



HARDTACK



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

Monday, January 12, 2026 at 6:45 p.m.
 Meeting at MCL Cafeteria Township Line
 2370 W. 86th Street

The Plan of the Day



“CIVIL WAR SHOW & TELL”

****Display & Description of member-owned artifacts, coordinated by Nikki Schofield.****

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!

You are the program speaker for our January meeting, as you **SHOW** your interesting object and **TELL** what you know about it. Books, pictures, documents, weapons, and anything pertaining to the Civil War are welcome. However, conceal any weapon as you come through the dining room. When you arrive, there will be a legal pad on the table next to the sign-in sheet. It will be clearly marked as **SHOW AND TELL SPEAKERS**. Please sign this pad if you want to participate. Nikki Schofield will call on members, in order, from this list. If we have a large number of presenters, your time will be shortened. If only a few sign up, you will have more time to present. Questions and comments are welcomed during each presentation. We look forward to seeing what you have to share.

Nikki Stoddard Schofield
Home: 317-328-8782

Chris Smith Memorial Book Review

This season, we will honor our late member by having a book review presented during the business meeting.

Remainder of the 2025-2026 Campaign

February 9, 2026 – Mike Eisenhut - “The Stonewall Brigade”
 March 9, 2026 - Kevin Charles Murray - “The First Fighting Irish: 35th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. Hoosier Hibernians in the War for the Union.”
 April 13, 2026 - Steve & Lisa Ball - Civil War Music
 May 11, 2026 - Steve Phan - “Burnside's East Tennessee & Knoxville Campaigns”
 June 8, 2026 - Darryl Smith, “Stories of the Kentucky Campaign.”

Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2025-2026 Campaign

Elected Officers:

President: Tony Roscetti
 Vice President: Danny Russel
 Secretary: Gregg Herke
 Treasurer: Peter Mohr
 Immediate Past President: Chris Smith

Other:

Book Raffle: Charlotte Charmichael/Eric Dove
 Quiz Coordinator: Tony Trimble
 Website Administrator: Ed Pope
 Librarian: **Vacant**
 HARDTACK Editor: Teresa Russel

Committees/Chairpersons:

Preservation: Andy O'Donnell
 Programs: Steve Magnusen (Chair), Bob Gottschalk, David Finney, Tony Trimble
 Publicity: **Vacant**
 Membership: Roy Agnew
 Nominating: Nikki Schofield (Chair), Linda Smith, Tony Trimble

Other Camp Activities

Hamilton County Civil War Roundtable: Meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday each month at the Cornerstone Lutheran Church, Main St. & Gray Rd., Carmel. Entrance Door #6. Opens at 6:30, and program begins at 7:00.

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

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.

Contact David Hughes (david-hughes@msn.com) for participation with the Indiana Antique Arms Collectors. Membership is free, with meetings at our West 86th Street MCL during odd months at noon, lasting roughly about two hours during the second Saturday. Enjoy a wide variety of weapons, firearms, swords, gun-making tools, etc.

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

by Tony Trimble

No trivia this month due to show & tell. Trivia will return in February.

Answers for the December Quiz:

1. *William Harrow; Alvin Hovey*
2. *William Henry Jones, Col. CSA*
3. *Gen. Henry Burnett; William McKinley; Chief Prosecutor at Lincoln Conspiracy trial.*
4. *James Longstreet referring to the 1st "Battle of Bull Run"*
5. *Cold Harbor*

This Month in Civil War Era History

1861

January 1: The Union army's new department of the Pacific is created with headquarters in San Francisco.

January 3: Delaware, a slave state, votes to remain in the Union.

January 4: A day of special humiliation, fasting, and prayer is observed – in response to President James Buchanan and the upcoming Civil War.

January 5: U.S. Senator Jefferson Davis and other southern representatives urge states to secede and begin organizing a southern Confederacy.

January 6: New York Mayor Fernando Wood recommends that the city secede but remain neutral during the war.

January 9: Mississippi secedes from the Union.

January 10: Florida secedes.

January 11: Alabama secedes.

January 13: Georgia secedes.

January 21: Jefferson Davis resigns from the Senate.

January 26: Louisiana secedes.

January 29: Kansas is admitted to the Union as a free state.

January 29: Secretary of the Treasury John Dix sends orders to the government in New Orleans to shoot anyone attempting to haul down the American flag.

1862

January 1: Two Confederate commissioners sailing for Europe are seized from the Trent – James Mason to Great Britain and John Slidell to France.

January 11: President Lincoln appoints Edwin M. Stanton as Secretary of War, replacing Simon Cameron.

January 12: Confederate ships attack the Union fleet blockading New Orleans but cause little damage.

January 14: The poem “Battle Hymn of the Republic” by Julia Ward Howe is first published in the New York Herald Tribune.

January 22: The Confederate Congress increases the military enlistment bounty from \$10 to \$50.

January 27: President Lincoln orders all U.S. forces to advance by February 22 (Washington’s birthday). This is a prompt to the hesitant General McClellan, who ignores the order.

January 30: Confederate General “Stonewall” Jackson threatens to resign in a letter to Secretary of War Judah Benjamin, who had overruled one of his orders. Benjamin backs down.

1863

January 1: Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation takes effect, applying only to those slaves living in actively rebellious territories, and exempting Union “border” states (Delaware, Kentucky, Missouri, Maryland).

January 4: President Lincoln orders Grant to repeal his expulsion of Jewish merchants.

January 20: General Burnside begins the disastrous “mud march” in Virginia, in which his troops become bogged down while attempting to surprise General Lee’s forces.

January 21: A Union court-martial finds General Fitz John Porter guilty of failure to obey orders at the second Battle of Bull Run. He is dishonorably discharged.

January 23: Union General Burnside dismisses his subordinate, General Joseph Hooker, from military service.

January 25: Lincoln relieves Burnside from command of the Army of the Potomac, replacing him with Hooker.

January 30: General Grant arrives to take personal command of the army above Vicksburg.

1864

January 1: Confederate General William “Extra Billy” Smith, who fought at Gettysburg, becomes Governor of Virginia.

January 2: Confederate General Patrick Cleburne advocates that certain slaves be freed in order to fight, but this is rejected.

January 19: Arkansas approves a new constitution that is anti-slavery.

1865

January 10: Union General Sherman is given the official thanks of Congress for his operations in Georgia.

January 11: General Lee publicly declares that he supports a plan of gradual emancipation.

January 11: Missouri passes a resolution that abolishes slavery in the Union state.

January 15: A joint U.S. Army and Navy operation captures Fort Fisher to close the Port of Wilmington, North Carolina, the last open Confederate port.

January 16: Lincoln’s advisor, Francis Blair Sr., enters secret peace negotiations with Confederate President Davis in Richmond. Nothing is resolved.

January 23-24: A Confederate fleet attempts to sail up into the James River to attack Grant’s headquarters at City Point, Virginia, but fails when its ironclad runs aground.

January 31: Congress passes the 13th Amendment that would prohibit slavery. It goes to states and will be ratified in December.

January 31: General Sherman’s Army numbers some 100,000 – compared to Johnston’s force of merely 40,000.

<p>Please note: In subsequent meetings, Charlotte Carmichael will bring a generous supply of Civil War battleground maps and several magazines for our perusal.</p>
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Preservation Spotlight -- From the American Battlefield Trust

Fort Blakeley, Ala.

In February, the Trust acquired 88 acres at Fort Blakeley. The tract is associated with the siege and assault on the fort and was the site of a charge of one of the largest contingents of African American soldiers in any Civil War battle. The Trust has now saved 214 acres at Fort Blakeley.

Fort Heiman, Ky.

In Spring 2025, funding from the Commonwealth of Kentucky allowed the Trust to acquire a quarter acre at Fort Heiman, marking the Trust's first preservation at the site. The Trust has now saved 0.64 acres at Fort Heiman.

Malvern Hill, Va.

In February, the Trust successfully acquired two acres at Malvern Hill that were threatened by modern development. The Trust has now saved 1,452 acres at Malvern Hill.

New Market Heights, Va.

Thanks to funding from the American Battlefield Protection Program and the Commonwealth of Virginia Battlefield Protection Fund, the Trust was able to successfully acquire 34 acres at New Market Heights. The Trust has now saved 154 acres at New Market Heights.

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Membership Preservation Recommendation

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RE-ENLIST NOW FOR THE 2025-2026 CAMPAIGN!

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
6308 Breamore Road
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 2025 thru June 2026
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 a name.
