



Historic Fort Steilacoom
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News Release

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Living History Open House

Lakewood, WA – On July 13, Historic Fort Steilacoom will host the annual Living History Open House. Admission during the Open House is free, but donations are appreciated. The museum will open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Guests may begin their visit at the interpretive center in Quarters 4, where you can view an excellent diorama of the historic post. The diorama provides a great glimpse into how the fort appeared during the 1850s occupation. Also on display in Quarters 4 are exhibits displaying items and uniforms used at the fort from 1849-68.

Take time to tour the remaining fort buildings, exhibiting all walks of life at the fort. Examples include how an officer and his family lived, where the enlisted soldiers lived while on the post, what the soldiers ate in the 1850s, how they cooked their meals in garrison. Guests can also see how the soldiers lived while on campaign during the Pig War. You will have the opportunity to talk with a company laundress, some soldiers, and maybe even have the chance to talk with an Officer of the 4th US Infantry, who would become a General in the Civil War and eventually a President of the United States.

Fort Steilacoom occupies an important position in the history of early America and the Pacific Northwest. The fort played a significant role in the settling of Washington Territory. Beginning with its construction in 1849 and ending with its closure in 1868, Fort Steilacoom served as a beacon of American power and promise, promoting the migration of settlers to Washington & securing American interest in the region.

Historic Fort Steilacoom Association is a non-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible. The Historic Fort Steilacoom Association's mission is: Sharing and preserving the first U.S. Army Post in the Puget Sound Region with area guests.

For more information, visit <http://www.historicfortsteilacoom.org>.

Historic Fort Steilacoom is located on the grounds of Western State Hospital at:
9601 Steilacoom Blvd SW, Lakewood, WA 98498

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