



COUNCIL ON AMERICA'S MILITARY PAST
53rd ANNUAL MILITARY HISTORY CONFERENCE
Tucson, AZ

April 3-6, 2019 (Wednesday-Saturday)
No Add-On Day

Doubletree Hotel-Williams
5335 E. Broadway Blvd, Tucson AZ

\$119/night, free breakfast, free parking
Call 520.745.2700, mention CAMP

Hotel notes: (1) This DoubleTree was an Embassy Suites until three years ago. The rooms are all suites – a sitting room with a separate bedroom.

(2) The hotel is 10 miles from the Tucson Airport. There is no shuttle. We will help coordinate ride-sharing as the conference nears and attendees know their flight arrival and departure times.

CONFERENCE COORDINATORS

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Have questions? Need more info?

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SCHEDULE

(as of December 30, 2018)

All meetings will be held at the Doubletree Hotel-Williams unless otherwise indicated.

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

3:00-5:00pm

Board of Directors' meeting

3:00-7:30pm (or as otherwise arranged if your arrival necessitates another time)

Conference Registration

5:30-7:30pm

Welcome Reception

Thursday, April 4, 2019

8:00am-11:00am

Conference Opening and Papers

Buffalo Soldiers on the Border – *Dr. John Langellier*

"Buffalo Soldiers on the Border" explores more than two centuries of history along the U.S.-Mexico border. At the center of the story is the often-overlooked role played by African American troops as peace keepers and combat-ready forces deployed to this contentious international boundary. The exploits of black soldiers in Arizona will receive particular attention in this illustrated presentation.

John Langellier became interested in the past while growing up in Tucson where among other things Spanish missions and U.S Army forts were in his backyard. His childhood fascination led to a 45-year career in public history beginning with higher education at the University of San Diego where he received a BA and an MA in history and historical archeology, concentrating on the Spanish Borderlands and American West. He subsequently received his PhD from Kansas State University in military history. Dr. Langellier has published dozens of books and scores of articles. He also has served as a consultant and occasionally as a producer for films and television starting with *Apocalypse Now* and three documentaries about blacks in the U.S. Army, the most recent of which was *For Love of Liberty*, hosted by Halle Barry, for PBS.

Gold Rush Arsenal: Founding the Benicia Ordnance Depot – *Dr. Blaine Lamb*

"Gold Rush Arsenal: Founding the Benicia Ordnance Depot" examines the 1851 establishment and early development of the Army's first ordnance facility in the American West at Benicia, California. The Benicia Ordnance Depot would provide support to forts and other posts along the Pacific Coast as well as to topographical surveys and to troops involved in campaigns against hostile tribes in the intermountain region. The paper will focus on the Depot's earliest buildings and on activities and accomplishments of its founder and first commander, Bvt. Capt. Charles P. Stone.

Born and raised in San Diego, California, *Blaine Lamb* received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in history from the University of San Diego, and his doctorate from Arizona State University. His career included serving as archivist for the California State Railroad Museum and senior archivist at the California State Archives. He retired as Chief of the Cultural Resources Division of California State Parks in 2012, and since then has written a biography entitled, *The Extraordinary Life of Charles Pomeroy Stone: Soldier, Surveyor, Pasha, Engineer*.

The Confederate Invasion of Arizona and the Battle of Picacho Peak – *Michael Laramie*

Lured by gold and silver to fuel the Confederate war effort and motivated by perceived pro-southern sympathies, a bold plan was hatched in west Texas during the summer of 1861 to seize the southwestern United States. With the primary Confederate thrust falling upon New Mexico, and amidst rumors of an out-swelling of southern support gathering in California, on February 28, 1862 the western component of this expedition entered Tucson. Here a company of Confederate cavalry under the command of Captain Sherod Hunter would soon come to the realization that the plan was not just bold, it was misinformed as well.

Michael Laramie is a military history writer and the author of three books: *The European Invasion of North America: Colonial Conflict along the Hudson-Champlain Corridor*; *By Wind and Iron: Naval Campaigns in the Champlain Valley, 1665-1814*; and *King William's War: The First Contest for North America, 1689-1697*. He has also published articles in a number of magazines and journals including *Vermont History*, *The Journal of America's Military Past*, and *Military History Magazine*. He also has an upcoming article in the *Fort Ticonderoga Museum Bulletin* entitled, "Colonel Richard King: A Royal Engineer's View of the 1711 Canadian Expedition." He resides with his family in the mountains of sunny Arizona.

Relief of the Seige of Khe Sahn – Joe Abodeely

Khe Sanh was a Marine combat base, under siege by North Vietnamese forces for 77 days, which secured areas and routes in northern South Vietnam. President Johnson ordered an entire airmobile division to rescue the base because he did not want it to become a catastrophe as was the French debacle at Dien Ben Phu in 1954. This presentation is an eyewitness account of the relief of the siege of Khe Sanh.

Joe Abodeely, a decorated veteran of the Vietnam War, has been active in promoting the history of Arizona and the military in general. He is the CEO of the Arizona Military Museum and has been a practicing attorney since 1971. He has written several articles and a book on military history.

11:30am-12:30pm

Lunch and overview of conference site visits

1:00-6:00pm

Site Visits

Presidio de San Agustín del Tucson

The Presidio de San Agustín del Tucson Museum is a re-creation of the Tucson Presidio built in 1775 by Regular Spanish Army Lt. Colonel Hugo O'Connor. Tucson was among the largest of the frontier presidios. Soldiers and

their families moved here from the Tubac garrison about a year later. Visitors travel back in time to learn about life as early Tucsonans would have lived it.

Fort Lowell

The Fort Lowell Museum tells the historic story of Fort Lowell during the Apache Wars. It is housed in an accurate replica of the

Commanding Officers' quarters, circa 1885. The buildings hold permanent and changing exhibits featuring military artifacts.

Museum of the Horse Soldier

The Museum of the Horse Soldier endeavors to preserve the history and heritage of U.S.

mounted services and recognize the horses' contributions to U. S. military history.

Friday, April 5, 2019

Site Visits

8:15am-noon

Pima Air and Space Museum

The Pima Air and Space Museum features more than 350 historical aircrafts, from a Wright Flyer to a 787 Dreamliner. Sitting on 80

acres, it encompasses six indoor exhibit hangars (three dedicated to WWII).

Davis-Monthan AFB Boneyard Tour

Operated by the Pima Air and Space Museum, this bus tour takes you around the 2,600-acre "Aircraft Boneyard"/U.S. military and government aircraft storage facility at Davis-Monthan AFB. CAMP needs to make advance

reservations and advanced background checks ARE required. Please be sure to read the CAMP reservation form carefully so that you can supply us with the appropriate information.

Noon-1:00pm

Lunch

1:00-5:00pm

Titan Missile Museum

The one-hour guided tour of the only remaining Titan missile silo includes a short film on the Titan II program, a visit to the underground launch control center where visitors see a simulated missile launch, and a visit to level 2 of the missile silo where visitors are able to view the missile through large

windows cut into the launch duct wall. At the conclusion of the guided tour, visitors may wander the surface portion of the missile site on their own where they can see the missile engines and stand on top of the launch duct to view the missile from above.

Tubac Presidio State Historic Park

The Tubac Presidio is Arizona's oldest European community and home to the oldest Spanish presidio in Arizona. This site helps to preserve the ruins of the Spanish Presidio, established in 1752, and features a remarkable

museum, a short film about the history of the site, an underground display of the centuries-old Presidio ruins, an extensive gift shop loaded with unique items, and access to the Juan Bautista de Anza Trailhead.

6:00-6:30pm

Paper

Col. Nathan Dudley's Unfortunate Intervention with the Army in the Lincoln County War, 1878-1879 – (Walter) Earl Pittman

In 1878-1879 in Territorial New Mexico, a small (c.60 KIA) war broke out between the Murphy-Dolan faction backed by the Santa Fe Ring and the Tunstall-McSween Regulators which culminated in a July 1878 shootout in Lincoln. It was decided by the intervention of troops Commanded by Col. Nathan A.M. Dudley who acted in violation of law, the Constitution, and his orders.

Dr. Pittman is a retired college history professor and the author of five books—including *Richmond P. Hobson, Progressive Crusader* and *United States Special Operations in the Gulf War*, as well as more than 80 articles and papers. He is president of the Boots and Saddles Foundation, past president of Fort Stanton Inc. and on the board of directors of the Lincoln County Historical Society and the New Mexico Military History Society. He earned six college degrees in history, chemistry-physics and geology and served in the U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force (active and reserve), retiring as a lieutenant colonel from U.S. Special Operations Command.

6:30-8:00pm

Pizza and a Movie

Fort Bowie, 1958, starring Ben Johnson, Jan Harrison, Kent Taylor. At Fort Bowie, Captain Thompson favors peace talks but Major Wharton advocates war with the renegade Apaches led by Chief Victorio.

Saturday, April 6, 2019

Site Visits

8:00am-12:30pm

Fort Bowie

Fort Bowie witnessed almost 25 years of conflict between the Chiricahua Apache and the U.S. Army and remains a tangible connection to the turbulent era of the late

1800s. Explore the history of Fort Bowie and Apache Pass as you hike the 1.5-mile trail to the visitor center and old fort ruins. An accessible route is also available.

12:30-1:30pm

Lunch

1:30-3:30pm

Chiricahua National Monument

Exhibits about the geology, natural history, archaeology and cultural history are housed in the visitor center, built by CCC stone masons in the late 1930s. A short video about the park is available as well. While Buffalo Soldiers are usually associated with western expansion in the United States, their role in southeast Arizona is often overlooked. Buffalo Soldiers stationed in Arizona played an important role

in ending the "Indian Wars" by eventually capturing Chief Mangus, who surrendered a month after the more famous Geronimo and Chief Naiche, in October of 1886. Exhibits include Apache Wars/Cochise, Apache Wars/Geronimo, After Apache Wars, History of the 10th Cavalry, and a monument built by the Buffalo Soldiers.

6:30-9:00pm

Annual Dinner

Presentation: **The Aircraft Scrapping and Smelting Project at Storage Depot 41 at Kingman AAF, AZ, 1945-1948** – *Danny Johnson*

The reduction of US military forces at the end of WWII also necessitated the disposal of thousands of military aircraft. Mr. Johnson will discuss the historical background for the choice of the site at Storage Depot #41, at Kingman AAF, AZ. There were approximately 5,500 aircraft flown to Kingman AAF beginning in 1945 through 1946. By July 1948, less than three years since the end of WWII hostilities, the job was done. A huge part of the AAF airpower fleet had been reduced to ingots. Storage Depot 41 and Kingman AAF was returned to the county as a municipal airport.

Retired *Lt. Col. Danny Johnson* served 25 years in the Regular Army, Army Reserve, and National Guard as well as 35 years in federal civil service. He also served as a Staff Historian for the California State Military Museum in Sacramento, CA, and Chief of Public Affairs and Command Historian, HQ, 5th Signal Command, Mannheim, Germany, where he received numerous Civilian Service Medals. He has written numerous articles for *On Point*, *Infantry*, *Military Intelligence*, *Army*, and *Aviation Digest* magazines as well as three books on military topics. His latest book, *Answering the Call in Time of War: The History of Camp Kohler* is currently available on demand at Amazon.com or BarnesandNoble.com.

Conference ends at conclusion of Annual Dinner.