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Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

<http://indianapoliswrt.org/>

Monday, January 9, 2023 at 6:45 p.m.
Meeting at MCL Cafeteria Township Line
2370 W. 86th Street

The Plan of the Day



“Civil War Show & Tell”

Like last year, 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 Speaker



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 treasures, 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!

Remainder of the 2022-2023 Campaign

February 13, 2023 – Ray Boomhower – “Benjamin Harrison”
 March 13, 2023 – Dave Finney - “Custer Meets the Wolverines”
 April 10, 2023 – Gerald Jones - “Grierson’s Raid”
 May 8, 2023 – Jonathan Tracey – “The 27th Indiana”
 June 12, 2023 – Steve Jackson - “50th Anniversary of the Blue & Gray at Gettysburg”

Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2022-2023 Campaign

Officers:

President: Steven Magnusen

Vice President: Pete Brenner

Secretary: Eric Dove

Treasurer: Pete Mohr

Immediate Past President: Bill Ghormley

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: Bob Gottschalk

Other Camp 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, 15 West 11th Street, Anderson, Indiana.

Official Records

December Attendance: 47

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.

160th Anniversary Event Links

Stones River (Murfreesboro), Tennessee (December 31, 2022)

[Battle of Stones River 160th Anniversary Living History Event: In Their Own Words | Stones River National Battlefield, Murfreesboro, TN | December 31, 2022 \(happeningnext.com\)](#)

Helena, Arkansas (April 14 - 16, 2023)

<https://www.arkansasheritage.com/events/2023/04/14/default-calendar/battle-of-helena-160th-anniversary-reenactment>

Gettysburg, Pennsylvania (June - July 2, 2023)

[160th Battle of Gettysburg Anniversary | Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association \(gbpa.org\)](#)

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A Message From the Indiana Semiquincentennial Commission

Greetings from the Indiana Semiquincentennial Commission. The Commission was created by Legislation passed in the 2022 Legislative session. I had the honor of being appointed to the Commission by The Honorable Eric J. Holcomb the Governor of Indiana. We have already begun preparations for the celebration to be held on July 4, 2026, the 250th Birthday of the founding of the United States of America. I thought I would invite all of you to submit ideas that you think would be appropriate for our celebration. We are looking for ideas to bring all Hoosiers together to celebrate all our glorious accomplishments.

Thank you

Bruce Kolb, Secretary
Indiana Semiquincentennial Commission

A Few Words From Steve Magnusen

Our 12 December meeting was a big hit. Member attendees and guests made for a great group of forty-seven. Andy O'Donnell and Bill Ghormley began the program with a review of their experiences at the 2022 Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College. The nationally renowned speakers and stimulating topics and tours were outstanding. Andy is attending again in 2023. Bill and others, including yours truly, Steve Magnusen, are seriously considering attending as well. The dates are June 9-11, 2023. Here's a link to the event:

<https://www.gettysburg.edu/civil-war-institute/summer-conference/2023-cwi-conference>

Following that, retired Major General Tom Jones, replete in Battle Dress Uniform (BDU) shirt, nicknamed by the troops, as the General told us, the "Chocolate Chips" recounted his experiences coordinating logistics in the huge Operation Desert Storm serving as deputy commander under overall G-4 Commander, General Gus Pagonis. It was fascinating stuff made all the more interesting by various "war stories", as General Jones led his Indianapolis-based logistics command in perhaps the most challenging military operation since World War II. Comparisons to the logistics problems faced by General Meade at Gettysburg tied it in with our mission as a CWRT.



Many thanks and welcomes to the numerous guests attending from the City Club who came to hear their fellow member speak on the subject.

Ed Bearss Memorial Fund

The Executive Committee has approved a \$200 donation to the Edward Bearss Memorial Fund to be earmarked, as per family wishes, to the Vicksburg National Battlefield Park. Indiana was represented at Vicksburg by thirty infantry regiments, four artillery batteries, and one cavalry regiment. It is certainly

worthwhile that our CWRT be part of this Vicksburg memorial contribution, the place where the legendary historian devoted so many years. Here is the description provided by the CWRT Congress:

Jim Rosenthal of the Fort Worth CWRT and Dr. Curt Fields of General Grant by Himself asked us to develop a round table-only memorial fund in remembrance of historian Edwin C. Bearss. We shared the idea with the American Battlefield Trust who agreed to accept donations solely for the Vicksburg National Military Park.

We hope to see a great turnout for our annual “Show and Tell” night on January 9, 2023. Bring your Civil War artifacts and tell the assembly about them. Nikki Schofield will lead the discussion. It went over so well last year we decided to do it again.

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This Day In Civil War History

by Nikki Stoddard Schofield

January 9, 1861. Mississippi became the second state to leave the Union.

January 9, 1865. Tennessee’s Constitutional Convention adopted an amendment to abolish slavery. Put to a vote of the people, it was ratified on February 22nd.

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

by Tony Trimble

1. In 1864, Lincoln ordered the creation of 2 reconstructed states. What were they?
2. Who was “Bricktop”?
3. On what two battlefields would you find Telegraph Road?
4. In December 1863, Meade went into winter quarters after failing to do what?
5. Over 5 days in October 1861, Confederates fought a battle at Fort Inge. Where is this fort and who was the enemy?

Answers to the December Quiz:

1. Gen. Philip Sheridan, USA
2. Gen Jubal Early, CSA
3. Gen. John G. Martin, CSA
4. Capt. W.C. Marquedant, USA
5. A 10 in. Columbiad at Port Hudson.

Phase Three of Gaines' Mill-Cold Harbor Saved Forever Campaign

The Latest News on Phase Three

Victory is nearly at hand. But we still needed to raise a huge amount: \$507,299 for Phase Three. We've already raised just over \$400,000 toward this goal, which leaves only about \$107,000 to go.

Can we count on you to make one more gift before the end of the year, and see this campaign through to victory?

The Background

Two years ago, the Trust launched "The Gaines' Mill-Cold Harbor Saved Forever Campaign."

Since then, we've successfully protected the tract we called "Pickett's Charge Five Times as Large" and the tract we aptly named "The Intersection" because of its intersecting location for the two epic battles — Gaines' Mill and Cold Harbor. These saved acres represent Phases One and Two of our multi-phase campaign.

Now, we must now begin working on Phase Three to save 45 acres that we're calling "The Juncture at Griffin's Woods" along with 12 additional acres associated with the battles of Glendale, First Deep Bottom, and Malvern Hill.

The Opportunity

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to preserve two tracts of land totaling 57 acres where FIVE different battles took place throughout history. This land has been at the very top of every historian's and preservationist's "must-have" list for more than two decades.

The total transaction value of the combined 57 acres we can save at these five battlefields is \$677,299. Fortunately, we already have the expectation of potential gift grants for up to \$170,000, which means we still need to raise \$507,299. With your help, we'll purchase both parcels, and keep them out of the hands of developers forever!

Please donate to support this critical phase today. With just one gift, you'll play a key role in helping save threatened hallowed ground at Gaines' Mill, Cold Harbor, Glendale, First Deep Bottom, and Malvern Hill.

The History

45 Acres — The Juncture at Griffin's Woods

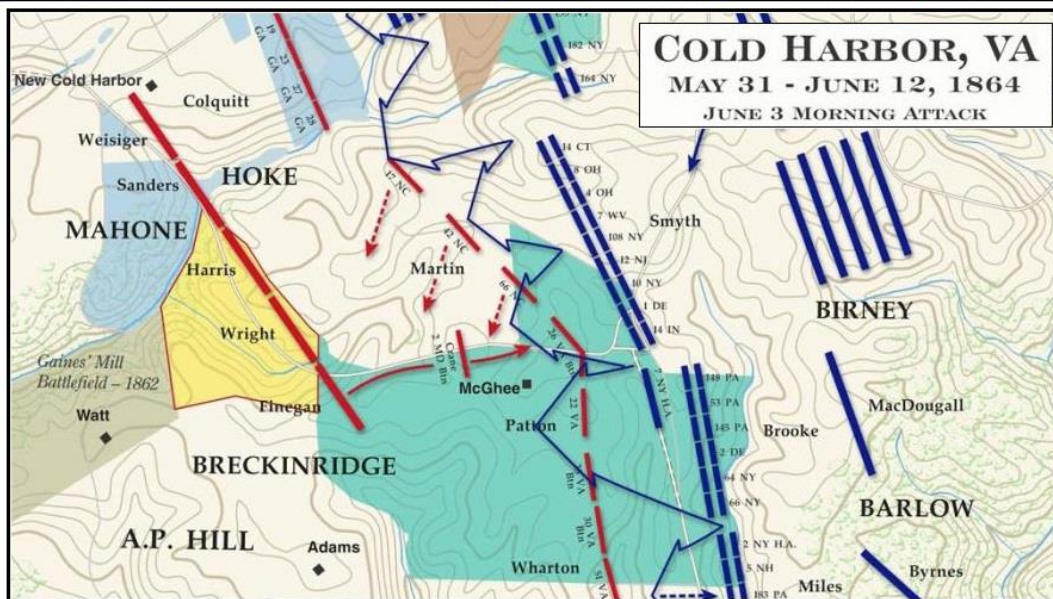
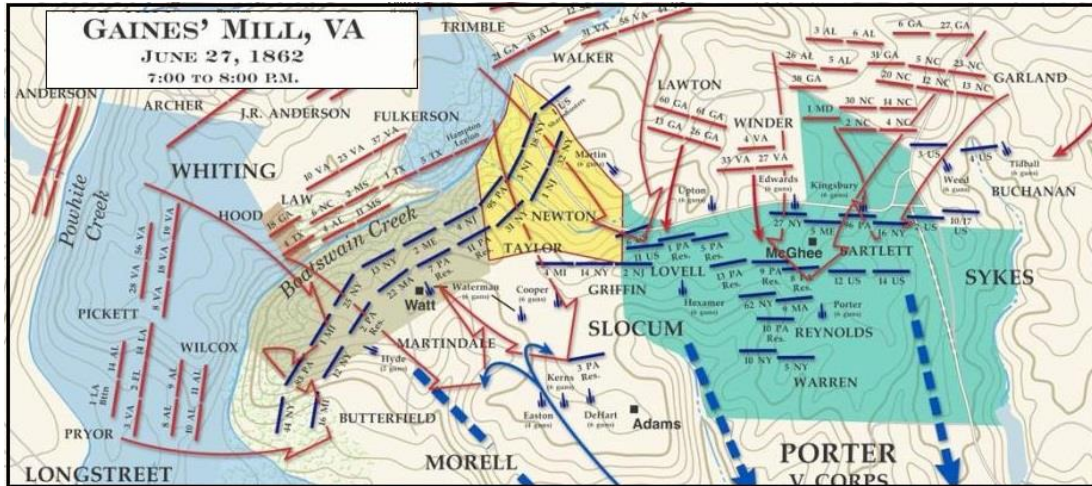
This key tract of sacred ground serves as that critical juncture — the all-important connection — between battlefield lands we've already saved to the east, west, and north, filling in a gap and completing an uninterrupted and fully protected section of this battlefield.

Griffin's Woods, so-named for Union General Charles Griffin, is who defended this part of the battlefield during the Battle of Gaines' Mill.

It is completely unchanged from its wartime appearance. The trees — among which a dozen brigades ferociously fought — are descendants of the forest that so troubled and confused the combatants on June 27, 1862.

Both branches of Boatswain's Creek still meander through the woods as important landmarks. The trace of the unnamed farm road that ran eastward from the Watt House also survives.

On June 27, 1862, General Robert E. Lee's Confederates grappled mostly with Union General Fitz John Porter's Fifth Corps in the Battle of Gaines' Mill — the third and bloodiest of the Seven Days Battles. Lee's final and successful assault that day remains the largest attack ever made on American soil.



American Battlefield Trust

Fast forward nearly two years to the 1864 Battle of Cold Harbor, where Lee's army repulsed General Ulysses S. Grant's troops in a devastating two-week action that cost a staggering loss of more than 17,000 lives.

Both these historic battles occurred on this doubly hallowed ground. Of the 55,000 acres you have helped to save all across America, these may be the most important.

12 Additional Acres – Battles of Glendale, Malvern Hill, and First Deep Bottom

If you will help preserve today 57 acres of hugely important battlefield ground with your generous contribution, the generations coming up behind you and me will be able to walk "The Juncture at Griffin's Woods" at Cold Harbor and Gaines' Mill — plus lands at Glendale, First Deep Bottom, and Malvern Hill. Please make a gift today.

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Letter from Lt. James C. Whaly, Company A, 6th Regiment Indiana Volunteers to the editor of the Madison Courier Newspaper reporting on casualties at the Battle of Stones River.

CAMP SILL, 2D DIVISION
MUFREESBORO, TENN.
SUNDAY, Jan 13, 1863.

EDITOR COURIER:

Judging it would be some satisfaction to those who have friends and relatives in this Company, which participated in the 9 days' fight at Murfreesboro, Tenn., of which the Second Division suffered severely, I give below a list of those who went into the fight, also, the killed, wounded and missing, and taken prisoners out of Co. A. 6th Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry:

Willis H. Riker, Orderly Sergeant; Fletcher Steele; Lambert Schill; Geo. A. Benefield, 1st Corporal – killed; Samuel Storm, 2d Corporal wounded and taken prisoner; Cary B. Blossingham, D. M. Woodfield, Alexander Joyce, McKindred Bunderen, William H. McCoy, William McCaullly, John Westly Anderson, private wounded; John M. Anderson, James J. Barber, Lewis M. Cope, Michael Connelly, Jefferson Cooperider, wounded slightly; Dow Conaway, mi-sing [sic]; Phillip Donohue, William T. Ellis, killed; James Flymen, missing; Elijah Hawkins, Jerome Hillis, Mathew Hillis, Edward D. Jordan, William Kelley, Garnet D. Land, Lewis C. Lame, Moses Lewis, missing; Alva Millet, Geo. Missamore, wounded slightly; Ebenezer Marons, wounded; Francis M. Rawlings, Gamaliel Rogers, Geo. Smith, wounded; Simeon Salyers, missing; Edward Shephard, James Shephard, James Stevenson, wounded; William H. Steele, Robert Sherman; Jacob Shaffer, John L. Lorbet, Oliver P. Lawrence, Thomas Cook, John McCarty, taken prisoner; William McCarty, Buell Spicer, Levi Easterman, Frederick Thomas, Geo. W. Rowlison, Delaney Kavanaugh, Capt., taken prisoner; James C. Whaly 2d Lieut. wounded.

The company numbered 48 rank and file 3 sergeants, and 2 commissioned officers were in the fight. The men done their work nobly, regardless of the dangers which threatened them on every side by a foe five times their number, dealing destruction in their ranks, refusing at first to give way; (a matter unknown to them since the commencement of the war) fell back in good order. Corporal D. M. Woodfield has won himself honors for so nobly bearing aloft the colors of the regiment from a ruthless foe, after being twice shot down.

Hoping this may find a place in your interesting paper for the benefit of their friends.

I remain your obed't serv't

JAMES C. WHALY

Commanding Co. A, 6th Reg't Ind. Vol.

