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Organization:	**Morrisson-Reeves Library**
Event:	**Book Launch and Tea Party**
Event Date:	**April 18, 2015 2:00pm**
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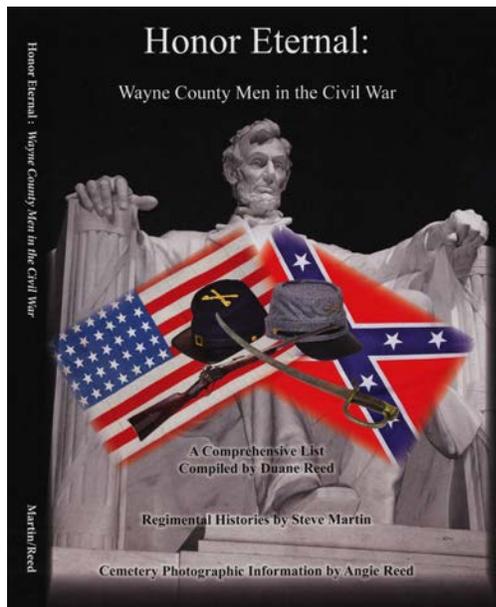
For Immediate Release

Morrisson-Reeves Library is pleased to offer a *Book Launch and Tea Party* for the new book, *Honor Eternal: Wayne County Men in the Civil War.* The book was researched and written by MRL Reference Librarian Steve Martin. A comprehensive list of soldiers is compiled by Duane Reed.

Saturday, April 18 at 2:00pm at Morrisson-Reeves Library

Both Steve Martin and Duane Reed will offer a book talk and book signing at this MRL signature event. The authors will be available for signing the copies of the book. All proceeds from the book will be donated to the Friends of Morrisson-Reeves Library.

Get a rare glimpse of the Library's Abraham Lincoln collection. We're pulling it out of the archives for this special event.

Free and open to the public.

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For more information about the book, please email Steve Martin
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About the Book

The Civil War so deeply involved the American character that the telling of it is practically inexhaustible. Wayne County, Indiana, provided approximately 4,425 soldiers at a time when there were about 29,558 inhabitants. From a third to a half of adult males left to fight; many did not return, and those who did were never the same. The mortality rate was about 11%, or more than one out of ten. Those who survived took justifiable pride in their bravery, having fought from Virginia to Texas and having helped capture cities from Atlanta to Vicksburg. They had preserved the Union and helped end slavery.

 The purpose of this book is to honor the men and women who suffered for what they believed, and to present the most accurate accounting to date of each soldier from the area who served. To date no list has ever been so complete or thorough.

Wayne County men and women have shed blood in all American wars. That is why more veterans' graves per capita are buried here than almost anywhere else.

This year is the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War. It is with reverence the veterans in this book are recalled. For the most part they were not politicians or generals. They were average men who did the work and made the sacrifice, and this is perhaps the last time their names will see print and they will be remembered by the living.

The unprecedented bloodshed of the Civil War took the lives of two and a half percent of the American population, or an estimated 750,000 people. That revised per capita estimate today would be the equivalent of more than seven million people.

Indiana produced over 196,000 Union soldiers with a total of 7,243 killed due to war. Roughly another 17,500 perished because of disease or accident, which meant the state paid with the lives of 24,743 Hoosiers.

This book tells how Wayne County, Indiana, paid.