## Vancouver Barracks in the Indian Wars 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Friday, 12 June 2015 at the 40 et 8 Chateau

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## Presented by Colonel Bruce Mulkey (Retired)

Fort Vancouver and Vancouver Barracks have been used as an active military installation for over the last 163 years. In that time the post has been a part of the history of the greater Vancouver area and fulfilled many functions. Early in the history of Washington Territory Vancouver Barracks was on the edge of the western frontier and was a key location in the early Indian Wars of the era.

Late in 1855, Indian Agent Andrew J. Bolon (or Bolan) was killed by members of the Yakama Indian Tribe. A few weeks later, the United States Army led a punitive expedition against the Yakama tribe to seek out those responsible. As the army forces moved from Fort Dalles into tribal lands Vancouver Barracks was the

rally point for worried settlers, militia volunteers and the Regular Army to coordinate and seek shelter. The army commander, Brevet Major Granville O. Haller did not suspect that the Yakamas and their allies had planned an ambush on their patrol, the US Army post and civilian settlements up and down the Columbia River.

The presentation will last about 60 minutes, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the 40 et 8 Chateau. There is no admission fee. The address for the 40 et 8 Bingo Hall 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** 

