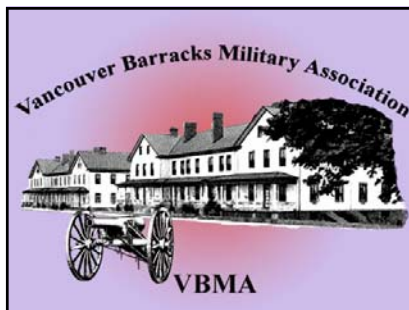


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World War I Centennial Conference

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## World War I

World War I raged through Europe from 1914 to 1918. The United States was carefully neutral, until April 6, 1917, when it joined Great Britain and the Allied Powers, declaring war against Germany and later its allies, the Central Powers.

United States troops arrived in Europe on June 26, 1917, and entered combat in October. The first U. S. soldiers died on November 2, 1917. Fighting continued until the Armistice was signed the next year, on November 11, 1918. In that time, the United States military suffered over 300,000 casualties, and the world was changed forever. This conference commemorates these changes, both overseas and at home, and the accomplishments and sacrifices of all participants.



Meanwhile, here in the Pacific Northwest, the Vancouver Barracks was a center of activities ranging from training soldiers to fight in Europe, to processing Pacific spruce wood for use in Allied airplanes. Our region also saw both

labor unrest, as well as patriotic fervor surrounding the war. This conference commemorates these events, both overseas and at home.

Most Americans have relatives who fought in World War I. This conference offers them a chance to learn about the war in the trenches, as well as on the home front. We especially recommend this conference to educators and members of organizations engaged in planning projects and programs for the war's centennial.

## About the Conference

Over the Memorial Day weekend (Friday, May 25 - Sunday, May 27), the Vancouver Barracks Military Association (VBMA) will host the *Vancouver Barracks' WWI National Centennial Conference* – an event commemorating the 100-year anniversary of the United States' role in World War I. The conference is open to the general public with activities for families, youth, and military enthusiasts alike.

### Schedule of Events

The conference will begin Friday, May 25 with a social mixer at the Clark County Historical Museum from 5:00 – 8:00 PM. Light refreshments will be offered and the mixer is open to those attending the formal presentations. 1511 Main St, Vancouver, WA 98660

On Saturday, May 26 from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM and Sunday May, 27 from 8:00 AM – NOON at the Providence Academy, there will be family-oriented activities, such as games; displays of historic artifacts and artwork; reenactors in period costume; World War I vehicles and equipment; plus a 30-minute live concert of war-era songs by Ms. Cecelia Otto. These events are free to the public. 400 E Evergreen Blvd #105, Vancouver, WA 98660

On Saturday, May 26 from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM and Sunday May, 27 from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM at the Vancouver Barracks, there will be formal presentations on World War I, plus historic walks and talks around the Vancouver Barracks. The talks will range from WWI fighting and technology to how the war affected the Pacific Northwest. Additional topics include, but are not limited to: submarines, African-American soldiers, local labor unrest, the Industrial Workers of the World, and the Spanish Flu Epidemic of 1918 and 1919. There is a \$50 requested donation for general tickets and a \$25 donation request for students for these events.

Vancouver Barrack buildings around 1501 E Evergreen Blvd,  
Vancouver, WA 98661

## **Registration**

The Vancouver Barracks Military Association is a not-for-profit organization. Our friends and partners generously donated materials and use of locations for this conference. Unfortunately, not everything for the conference is covered by in-kind donations. Events at the Academy are free and open to the general public. All other events at the Artillery Barracks, and walks and talks at the Barracks, are limited to paying donors.

There is a \$50 requested donation fee to attend the conference opening, Meet and Greet on Friday, and military history talks and walks on Saturday and Sunday. For full-time students, the requested donation fee is \$25. You can register to attend the Barracks events on any day of the conference. If you can only attend a portion of the conference, you can donate a smaller amount. To download our registration form, or pay online, please visit [http://www.vbma.us/Centennial%20Conference\\_register.html](http://www.vbma.us/Centennial%20Conference_register.html).

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**May 25<sup>th</sup> , 5:00 – 8:00 PM, Meet and Greet  
at the Clark County Historical Museum  
1511 Main St, Vancouver, WA 98660**

The Clark County Historical Museum is a hosting organization of the World War I National Centennial Conference. They are opening their doors from 5 - 8 PM, and hosting conference registration, check-in, and meet and greet. There will be complimentary beverages, and snacks. This will be a great opportunity to meet conference presenters, and others interested in the history of World War I.

Our keynote speaker, Dr. Mitchell Yockelson, will be there as well. You might find a chance to ask about his work with the World War I Centennial Commission, and his books, *Forty-Seven Days: How Pershing's Warriors Came of Age to Defeat the German Army in World War I*; *Borrowed Soldiers: Americans under British Command, 1918*; *MacArthur: America's General*; and *Grant: Savior of the Union*.







**May 26<sup>th</sup> and May 27<sup>th</sup>, Open to the general public  
at the Providence Academy  
400 E Evergreen Blvd #105, Vancouver, WA 98660**

There will be World War I-related displays and activities at the Providence Academy. Please look for signs directing you to the first floor reception room. While the war was fought in the trenches, civilians in the States did their best to support the troops. Volunteers from the Edwardian Society of Oregon will be stationed in the Academy to talk about food conservation, packages for their soldiers, and other stateside activities. Other organizations, such as the Clark County Historical Museum and the Clark County Genealogical Society have donated or will loan exhibits for this event. Some displays and activities include:

- Reenactors in period clothing and uniforms
- A replica World War I ambulance
- Displays of historic household artifacts
- Historic artwork and newspaper displays
- Guided tours of the Academy, by Historic Trust volunteers

For other tours offered by the Historic Trust and their partners, please visit their website at: <https://thehistorictrust.org/tours/>

**Schedule for Saturday May 26, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Activity</b>
8 AM	5 PM	Displays Open to the Public
11 AM	12 AM	Historic Tour of the Academy
4:15 PM	4:45 PM	World War I Song Concert
5 PM		Displays Close for the Evening

## World War I Song Concert



From 4:15 - 4:45 PM on Saturday, there will be a half-hour musical performance by Cecelia Otto. Creator of An American Songline, Cecelia “Cece” Otto. will perform several selections from her current program, "The Songs of World War I," singing the original lyrics audiences enjoyed at the time. While the songs Cece performs include patriotic favorites, Americans regarded the war from a variety of perspectives, all reflected in the songs of the day. Some songs poke fun at military

life, while others capture the melancholy of people on the homefront separated from their fighting men overseas. Whatever the subject, Cece performs each song with the original verses intact, just as audiences at the time would have heard them. Here are her songs.

- 1) It's a Long Way to Tipperary
- 2) Sister Susie's Sewing Shirts for Soldiers
- 3) I Didn't Raise My Boy to Be a Solider
- 4) Over There
- 5) K-K-K-Katy
- 6) Hello Central!
- 7) We Don't Want the Bacon\* (premiere)
- 8) Till We Meet Again
- 9) How Ya Gonna Keep 'Em Down on the Farm?

### Schedule for Sunday May 26, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

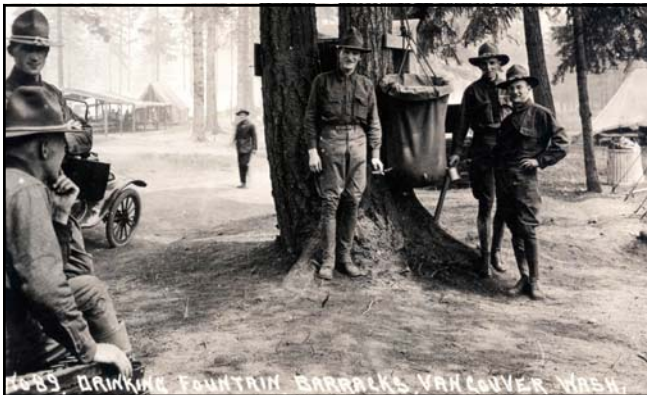
From	To	Activity
8 AM	12 PM	Displays Open to the Public
10 AM	11 AM	Historic Tour of the Academy
12 PM		Displays Close

All of the displays and activities described for Saturday will be open and available to the general public on Sunday as well, from 8 AM until Noon.



May 26<sup>th</sup> and May 27<sup>th</sup>, activities for paid attendees only please  
at the Artillery Barracks  
638 Hatheway Road, Vancouver, WA, 98661

This portion of the conference will have military history talks in the mornings, a lunch break in the afternoon, followed by walks and talks around the Barracks and the Academy. Please see the schedules on the following pages for more information.



**Schedule for May 26<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM**

<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Activity</b>
8:30 AM	8:45 AM	Morning Registration/Opening Comments
8:45 AM	9:15 AM	Dr. Mitchell Yockelson: Woodrow Wilson and John Pershing: Why America Entered World War I and How Its Forces Helped Lead the Allies to Victory.
9:15 AM	9:30 AM	Break
9:30 AM	10:00 AM	Lehman and Lege: Underhand, Unfair and Damned Un-English. Submarines During the First World War.
10:00 AM	10:30 AM	Frazier Raymond: Buffalo Soldiers in the Trenches.
10:30 AM	11:00 AM	John (Jack) Giesen: The American Ambulance in World War I.
11:00 AM	11:30 AM	Dr. James Moody: The Wobblies in World War I.
11:30 AM	12:30 PM	Dr. Duane Denfeld: The Vancouver Barracks Excels at Polo.
12:30 PM	1:00 PM	Dr. Robert Cromwell: The Spruce Production Division at the Vancouver Barracks.
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Break for lunch
2:00 PM	3:15 PM	Guided Tour of the Spruce Production Division The tour starts at the Pearson Air Museum, in the Southeast portion of the Barracks
3:30 PM	4:15 PM	Tour of Providence Academy. This walk starts at or near the main reception room of Providence Academy
4:15 PM	4:45 PM	Cece Otto: World War I Song Concert at Providence Academy
5:30 PM		Social Time and No Host Cocktails

**Schedule for May 27th, from 8:30 AM—4:00 PM**

<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Activity</b>
8:30 AM	9:00 AM	Opening, first talk, Flint and Pierson: The Great War and Camp Lewis
9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Warren W. Aney: The Creation of the National Guard for World War I, with a focus on the 41st Division
9:30 AM	10:00 AM	Dr. Donna Sinclair: From Nuns to Nurses: Women and the Army at Vancouver Barracks
10:00 AM	10:30 AM	Diane Green-Hartley: WWI and the Gold Star Mother Pilgrimage
10:30 AM	11:00 AM	Break
11:00 AM	11:30 AM	Bradley Richardson: The Forgotten Front: Gender, Labor, and Politics in Camas, Washington, 1913-1918
11:30 AM	12:30 PM	Pat Jollota: The Visit of the Spanish Lady, the Flu in 1918
12:30 PM	1:00 PM	Richard Burrows: The Impact of the Spanish Flu on the Sisters of Providence
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Closing Ceremony, break for lunch
2:00 PM	4:00 PM	Guided Tour of the Vancouver Barracks, with an emphasis on World War I. This tour will start outside the Artillery Barracks. Or Alternate: Guided Tour of the Vancouver Barracks Post Cemetery.

**Keynote Speaker**  
**Dr. Mitchell Yockelson**



MITCH YOCKELSON directs the National Archives and Records Administration-Archival Recovery Program where he leads investigations of thefts of historical documents and museum artifacts. His work has been featured in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and the *Los Angeles Times*, and he has appeared on 60 Minutes, Fox News, PBS, and the History Channel

Additionally, Mitch is a professor of military history at Norwich University and the author of four books: *Forty-Seven Days: How Pershing's Warriors Came of Age to Defeat the German Army World War I*, *Borrowed Soldiers: Americans under British Command, 1918*, named one of the best military history books by *The Independent* (UK); *MacArthur: America's General*; and *Grant: Savior of the Union*. He is currently writing a biography of American Field Service ambulance driver Roland Root Speers.

The chief historical adviser to the U.S. World War One Centennial Commission, Mitch regularly leads tours of World War I battlefields for the New York Times Journeys and frequently lectures on military history. He lives in Annapolis, Maryland.

## Speaker Biographies

### **Warren W. Aney, Oregon Military Department**

Warren W. Aney is a long-time resident of Oregon with over six decades of service in Oregon's military. He has always been deeply interested in history, and this resulted in his appointment as Staff Historian of the Oregon Army National Guard. He retired from the Guard in 1996 but continues to serve as military history team member and consultant for the Oregon Military Department.

His accomplishments include military history reports and displays for many armories, other facilities and associated units; presentations at several state and national history conferences; and seminars at many Oregon National Guard leadership training sessions. Warren and co-author Alisha Hamel (Lt. Col. retired) prepared the illustrated history book *Oregon Military*, published in October 2016.

His mission is instilling an appreciation and understanding of Oregon's military heritage in a way that encourages protection and honoring of everyone's heritage of security, freedom and peace

### **Richard Burrows , The Historic Trust**

Richard Burrows, a national leader in non-profit arts, culture and heritage advocacy, has worked at the local, state, national, and international level. He has a strong history of incubating, developing, and sustaining collaborative efforts with broad ranges of stakeholders. He worked successfully for many years in public education, post-secondary institutions, governmental service, agency executive leadership, and private consulting.

Burrows currently is the Director of Community Outreach & Engagement with The Historic Trust where he is developing new service delivery models, deepening constituent support, and helping ensure that diverse voices and communities can participate interactively in understanding their past, present and future.

### **Robert Cromwell P.h.D. , National Park Service**

(No biography available)

### **Duane Colt Denfeld Ph.D.**

Dr. Denfeld serves as a historian at Joint Base Lewis-McChord. He has been active in the documentation of JBLM's 100th anniversary. His histories include essays on History Link, the Washington online encyclopedia. Dr. Denfeld spent over 10 years documenting the World War II battlefields in the Pacific. His work there supported the National Park development and battlefield preservation. As an Army reservist he trained at Vancouver Barracks and has a love for this historic post.

### **LTC Erik Flint**

Erik Flint has been the Director of the Lewis Army Museum since July 2015. He is a Lieutenant Colonel (promotable) in the U.S. Army Reserves with over 30 years in uniform including service as an active duty enlisted Marine, Washington State National Guardsman, active duty infantry officer, and Army Reserve officer. He deployed twice to Iraq as U.S. Special Operations Command Combat Historian. Erik holds a B.A. in History from the University of Washington, an M.A. in Land Warfare Studies from American Military University, and is currently working on a PhD in Modern History from the University of Birmingham in the United Kingdom.

### **MSG Jack Giesen (ret.)**

Jack Giesen was born in Manitowoc, Wisconsin to a family with Army service in WWII. His father rejoined the Army as Corps of Engineers Officer near the end of the Korean War. Jack grew up as an Army Brat, living on or near many Army posts. His family travels included several East coast Army posts, Fort Ord CA, and two years in Iceland. Jack Giesen enlisted in the Regular U.S. Army in 1970 in order to serve 24 months in Germany and complete his military career. However he found the Army Reserve a good fit and continued for 34 years without a break in service. The majority of his service was with the 104th Division at Vancouver Barracks, WA. Jack Giesen is a graduate of Eastern Washington University with a BA in Industrial Technology. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Army Sergeant's Major Academy.



**Diane Green–Hartley**

Diane Green-Hartley, local author of, "Lillie's Jasper, the 1930 Pilgrimage of a Gold Star Mother," is passionate about preserving the memory of our WWI veterans. Through speaking engagements she encourages people to preserve their unique family records, and prevent the tragedy of the loss of irreplaceable voices from our nations past. Ms. Green-Hartley enjoys sharing the story of the unique Gold Star Mothers Pilgrimage, a mostly forgotten chapter of American history.

**Pat Jollota**

Pat Jollota is a retired five-term Vancouver city Council member as well as a twenty-two year curator at the Clark County Historical Museum. She has written seven books on Clark County history.

**FTG 1 (SS) Scott Lege, USN, USAF (ret.)**

Petty Officer Lege served 10 years on submarines, then went on to join the Air Force to finish out his military time until retirement, and retired as a Master Sergeant in the USAF. He currently works as the Director of Grounds and Maintenance for Lewis and Clark College.

**STS 1 SS William Lehman USN (ret.)**

Petty Officer Lehman served on submarines for 20 years from 1980-2000. Upon retirement from the Navy, he went back to work for them as a Civilian and currently serves as the Continuous Training Development Supervisor for the electrical shop. In addition, he's an author writing the *John Fisher Chronicles*.

**SSG Frazier Raymond (ret.)**

(No biography available)

**Edward James (Jim) Moody, PhD**

After serving six years in Air Force Intelligence Special Services as a Chinese interpreter, he then attended the University of California where he majored in Oriental Languages. Upon graduation he was recruited by the CIA and served there for five years. He returned to the university where he was awarded a PhD in Anthropology and Linguistics. he was a professional Anthropologist and did research and taught at the University level, completing he career and retiring from Clark College. He is a lifelong active union member.

## **Heidi Pierson**

Heidi Pierson has been curator at the Lewis Army Museum for the last three years. Previously, she worked at Fort Vancouver National Historic Site in their Cultural Resources Department. Heidi has a Master's degree in Anthropology from California State University, Chico. She has written and presented Northwest history and archaeology for the past 14 years.

## **Bradley Richardson**

Brad Richardson has worked for CCHS for nearly seven years serving over that time as Museum Curator, Museum Experience Coordinator, and Visitor Services Coordinator. He now holds the position of Executive Director at the Museum and is the head administrator for the organization. Born and raised in Camas and Washougal, Washington, Brad Richardson holds an M.A. in Public History from Portland State University and a B.A. in History from Washington State University Vancouver. He was nominated for the 2017 George C. Marshall Public Leadership Award and recognized as a 2015 Visit Vancouver USA Tourism Ambassador.

## **Donna L. Sinclair, PhD**

Donna Sinclair, Ph.D., has worked as a public historian since the late 1990s. Donna's work includes digital technology projects at the Center for Columbia River History ([ccrh.org](http://ccrh.org)), social histories prepared for the National Park Service, an Historic Resources Study on Vancouver Barracks, and managing major oral history projects throughout the Pacific Northwest. She teaches Public History, Western Women's History, and U.S. History at Washington State University Vancouver, Portland State University, and American History for the Humanities In Perspective program of Oregon's state humanities program. Her personal research focuses on women and minorities in the U.S. Forest Service. She is currently collaborating with Gloria Brown, the first African American woman forest supervisor in the nation, to write a co-written memoir of her experiences. The book will be available from Oregon State University Press in 2019.

## Military History Talks

### *The American Ambulance in World War I*

Even though the United States did not enter World War I until 1917, from 1914 until 1917, many Americans volunteered as ambulance drivers. They oftentimes raised money to purchase and outfit an ambulance in the United States before heading to Europe. When the United States eventually entered the war, their efforts paved the way for the U.S. Army to develop its own ambulance corps.

### *Buffalo Soldiers in the Trenches*

World War I saw the largest mobilization of citizen soldiers in America since the Civil War. Despite prejudice, many African Americans volunteered to serve, only to find that many United States commanders did not want them in combat. Instead, many African American soldiers fought with distinction under command of the French Army .

### *The Creation of the National Guard for World War I, with a focus on the 41st Division*

The United States had an active Army when the winds of the Great War started blowing, but there was no specific guidance to activate any reserves from the various state militias. The Militia Act (known as the Dick Act of 1902) codified the ability of the United States to create a National Guard and under what circumstances. Douglas MacArthur as the press liaison for Secretary of War, Newton Baker, was asked for his opinion on the use of these new National Guard units. He later was assigned as the Chief of Staff for the 42nd "Rainbow" Division, the first National Guard unit to go into battle during World War I.

Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and North Dakota militias would make up the 41st Division that was activated for World War I on April 1, 1917 and shipped to France. Unfortunately, it was not needed as an infantry division and was designated as a replacement division, but the stories of 41st Division during World War I do not stop there. Many of its units fought and it had a famous commander, George A. White. This presentation will delve further into National Guard involvement in World War I and will focus on the 41st Division and its role.

*The Forgotten Front: Gender, Labor, and Politics in Camas, Washington, 1913-1918.*

The significance of the impact of WWI in Southwest Washington has received little examination by scholars beyond Vancouver Barracks and the wartime industries centered in Vancouver, Washington. This presentation elucidates the broad impact of WWI in Clark County focusing on Camas, Washington. The failure of the unionization effort in Camas as a result of the war impacted organization in Pacific Northwest paper mills for nearly a decade. This work presents an excellent new laboratory and case study to explore the intersection of gender, labor, and politics in response to wartime pressures in Southwest Washington.

*From Nuns to Nurses: Women and the Army at Vancouver Barracks*

Women have played important roles in military health care in Vancouver, Washington, from nursing care provided by the Sisters of Providence of Charity in the mid-19th century to development of a professional Army Nurse Corps in 1901 and beyond. In the early years at Vancouver Barracks, the Sisters of Charity provided important services for both the Army and the community, from tending to those with mental illness to ministering to Catholic soldiers who preferred their care over military doctors. Through the Spanish American War, WWI, and WWII, Vancouver's nursing corps became increasingly professionalized. In this talk, Donna Sinclair examines military health care at Vancouver and the role of women in its professionalization, while exploring how military nursing affected women's lives.

*The Great War and Camp Lewis*

Discussion of the history behind the campaign for and the selection of the American Lake area for the establishment of a National Army Training Camp in 1916-17. Overview of the construction of Camp Lewis and the training conducted by the men of the 91st and 13th Infantry Divisions. Review of the role of Camp Lewis during the post-Armistice demobilization and the impact of the installation on the surrounding communities.

*Impact of the Spanish Flu on the Sisters of Providence*

In 1918, soldiers returning from World War I brought the Spanish Flu with them. Among the first to render medical aid were the Sisters of Providence. Many of the nuns died as a result. Richard Burrows discusses their actions and the resulting price the order paid.

*The Spruce Production Division at the Vancouver Barracks*

Due to labor unrest, the United States government established the Spruce Production Division to harvest and process wood to make biplanes for the Allies. The center of operations for this organization was at the Vancouver Barracks.

*Underhand, Unfair and Damned Un-English. Submarines During the First World War.*

Submarine life and submarine warfare during the First World War. How did they work? How were they built? Were they effective? What was life like on a "pig boat," and why did they call them that? What ties do the Pacific Northwest have with WWI submarines? After all there wasn't really a war in the Pacific... We'll answer these questions for you, and give you a view into "life in dark waters."

*The Vancouver Barracks Excels at Polo*

This talk will present the history of polo at the Vancouver Barracks and its contribution to polo in the Pacific Northwest. It will discuss the polo fields and the naming of Rucker Polo Field.

*The Visit of the Spanish Lady: the Flu in 1918*

The Army's insurance paid out more on soldiers lost to the Spanish Flu than were lost by enemy action. The troops at the Fort and the people in the neighboring town were sure that they were safe. The Army Doctor and the City Medical Officer thought otherwise.

*The Wobblies in World War I*

The IWW didn't officially oppose America entering WW I, but did see it as the "Bosses War," a war that did nothing to benefit workers. Nevertheless they were arrested by the thousands under the Sedition Act and were sentenced to up to twenty years in jail.

*Woodrow Wilson and John Pershing: Why America Entered World War I and How Its Forces Helped Lead the Allies to Victory*

After standing on the sidelines for three years, on April 6, 1917, President Woodrow Wilson brought the United States into World War I. After a lengthy mobilization to build up and train the Army, General John J. "Black Jack" Pershing led the American Forces on the Western Front where the doughboys proved themselves at the pitched, grinding battles of Cantigny, Belleau Wood, Chateau Thierry, St. Mihiel, and the forty-seven-day-long Meuse--Argonne battle. Dr. Mitch Yockelson will explain how America helped our Allied partners defeat the German Army in 1918.

*WWI and the Gold Star Mother Pilgrimage*

From Diane Green-Hartly's book, *Lillie's Jasper*. This talk discusses the government funded and organized journeys several thousand American mothers made to Europe over a decade after World War I; it was called the Gold Star Mother Pilgrimages of the 1930's. This talk will focus on the experience of Lillie, an Idaho farmwife, visiting the grave of her son Jasper. Jasper was drafted, and sent to Camp Lewis, Washington for training before he eventually traveled to France, where he died after fighting in the 2nd Battle of the Marne.

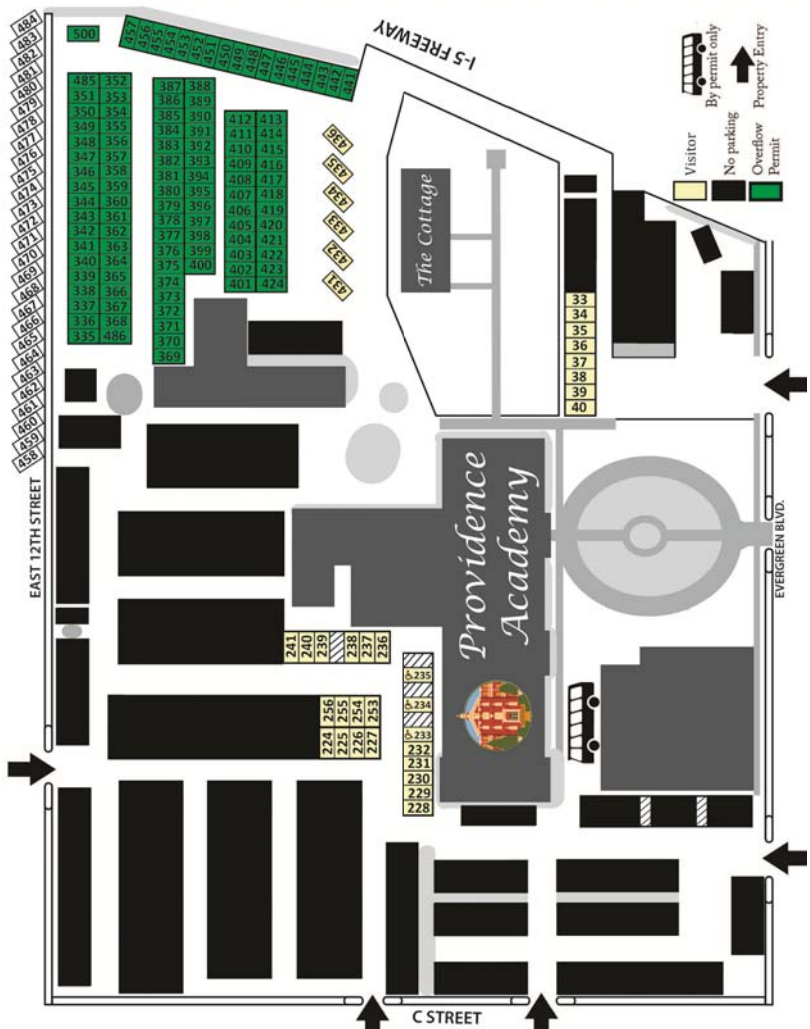


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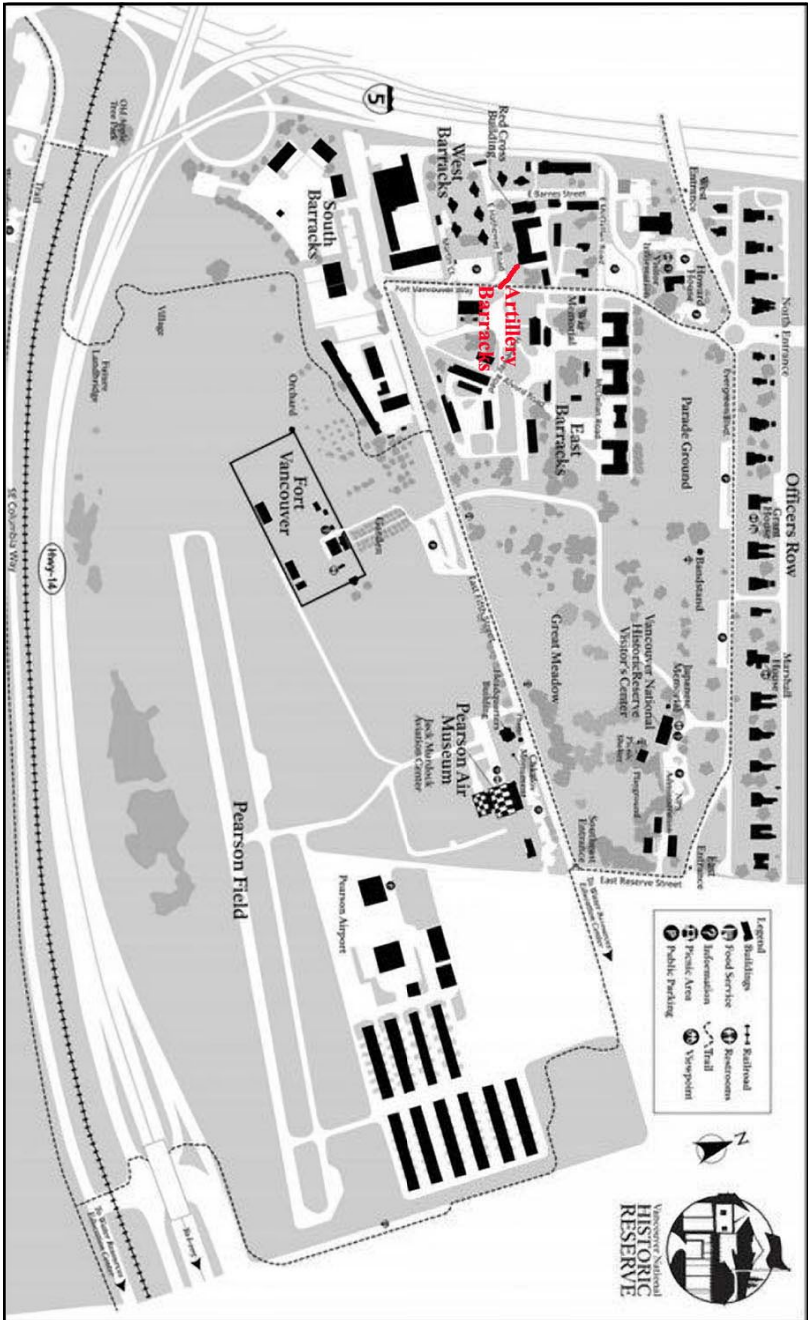
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# Map of the Vancouver Barracks





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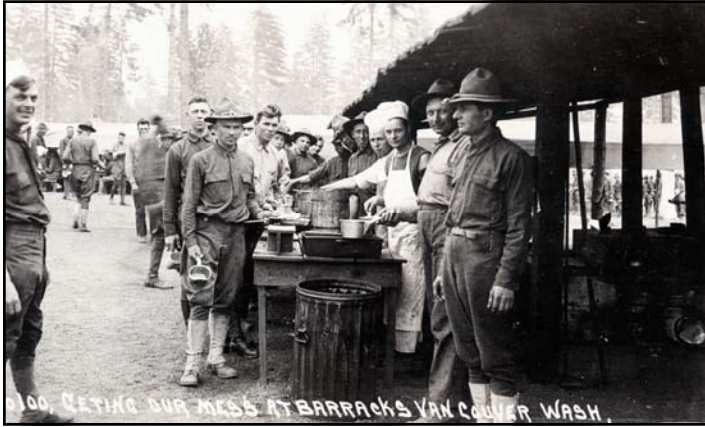
The VBMA thanks the Edwardian Society of Oregon for their support of this conference, planning exhibits, organizing displays, and staffing the events at the Providence Academy. <http://edwardiansociety.com/>



The VBMA thanks the Clark County Genealogical Society for sharing our interest in World War I history, as well as personal expertise, and displays. <http://ccgs-wa.org/>

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## Places to Eat in and Around the Vancouver Barracks



### **Eatery at the Grant House**

1101 Officers Row

Vancouver, WA 98661

Phone: (360) 906-1101

<https://eateryatthegranthouse.com>

Beaches Restaurant and Bar  
1919 SE Columbia River Dr,  
Vancouver, WA 98661

(360) 699-1592

<http://beachesrestaurantandbar.com/vancouver/>

Who Song & Larry's  
Restaurant & Cantina  
111 SE Columbia River Way  
Vancouver, WA 98661

(360) 695-1198

[www.whosongandlarrys.com](http://www.whosongandlarrys.com)

## Things to See and Do



### Couve Cycle Tours

<http://couvecycle.com> or (360) 831-8687



