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News Release

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Notable Pioneer Winters

Lakewood, WA – On Sunday, January 19, Historian and author Dennis Larsen will speak on winter storms affecting life at the fort in 1846, 1852, 1861, 1880 with a brief mention of weather events of 1950, 1962 and 2012. Quarters 2 at 2 p.m. Complimentary admission to lecture, donations are accepted, and guided tours available for the standard fee.

In this talk Mr. Larsen plans to juxtapose these events against what the early northwest pioneers experienced. Joseph Heath will tell us about the winter of 1846; Edward Jay Allen and Ezra Meeker the winter of 1852; Margaret Whitsell the winter of 1861-62; and various sources will tell us of the winter of 1880 when Tacoma received five feet of snow and Seattle seven feet.

Dennis Larsen is a retired high school history teacher. He has been researching and writing about Northwest pioneers for over two decades, authoring six books, numerous articles, and has also lectured often around the Northwest. He is a member of the Oregon-California Trails Association, the Puyallup Historical Society at the Meeker Mansion and the Tumwater Historical Association.

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.

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

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