

Book Notice: *In Their Honor: The Men Behind the Names of Our Military Installations*. Linda D. Swink. Milford OH: Little Miami Publishing Company, 2009. 518 pages. \$39.95. <<http://www.littlemiamibooks.com>> Reviewed by Dan Reigle for Cincinnati Civil War Roundtable www.cincinnatiwrt.org.

This reference book is not intended for “straight-through” reading, although my experience suggests that if you start leafing through it, you will find yourself reading it in spite of yourself. Author Linda Swink’s prodigious research has produced a work of interest to anyone who has ever served in the U. S. military, or to anyone whose family history research includes veterans of the U. S. military. I quickly located installations that were “stops” in my 5-year military service (Riley, Knox, Wolters, Rucker, Lewis), and to my surprise, even the small Armstrong Barracks in Büdingen, Germany.

For CCWRT readers, I thought the most useful way to highlight the value of this book would be to extract the names and namesakes of those installations that honor men with Civil War service. Of the 524 installations included, 46 of the men had Civil War service, nine of whom were born in Ohio. For some of them, the Civil War came at the end or at the beginning of a long military career, some spanning more than 50 years. For others, the Civil War was the end of their life. The biographical sketches in the book offer insights into the structure of the American military establishment before, during, and after the war. Given the significant number of Confederate officers in the list, it also offers insight into the politics of reconciliation, and the close involvement of Southern Democrats in Congress with the defense establishment and budget during the first half of the 20th Century.

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| Francis E. Warren Air Force Base Cheyenne WY | Francis Emory Warren: 49th Massachusetts Infantry, Company C, Corporal; wounded 25 May 1863, Port Hudson LA; awarded Medal of Honor in 1893 for action at Port Hudson on 27 May 1863. Later US Senator from Wyoming for 37 years, father-in-law of General John J. Pershing. | 37 |
| Sampson Air Force Base (Now Sampson State Park) Geneva NY | William Thomas Sampson: US Naval Academy, 1861; USS <i>Potomac</i> , USS <i>Patapsco</i> . Rear Admiral, USN, Commander of US <i>Maine</i> . | 88 |
| Camp Cooke (Cooke AFB, Vandenberg AFB) Santa Maria CA | Philip St. George Cooke: US Military Academy 1827; Union Brigadier General; division commander during Peninsula; administrative positions. | 136-137 |
| Camp Grant (Closed) Rockford IL | Ulysses S. Grant: Union Lieutenant General; born Point Pleasant OH; US Military Academy, 1843; General-in-Chief of the Army, President of the United States. | 140 |
| Camp Sherman (Now site of VA Medical Center) Chillicothe OH | William T. Sherman: Union Major General, Commander of all troops in the Western Theater; born Lancaster OH; US Military Academy, 1840. Later full General and commander-in-chief of the Army. | 143 |
| Fort A. P. Hill Caroline County VA | Ambrose Powell Hill: Confederate Lieutenant General; US Military Academy, 1847; Commander of III Corps, CSA. | 145-146 |
| Fort Benjamin Harrison (Closed) Indianapolis IN | Benjamin Harrison: Union Brevet Brigadier General; born North Bend OH. Later President of the United States. | 146-147 |
| Fort Benning Columbus GA | Henry Lewis Benning: Confederate Brigadier General. | 147 |
| Fort Bragg Fayetteville NC | Braxton Bragg: Confederate Major General; US Military Academy, 1837. | 148-149 |

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| Fort Campbell Hopkinsville KY | William B. Campbell: Union Brigadier General. Tennessee lawyer and former governor, who campaigned against secession. | 150-151 |
| Fort Carson Colorado Springs CO | Christopher "Kit" Carson: Union Brevet Brigadier General, 1st New Mexico Infantry and Cavalry. | 151-152 |
| Fort Devens (Now Devens Reserve Forces Training Area) Near Boston MA | Charles Devens Jr: Union Major General, commanded division in XXIV Corps. | 153-154 |
| Fort Dix Lewistown NJ | John A. Dix: Union Major General; commanded departments of MD, PA, VA, and East; interim Secretary of the Treasury. | 154-155 |
| Fort George Wright (Closed) Spokane WA | George Wright: Union Brigadier General; US Military Academy, 1822; commanded Department of the Pacific throughout the war. | 157 |
| Fort Gordon Augusta GA | John B. Gordon: Confederate Lieutenant General; rose from company commander to commander of II Corps, Army of Northern Virginia. Later US Senator from Georgia. | 158 |
| Fort Greely Delta Junction AL | Adolphus Washington Greely: 19th Massachusetts Infantry; company commander in 81st US Colored Troops; later Arctic explorer, head of US Weather Bureau, and a founder of National Geographic Society. | 159 |
| Fort Holabird (Closed) Baltimore MD | Samuel B. Holabird: Union Brevet Brigadier General; US Military Academy, 1849; served in US Army Quartermaster Dept during the war. Later Quartermaster General of the Army. | 160 |
| Fort Hood Killeen TX | John Bell Hood: Confederate General; US Military Academy, 1853; commanded at the regiment, brigade, division, corps, and army level. | 160-161 |
| Fort Lee Prince George VA | Robert E. Lee: Confederate General; US Military Academy, 1829; commanded Army of Northern Virginia. | 166-167 |
| Fort McClellan (Now Army National Guard Base) Anniston AL | George B. McClellan: Union Major General; US Military Academy, 1846; commanded Army of the Potomac. Later Democratic candidate for President in 1864. | 169-170 |
| Fort McDowell (Closed) Angel Island, San Francisco Bay CA | Irwin McDowell: Union Major General; born Columbus OH; US Military Academy, 1838; commanded the Union Army at the battle of First Bull Run, followed by other corps and department-level commands. | 171 |
| Fort McPherson Atlanta GA | James B. McPherson: Union Major General; born Clyde OH; US Military Academy, 1853; commanded the Army of the Tennessee; killed at Atlanta in July 1864. | 172-173 |
| Fort Meade Baltimore MD | George Gordon Meade: Union Major General; US Military Academy, 1835; commanded the Army of the Potomac from Gettysburg until the end of the war. | 173-174 |
| Fort Myer Arlington VA | Albert James Myer: Union Brevet Brigadier General; first Chief Signal Officer of the US Army. | 175 |

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| Fort Ord (Closed) Monterey Bay Peninsula CA | Edward O. C. Ord: Union Major General; US Military Academy, 1839; corps and army commander. | 175-176 |
| Fort Pickett Blackstone Va | George E. Pickett: Confederate Major General; US Military Academy, 1846; division commander in Army of Northern Virginia. | 176-177 |
| Fort Polk Alexandria LA | Leonidas Polk: Confederate Major General; US Military Academy, 1827; Episcopal Bishop; commanded corps in Army of Tennessee; killed at Pine Mountain, near Marietta GA in June 1864. | 177-178 |
| Fort Rucker Near Ozark AL | Edmund W. Rucker: Confederate Major; served in Tennessee and Alabama artillery and cavalry units. Later industrial leader in Birmingham AL. | 179-180 |
| Fort Shafter Oahu HI | William R. Shafter: Union Brevet Brigadier General; 7th Michigan, 19th Michigan, and commander of the 17th US Colored Troops; awarded the Medal of Honor in 1895 for action on 31 May 1862 at Chickahominy River VA. Later commanded US expedition to Cuba in 1898. | 181-182 |
| Fort Sheridan (Closed) Chicago IL | Philip H. Sheridan: Union Major General; US Military Academy, 1853; commanded infantry and cavalry at the corps and army levels. Later succeeded Sherman as Commanding General of the Army. | 182-183 |
| Fort Sill Lawton OK | Joshua W. Sill: Union Brigadier General; born Chillicothe OH; US Military Academy, 1853; brigade commander at Stones River TN, where he was killed on 31 December 1862. Fort Sill was established in 1869 as part of Sheridan's command in the west, and was named in honor of his friend. ¹ | 183 |
| Fort Wint (Closed) Grand Island, Subic Bay, Philippines | Theodore J. Wint: Union; rose from Private to 1st Lieutenant in the 6th Pennsylvania Cavalry; served subsequently in Regular Army until his death in 1907 as a Brigadier General in the Philippines. | 186 |
| Schofield Barracks Honolulu HI | John M. Schofield: Union Brevet Major General; US Military Academy, 1853; corps and department commander in western theater. Later succeeded Sheridan as Commanding General of the Army. | 188 |
| Fort MacArthur Army Airfield (Closed) San Pedro CA | Arthur MacArthur, Jr.: Union; rose from 1st Lieutenant to Brevet Colonel, 24th Wisconsin Infantry. Awarded the Medal of Honor in 1890 for action on 25 November 1863 at Missionary Ridge TN. Later rose to Lieutenant General and military governor of the Philippines. Father of General Douglas MacArthur. | 200-201 |
| Lowe Army Airfield Adjacent to Fort Rucker AL | Thaddeus S. C. Lowe: Civilian, Union; established hot air balloon corps and became chief aeronaut of the Army of the Potomac. | 213 |

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| McCook Field (Incorporated into Wright Field, now Wright-Patterson Air Force Base) Dayton OH | Alexander McD. McCook: Union Major General; born Columbiana County OH; US Military Academy, 1852; one of seven brothers and five cousins in the Civil War; corps commander in the western theater. ² | 216-217 |
| Camp Abbot (Closed) Bend OR | Henry Larcom Abbot: Union engineer and topographical engineer; Brevet Brigadier General; US Military Academy, 1855; developed system of submarine mines for coastal and river defense; commander of siege artillery at Petersburg. Later established the Army Engineer School. | 231-232 |
| Camp Beauregard Pineville, Rapides Parish LA | Pierre G. T. Beauregard: Confederate General; US Military Academy, 1838; commanded at Charleston, Shiloh, Mississippi, and the Carolinas. | 233-234 |
| Camp Bullis San Antonio TX | John Lapham Bullis: Union Captain; Corporal, 126th New York Infantry; POW at Harper's Ferry in 1862 and Gettysburg in 1863; Captain, Company A, 118th US Colored Troops. Later served in Philippines, Spanish-American war; Brigadier General. | 235-236 |
| Camp Dodge Johnston IA | Grenville M. Dodge: Union Major General; commanded the 4th Iowa Volunteer Infantry, 1st Tennessee Cavalry, and a corps in the Atlanta Campaign. Later chief engineer for Union Pacific Railroad, completing the transcontinental railroad. | 240-241 |
| Camp George West Golden CO | George West: Union Captain; 2d Colorado Infantry and 2nd Colorado Cavalry. | 243-244 |
| Camp Keyes Augusta ME | Erastus D. Keyes: Union Major General; US Military Academy, 1832; commander of IV Corps during Peninsula Campaign. | 247-248 |
| Camp Maxey (Closed) Paris TX | Samuel Bell Maxey: Confederate Brigadier General; US Military Academy, 1846; organized the 9th Texas Infantry and served in East Tennessee, Port Hudson, and Vicksburg; commander of Confederate forces in the Indian Territory. Later US Senator from Texas. | 249-250 |
| Camp Pendleton (now Army National Guard Base) Virginia Beach VA | William Nelson Pendleton: Confederate Brigadier General; US Military Academy, 1830; Episcopal minister in Lexington VA; commander of Rockbridge Artillery as Captain; promoted to BG as chief of artillery, Army of Northern Virginia from First Manassas to Appomattox. | 251 |
| Camp Stanley (Closed) San Antonio TX | David S. Stanley: Union Major General; born Cedar Valley OH; US Military Academy, 1852; chief of cavalry, Army of the Cumberland; awarded the Medal of Honor in 1893 for actions on 30 November 1864 at Franklin TN. | 256-257 |
| Fort Custer Training Center Augusta MI | George A. Custer: Union Major General; born New Rumley OH; US Military Academy, 1861; commanded cavalry at the regiment, brigade, and division levels. Later killed at Little Big Horn MT in 1876. | 263 |

Endnotes:

- (1) Lois Lambert pointed out to me the involvement of Philip Sheridan in naming Fort Sill for his West Point

classmate and friend. At Stone's River, Sill was serving as a brigade commander under Sheridan, and by accident, they were wearing each other's overcoat when Sill was killed. After the war Sheridan commanded the Department of Missouri, and approved the site chosen by Colonel Benjamin H. Grierson for a new post that was named in Sill's honor. Lois' regimental history on Sill's 33rd OVI is titled *Heroes of the Western Theater: 33rd Ohio Veteran Volunteer Infantry* (Milford OH: Little Miami Publishing Company, 2008); see book review on CCWRT website. See also Sheridan's *Personal Memoirs*, Volume II, pages 338-339; and "Early Military Forts and Posts in Oklahoma: Fort Sill: The Formative Years," Timothy A. Zwink, online at <<http://www.chickasawhistory.com/FTA6.htm>>.

- (2) See book review on CCWRT website of *The Fighting McCooks: America's Most Famous Fighting Family*, Charles and Barbara Whalen, Bethesda MD: Westmoreland Press, 2006.