

MILITARY HISTORY TALKS



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All 2022 talks are FREE. They begin at 6:30 pm in the historic O. O. Howard House (750 Anderson St, Vancouver, WA 98661) and last approx. one hour.

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Speaker: MSGT Jeff Dacus (U.S. Marine Corps, Retired)

Title: 18 or more by 44!



During World War II, the Kaiser shipyards on the West Coast produced many Casablanca -class escort carriers. While promising 16 carriers by 1944, Kaiser encouraged employees to go above and beyond and make 18 instead, with the slogan "18 or more by 44".

Jeff Dacus is a retired educator, with over 35 years' teaching experience. His family came to Vancouver during World War II to work in the Kaiser Shipyards, and remained afterward. He will share some of his family's stories from that great effort.

During his time in the U.S. Marines, Jeff Dacus experienced tank combat in Operation Desert Storm. As an educator, he taught U.S. history for 35 years, and was an adjunct professor at the University of Portland. He volunteers with local veterans groups and is a speaker at historical events. He is a recipient of the 2020 General Roy S. Geiger Award for Aviation Writing. He is the author of "The Fighting Corsairs," a tale of Marine fighter pilots in World War Two, and numerous articles in *Leatherneck Magazine*, *Armor Magazine*, and online for the *Journal of the American Revolution*. He holds advanced degrees from American Military University, the University of Portland and Lewis & Clark College. His website: www.jeffdacus.com.



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