

MILITARY HISTORY TALKS



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All 2022 military history talks take place on the 4th Thursday of each month. Unless otherwise noted, all talks begin at 6:30 pm in the historic Howard House (750 Anderson St, Vancouver, WA 98661) and last approx. one hour. All talks are FREE to the public.

24 February 2022

Speaker: Dr. Scott Stabler,

Title: General Oliver Otis Howard Soldier and Educator Dr. Scott Stabler Professor of History at Grand Valley State University, Michigan has studied Howard's life and career. He has written several articles about Howard and African service during the Civil War and Reconstruction. He will share some of this knowledge on the evening of 24 February.

*The O. O. Howard House will be open for tours from 5:00 – 6:15 PM. **Dr. Stabler's talk will begin at 6:30 PM at the Red Cross Building (605 E. Barnes St, Vancouver, WA 98681),** and last about one hour

24 March 2022

Speaker: MAJ Jefferson Davis (U.S. Army Ret.)

Title: The Custer Women at the Vancouver Barracks

When Custer and most of his male relatives and in-laws died at the Little Bighorn in 1876, they left widows and family behind. How did upper class army widows survive in the late 19th century? In the mid-1880s, widows Elizabeth (Libbie) Custer, and Margaret (Maggie) Custer-Calhoun visited their niece, army-wife Emma Reed Calhoun. All three women took different paths to ensure financial stability in their lives.

28 April 2022

Speaker: SGM 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 carries 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.

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26 May 2022

Speaker: MAJ Jefferson Davis (U.S. Army Ret.)

Title: **Reminiscences of Afghanistan 20 and 1 Year Later.**

Major Jeff Davis deployed to Southwest Asia twice between 2002 and 2004. He served as a military historian for both Third U.S. Army and U.S. Special Operations Command. In the years since his deployments he watched the civil and military situation in Afghanistan deteriorate. This included the pull out of Coalition Forces beginning in 2020, culminating in the sort-of-complete withdrawal in September 2021. Jeff will talk about his personal experiences and how the withdrawal left him and others.

23 June 2022

Speaker: TBA

Title: **The U.S. Army's Love Affair with Coffee**

A stereotypical picture of the average U.S. soldier includes a cup of steaming coffee, near at hand. Coffee was not the original drink of choice during the American Revolution. However, when the United States Army gave soldiers a weekly ration of coffee and sugar in the 1830s, the love affair began. Over the decades, army quartermasters searched for the cheapest, palatable cup of coffee they could find, even at the Vancouver Barracks Regimental Canteen in 1886.



Seating Is Limited, So Please Rsvp To President@Vbma.us If You Are Attending

