

Periodicals for the Research Center

- America's Civil War (1987 - present)
- The Artilleryman (1985 - present) / The Muzzleloading Artilleryman (1979 - 1985)
- Blue & Gray (1983 - present)
- Civil War: The Official Magazine of the Civil War Society (1988 - 1999)
- Civil War Chronicles (1991 - ?)
- The Civil War Monitor (2011 - present)
- Civil War Regiments (1991 - 2000)
- Civil War Times (2002 - present) / Civil War Times Illustrated (1962 - 2002)
- Columbia: The Magazine of Northwest History (1987 - present)
- Columbiad: A Quarterly Review of the War Between the States (1997 - 2000)
- The Journal of America's Military Past (1998 - present) / Periodical: Journal of America's Military Past (1967 - 1998)
- Military Images (1979 - present)
- North & South (1997 - 2013)
- Oregon Historical Quarterly (1900 - present)
- Overland Journal: Quarterly Journal of the Oregon-California Trails Association (1983 - present)
- Pacific Northwest Quarterly (1936 - present) / The Washington Historical Quarterly (1906 - 1935)
- We Proceeded On: The Quarterly Magazine of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation (1974 - present)

Any donations of periodicals can be dropped off at Historic Fort Steilacoom when open for tours or events. When dropping off donations, please let us know if you desire a letter for tax purposes. To make other arrangements, send an email to research@historicfortsteilacoom.org.

Thank you.

About Loran Bures

Loran has served as the Second Vice President of the Historic Fort Steilacoom Association since October 2014. The Second Vice President has oversight of the Research Center. He also serves as the Junior Vice Commander of the Gov. Isaac Stevens Camp, SUVCW. During most of his working career, he worked as a librarian, archivist, and/or researcher – including stints as the head of two special libraries. Our library is classified as a special library. His main degree is in History.



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Reorganized and Expanded Research Center

by Loran Bures

On April 16th Lakewood's Deputy Mayor Jason Whalen and HFSA's President Carol Stout cut the ceremonial ribbon marking the opening of our reorganized and expanded Research Center. How did this occasion come about?

To answer that question, we need to go back to April 2014. The Gov. Isaac Stevens Camp, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), was preparing for its Memorial Day service. The SUVCW wished to include in their "Roll of Washington's Fallen Civil War Soldiers" the 15 soldiers reported in *The Official History of the Washington National Guard, Volume 3: Washington Territorial Militia in the Civil War* as killed in action or died during their term of service in the 1st Washington Territory Infantry. Unfortunately, they were not identified by name.

In seeking to identify the 15 soldiers, a number of libraries and archives were contacted including the Washington State Archives, the Washington State Library, the Washington National Guard State Historical Society, the Washington State Historical Society, and the McDowell Library at the Drum Barracks Civil War Museum in Wilmington, California. No one was aware of an existing list of the names of the 15 soldiers.

But the contact with the Drum Barracks Civil War Museum led to a most fortuitous offer to the SUVCW – the complete set of *The War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies* (128 volumes)



Deputy Mayor Jason Whalen, HFSA President Carol Stout, and librarian Loran Bures dedicate the opening of the Fort Research Center.

and the complete set of the *Supplement to the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies* (100 volumes) for free, if they would be made available to the public for research.

Several sites were considered by the SUVCW to house this offered collection, and topping the list was Historic Fort Steilacoom. After a period of investigation, the SUVCW approached the Board of Directors of the Historic Fort Steilacoom Association to discuss the idea. An agreement in concept was reached, and a formal written agreement was drafted by Rod Fleck, an attorney and member of both the SUVCW and the HFSA. After approval of the agreement by the SUVCW and the

HFSA Board, it was signed in December 2014. The agreement transferred ownership of the aforementioned titles, along with 26 other titles including *Battles and Leaders of the Civil War, Volumes 1-4* and *The Official Military Atlas of the Civil War* (a reprint of the atlas to accompany the 128 volume set of the *Official Records*) to the HFSA.

While this process was going on, the SUVCW became a member of the HFSA to help develop a supportive relationship with the HFSA and the Research Center. The SUVCW has made a number of cash donations to help cover the costs associated with the Research Center, and plans to make additional ones.

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President’s Message



Fort Steilacoom Board and members have been busy documenting, maintaining the four buildings and hosting events.

The February Valentine Tea was very well attended, as was Jerry Ramsey’s talk “Stealing Puget Sound.” Many came to the opening of the fort Research Center and book sale in April. “Casey’s Sons,” a presentation by Ken Morgan on May 15, was excellent. On May 30 the fort began the spring and summer schedule and will be open every Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. until Labor Day in September. Plan to be at the Flag Disposal Ceremony at 11 a.m. and the following I-Corps band concert at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 18.

July will be very busy with fort tours every Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. The fort will have a booth at the Steilacoom Street Fair on July 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Summer Fest open house is July 9 from 10 to 4.

The Quarters 3 foundation is completed. Former Senator Mike Carrell obtained an appropriation from the Legislature to fund the project, and Ken Morgan, Joe Lewis and Bernie



Duplicate and excess books not needed in the new Research Center were offered to the public at bargain prices. Funds help maintain the Center.



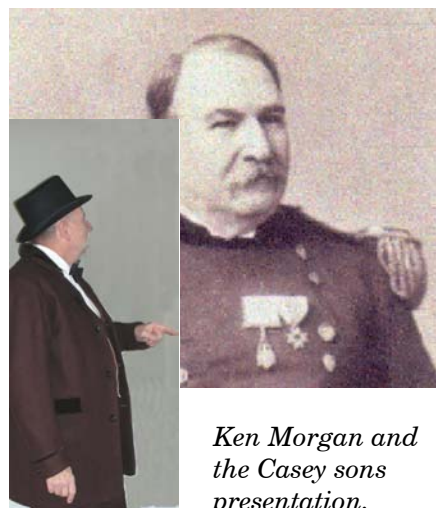
Dr. Jerry V. Ramsey discussed the research for his book on March 13.

Bateman managed the project for Fort Steilacoom. The exterior of the building is to be painted this June.

Volunteers are always needed each Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. when the fort is open. If you are able to help, call (253) 582-5838.

Visit our web site to check future programs and information about the fort’s history. Researchers interested in the Civil War may also make appointments to come to our new Research Center by contacting the librarian, Loran Bures at: research@historicfortsteilacoom.org.

Carol Stout



Ken Morgan and the Casey sons presentation.

Research Center (from page 1)

With the signing of the agreement, Maintenance Supervisor Bernie Bateman and his crew built three new shelving units in Quarters 2. These units added more than 80 feet of shelving for books plus expanded storage for periodicals. This has allowed the collection to grow to more than 1,150 books.

The books from the Drum Barracks Civil War Museum arrive at Fort Steilacoom in May 2015. Now the process to reorganize the library could begin. First, all the videos and DVDs were moved to Quarters 4, and all the books systematically removed from the shelves to be evaluated. Duplicate books and those that did not meet the needs of the HFSA were, after approval of the Board, boxed for the planned used book sale. A few select books were donated to the Washington State Library in Tumwater for inclusion in their collection.

The Board was pleased with the results of the used book sale on April 16th, and it has been recommended that one be included in our 2017 event calendar. Selected used books are currently available for purchase in the Gift Shop.

Many individuals have donated books and periodicals over the last two years to help grow and strengthen the collection – HFSA members, SUVCW members, Puget Sound Civil War Roundtable members, members of re-enactment groups, and others who have an interest in history and Historic Fort Steilacoom.

The book collection has been organized using the Library of Congress Classification System as it is better suited for a research facility than is the Dewey Decimal Classification System. As cataloging is an art, not a science, we are currently in the process of “tweaking” the call numbers before labeling the books.

We have a substantial number of periodicals in the collection which are being organized and evaluated. See the box for a list of periodicals that we are currently seeking as



Jason Whalen gets a tour of the newly dedicated Research Center from Loran Bures.

donations.

The mission of the Research Center is to collect, preserve, and make available information resources that support and further the purposes of the HFSA. It also makes these information resources available to researchers and learners. The main focus of the collection is Pacific Northwest history to 1870/71 and the Civil War.

The Board envisions that the Research Center will have three components: 1) the library for books, periodicals, and other printed material, 2) audio-visual and digital materials, and 3) artifacts. Planning has begun on the second component, which will most likely be housed in Quarters 4.

Since the April 16th ribbon cutting, the SUVCW has acquired the *Official Records of the Union and Confederate Navies in the War of the Rebellion* (31 volumes), and *Civil War Naval Chronology, 1861-1865*, along with other titles which are now available in the library. Select additions to the library collection are announced on the Fort Steilacoom Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/769645536444679>) and the Historic Fort Steilacoom Association

Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/55332776381>).

The library is now available for researchers and learners. Advance appointments are required. Send an email to: research@historicfortsteilacoom.org to make an appointment to use the library. Non-HFSA member day use fee is \$5.00.

The library’s collection is now a non-circulating collection, meaning that items can only be used in the library and cannot be checked out. There were two main reasons the Board made this policy change: 1) that all of the collection would be available to a researcher or learner, and 2) too many items have gone missing from the collection.

Those using the library will be allowed to photograph items using available light, no flash, or scan them. Copies (8 1/2” x 11”) can be made for a fee.

We look forward to welcoming you to our reorganized and expanded Research Center as we continue to grow and strengthen the collection.

By the way, the 15 soldiers that started this have now grown to 18 with research still continuing.