

Old Northwest Military History Association

The volunteer organization
of Fort Meigs



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Construction of Fort Meigs began on February 2, 1813. It took several thousand militia troops three months to complete. Living conditions at the fort were horrible; mud as deep as a man's knee, mosquitoes, disease, and exposure to the weather all contributed to a high death rate. Named after the Governor of Ohio, Return Jonathan Meigs, the fort was besieged twice. General Henry Proctor, leading British forces, and Tecumseh, leading Native warriors, bombed the fort for a week in May, 1813. While able to hold the ground, the American army under General William Henry Harrison took heavy casualties. Over 600 Kentucky militia troops were captured on May 5, 1813.

In July, 1813 the British and Native army returned for a second time. While not as effective, the Second Siege of Fort Meigs was quite important. It indirectly allowed the pivotal Battle of Lake Erie to take place in September, 1813, giving control of the strategically important lake to the Americans.

Today, Fort Meigs is the largest reconstructed stockade fort in the United States. It encompasses ten acres and has a mile perimeter.



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The Old Northwest Military History Association co-sponsors and runs special events and reenactments at Fort Meigs



As a member you will receive many benefits:

Sponsored trips to historic sites throughout the U.S. and Canada

Fort Meigs gift shop discount

Discounted admission to many historic sites in Ohio

Use of O.N.M.H.A.'s private library

Much more!



Many of our members are historical interpreters

Military Interpreters dress in the uniforms of the War of 1812 and give demonstrations and guided tours of Fort Meigs

Civilian Interpreters dress in early 19th century fashions and give visitors a glimpse of life outside the army

Our Support Committee maintains the fort's historic reproductions, O.N.M.H.A. property, and supplies as well as constructing special equipment for demonstration purposes

Our Food Service group provides meals for visiting reenactors and public

Whatever your interest is you can find a home with O.N.M.H.A.

YES! I want to learn more about volunteering with O.N.M.H.A. at Fort Meigs!

I'm interested in:

- Military Interpretation
- Civilian Interpretation
- Fifes and Drums
- Support
- Food Service
- Grounds Keeping
- Sewing
- Other: _____

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