



# HARDTACK



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

Monday, February 14, 2022 at 6:45 p.m.  
 Meeting at MCL Cafeteria Township Line  
 2370 W. 86th Street

## *The Plan of the Day*



*Mark Maritato*

## **“The Iron Brigade at Gettysburg”**

Michael Eisenhut will talk about the famous Iron Brigade, specifically the 19th Indiana, and their role in the Gettysburg Campaign.

Why did Robert E. Lee again decide to invade the North only a year after his failed campaign of 1862? How did Abraham Lincoln and his generals respond to it? What role did the soldiers of the Iron Brigade play?

Mike will also give insights on what inspired him 10 years ago to write *“Brothers of War, The Iron Brigade at Gettysburg,”* and how two brothers from Indiana and their squad in the 19th Indiana regiment changed his life.

## *Our Guest Speaker*



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Michael Eisenhut

Michael Eisenhut grew up in Pendleton, Indiana, and graduated from Purdue University in 1991. He has studied the American Civil War his entire life. For the past several years, while researching his first novel, “Brothers of War, The Iron Brigade at Gettysburg,” he has focused his study primarily on the Battle of Gettysburg and the Iron Brigade, particularly the Nineteenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry regiment. The book has won several awards, including the 2021 American Writing Awards for Military History.

Mike is a pilot for a major airline and lives in Monrovia, Morgan County, with his wife Kara.

## *2021-2022 Campaign Plans*

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"

## **Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2021-2022 Campaign**

### *Officers:*

President: William Ghormley

Vice President: Steven Magnusen

Secretary: Bill Nicolai

Treasurer: Tony Roscetti

Immediate Past President: Angie Gilmer

### *Committees:*

Preservation: Andy O'Donnell

Website: Ed Pope

Program Selection: Bob Gottschalk, Nikki Schofield, & Tony Trimble

Publicity: Peg Bertelli & Chris Smith

Tour Director: Peter Benner

### *Quiz Master:*

Tony Trimble

### *HARDTACK Newsletter:*

Editor: Robert Gottschalk

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](mailto:flyingcircus2011@hotmail.com) by the tenth day following the preceding month's meeting.

## *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, 11 West 11th Street, Anderson, Indiana.

## *Official Records*

**January Attendance:** 30ish

**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.

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### *In Memoriam*

ICWRT member Frank Timmers passed away December 22<sup>nd</sup>, after suffering cardiac arrest earlier in the month. Services were held at St. Elizabeth Church in Carmel December 30<sup>th</sup>.

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### *This Day In History*

*by Nikki Stoddard Schofield*

February 14, 1864, William T. Sherman's troops occupy Meridian, Mississippi after marching 150 miles in 11 days, and destroy supplies, buildings, and railroads.

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

*by Tony Trimble*

1. On 6 December 1864, there was a naval engagement at Bell's Mills. Where is it?
2. In late December 1862, Grant ordered an entire class of people expelled from his department. Who were they?
3. What is the "Lady Polk" and for whom was it named?
4. Name the pre-war resort turned into a prison camp by the Union. What was its official military name?
5. Who was the Union commander who fought Jubal Early in the Valley in 1865?

Answers to the January Quiz:

1. An 8-inch howitzer whose 68-pound shells bounced after hitting the ground.
2. Near Vicksburg on the Mississippi River
3. John Hunt Morgan
4. Edward Porter Alexander
5. Kentucky

### *Steve Magnusen's Busy Life*

**Congratulations** go out to Steve Magnusen, our ICWRT VP and upcoming president for the next campaign, for accepting the position as chairman of the Historical Markers Committee of the Society for Women and the Civil War.



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Also, speaking of Steve Magnusen:

The Hancock County Historical Society will host the second webinar history talk for 2022 with a program on February 8th at 7 PM called “**The Rufus Dawes and Mary Gates Love Story**” a true-life Civil War love story. This program will be available online due to the continuing COVID issues and as a way to keep history alive in Hancock County. Advanced registration is required and once registered, participants will receive the link through email to join the program online.

*The program is open to anyone and registration can be found at:* <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hancock-county-historical-society-webinar-civil-war-love-story-tickets-247721219837>

**AND**, the March issue of “America’s Civil War” magazine, has an article that Steve presented and collaborated with ACW editors on, titled “***Eyewitness to Carnage***”, the vivid first-person account of Ephraim Dawes (younger brother of Rufus) and his “first day under fire” description of Shiloh. Ephraim’s account is remarkable, and ACW did professional layout with it.

Above is the cover of the issue, which is available at Barnes and Noble, Books-a-Million, and other outlets.



## Wounded Warriors and the 19th Indiana Volunteer Infantry (Iron Brigade) at Gettysburg

*by Steven Magnusen*

Alan Nolan, Craig Dunn, and now our Mike Eisenhut, have written about the 19th Indiana at Gettysburg. Here are two stories well worth reading about the personal trials of soldiers wounded and maimed for life, and the combat surgeons who treated them under horrible conditions.

1. The January 2022 (Issue #66) of Gettysburg Magazine, edited by James S. Pula, Purdue University, features an extraordinary 11-page, 5-photo narrative written by historian Jonathan Tracey. Tracey vividly details the lifetime struggles of 19th Indiana soldier Theodore Pease, Company H, shot through the upper thigh on July 1, 1863, a wound with a 91% mortality rate! Pease suffered greatly from complications and further surgeries in various hospitals, being nursed at one point by famous poet Walt Whitman. The story includes his post-war life in Indianapolis as a disabled veteran, working and living in areas familiar to us all. A true human-interest story with local flavor. I recommend obtaining a copy.
2. The following describes a “successful” amputation, as related by the 19th Indiana surgeon who performed it, and by the wounded victim who endured it.

### INCIDENTS OF FIELD HOSPITAL LIFE WITH THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

By Jacob Ebersole, M.D., Surgeon Nineteenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry.

Approaching Gettysburg our corps was moving in the advance, but passing Gettysburg to the left, it engaged the enemy to the northwest, two or three miles from the town. Around 4 o'clock, I was ordered to go into Gettysburg, to take possession of the railroad depot, and establish our hospital therein. This depot was on the north side of town. (Dr. Ebersole's field hospital occupied the station's second floor)

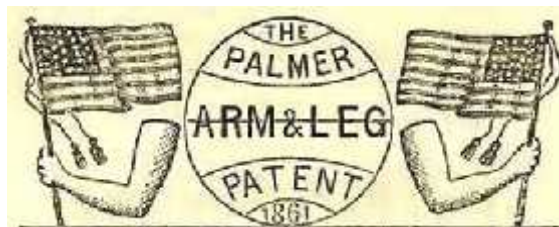
In Gettysburg, July 1, 1863, there was brought to my hospital care Sergeant Alex. Ivey, of the Seventh Wisconsin Volunteers, terribly wounded in the left leg just below the knee. I took his leg off at the knee-joint, an operation much more rare then than it has since become with the great advance in the surgical art during the past thirty years. Sergeant Ivey was removed, with other wounded, after ten days, to the Chestnut Hill Hospital, Philadelphia, for final treatment. I received from him afterward this letter:

Chestnut Hill Hospital, Philadelphia, September 20, 1863.  
Surgeon Ebersole:

As your amputation of my limb at the knee-joint causes much curiosity among the surgeons here, I thought I would let you know about it. They say it is one of the best amputations they ever saw. And they wonder how it was ever done; and the inspector, who was around this morning, said he was going to write you to know how you did the work. He said it was the prettiest stump that he ever saw. You do not know how I was annoyed the first five days by the surgeons here coming to see my stump. ....

The surgeon in charge told the doctor of this ward to have a picture taken of my stump. So, if they take it, I will have one sent to you, if you wish for it. I was at Palmer's office yesterday, and measured for a new leg. Palmer says I have such a nice stump for an artificial leg. I will close with thanks to you for your skill in taking off my limb.

From your humble servant,  
Sergeant Alexander Ivey, Company D, Seventh Wisconsin Volunteer Inf.



The operation was not as well known or described thirty years ago as now... The perfection and beauty of this stump I attribute to two or three points in the operation — I will not say that they were original with myself. These are, that I made it by lateral flaps — left the patella or knee-cap intact, and removed part of the synovial surfaces of the condyles of the femur. The wound healed by the first intention, and made one of the most perfect, useful, and pretty stumps imaginable.

Dr. Jacob Ebersole

For the Ohio Commandery, MOLLUS

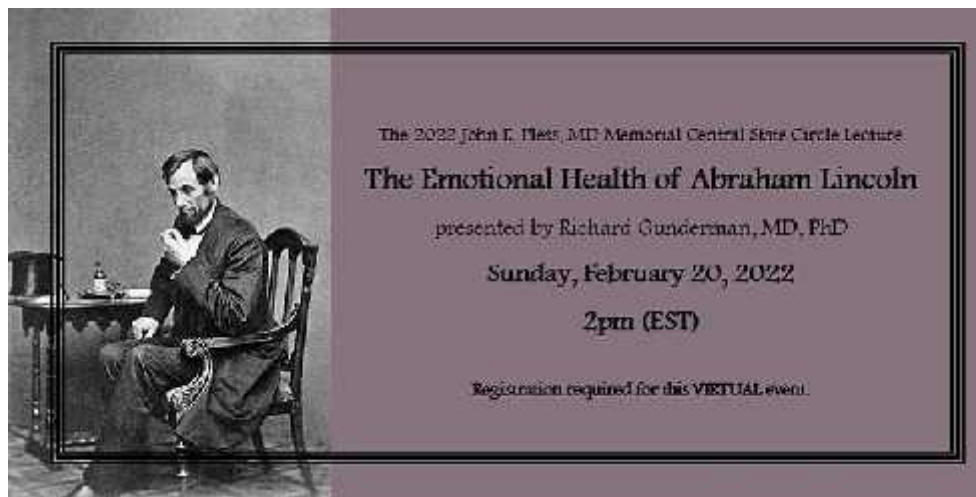
December 5, 1894

### **Changing Lincoln's Mind**

*by Nikki Stoddard Schofield*

The January-February 2022 issue of Smithsonian magazine has an article entitled "Changing Lincoln's Mind," by Jonathan W. White. This article has much the same information as the book *The Crooked Path to Abolition* by James Oakes, published in 2021. The article tells about Robert Smalls stealing the CSS Planter on May 13, 1862, and turning the Confederate steamer over to the Union fleet off the Atlantic coast. Mr. White discusses the Black men who changed President Lincoln's mind about freeing the slaves and creating a new loyal electorate of African-Americans. There are four mini-biographies of Black heroes "Helping to Save the Union." There are: Alexander Augusta, a doctor from Canada; Susie King Taylor, a teacher, nurse, cook, and launderer in a Black regiment; Abraham Galloway, a spymaster; and Christian Fleetwood, founder of one of the country's first African-American newspapers.

### **The Emotional Health of Abraham Lincoln by Indiana Medical History Museum**



**"The Emotional Health of Abraham Lincoln," presented by Richard Gunderman, MD, PhD (VIRTUALLY)  
Sunday, February 20, 2022 at 2pm (EST)**

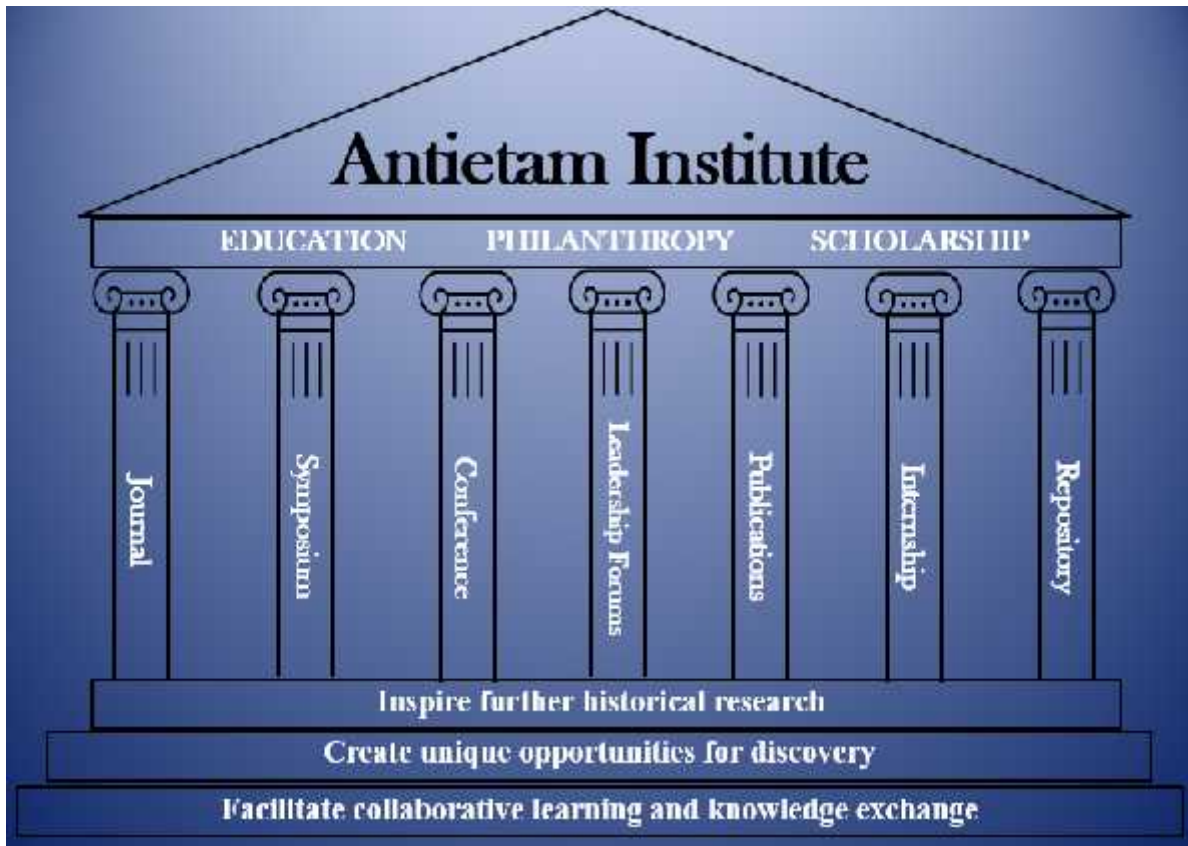
**FREE for IMHM Central State Circle Members**

**\$5 for non CSC Members**

**Abraham Lincoln is often regarded as both the greatest leader who grew up in Indiana and the greatest president in US history. Yet Lincoln was dogged by what we would call mental health issues throughout his life. What was the nature of his affliction, and how did it affect his performance as a leader? What lessons might we draw from his experience for our lives today?**

**Registration is required for this VIRTUAL event at:**

**[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-emotional-health-of-abraham-lincoln-tickets-252186866707?blm\\_aid=32421](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-emotional-health-of-abraham-lincoln-tickets-252186866707?blm_aid=32421)**



Founded in 2021, the Antietam Institute is a member-based educational and philanthropic 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to study, collect, publish and teach about the Battle of Antietam and the Maryland Campaign of 1862.

Through membership dues and donations, the Institute also financially supports the Antietam National Battlefield, other nearby sites, and other organizations doing good work related to the Battle.

### **Objectives of the Institute**

- ) Promote and support new historical research into the Battle of Antietam and the 1862 Maryland Campaign
- ) Publish a bi-annual journal and other publications related to the Campaign
- ) Host annual seminars, conferences, and educational programs
- ) Provide a curated repository to disseminate historical information related to the 1862 Maryland Campaign
- ) Support and promote community activities that provide education about the Campaign
- ) Promote the preservation of historic property
- ) Support other groups and non-profit organizations with related goals
- ) Support Antietam National Battlefield and other local battlefield sites related to the 1862 Maryland Campaign
- ) Be fiscally responsible so that the Institute can continue to successfully pursue its purpose and functions

More information is available at: <https://antietaminstitute.org/>

### Re-enlist NOW for the 2022-2023 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 Tony Roscetti, ICWRT Treasurer, at the next Round Table meeting, or mail your re-enlistment form and payment to:

Tony Roscetti  
6260 Green Leaves Road  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46220

Phone: (317) 475-9227  
Email: [anthony.roschetti@pnc.com](mailto:anthony.roschetti@pnc.com)

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

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### **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. \_\_\_\_\_