

MILITARY HISTORY TALKS



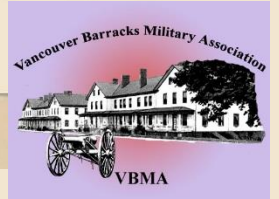
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All 2023 military history talks take place on the 4th Thursday of each month. Unless otherwise noted, all talks begin at 6:30 pm in the historic Howard House (750 Anderson St, Vancouver, WA 98661) and last approx. one hour. All talks are FREE to the public.

Date: 23 February 2023

Title: Waiting for the Cold War to Heat Up at the Vancouver Barracks

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

After World War II, the Vancouver Barracks went from being the Pacific Northwest's premier Regular Army post to a military backwater. This change had major changes in the local community that are still felt today. From the late 1940s to 2011, the Vancouver Barracks become the home to many Army Reserve and National Guard units. Units that drew their soldiers from the local community. Who were the major units at the Vancouver Barracks? And what significant activities happened there?

Date: 23 March 2023

Title: Dr. Mary Walker: Hero, Surgeon, Trailblazer

Speaker: Ms. Michelle Mara

Since it was created in the Civil War, the Congressional Medal of Honor has only been awarded to one woman, Doctor Mary Edwards Walker. Walker was a woman ahead of her times, fighting for her nation as the first female surgeon in the Union Army, whose wartime service merited the United States' highest award for bravery. Years later, it was rescinded by Congress, but restored again, in the late 20th Century. This talk is presented by a descendent of Dr. Mary Walker, who will share both the personal and professional side of this amazing American.

Date: 27 April 2023

Title: Johnny Clem, Youngest Soldier of the Civil War, and Afterward

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

After the Civil War, when the US Army "Colored" cavalry and infantry regiments were formed, their officers were white, not black. One such officer was John (Johnny) Lincoln Clem, who was appointed to the 24th Infantry by President Grant, in 1871. Clem was already famous, as arguably the youngest soldier to serve in the Civil War. In the course of his long career, Clem served at the Vancouver Barracks in the 1890s, before becoming the last Civil War veteran to retire from the United States Army.

Date: 25 May 2023

Title: More Than *Tidyng Up* or *This Old House*, 1980s Restoration and Renovation on Officers Row.

Speaker: To Be Announced

Many houses were built along the Vancouver Barracks' Officers Row between 1849 and 1908. Houses were built and demolished, but seldom remodeled. After World War II, the Army donated the houses and land to new owners, such as the Veterans Administration. By the mid-1980s, the City of Vancouver took over Officers Row, and found many in need of emergency repairs. Working historians, architects, and community leaders they launched a campaign of renovation and restoration, returning Officers Row to its former glory.

Date: 22 June 2023

Title: Fun and Games at the Vancouver Barracks

Speaker: To Be Announced

The United States Army occupied the Vancouver Barracks from 1849 to 2011. In over 150 years, soldiers and their families indulged in numerous forms of recreation, which changed over times, following the trends in outside recreation. These sports ranged from hunting and fishing, to polo to baseball, to badminton and golf, with other musical and cultural events thrown in.

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

At the Historic Howard House

