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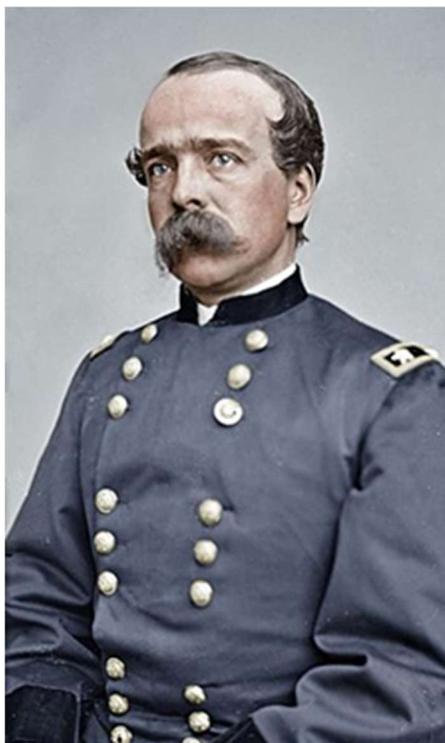
Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter  
<http://indianapoliscwrt.org/>

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Monday, October 13, 2025 at 6:45 p.m.  
Meeting at MCL Cafeteria Township Line  
2370 W. 86th Street

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## *The Plan of the Day*



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### **“Dan Butterfield”**

*Indiana University’s Civil War Legacy: Since the Indiana University Bicentennial series nearly six years ago, John has continued to explore the stories of IU’s Civil War connections and legacies. He will share updates, new discoveries, and new stories of IU’s connections to the Civil War including some interesting Indianapolis connections!*

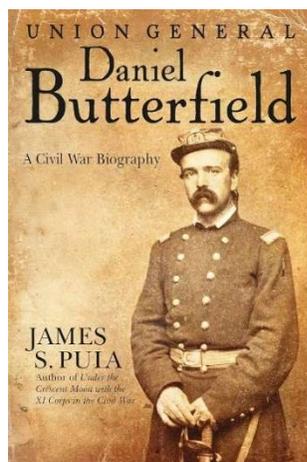
## Our Guest Speaker



**Dr. James Pula, Ph. D**

James S. Pula is a Professor of History Emeritus at Purdue University Northwest and the former editor-in-chief of *Gettysburg Magazine*. Dr. Pula is the author or editor of more than two dozen books, including *Under the Crescent Moon with the XI Corps in the Civil War* (winner of the U.S. Army Historical Foundation Distinguished Writing Award); *The Civil War from Its Origins to Reconstruction*; *The 117th New York Infantry in the Civil War: A History and Roster*; *For Liberty and Justice: A Biography of Brigadier General Włodzimierz B. Krzyzanowski, 1824–1887*; and *The Sigel Regiment: A History of the 26th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, 1862–1865* (winner of the Gambrinus Prize in History from the Milwaukee County Historical Society). Dr. Pula will bring along 2 or 3 framed Civil War prints to donate, and we can subsequently raffle them off or sell them to benefit our treasury.

### About the Book



Dan Butterfield played a pivotal role during the Civil War. He led troops in the field at the brigade, division, and corps level, wrote an 1862 Army field manual, was awarded a Medal of Honor, composed “Taps,” and served as the chief-of-staff for Joe Hooker in the Army of the Potomac. He introduced a custom that remains in the U.S. Army today: the use of a distinctive hat or shoulder patch to denote the soldier’s unit. Butterfield was also controversial, not well-liked by some, and tainted by politics. Award-winning author James S. Pula unspools fact from fiction to offer the first detailed and long overdue treatment of the man and the officer in *Union General Daniel Butterfield: A Civil War Biography*.

Butterfield was born into a wealthy New York family whose father co-founded American Express. He was one of the war’s early volunteers and made an important contribution with his manual *Camp and Outpost Duty for Infantry* (1862). He gained praise leading a brigade on the Virginia Peninsula and was wounded at Gaines’ Mill, where his heroism would earn him the Medal of Honor in 1892. It was in the solemnity of camp following the Seven Days’ Battles that he gained lasting fame for composing “Taps.” When its commander went missing, Butterfield took command of a division at Second Bull Run and did so with steadiness and intelligence. He led the Fifth Corps during the bloodbath at Fredericksburg, where he managed the dangerous withdrawal across the Rappahannock River.

Shocked and hurt when he was supplanted as the head of the Fifth Corps, he received another chance to shine when General Hooker named him chief-of-staff of the Army of the Potomac. In this capacity Butterfield was largely responsible for several innovations. He used insignia he designed himself to identify each corps, streamlined the supply system, and improved communications between commands. He played a pivotal role during the Chancellorsville and Gettysburg campaigns in managing logistics, communications, and movements, only to be discarded while home recuperating from a Gettysburg wound. Politics and his testimony before the Committee on the Conduct of the War tainted his rising star. When Hooker was sent west, Butterfield went along as chief-of-staff and earned positive comments from Hooker and Gens. George Thomas, William T. Sherman, and U. S. Grant. Butterfield led a division in the XX Corps during the Atlanta Campaign with conspicuous ability at Resaca before a recurring illness forced him from the field.

Pula's absorbing prose, meticulous research into primary source material, and evenhanded treatment of this important Civil War figure will be welcomed by historians and casual readers alike. *Union General Daniel Butterfield: A Civil War Biography* is a study long overdue.

### **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 2025-202 Campaign**

November 10, 2025 - Ron Gifford, Ph. D. – “George Thompson and Emancipation: Britain, Trans-Atlantic Slavery, and Civil War”

December 8, 2025 – Gerald Jones, ICWRT Member – “Northern Prisoner of War Camps, Part 2”

January 12, 2026 - YOU - Annual Show & Tell

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. The Oliver Morton Fund has been established for members who donate \$100 per campaign year to enhance our speaker fund.

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

*by Tony Trimble*

1. On 9 May 1864 General McPherson engaged in a skirmish to get into the rear of Joe Johnston. His failure began a dispute with Sherman. Where was this engagement fought?
2. By what name is Camp Sumter more commonly known?
3. Who said, "War is a hard trade."?
4. What was a "David"?
5. Slash Church, White Oaks, and Hanover Courthouse were all skirmishes near what Confederate City?

*Answers for the September Quiz:*

1. Snake Creek, Georgia
2. Andersonville
3. John Esten Cooke
4. A semisubmersible, steam-powered warship with a spar torpedo
5. Richmond

### ***This Month in Civil War Era History***

#### **1861**

**October 2:** U.S. Senator John C. Breckinridge of Kentucky flees that state before being expelled from Congress and arrested as a traitor. He then joins the Confederate army.

**October 4:** The U.S. Navy authorizes construction of its first ironclad warship, which will later be named the "Monitor."

**October 7:** Confederate Brigadier General "Stonewall" Jackson is promoted to Major General.

**October 17:** Confederate Secretary of the Treasury Christopher Memminger reports that treasury notes totaling \$100 million have been issued to carry on the war.

**October 22:** The Confederacy creates the Department of Northern Virginia commanded by General Joseph Johnston.

#### **1862**

**October 11:** The Confederate government amends the Conscription Act to exempt people in charge of 20 or more slaves.

**October 28:** The first Black regiment to see combat, the 79<sup>th</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry from Kansas, is involved in action at Island Mounds, Missouri.

#### **1863**

**October 6:** Colonel William Quantrill's Raiders – wearing Union uniforms – surprise and murder 65 Union soldiers at Baxter Springs, Kansas.

**October 16:** President Lincoln assigns General Grant command of all armies in the west.

**October 19:** Union General William Rosecrans is relieved of his command as a result of defeat at Chickamauga, Georgia. General George Thomas replaces him.

**October 28:** The Great Northwestern Sanitary Commission Fair in Chicago auctions Lincoln's copy of the Emancipation Proclamation for \$3,000 to raise funds for this relief organization.

#### **1864**

**October 2:** General George Armstrong Custer is given command of the U.S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Cavalry Division.

**October 12:** U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Roger Taney, a Confederate sympathizer, dies.

**October 13:** Maryland, a slave-holding Union state, adopts a new constitution that abolishes slavery.

**October 16:** General Nathan Bedford Forrest begins raid into Tennessee.

**October 19:** General Sheridan defeats General Early at Cedar Creek, Virginia, virtually ending Confederate resistance in the Shenandoah Valley.

**October 20:** Lincoln proclaims the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving, now an annual holiday.

### **Preservation Spotlight**

This list of battlefields from the American Battlefield Trust shows the acreage "saved" in each during 2024. In addition to money, each of these preservation "victories" takes a considerable amount of time and legal involvement.

Antietam, Md - 10.7 acres  
Bentonville, N.C. - 194.7 acres  
Brandy Station, Va. - 100.0 acres  
Brandywine, Penn. - 15.9 acres  
Champion Hill, Miss. - 5.3 acres  
Chancellorsville, Va. - 18.0 acres  
Chattanooga, Tenn. - 0.5 acres  
Chickasaw Bayou, Miss. - 24.6 acres  
Cold Harbor, Va. - 10.8 acres  
Fort Blakely, Ala. - 88.0 acres  
Fort Heiman, Ky. - 0.6 acres  
Franklin, Tenn. - 0.6 acres  
Fredericksburg, Va. - 7.5 acres  
Gettysburg, Penn. - 83.5 acres  
Goldsborough Bridge, N.C. - 55.7 acres  
Kernstown, Va. - 39.9 acres  
Malvern Hill, Va. - 2.0 acres  
Manassas, Va. - 1.5 acres  
Nashville, Tenn. - 2.3 acres  
New Market Heights, Va. - 66.0 acres  
New Market, Va. - 3.0 acres  
Petersburg, Va. - 8.3 acres  
Sackets Harbor, N.Y. - 86.2 acres  
Saratoga, N.Y. - 25.0 acres  
Second Deep Bottom, Va. - 10.0 acres  
Shiloh, Tenn. - 23.8 acres  
Stones River, Tenn. - 31.6 acres



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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 Pete Mohr, ICWRT Treasurer, at the next Round Table meeting, or mail your re-enlistment form and payment to:

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