

# Military History Night Lecture

## The 1856 Battle of the Columbia River Cascades Thursday, May 10th Visitor Center Multi-Use Room 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

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

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Local historian, Colonel Bruce Mulkey (Retired) will present a military history talk, On Thursday 10 May 2012, at 6:30 PM at the National Park Service, Fort Vancouver Visitor Center (1501 E. Evergreen Blvd, Vancouver, WA.). The subject: The 1856 Battle of the Columbia River Cascades.

Late in 1855, Indian Agent Andrew J. Bolon (or Bolan) was killed by members of the Yakamas Indian Tribe. A few weeks later, the United States Army led a failed punitive expedition against the Yakamas. Early in 1856, army forces moved from the Vancouver Barracks to Fort Dalles, to begin a spring campaign against the Yakamas and their allies. The army commander, Colonel George Wright did not suspect that the Yakamas and their allies had planned an attack on the US Army post and civilian settlements at the Cascades of the Columbia River.

In March 1856, they struck with complete surprise. In a three day fight, the US Army eventually drove away the attackers. One prominent name in the fight was Lieutenant Philip Sheridan. To learn more about the background behind the attack, and how it unfolded, please come.

There is no admission fee. The presentation will last approximately 60 minutes, from 6:30 PM to 7:30 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.

The Vancouver Barracks Military Association plans monthly presentations on various subjects from April to October 2012. Future dates, locations, and subjects will be published soon.

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