

The 104th Division Timberwolves and the Vancouver Barracks

Saturday, August 25th

Visitor Center Multi-Use Room

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Presented by **Fort Vancouver National Historic Site** and **Vancouver Barracks Military Association**



Retired U.S. Army Major Jefferson Davis will give a military history talk on Saturday, the 25th of August, at 7:00 PM at the National Park Service, Fort Vancouver Visitor Center (1501 E. Evergreen Blvd, Vancouver, WA.). The subject: A brief history of the 104th Division (Timberwolves), from World War II to the Global War on Terrorism, and their ties to the Vancouver Barracks.

The 104th Infantry Division, and its soldiers, nicknamed the Timberwolves have close ties to the Pacific Northwest. They were activated and trained at Camp Adair, Oregon, before serving over 180 days in combat

in the European theater. The Timberwolves saw action in the Netherlands, and on the edges of the Battle of the Bulge, and liberated a Concentration Camp before the Germany surrendered.

In 1945, after Japan surrendered, the United States and its allies believed that the last world war was fought. The U.S. War department disbanded its military quickly, too quickly. Many military posts were decommissioned and military units inactivated before the end of 1945. Within a few months, it became apparent that the United States needed a standing army, and large force of Army Reservists and National Guard soldiers. One of the units chosen for reactivation in the Organized Reserves was the 104th Division. In December 1946, it was reactivated, with its headquarters at the Vancouver Barracks, where it remained until 2011. This talk summarizes some of the activities of the division in World War II and the 60 years afterward.

There is no admission fee. The presentation will last approximately 60 minutes, from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the Visitor Center event room. Occupancy is limited to 70 people, so it is first come, first served for seating. The Visitor's Center is located at 1501 E. Evergreen Blvd, in Vancouver. To get there from Mill Plain Boulevard, turn south onto Fort Vancouver Way. At the traffic circle, go east on Evergreen Boulevard and follow signs to the Fort Vancouver Visitor Center. Their phone number is 360-816-6230.

For more information, visit <http://vbma.us/> or email: president@vbma.us



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