

Fort Recovery State Museum Newsletter July, 2019



Sunday, July 7, 3:00 Joe Beatty

Fort Recovery Museum Community Room. No Charge

Live in Their Shoes, Die in Their Shoes!

The Story of Captain Erkuries Beatty and Ensign Samuel Beatty and Their Service In General St. Clair's Army!

How many times do you get to hear the recounting of the November 4, 1791 St. Clair Battle from a direct connection to that fateful day? Speaker Joe Beatty is the 5th generation descendant of Capt. Erkuries Beatty of the 1st Regiment in Gen. St. Clair's Army, and a cousin to Ensign Samuel Beatty of the 2nd Regiment

of Levies 1791. "Beatty" is etched in the granite of the monument with the other officers who died in the battles here.



Joe is very knowledgeable about his ancestors and the battle of the Wabash! As a matter of fact this presenter has shared "our" story throughout Texas, his home today. Joe is a native of Darke County and a graduate of Greenville High School and The Ohio State University. He completed ROTC flight training with an ATP rating, and he completed the Kellogg Executive Management Training. His professional career has been mostly in the energy sector. His last 25-year focus was in Russia and Central Asian Republics. Among his accomplishments was foundina a company to support and manufacture USA products in Russia.

Joe is an avid contributor to community projects and serves as a board member of the Texas War Memorial and is on the Superintendent's Advisory Committee for the 15th largest school district in the United States!

(Joe is pictured above with the War Memorial he helped design and erect in Austin, Texas)

Patrons

Thanks to our patrons for enabling our museum to continue the work we do in promoting the significant history that took place here on the banks of the Wabash. Made possible by patron support, here are a few of the accomplishments:

- 1). Acquired precious artifacts pertaining to Fort Recovery Military History. 1784 Map/ 1791 Newspaper.
- 2). Created two new displays inside the museum main exhibit area, thereby increasing its value and interest and creating a valuable reason for past visitors to return.
- 3). Presented well known speakers/authors monthly during museum season increasing interest in, and awareness of, our museum and the significant American and World History it represents.
- 4). Kept up maintenance on our precious WPA Building of 1938 - including new: plumbing; electrical updates; flooring in the basement hallways and restrooms; vacuum cleaner, etc.
- 5). Put in new sidewalks providing handicapped accessibility from the street/into the museum.
- 6). Contributed to the historic murals unique to our area.
- 7). Purchased a video camera to record and share our speakers' presentations.ETC! ETC!

The museum receives about \$8000 per year from the Ohio History Connection to help in the day-to-day operations - heat, electricity, air conditioning, lawn care etc. Remember, although the museum is

open on a regular basis only from May-September, the museum must be kept above 66 degrees and below 72degrees year-around to preserve the valuable artifacts housed there.

Very few of the good things happening around the museum would happen without the patrons and their generosity. Right now we are looking at some large upcoming bills for a big cracked window replacement, wood wrapping to preserve exterior portions of our WPA Museum/Library Building, and more extensive plumbing replacement. Just like in our homes, it takes constant maintenance, repairs and replacement to keep everything in good condition. Thanks to all of you who help.

ST. CLAIR 5K RUN/WALK -Saturday, July 20, 2019, 8:00 A.M.- 501 W. Milligan Street

Cannon fire sends runners off through historic Fort Recovery! The New race course this year starts and finishes at the Fort Recovery Community Park (pool park). After the run there will be fruit, yogurt and water, door prize drawings (must be present to win) and awards!

Fort Recovery Community Park (Pool Park) 501 W. Milligan Street, Fort Recovery, OH 45846

- Parking Race Day: Parking lots by pool and ball diamonds
- Water available on the course, splits at 1st and 2nd mile, refreshments at finish
- Special Awards for top 3 male/female, medals to top three in each age division
- Five awards in the 14 and under category
- Registration located in the **Cooper Brother's Shelter House in the pool park**

Entry Fee: Make checks payable to Fort Recovery Friends of the Arts

- o Online registration at www.goodtimesraces.com
- o \$20.00 pre-registration with shirt (see design on right)
- o \$12.00 pre-registration NO SHIRT
- o **FREE for 14 and under – NO SHIRT**
- o \$15.00 registration on race day - *\$15 for shirt race day – very limited #



Race Directors: Kathy Gonzalez 419-375-2123 kkg@bright.net; Conner Rammel 419-852-4941

<https://mercerhealth5kchallenge.com/sites/default/files/event-flyers/St.%20Clair%20Run%20Registration%20Form%20Final.pdf>

New Books Added at the Museum

Unlikely General - The Story of Anthony Wayne, by Mary Stockwell who will be our featured speaker in August. She was here in 2017 and presented The Other Trail of Tears - a great presentation/book.

Peckuwe 1780; The Revolutionary War on the Ohio River Frontier - by John Winkler (Sept. presenter) describes how in 1780 George Rogers Clark's Kentuckians clashed with 450 Native Americans at the battle of Peckuwe. (Piqua) It would be the largest Revolutionary War battle on the Ohio River frontier.

The Pioneers: The Heroic Story of the Settlers Who Brought the American Ideal West. Right! Like you think I'm going to say that David McCullough will be here! 😊 Only in our dreams. Nonetheless, we will carry his book because he is an amazing author and this book contains information about the history here!

Live Streaming Available

We are making Video Recordings of the monthly speakers who will allow us to do so. John Zehringer has offered to made that video available through live streaming. Dr. Bernard, our June speaker allowed us to film him, so he will be our first live stream that can be accessed. Stay tuned to get the information to access these streams..

By next month, our patron list should be complete, so it will be sent out then or ASAP.

Happy Fourth! Appreciating all those who have gone before us who have made this great country of freedom possible.



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