

**Military History Night Lecture**  
**The 1856 Battle of the Columbia River Cascades**  
**7:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Thursday, 12 September 2013**  
**at the 40 et 8 Chateau**

**Sponsored by the Vancouver Barracks Military Association.**  
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Local historian, Colonel Bruce Mulkey (Retired) will present a military history talk, On Thursday 12 September 2013, at from 7 to 8 PM 40 et 8 Chateau. 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.

The presentation will last about 60 minutes, from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the 40 et 8 Chateau. This no admission fee. The mailing address for the 40 et 8 Bingo Parlor and Chateau is **7607 NE 26th Ave, Vancouver, WA 98665**. To get there from Interstate 5, take Exit 4, eastbound on NE 78<sup>th</sup> Street about one mile. Drive about 200 yards east of the NE 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the Bingo Parlor sign, to the next right turn on the south side of NE 78<sup>th</sup> Street. This is the entrance to the 40 et 8 Chateau parking lot. The Chateau is the white building at the south end of the parking lot. The talk will be held in the Boxcar Room. The phone number for the 40 et 8 is: **360 574-3872**

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