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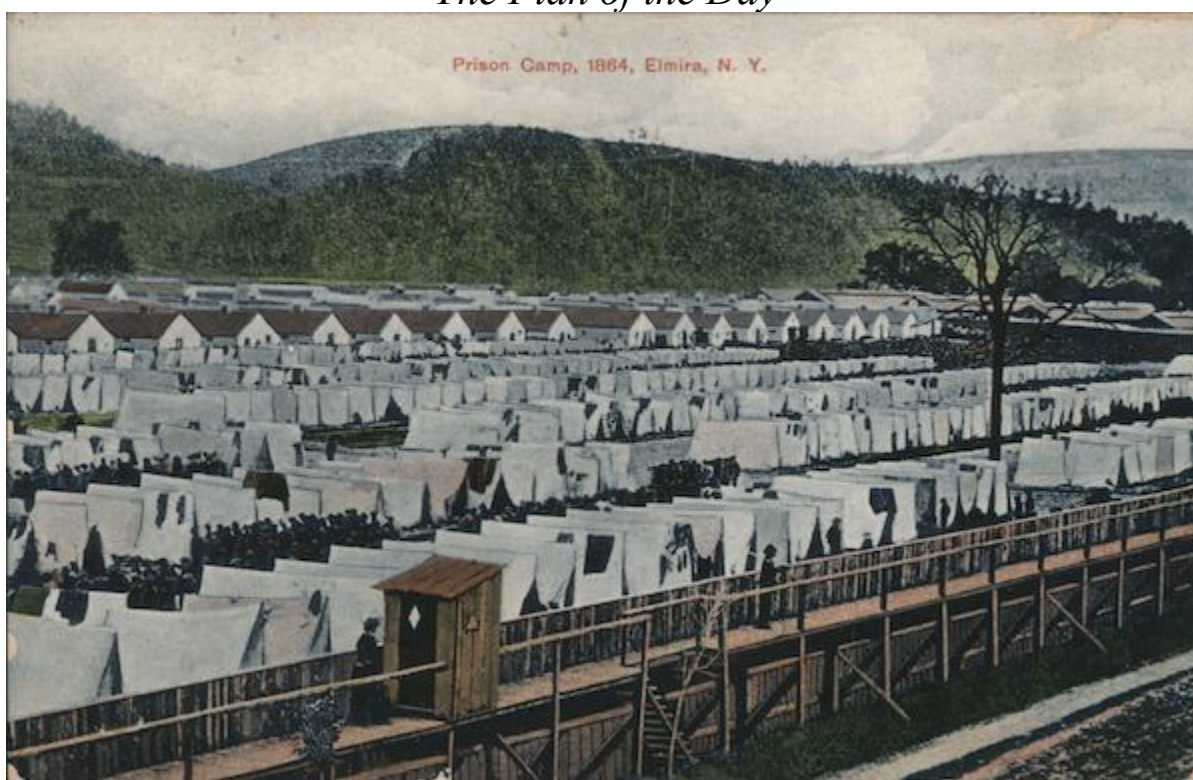


Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

<http://indianapoliscwrt.org/>

Monday, February 10, 2025 at 6:45 p.m.  
Meeting at MCL Cafeteria Township Line  
2370 W. 86th Street

## *The Plan of the Day*



*CBS News*

## **“Northern Civil War Prison Camps”**

One of the many controversial subjects brought about by the Civil War was the treatment of prisoners in the prison camps both North and South. Many questions have been asked and many still go unanswered. It is a hotly discussed subject still today.

There has been much written about the Southern camps, primarily Andersonville and Libby Prison. Starting several years ago more books and information have been introduced about the Northern Civil War Prison Camps, primarily Camp Douglas in Chicago and Elmira Prison in New York State. My talk will look at the Northern prisons and address some of the controversies and questions regarding them.

## *Our Guest Speaker*



**Gerald Jones**

Gerald Jones, a lifelong Madison County resident, is a graduate of Ball State University. He retired from Guide Corporation General Motors after 34 years of service. He has served as Treasurer of the Madison County Historical Society since 1998 and is the chairman of the Madison County Historical Society Roundtable. Gerald served as President of the Indianapolis Civil War Roundtable during 1991-1992.

### **Remainder of the 2024-2025 Campaign**

March 10, 2025 - Carl Kramer - "Indiana Generals in the Civil War"  
 April 14, 2025 - 70th ANNIVERSARY EVENT  
 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

#### *HARDTACK Newsletter:*

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.

### *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*

1. What were Hovie's babies?
2. On what battlefield would you find Elkhorn Tavern?
3. Where was the battle of Prairie Grove fought?
4. What city was entered by the Federals on September 9, 1863?
5. Who were the Mamalukes?



## *After - Action Report OF Our Show & Tell Program*

by Nikki Stoddard Schofield

With a wide variety of topics, nine people presented the "Show and Tell" program at our January meeting. Moderator Nikki Schofield showed a large, framed picture of the Lee men with Robert Edward in the center, his two sons below, and two relatives above. Next, Bob Haines showed a Smith carbine designed by Gilbert Smith, which was taken from a dead Union soldier at the Battle of Seven Pines. Third was David Finney who shared items that were post-Civil War and pertaining to Michigan general Charles Doolittle. Tony Trimble showed the group two books by William Howard Russell, a British correspondent, entitled "Diary of North and South." Tony said Arthur Fremantle was more honest and a better writer. Eric Dove, the club's secretary, told about his ancestor, John W. Lamb, from Clark County who served in Battery M artillery unit. The family name went from Lamb, to Wolf, to Dove. David Hughes showed a bayonet called a haubejonette, which fit on an 1849 chamber rifle. The rifle was not accurate because they used the wrong sized bullets. Bruce Kolb told about photographer William Mumler from Boston who took spirit photographs showing dead people along with living ones. His trial for fraud resulted in a not guilty verdict. David McKay showed a book about the 148th Pennsylvania, which he bought at an Ohio bookstore, and told some of the stories in the book. The last presenter was Danny Russell, who showed items her uses when he portrays President Lincoln, such as a feather pen, an 1854 Bible, and a 33-star flag.

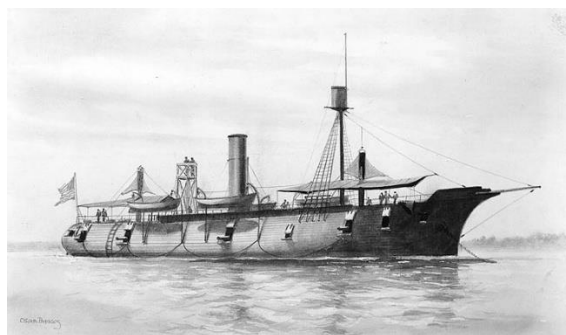
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### *This Month in Civil War Era History*

**February 27, 1860 - At Cooper Union in New York City, Abraham Lincoln elaborated on his view of slavery and its role in the future expansion of the United States. Receiving wide coverage, the speech was what Lincoln biographer Harold Holzer called "Lincoln's watershed, the event that transformed him from a regional leader into a national phenomenon."**

**February 7, 1861 - Tennessee voted against secession.**

**February 14, 1862 - The United States first seagoing iron-clad warship, the U.S.S. Galena, was launched at the Charles Mallory & Sons Shipyard of Mystic, Connecticut.**



**February 3, 1863 - The pen name "Mark Twain" was first used by writer Samuel Clemens in the "Territorial Enterprise," a newspaper in Virginia City, Nevada Territory.**

**February 27, 1864 - "Camp Sumpter," better known as Andersonville Prison, opened in Georgia.**

**February 1, 1865 – John Stewart Rock, the first African American lawyer to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, was admitted to the bar. A teacher, doctor, dentist, lawyer, and abolitionist, he is thought to have coined the phrase "black is beautiful."**

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**The Round Table's 70th Anniversary Celebration** is Monday, April 14. Invitations have been distributed, but if you have not received one, text either Steve Magnusen at 847-525-6564, or David Finney at 517-404-1328.

The dinner will be held at Northside Events & Social Club, 2100 E. 71st Street, just west of Keystone.

The cost is only \$45 per person, so bring your spouse or guest. Checks should be made out to the Indianapolis Civil War Round Table and forwarded to Treasurer Peter Mohr. Please let us know you are coming as soon as possible.

Finally, the evening includes a musical program by Steve and Lisa Ball of Civil War Music. They have performed and been well received at many venues. Their very busy schedule can be viewed at this link:

<https://steveballcivilwarmusic.com/schedule>

See you there!



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## Preserve 161 Acres at Five Western Theater Battlefield Tracts!

***The Opportunity*** - These five tracts of Western Theater battlefield land are all connected and — like dominoes — they all had an impact on what came after them, and the outcome of the war. From Fort Heiman and Fort Henry on the Kentucky/Tennessee border ... to Brown's Ferry/ Chattanooga and Spring Hill in Tennessee ... to Bentonville in North Carolina ... each of the battlefields we can save today bore witness to the events that eventually propelled the war to its close.

The total land value is a staggering \$3.8 million! Fortunately, the Trust expects to obtain state and federal preservation grants along with a donation from one of the landowners, meaning that we can save all of this critical history for just \$70,000.

But only if we can secure the funding in the 60 days to close the deals. Please help us with your best donation today, and your I will be multiplied by a factor of 54 to save crucial, irreplaceable hallowed ground.

The History - Travel back in time to 1862. Union forces are resurgent. They are moving on several fronts in the west, with one of their most important priorities being the capture of Fort Donelson located near the border of Kentucky and Tennessee.

But to capture Fort Donelson, they must first seize Fort Heiman, and then Fort Henry. One domino falls, and then another, eventually leading to the fall of the first Confederate state capital, Nashville.

General Grant is emboldened by these victories. He moves further into Tennessee, leading to victory at Shiloh and the capture of Corinth. The Confederates then move into Kentucky, where the Battle of Perryville takes place. This leads to Stones River, then the Tullahoma Campaign, and then beyond Chattanooga to the Battle of Chickamauga in Georgia.

Union troops move back toward Chattanooga. That's where the "Cracker Line" is created to feed the troops via Brown's Ferry, and will then sustain them for the fighting at Orchard Knob, the Battle Above the Clouds on Lookout Mountain, and Missionary Ridge.

The Confederates retreat into Georgia, while Sherman's armies head toward Atlanta, to the sea, and then northward.

But while this is taking place, something truly remarkable happens. Confederate troops marching toward Nashville stop at Spring Hill, but fail to detect as many as 20,000 Union soldiers under Gen. John Schofield who simply march by the Confederate campfires!

These troops would fight at Franklin, and then at Nashville, with some of the same Confederate soldiers who battled there traveling by rail to North Carolina, where they would be part of the last major battle of the Western Theater, Bentonville, leading to the largest surrender of the Civil War at Bennett Place.

### ***Don't Let These Battlefields Fall Like Dominoes!***

Looking back, it's possible to observe the connections between our nation's battlefields and the events that unfolded on them. We can line them up like dominoes on the coffee table.

But that's not how it was to the brave men who were fighting. They were farmers, tradesmen, and craftsmen, some as young as 15 or 16. They were answering the call to serve, for country and family and honor, and fighting with all they had to give.

Today, you can be the one to give what you can so that their service and sacrifice are not lost forever. Please make a donation to preserve this land forever.

**BONUS:** If you can give \$50 or more, you'll receive a special gift in gratitude — a brand-new battlefield photo book! This wonderful volume is called *Battlefields in Focus*, and it's just been published by our own Chief Historian, Garry Adelman, along with his collaborator Bob Zeller, the president of the Center for Civil War Photography. It's a brand NEW 114-page book that provides a stunning showcase of historic and modern battlefield photography and maps, illustrating the benefits of battlefield preservation, and the natural beauty that is saved along with it.

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