



HARDTACK



Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

<http://indianapoliswrt.org/>

Monday, September 12, 2022, 2022 at 6:45 p.m.

Meeting at MCL Cafeteria Township Line

2370 W. 86th Street

The Plan of the Day



“The Irish Brigade at Gettysburg”

The Irish Brigade mustered roughly 1,600 Irishman and second generation Irish-Americans into military service in 1861, motivated by nationalistic emotions of defending their newfound home in America. Composed of five regiments, they came from three states: New York (63rd, 69th and 88th-mostly from N.Y. City), Massachusetts (28th from Boston) and Pennsylvania (116th-from Philadelphia).

By July, 1863 only 532 battle-hardened Irishman had survived Bull Run, the Seven Days, Antietam, Fredericksburg, and Chancellorsville. At Gettysburg, they were commanded by Col. Patrick Kelly, an Irish immigrant who had lived in New York City before the war.

On the afternoon of July 2nd, Col. Kelly would lead the Irish Brigade in the attack on the Wheatfield against Joseph Kershaw's South Carolina Brigade. On the 3rd, they would support the defense of Cemetery Ridge during Pickett's Charge.

The Irish Brigade would suffer a 37% casualty rate during the intense fighting at Gettysburg, and most of the survivors would dedicate their monument at the 25th Battle of Gettysburg memorial in July, 1888.

Our Guest Speaker



Professor Dennis R. Doyle

Dennis Doyle earned his BA from Colorado State University, and his MA in American History from American Public University and his MA in Sociology from DePaul University. Since 1999 he has taught Early American, Civil War, and World War II History and Sociology at Joliet Jr. College, in Joliet Illinois. Professor Doyle is President of the South Suburban Civil War Round Table, and Vice President of the Chicago CWRT. He is currently conducting research on the 11th N.Y. Light Artillery at Gettysburg for a book he is developing. A former college football player, he is a long-time college and high school football referee.

Remainder of the 2022-2023 Campaign

October 10, 2022 – Dr. Jim Pula – “The 11th Corps at Gettysburg”
 November 14, 2022 – Steve T. Phan - “Civil War Defenses of Washington City”
 December 12, 2022 – Bill Ghormley and Andy O’Donnell – “The Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College”
 January 9, 2023 – YOU – “Civil War Show and Tell”
 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

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.

This Day In Civil War History

by Nikki Stoddard Schofield

September 11-13, 1861. General Robert E. Lee's Army of the Northwest, attempting to execute an overly complicated plan, attacked Union Brig. Gen. Joseph J. Reynold's separated forces at Cheat Mountain and Elkwater, West Virginia. A lack of coordination, exacerbated by miserable weather conditions, led to Confederate failure, and Lee drew sharp criticism throughout the Confederacy.

September 12, 1862. The Federal Army of Virginia ceased to exist when it's 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Corps were redesignated the 11th, 12th, and 1st Army Corps of the Army of the Potomac.

Also, fearing the Army of Northern Virginia's advance, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's treasury, archives, and bonds were sent to New York.



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

by Tony Trimble

1. Name the two generals who faced each other at Leeds' Ferry in 1862.
2. Why did Lincoln order a transport sent to Ile a Vache, Santo Domingo in 1864?
3. What was the Lady Bell?
4. What is an "iron donut"?
5. Name the first state to ratify the 13th Amendment

Answers in the October HARDTACK.

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YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED TO PROTECT CULPEPPER'S HISTORIC TREASURES!

Deep-pocketed developers have always gone before local governments to ask for special exceptions so they can build where they want, regardless of zoning decisions made through established channels. Approval of such "spot zoning" is especially dangerous for 21st century developments like industrial-scale solar facilities and massive data centers, where our understanding of long-term repercussions, including environmental concerns, is still evolving.

Case in point: This spring, the Culpeper County Board of Supervisors voted 4-3 to spot-zone a pristine, 230-acre property to accommodate a new Amazon data center. This decision drops light industrial development in the midst of an agricultural landscape adjacent to historic Salubria and Hansbrough Ridge – and will likely serve as an incubator for industrial-scale solar facilities and other data centers. Are we sure visitors to the area will want to come back when they find themselves looking out over a sea of solar panels and windowless warehouses, listening to the hum of now-necessary electric substations?

A growing number of Culpeper citizens are urging officials to press pause on consideration of large-scale solar and data center development. Rather than make decisions ad hoc, they are urging the county to wait until the ongoing update to the county comprehensive plan concludes, allowing concerned citizens and preservation advocates to express their support for a plan that balances economic growth with protection of the county's historic treasures.

We invite you to join the Culpeper Alliance for Balanced Growth's Town Hall on September 7 where these issues will be discussed at length. As free refreshments will be provided, please RSVP to Katie Smolar, Journey Through Hallowed Ground Education Director, at katie@jthg.org by September 2. You may also be interested in attending the next Planning Commission hearing on September 14.

Please also take a moment to add your voice to this open letter to Culpeper County officials, outlining our hope for thoughtful and consistent evaluation of solar and data center proposals under the new comprehensive plan.

Please get involved now, and help us protect Culpeper County's battlefields and historic sites – before it is too late.

https://www.battlefields.org/preserve/speak-out/fight-against-development-threats-culpeper-county?utm_campaign=email&utm_medium=ask&utm_source=082522&ms=soculemail1&emci=cd74bf67-1923-ed11-bd6e-281878b83d8a&emdi=53b067c5-b624-ed11-bd6e-281878b83d8a&ceid=360920

Jim Campi, Chief Policy and Communications Officer, American Battlefield Trust

A Post-Antietam Letter, 160 Years Ago This Month

A member of Capt. George H. Smith's Company E.25th Virginia Infantry, (Early's Brigade) Private Emanuel Cowger was 19 years old in September 1862. He was from Pendleton County, in what is now West Virginia. Five days after the Battle of Antietam he wrote home

Fredrick County, Winchester, Sept. 22nd, 1862

Dear Father & Mother

I seat myself this morning to drop you a few lines to let you know our present condition. I am not very well at this time but I hope when this come to hand it will find you all enjoying good health. I have been sick about a week but I am better now. I had something like the cramp colick. I am at the hospital at Winchester. I came here yesterday.

Our men has been doing some big work since I last wrote. I suppose you have heard all about the fight at the junction. We have been in Maryland. We went around by Fredrick city, came on around to Williamsport and crossed over into Virginia from there to Martinsburg and run the Yankees away, then onto Harpers Ferry. Sept. 15th captured about 15,000 prisoners; we got the whole army, artillery and all. They did not stand us a fight. We left the Ferry on night of the 15th and marched up to Sheppardtwn, crossed over into Maryland, and had a very hard fight with Burnsides and McClelans army. The fight was on Wednesday the 17th. I don't know weather to call it a victory or not, our men have fallen back on this side of the river ...

I would be very glad to hear from you all once more if I could. I haven't heard from you since the 7th of August. I would sooner see you all than to hear from you. I think we will get furloughs this winter if nothing happens. I hope the war will soon come to a close and we will be permitted to go home once more. I don't think the war can last long the way it is going now. If you have any chance to send me a letter, do so. I am very anxious to hear from you all once more. Please excuse my bad writing and spelling. So no more at present, but still remain yours,

Eml Cowger

I will write again in a few days and let you know how I am and where I am, and I will try and give you more satisfaction.

Approximately two weeks later, Emanuel Cowger died from disease in a Winchester, Virginia hospital.

*Behind Antietam on the Web. Brian Downey, Administrator. (accessed 28 August 2022).
<<https://behind.aotw.org/2019/09/24/yours-empl-cowger/>>*

Civil War Soldiers & Sailors Database. (accessed 28 August 2022). <<https://www.nps.gov/civilwar/search-soldiers-detail.htm?soldierId=9E5E668F-DC7A-DF11-BF36-B8AC6F5D926A>>

*"25th Regiment, Virginia Infantry (Heck's) (Confederate)." FamilySearch Wiki, . 14 Jun 2022, 18:05 UTC. 28 Aug 2022, 17:06
<[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/index.php?title=25th_Regiment,_Virginia_Infantry_\(Heck%27s\)_\(Confederate\)&oldid=4772296](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/index.php?title=25th_Regiment,_Virginia_Infantry_(Heck%27s)_(Confederate)&oldid=4772296)>.*

Find a Grave, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/15563809/emanuel-d-cowger>: accessed 28 August 2022), memorial page for Emanuel D. Cowger (15 Mar 1843–7 Oct 1862), Find a Grave Memorial ID 15563809, citing Stonewall Confederate Cemetery, Winchester, Winchester City, Virginia, USA; Maintained by stonelink (contributor 46852458).

Grant to be Promoted!

(July 2022 American Legion Magazine, pg. 44)

"Legislation has been introduced with bipartisan support to posthumously elevate President Ulysses S. Grant to the rank of General of the Armies of the United States, which is the Army's highest rank. The legislation would confer on Grant the same honor given to George Washington when he was posthumously promoted during the nation's bicentennial in 1976.

"Gen Ulysses S. Grant was the principal author of Union victory during the Civil War," the Grant Monument Association said in a statement. "His achievements on the battlefield ensured the very survival of our nation amid the greatest threat it had ever faced, Many historians rightfully regard him as not only the most capable and accomplished general in American history, but also one of the great military commanders in world history.

"So, it is only fitting that, as was done for George Washington in 1976, Gen. Grant posthumously be accorded the Army's highest rank - and there is no better time to do so than during the Grant bicentennial in 2022."



Constant Mayer - Chrysler Museum of Art

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The Antietam Institute

Antietam Institute's mission:

The Antietam Institute was established in 2021 as a member-based, educational, and philanthropic 501(C)(3) non-profit organization. The Institute educates the public on the central role of the 1862 Maryland Campaign and Battle of Antietam as a major turning point of the Civil War that directly resulted in the issuance of the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation.

Membership

Membership Update: As of mid-June, membership has climbed to 216!

Nearly every one of our members who joined by this time last year has renewed their membership. If your membership is expiring soon, please visit our website to renew: antietaminstitute.org/membership/. You won't lose any time by renewing early – your new year will begin 365 days after your last registration, regardless of when you renew.

As you have seen in these quarterly updates and on our social media posts, your membership dues are helping us pursue our mission in exciting and tangible ways. Thank you for being a part of this one-of-a-kind organization!



Your Dues at Work

Sharpsburg Interpretive Plaza – This past week the Institute presented our first pledged donation of \$2,000 to the Mayor and Town Council for the development of an interpretive plaza in the green space at the corner of Main and Church Streets. Initiated by the Town of Sharpsburg, this project will tell the story of Sharpsburg and the people who have lived there, even prior to the founding of the town in 1763. The town has received a matching grant for the first phase of the project. If you would like to make an individual donation to support this project, contact the Town of Sharpsburg at: townofsharpsburg@comcast.net

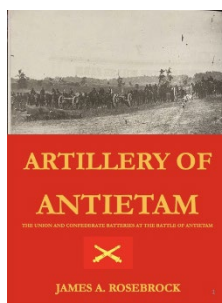
Summer Internship - We are pleased to announce that our summer internship with Shepherd University has begun. Working with Dr. James Broomall, of the George Tyler Moore Center for the Study of the Civil War, we have selected Shane Allen to work as a Digital Archive Intern for the Historical Research Center (HRC). Find out more about Shane and the work he will be doing over the summer. Click on the photo to learn more about Shane.

Duryee Manuscript - The Antietam Institute has purchased a set of documents written more than a century ago by Jacob Duryee who led the 2nd Maryland Regiment in an attack at Burnside Bridge, including a 53-page account of his unit's attempt to take the bridge. This manuscript will be photocopied and placed in the Historical Research Center. The Institute wants to make sure these important documents are available to students of this battle, both online and in person. The manuscript will be donated to the Antietam National Battlefield Library later this year. Click on the manuscript to learn more.

Your dues allow the Institute to financially support bona fide historical efforts in education, preservation and research. Keep an eye out for future announcements!

Publications

Artillery of Antietam Coming Soon!



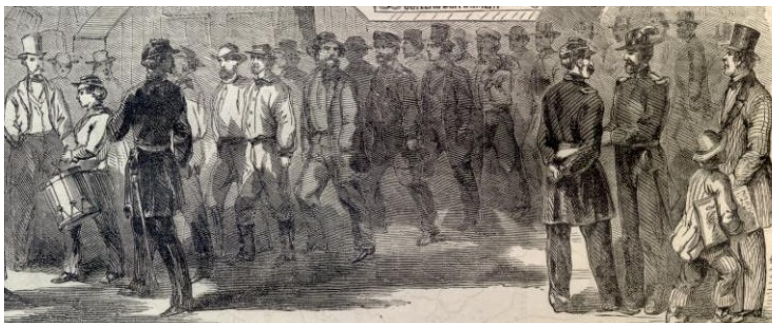
We've just released the third volume of The Antietam Journal. The September 2022 issue is full of what you've come to expect from our biannual publication focusing on the story of the Maryland Campaign. Check out our Table of Contents [here](#). And as always, if you want to submit a piece for a future issue of The Antietam Journal, send a note to Editor Kevin Pawlak at editor2@antietaminstitute.org

You can learn more about The Antietam Institute at: <https://antietaminstitute.org/>

RE-ENLIST NOW FOR THE 2022-2023 CAMPAIGN!

CAMPAIGN FEES DUE BY NOVEMBER 14TH!

All ICWRT members may continue to receive the monthly newsletter, HARDTACK, via email at no additional charge. Members who prefer to receive the HARDTACK by U.S. Mail are asked to pay an additional \$12.00 to help cover printing and mailing costs.



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

Pete Mohr
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Indianapolis, Indiana 46220

Phone: (317) 828-5176
Email: pmohr2@gmail.com

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

ICWRT Membership Enlistment for July 2022 thru June 2023 *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 add their name. _____

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