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

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

The Plan of the Day



“CIVIL WAR SHOW & TELL”

Our Guest Speaker



YOU AGAIN!

This is how the program will be conducted. When you arrive, sign up on the clipboard that Nikki Schofield will monitor. Our program is one hour long, so if six people sign up, they will each have 10 minutes to talk. If twelve people sign up, each person can speak about their item(s) for five minutes. If twenty people sign up, each person has three minutes to talk. Be mindful of your time limit. If the item can be handled, pass it around for the members to see up close. Depending on how long our business meeting takes, the program time can be adjusted accordingly – less business, more show and tell. We want everyone to have an opportunity to share their treasures, and will not cut anyone off. We can be a little flexible. Start setting aside what you plan to bring so you are not scrambling to find that precious something just before it's time to leave for the meeting!

Remainder of the 2024-2025 Campaign

February 10, 2025 - Gerald Jones - "Northern Prison Life"

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

There will be no Trimble's Trivia at the January meeting to allow more time for our show and tell speaker.

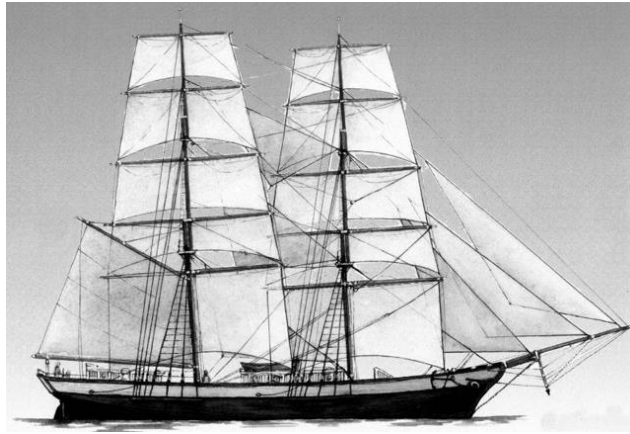
Answers to the December quiz:

1. *Arkansas.*
2. *The Marines.*
3. *Forts Jackson & St. Philip, below New Orleans.*
4. *Antietam, Shiloh, and Spotsylvania.*
5. *His bank in Paris sold bonds to benefit the Confederacy.*

This Month in Civil War Era History

January 6, 1861 – New York City mayor Fernando Wood proposed that it become a “free city,” trading with both sides in the looming conflict.

January 9, 1862 - The cargo brig Elizabeth Watts docked at Victoria Docks in London, carrying the first U.S. petroleum shipment (1,329 barrels).



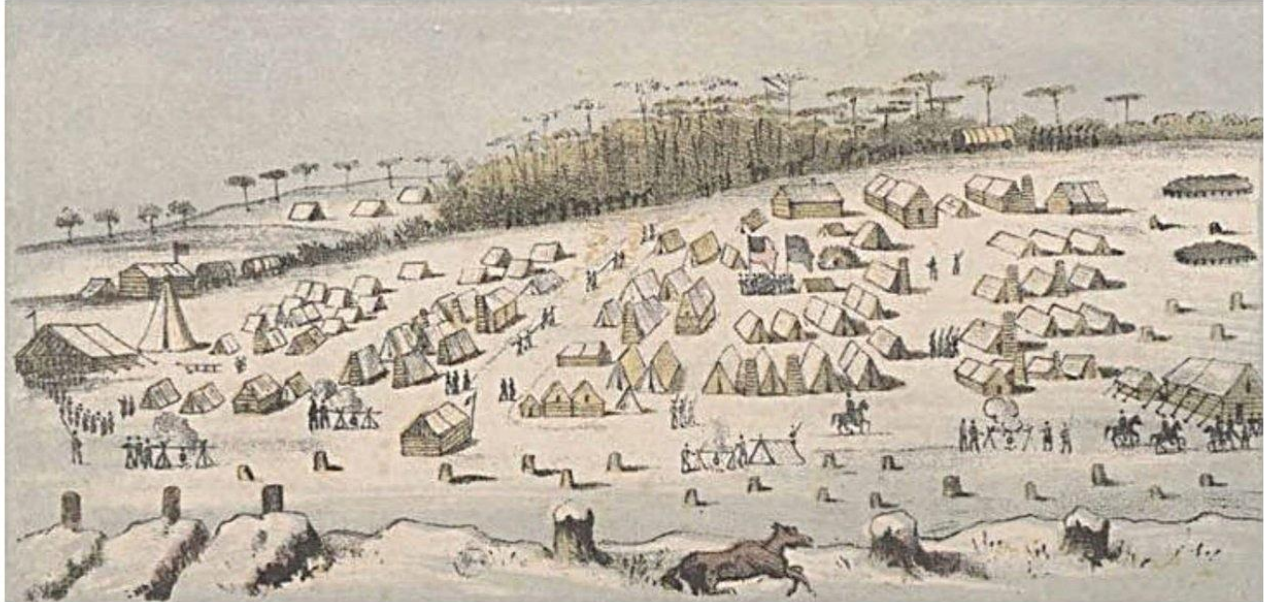
American Oil & Gas Historical Society

January 4, 1863 - Four wheeled roller skates were patented in New York by James Plimpton.

January 10, 1864 – George Washington Carver, the most famous black scientist and agriculturalist in his lifetime, was born into slavery in Diamond Grove, Missouri.

January 15, 1865 – Fort Fisher, North Carolina, the Confederacy's last remaining seaport, fell to a Union force of 58 ships and over 8,000 troops.

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Camp Knight, Va.

A Powerful Reconciliation at Gettysburg

Chris Kolakowski, November 29, 2024, blueandgrayeducation.org



In July 1913, a large crowd gathered at Gettysburg National Military Park to mark the 50th anniversary of the Civil War's bloodiest battle. The United States Army oversaw the program and logistics for the major gathering of veterans, spectators, and dignitaries over several days of events and ceremonies.

One of the officers detailed to support the anniversary was Lt. Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr., who was just shy of his 27th birthday. His namesake father was a Confederate lieutenant general, friend to U.S. Grant, former governor of Kentucky, and vice-presidential candidate on the Gold Democrat ticket in 1896.

What Buckner Jr. saw at Gettysburg made a deep impression. "At the 'Bloody Angle' the survivors of Pickett's Charge shook hands with those who fifty years ago had met them in a bloody struggle. Each was proud to be in a country which had produced the other. Each was glad to call the other his friend," he wrote to his mother. "The Gettysburg semi-centennial has not been the celebration of a victory of war. It has been the celebration of a victory of peace."

Buckner Jr.'s excitement about this assignment raised an eyebrow with his mother Delia, who was from the Confederacy's former capital, had Confederate ancestors, and was married to the highest-ranking Confederate still living. Bolivar explained in a letter that he relished the professional challenges of supporting a camp of 55,000 veterans. He also recognized that "being associated with officers who will in a very few years be at the top in the Army, and having an opportunity to meet many of those who are now prominent in National politics, is always of advantage professionally." He reassured Delia that "I love the South, and all that it stands for. I love its people, its traditions, its gentility, but I do not feel that loyalty to the South compels me to hate the North."

Buckner Jr. also happened to be present for the battle's 75th anniversary in 1938, leading tanks of the 66th Regiment in a parade through town.

A few years later, he took command of the defenses of Alaska, which he led until being assigned to command of Tenth Army in June 1944. He directed Tenth Army in the invasion of Okinawa in 1945, and was killed in action on June 18, 1945. Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr., is the seniormost American killed by enemy fire in World War II and the 20th century, and lies next to his parents in Frankfort, Kentucky.

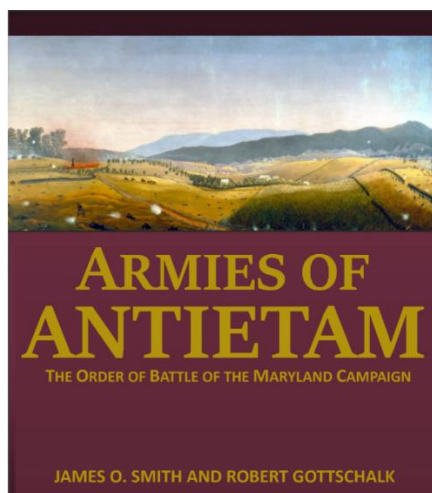
You can read more in the author's *Tenth Army Commander*, recently released by Casemate and available at this link: www.casematepublishers.com/9781636241999/tenth-army-commander.

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From Antietam Institute:

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This book is the product of years of study by longtime Civil War historian Robert Gottschalk, with editorial assistance from Antietam Battlefield Guide Jim Smith. It is the fourth in a series of books focused on different aspects of the campaign.

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The 70th Anniversary of the Indianapolis Civil War Round Table, Dinner and Program

Invitations and Registration Forms Are Coming in January 2025

The Date: Monday, April 14, 2025
 The Time: 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 The Location: Northside Events & Social Club, 2100 E. 71st Street, Indianapolis, Dining Room.
 Who: Members and Guests (spouses, significant others, friends)
 Adult Beverages: Cash Bar
 Purpose: Meet & Greet, Recognize and Celebrate our History, Look to the Future
 Program: Enjoy a Civil War Musical program presented by Steve and Lisa Ball. (www.steveballcivilwarmusic.com)

