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Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

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Monday, April 14, 2025, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Northside Events & Social Club, 2100 E. 71st Street, Indianapolis.



“The Indianapolis Civil War Roundtable 70th Anniversary Event”

On February 8, 1955, Alan Nolan, Harry Grube, and Rudolf “Rudy” Haerle held a founder’s meeting for what would become the Indianapolis Civil War Round Table. That April 12th, its first meeting was held at the Indiana War Memorial in downtown Indianapolis. By that September there were 89 paid members.

Seventy years and nearly 700 meetings and presentations later, membership has fluctuated, but today stands at more than 50 members and is growing, bring together all kinds of people with varied American Civil War interests.

And since its founding, the Indianapolis Civil War Round Table has made great contributions to Civil War historiography.

This month we gather at the Northside Events & Social Club for an evening of self-appreciation.

Our Evening Entertainment



Steve and Lisa Ball

STEVE BALL

Steve Ball is a musician from Columbus Ohio specializing in the music of the American Civil War, and the music and life of Stephen Foster. Steve has studied the American Civil War since his teens and has devoted the past thirty-five years to studying the music of this era in American history. Steve has done programs for the Ohio Statehouse, the National Civil War Museum, the American Civil War Museum of Ohio, and countless historical societies, genealogical societies, libraries, museums, Civil War Round Tables and other historical venues such as re-enactments or living history programs. He has released two CD's of the music of the Civil War. Steve has been an instructor for Life Long Learning through Central Ohio Technical College. He also provides the music for the annual Springfield Ohio Civil War Symposium and is the narrator for the 73rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry Civil War Brass Band. He is the current Department of Ohio Commander of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and a member of the American Battlefield Trust. He has participated in the annual Windham New York Civil War Music Gathering, and the Gettysburg Music Muster at the Gettysburg Military Park visitor center.

LISA BALL

Lisa and Steve got married in June, 2015. Lisa often joins Steve on upright bass and vocal harmonies. Lisa plays piano, guitar, bass and autoharp and an excellent musician in her own right, and is also very knowledgeable on the history of the music in all presentations. She is the lead vocalist on the Carter Family Program. She is from Grove City Ohio, and began playing piano as a child, and began playing upright bass in 2013. Lisa has six ancestors who served in the Union Army.

Remainder of the 2024-2025 Campaign

May 12, 2025 - Scott Diezman - "Wilder's Lightning Brigade"

June 9, 2025 - Gene Eric Salecker - "The Sultana Disaster"

Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2024-2025 Campaign

Officers:

President: Chris Smith

Vice President: Tony Roscetti

Secretary: Eric Dove

Treasurer: Pete Mohr

Immediate Past President: Pete Benner

Committees:

Preservation: Andy O'Donnell

Website: Ed Pope

Program Selection: Chairman Steve Magnusen; Members: Bob Gottschalk, David Finney, & Tony Trimble

Publicity: Peg Bertelli

Quiz Master:

Tony Trimble

Book Raffle Masters

Roy Agnew/Charlotte Carmichael

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Bob Gottschalk

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. Upcoming presentations:

April 21: Phil Saugy. "Boys We Must Hold These Colors on This Line or Lie Under Them. 19th Indiana."

May 19: David Sutherland. "VMI's Civil War Legacy."

June 16: David Finney. "The Civil War: A Living Legacy."

July 21: Tony Trimble. "Cades Cove: A Community at War."

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.

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

by Tony Trimble

No quiz this month, but here are the answers to the March quiz.

1. Salisbury Steak
2. Admitted West Virginia to the Union
3. In the percussion caps used to fire weapons.
4. Nails, bolts and other scrap metal fired in a shell to tear rigging and sail on enemy ships
5. Leeds Ferry, Va.

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What Else was Happening Between February and April 1955?

February 2 - President Dwight D. Eisenhower held the first presidential news conference on network TV (ABC).

February 12 - President Eisenhower ordered the first U.S. advisors to South Vietnam.

February 26 - American humorist and storyteller Jean Shepherd began his radio program on WOR-AM in New York City.

March 1 - An Israeli assault on Gaza killed 48.

March 5 - Elvis Presley made his first TV appearance on "Louisiana Hayride" in Shreveport, Louisiana.

March 24 - The world's first seagoing oil drill rig became operational.

March 26 - Bill Hayes' "The Ballad of Davy Crockett" became the #1 record in the U.S.

March 27 - Steve McQueen made his network TV debut in Goodyear Playhouse's "The Chivington Raid."

April 5 - Anthony Eden replaced Winston Churchill as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

April 12 - Jonas Salk's Polio vaccine was given full approval by the US Food and Drug Administration.

April 15 - The first McDonald's restaurant opened in Des Plaines, Illinois.



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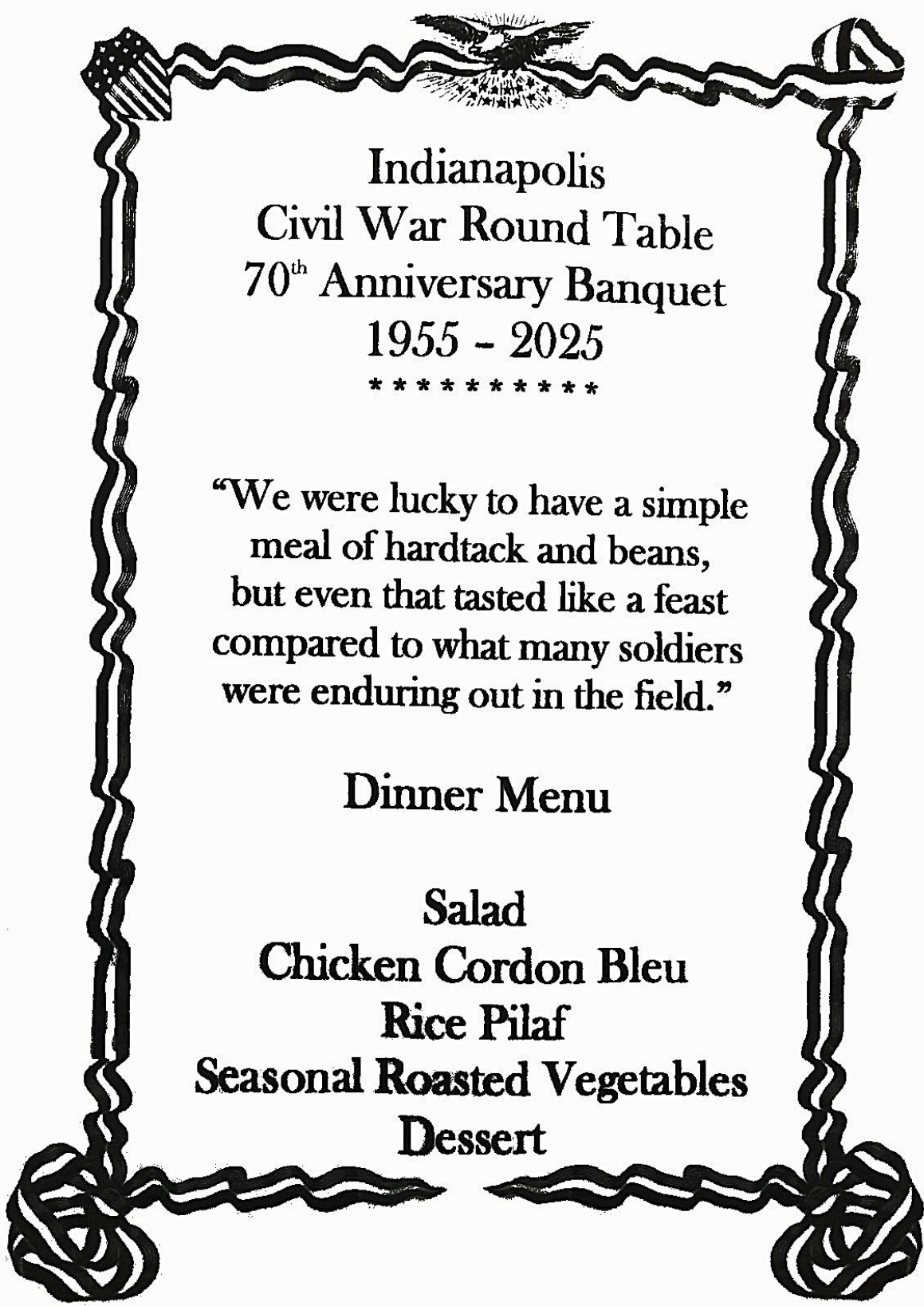


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Welcome and Introduction of Officers	Chris Smith, President
Master of Ceremonies	Steve Magnusen
Post the Colors	Bruce Kolb, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Pledge of Allegiance	
Founders	Alan Nolan, Harry Grube, Rudolph "Rudi" Haerle
Roll of Honor	Alan Nolan, Tom Krasean, Tony Trimble, Carl Zenor, Nikki Schofield, Gerald Jones
Past Presidents	
Civil War Roundtable Authors	Jane Nolan, Mike Eisenhut, Tom Krasean, Nikki Schofield, Tony Trimble, Bob Gottschalk, Charlotte Carmichael, David Finney, Steve Magnusen, James A. Trulock, Roy Agnew
Civil War Ancestors	Roundtable Members
	Dinner Toast
Civil War Musical Program	Steve and Lisa Ball
Final Song and Retire the Colors	Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War





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1955 - 2025

“We were lucky to have a simple meal of hardtack and beans, but even that tasted like a feast compared to what many soldiers were enduring out in the field.”

Dinner Menu

- Salad
- Chicken Cordon Bleu
- Rice Pilaf
- Seasonal Roasted Vegetables
- Dessert