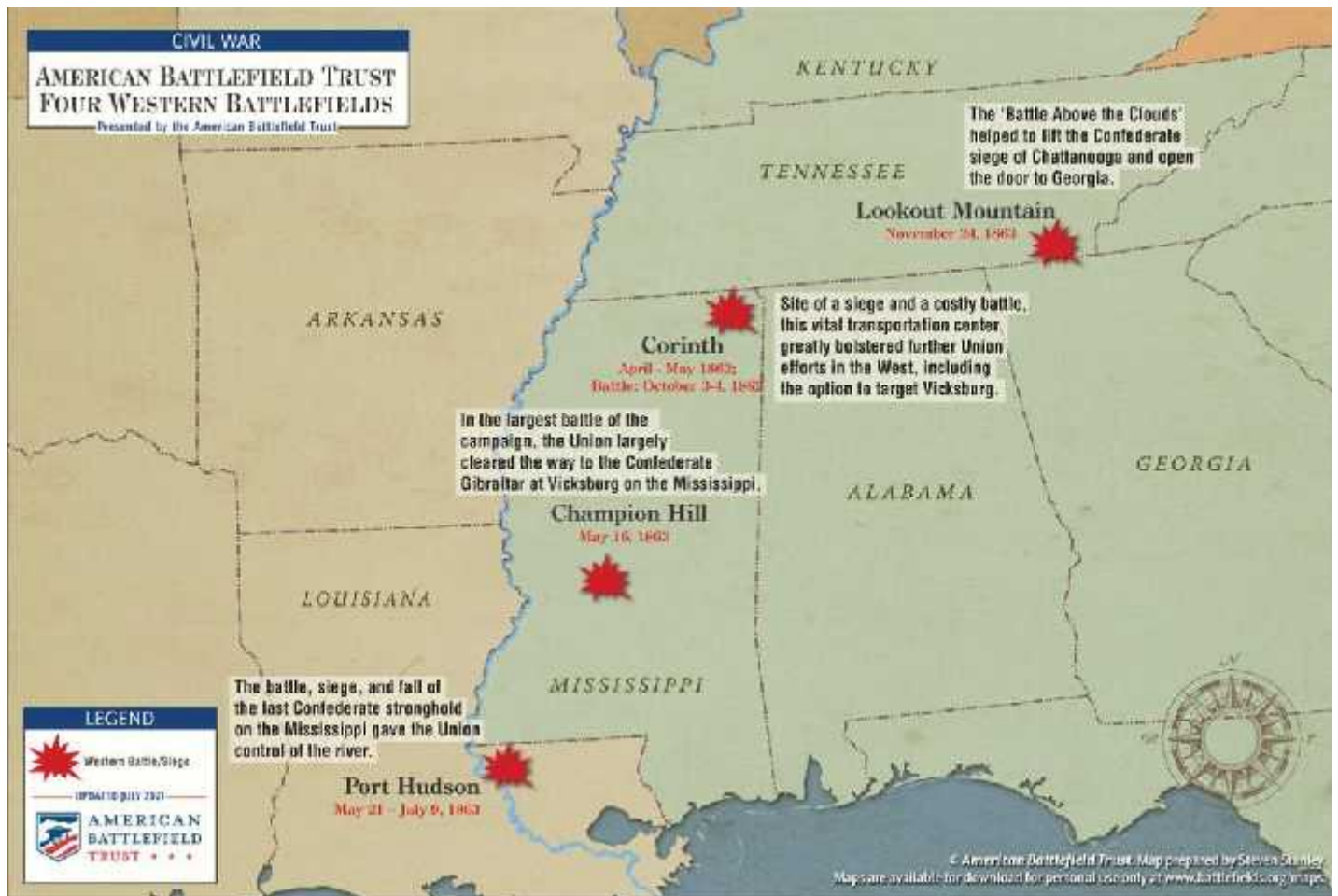
1. Battle of Roanoke Island
2. Benjamin Butler
3. Term of honor for given to hardened veterans or POWs
4. Ashby's Gap
5. Sabine Crossroads

Preservation Opportunities of the Month

Help Protect 407 Acres Across Four Sacred Battlefields

The Opportunity

Over the course of a little more than two years, five battles across three states in the Western Theater of the Civil War were fought that changed the course, and ultimately, the outcome of the American Civil War. Union and Confederate forces fought fiercely on these tracts of land to control the means of transportation in the south — both on the river and by railroad. We have an opportunity to save these lands so that the history that unfolded on these hallowed grounds is never lost or forgotten.



The Battle of Corinth

The first small parcel of ground in Corinth, Mississippi we have an opportunity to save— just six-tenths of an acre — played a big role in the fighting, eventually giving the Union Army control of the railroads that converged there and an opportunity to strike towards the garrison city nicknamed the “Gibraltar of the South”— Vicksburg. This small parcel has been listed for sale in the local real estate market and is literally across the street from the Corinth Civil War Interpretive Center, making it an incredibly valuable addition to the National Park Service site. With your generous support, we can buy the land outright, stewarding it until we can transfer it to the Park Service.

The Battle of Champion Hill

Recently, thanks to your generous support, we were able to meet our fundraising goal to secure a 144-acre tract at the heart of the Battle of Champion Hill. Now, the Champion family who have faithfully protected their ancestral lands since the fighting took place, have agreed to let us acquire an even larger parcel of land at the northern portion of the battlefield — 393.7 acres to be exact. Saving the Champions’ land from commercial development or new housing projects is what is best for this tract so this important chapter of our nation’s history can be available to future generations.

The Siege & Battle at Port Hudson

When Confederate forces surrendered at Port Hudson, the Union Army secured a vital port on the Mississippi River. You and I have the chance to purchase — and save forever — this incredibly historic 2.6-acre tract that lies well within the Confederates’ defenses that were impacted heavily by an almost nonstop bombardment of Union artillery. The property also contains a portion of the post-siege earthworks that were constructed by the Union’s Corps d’Afrique, a unit that later became part of the United States Colored Troops — adding to its historic nature. Also listed for sale in the local real estate market, this tract will be a lost opportunity unless we buy it outright and care for the land until we can transfer it to the state of Louisiana for inclusion in the Port Hudson State Historic Site.

The Battle of Chattanooga

Finally, there are two preservation opportunities that figured prominently in the Battle of Lookout Mountain in Chattanooga. The first tract, a 7.6-acre parcel includes the area near Lookout Creek at Light’s Mill, where Federal troops struck the main Confederate picket line before climbing the western slope of Lookout Mountain to launch a flank attack against Confederate forces positioned above them.

The second is a 2.2-acre tract across the street from the first tract. Both are either listed for sale or are about to be and are the envy of developers because they have easy access to Lookout Creek or can be subdivided into multiple lots for new homes.

Given the history of all these tracts, and given the threats they face, we want to purchase them as quickly as possible. Please make your most generous gift today to help us raise \$307,450 and save 407 critical acres of land in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Tennessee, where four decisive battles won by Union forces eventually led to the end of the war itself.

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**.

Sign of the Times – Antietam

Steve Magnusen took a mini-Eastern battlefield tour in early September. The photo below is the 3rd Indiana Cavalry (East Wing) monument located at the north ditch line of widened Boonsboro Pike (MD 34), about 260 yards west of Antietam Creek. It was placed Sep. 17, 1910. The unit was commanded by Major George H. Chapman of Indianapolis (later Brevet Major General) who is buried at Crown Hill Cemetery.

Of note is the Robert E. Lee and Traveler statue in the background, a smaller version of the recently dismantled Lee monument in Richmond, VA. This Antietam monument is rather obscure, being placed behind what were Union lines during the battle. The NPS wayside sign makes a point of explaining it was installed in 2003 by a private citizen before the Newcomer Farm was acquired by the park service. A tall cyclone fence surrounds it now.



Steve Magnusen

3rd Indiana Cavalry Regiment at Antietam

Recruited in Switzerland, Harrison, Dearborn, Jefferson, and Fayette Counties.

Companies A-E formed at North Madison, Jefferson County. Company F formed at Indianapolis, Marion County. These companies formed an "Eastern Battalion." The remaining companies served in the western theater.

Companies A through F were mustered into Federal service for three years in July and August, 1861. Left Indiana for Washington, D. C. in September, 1861.

-)] Hooker's Division, Army of the Potomac: October 1861 - March 1862
-)] Lower Maryland, Middle Department: March - May 1862
-)] Geary's Independent Brigade, Dept. of the Rappahannock: May - June 1862
-)] Shields' Division, Dept. of the Rappahannock: June - July 1862
-)] 2nd Brigade, Pleasanton's Cavalry Division, Army of the Potomac: July 1862 -

Prior Actions: Wardensville, Action at Mount Carmel Church, Thornburg's Mills & Massaponax Church, 2nd Bull Run, Chantilly, Poolesville, Nolansville, Barnesville, Monocacy Church, Sugar Loaf Mountain, Catoctin Mountain, Middletown, and South Mountain.

Commanded by Maj. George H. Chapman.

Co. A (Switzerland County)
Co. B (Harrison County)
Co. C (Switzerland County)
Co. D (Dearborn County)
Co. E (Jefferson County)
Co. F (Union County)

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.54 Gallagher's Carbines, .54 M1822 & M1840 smoothbore pistols, and M1840 cavalry sabres.

Re-enlisting 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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