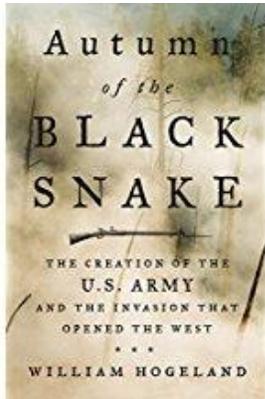


Fort Recovery State Museum Newsletter
June, 2018

Coming! 3:00-Sunday, June 10 - WILLIAM HOGELAND!!



William Hogeland - here in Fort Recovery! All the way from New York City (Brooklyn) What an honor. This is one presentation you will want to put on your calendar in **RED** letters. What are the chances this opportunity will ever come so close again!



The forgotten story of how the U.S. Army was created to fight a crucial Indian war (*taken from Amazon Books)

*In 1783, with the signing of the Peace of Paris, the American Revolution was complete. And yet even as the newly independent United States secured peace with Great Britain, it found itself losing an escalating military conflict on its borderlands. The enemy was the indigenous people of the Ohio Valley, who rightly saw the new nation as a threat to their existence. In 1791, years of skirmishes, raids, and quagmires climaxed in the grisly defeat of a motley collection of irregular American militiamen by a brilliantly organized confederation of Shawnee, Miami, and Delaware Indians—with nearly one thousand U.S. casualties, the worst defeat the nation would ever suffer at native hands. **Americans were shocked, perhaps none more so than their commander in chief, George Washington, who came to a fateful conclusion: the United States needed an army.**

Autumn of the Black Snake tells how the early republic battled the coalition of Indians that came closer than any adversary, before or since, to halting the nation's expansion. In evocative and absorbing prose, William Hogeland conjures up the woodland battles and the hardball politics that formed the **Legion of the United States, the country's first true standing army**. His memorable portraits of soldiers and leaders on both sides—from the daring war chiefs Blue Jacket and Little Turtle to the doomed Richard Butler and a steely, even ruthless Washington—drive a tale of horrific violence, brilliant strategizing, stupendous blunders, and valorous deeds. This sweeping account, at once exciting and dark, builds to a crescendo as Washington and Alexander Hamilton, at enormous risk, outmaneuver Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and other skeptics of standing armies—and Washington appoints General “Mad” Anthony Wayne to lead the Legion. Wayne marches into the forests of the Old Northwest, where the very Indians he is charged with defeating will bestow on him, with grudging admiration, a new name: Black Snake.

Autumn of the Black Snake is a dramatic work of military and political history, told in a colorful, sometimes startling blow-by-blow narrative. It is also an original interpretation of how greed, honor, political beliefs, and vivid personalities converged on the killing fields of

the Ohio Valley, where the U.S. Army's first victory opened the way to western settlement and established the precedent that the new nation would possess a military to reckon with.

**Born in Virginia and raised in Brooklyn, New York, William Hogeland is the author of four books on founding U.S. history, "Autumn of the Black Snake" (FSG) "The Whiskey Rebellion" (Simon and Schuster), "Declaration" (S&S), and "Founding Finance" (University of Texas Press), as well as a collection of essays, "Inventing American History" (Boston Review Books/MIT Press). Hogeland's work in history represents an unusual blend of dramatic narrative and critical interpretation. He has also written about history, music, and politics for "The Atlantic Monthly," "AlterNet," "Salon," "The New York Times," "Boston Review," and "The Huffington Post.".

**https://www.amazon.com/William-Hogeland/e/B001IR3IHG/ref=sr_tc_2_rm?qid=1527365083&sr=1-2-ent

Please note that Hogeland's presentation will be held at the Nazarene Family Center, 401 East Boundary Street. This is just 4 blocks straight east of the reconstructed fort. The Family Center is handicapped accessible, is air conditioned and has an excellent public address system.

The event is free for all attendees, thanks to the contributions of the museum patrons and a grant from the Fort Recovery Community Foundation. Special Thanks to the Members of the Church of the Nazarene for their generous contribution of the use of this excellent facility. (Books will be available for purchase/signing at the event on June 10!)

Jubilee Pie Auction - Friday Evening, June 15th

HELP! We need YOU Pie BAKERS and YOU Pie BUYERS! If you are a baker or a buyer or both, plan to participate in this exciting contest. Cash prizes will be given the first place pie in each category - cream, fruit or specialty. Pies are to be brought between 7:00 and 7:45 to the stand adjacent to the Jubilee headquarters. Judging starts at 8:00 and immediately after the judging is completed by the panel of local adjudicators, the pies will be auctioned off. All Proceeds from the Annual Jubilee Pie Auction go to benefit the Fort Recovery Historical Society. Thank you to all who make this a successful event!



Sunday, July 1, 12:00 - 2:00 - John Winkler Battlefield Walk - Sign up NOW

"Wabash 1791 Battlefield Walk" After the walk, the author will entertain informal questions and discussion in the Museum Community Room. **Limit of 30**. Headphones will enable clear understanding. \$10. patrons free. Call 419-375-4384 for reservations.

Museum Building is 80!

A WPA project, the building that is home to the Fort Recovery State Museum is a true work of art. Erected in 1938, it's a true cause for celebration!



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