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Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

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Monday, October 14, 2024 at 6:45 p.m.
Meeting at MCL Cafeteria Township Line
2370 W. 86th Street

The Plan of the Day



19th, 14th, & 7th Indiana Infantry Regiment Monuments at Gettysburg

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“Hoosiers at Gettysburg: The Story of Indiana and Her Sons in the Civil War’s Greatest Battle”

Over 2,000 men from the state of Indiana fought with George Meade’s Army of the Potomac at the Battle of Gettysburg. There were several Hoosier men of high rank serving during the Pennsylvania campaign, while others distinguished themselves within the rank and file. Believe it or not a few Indiana natives wore gray at Gettysburg. Join historian, author, and battlefield guide Wayne E. Motts as he explores some of the personal stories of Indiana men who fought at Gettysburg.

Our Guest Speaker



Wayne Motts

Wayne Motts is the President Emeritus & Historian of the Gettysburg Foundation, the non-profit philanthropic partner of the Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site. He is the author or co-author of two Civil War books including “**Trust in God and Fear Nothing**,” a biography of Confederate General Lewis A. Armistead who was mortally wounded at Gettysburg and “**Pickett’s Charge at Gettysburg A Guide to the Most Famous Attack in American History**.” which he co-authored with James A. Hessler. He has been a licensed battlefield guide at the Gettysburg National Military Park for 36 years.

Remainder of the 2024-2025 Campaign

November 11, 2024 - John Chalfin - “Admiral David G. Farragut”
 December 9, 2024 - Dan Heitman - “August Willich”
 January 13, 2025 - YOU - Annual Show & Tell
 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 at the Northside Events and Social Club, featuring Civil War Music by Steve and Lisa Ball.
 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

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Quiz Master:

Book Raffle Master

HARDTACK Newsletter:

Tony Trimble

Charlotte Carmichael

Bob Gottschalk

Other Camp Activities

Hamilton County Civil War Roundtable: October Meeting is in conjunction with the Indianapolis Civil War Roundtable, Monday, October 14, 2024 at 6:45 p.m., MCL Cafeteria Township Line, 2370 W. 86th Street.

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. Name the Union general who oversaw construction of Barnegat Light on Long Beach Island, New Jersey (among others) prior to the war.
2. Felix Zollicoffer failed to obey orders at Mill Spring. What was the consequence?
3. What was the Hampton Roads Conference?
4. What was the "National Covenant"?
5. What did the Richmond Enquirer refer to as "the most startling political crime" and a "stupid political blunder."

Answers to the September quiz.

1. North Carolina's Zebulon Vance.
2. An artillery piece used by James Longstreet to defend Fort Powhatan, Virginia.
3. John Pope
4. 1753
5. U.S. Grant



This Month in Civil War Era History

October 16, 1859 – John Brown and 16 followers raided the United States Armory at Harper's Ferry, Virginia.

October 13, 1860 – The first aerial photo was taken in the United States of Boston, Massachusetts from a balloon.



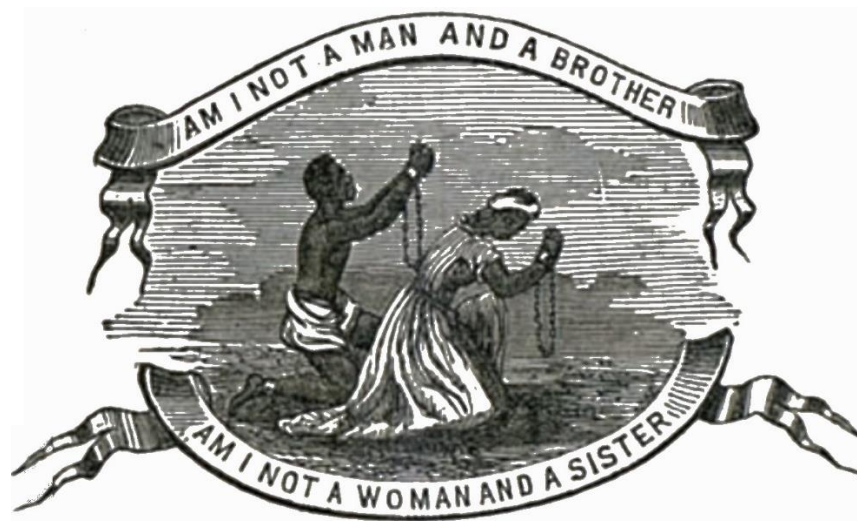
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October 22, 1861 - The East and West Coasts of the United States were linked by telegraph.

October 12, 1862 – Despite of his recent defeats at Iuka, Corinth, and Hatchie's Bridge, Major General Earl Van Dorn assumed command of Confederate troops in Mississippi.

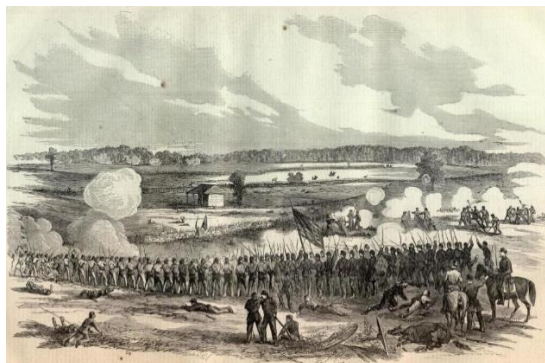
October 26, 1863 – Fourteen nations sent representatives to a conference in Geneva, Switzerland, with the goal to improve medical conditions on the battlefield, marking the first step in the founding of the International Red Cross in 1881.

October 13, 1864 - Maryland voters adopted a new state constitution which included the abolition of slavery.



The Remarkable Story of a German Immigrant's Valor at the Battle of Perryville

Bryan Bush, September 2, 2024, blueandgrayeducation.org



Harper's Weekly

Heinrich Wilhelm Carl Trauernicht Sr. was born on April 6, 1842, in Magdeburg, Germany. He was the son of Heinrich and Johanne Knobbe Trauernicht. On February 16, 1861, Henry enlisted in the Asboth Rifles for a three-month term at the St. Louis Arsenal. His brother was a captain in the same regiment. When the term expired, Henry reenlisted in the 2nd Missouri Volunteer Infantry [US] for a three-year term, beginning September 10, 1861. He was promoted to corporal in Company E and fought at Booneville, Missouri, and Pea Ridge, Arkansas.

At the Battle of Perryville, fought on October 8, 1862, the 2nd Missouri Infantry was commanded by Capt. Walter Hoppe and was attached to the brigade under Lt. Col. Bernard Laiboldt in Phil Sheridan's division. Under orders from the commander of the III Corps, Col. Daniel McCook's brigade, also part of Sheridan's division, was ordered to occupy the heights in front of Doctor's Creek to secure one of the few remaining water sources in the area. The Union troops steadily advanced up the hill, pushing back the Confederates who fought every step of ground and eventually occupied the heights. McCook deployed four cannons, but the Confederates quickly reinforced and advanced to try to retake the hill. The Confederates fired for about 50 minutes until Gen. Phil Sheridan arrived on the scene.

Trauernicht and the men of the 2nd Missouri Infantry were then ordered forward. At the double quick, the 2nd Missouri, along with the 86th Illinois, pushed back the Confederates. One private was killed, and eleven were wounded, including Private Henry Trauernicht. The Union troops managed to securely take possession of a wooded hill beyond the Bottom House along Doctor's Creek. Meanwhile, Sheridan ordered McCook's brigade to form a line of battle on the far edge of the woods. The Confederate batteries erupted, and their infantry advanced again, making two determined attacks to retake the Union position. McCook's and Laiboldt's men engaged the Confederate forces for 30 minutes, ultimately driving the Rebels off the field.

After the battle, General Sheridan praised the conduct of his brigade commanders, including Colonel Laiboldt, "who behaved with great gallantry, leading their troops at all times." Sheridan reported casualties for his division at 44 killed, 274 wounded, and 12 missing. The 2nd Missouri lost 18 killed, 51 wounded, and 1 missing. Trauernicht had his right leg amputated above the knee. He was honorably discharged from the Union army and retired to St. Louis, Missouri, where he remained until 1865, when he moved to Nashville, Tennessee, to publish *The Nashville Demokrat*.

Next, Henry became the editor and publisher of the German newspaper *The Tennessee Post* from 1873 until 1877. On April 17, 1882, he was appointed janitor and clerk of the customs house in Nashville. On February 10, 1888, he retired. He died at the age of 47 on May 2, 1889. He had 13 children. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic; General George Thomas Post Number One, Nashville; and the Knights of Honor. He was buried in the Nashville National Cemetery.

Bryan Bush serves as park manager at the Perryville Battlefield State Historic Site in Perryville, Kentucky. *This Civil War Dispatch has been brought to you by the Blue and Gray Education Society, a non-profit 501-3C educational organization. Please visit us at www.blueandgrayeducation.org.*

Preserve the Most Important 11 Acres Left to Save at Antietam!

The Trust is working with a private landowner to secure the “doughnut hole” of unprotected land right in the middle of the Antietam Battlefield.

This tract at Antietam we have the chance to save is just a few steps behind the Dunker Church building and part of the West Woods.

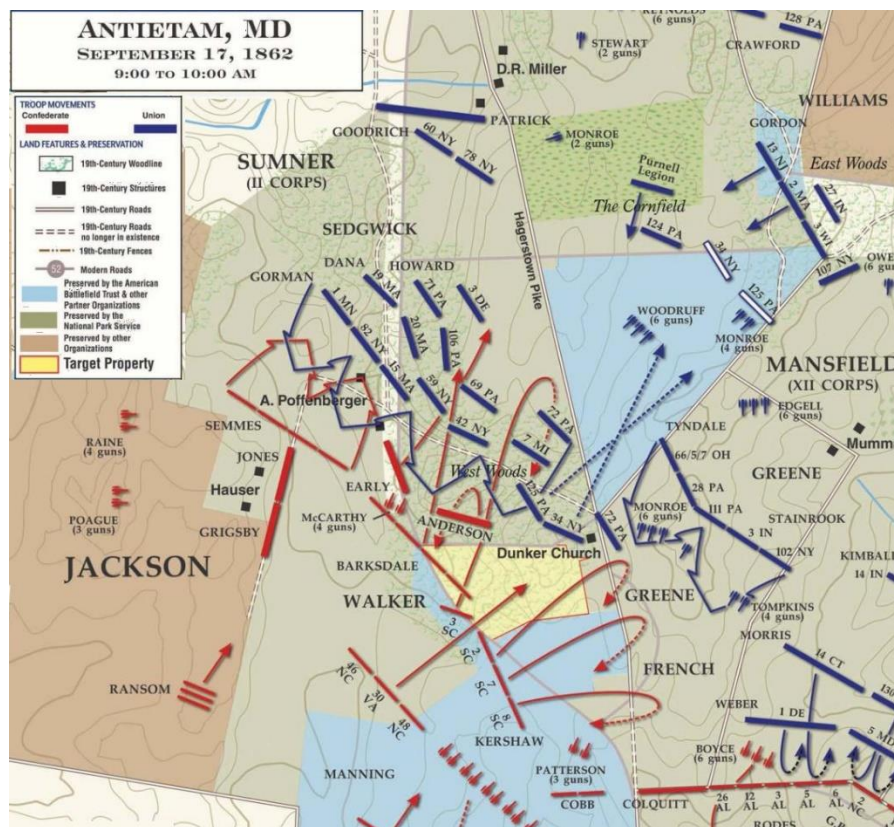
These 11 acres are, by far, some of the most important acres left to secure at Antietam. They not only witnessed, but were at the center of, the surging attacks and counterattacks that defined the deadliest day in American history.

We must quickly raise the \$150,000 needed so we can fill in this 11-acre hole in the battle map and ensure the Antietam Battlefield is intact and preserved.

This key parcel of land witnessed critical parts of the Antietam battle. During their furious and costly charge to the Cornfield, the right flank of General John Bell Hood’s Confederate division crossed this ground.

Shortly after, South Carolinians under General Joseph B. Kershaw worked to defeat Union soldiers who were involved in the fights for the West Woods and the Sunken Road. The 34th New York also occupied this land ... as did Maryland and Pennsylvania soldiers from the Union Twelfth Corps for a time.

After the battle, photographer Alexander Gardner recorded some of the most famous photos of the war here. And what’s more amazing — the trees on this tract appear in every photo and sketch of the Dunker Church!



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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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ICWRT Membership Enlistment for July 2024 thru June 2025

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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. _____

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