

# **Lewis and Clark Training Academy - 2005 - Corps of Engineers Sessions**

## ***SPEAKER INFORMATION***

**Dr. Hal Stearns** – BG (ret) Dr. Hal Stearns was The Assistant Adjutant General for the Montana National Guard. He has also been a high school teacher and college professor. He has had a long term devotion to history and the Lewis and Clark Expedition. He is currently a historian/lecturer traveling the country speaking about Lewis and Clark.

### ***Lewis and Clark 101***

**Hasan Davis** – In this compelling program, Mr. Hasan Davis introduces you to York, who crossed the continent with Lewis and Clark, then returned to civilization only to find that he was still just another man's property. Mr. Davis holds a degree from Berea College, where he appeared in several major theatrical productions, and from the University of Kentucky College of Law. A professional storyteller, performance artist, and poet, he is the founder of Youth Empowerment Solutions, which offers consulting services to schools and community groups. He also has been named Chair of the KY Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee and serves on the board of the National Coalition for Juvenile Justice. He is the President and a founding board member of the Madison County Boys and Girls Club and has been selected as a Rockefeller Foundation Next Generation Leadership Fellow. Now sit back, place yourself in 1807, and listen to York as he tells HIS story.

### ***York***

**Daniel Slosberg** – Fiddler Daniel Slosberg performs his one man show, "Pierre Cruzatte: A Musical Journey Along the Lewis & Clark Trail" in schools, libraries, museums, and historical sites throughout the country. He first discovered that Lewis & Clark had a fiddle player when Ken Burns' Lewis & Clark documentary aired in 1997. This sent him on his own "voyage of discovery," learning everything he could about Pierre Cruzatte and the music, song and dance of the Lewis & Clark expedition. Slosberg's first CD, a collection of tunes and songs from the Lewis & Clark era played only on instruments available to the explorers, is now out on Native Ground Music. Slosberg lives in Los Angeles with his wife, Deborah, and their four children.

### ***Cruzatte***

**John Luzader** – Born in Virginia, Mr. Luzader has been involved in living history since 1961. John has trained personnel and set up living history programs for national, state and local parks and historic sites colleges, and private organizations. Presented programs throughout the U.S., Canada, Europe and China. Studied under Freeman Tilden. Recipient of 1964 Freedom Foundation Medal 1997 Master of Interpretation Award from the National Association for Interpretation. In 1994, the Pilot Corporation of California named their living history award for Mr. Luzader. Currently, Mr. Luzader is serving as the Chair for the Cultural Interpretation and Living History Section of NAI and is Co-Principal of *Living Museums of the West*.

### ***Interpreting Lewis and Clark***

**Rich Deline** - Producer, EPS (Executive Productions – Seattle) For the last 5+ years Rich has focused on producing historical documentaries (his passion) for visitor centers. Topics include geographic and cultural history including American Indians. In addition to producing award-winning documentaries, his firm also provides a full range of innovative audio-visual technologies to modernize visitor centers, such as automated digital projection systems, interactive touch screens, holographic images, etc. Rich is a member and major supporter of the NAI, a 4,500 member organization dedicated to on-site professional education/interpretation of historic sites, museums, nature centers, etc. He also belongs to numerous historical societies. Rich will show a half hour version of the official Bicentennial film produced for the Army Corps of Engineers followed by a "behind the scenes" making of the film, including then and now cultural encounters with American Indian Nations along the trail. EPS website [www.epsinc.org](http://www.epsinc.org)

### ***Lewis and Clark – A Confluence of Time and Culture Video***

**Rez Ziak** – Mr. Ziak is nationally known among Lewis and Clark aficionados and scholars for his research and discovery into Lewis and Clark history along the Lower Columbia River. He has redefined the story of the explorer's arrival at the ocean and corrected oversights and misunderstandings that have persisted for more than a century. This research led to the creation of America's newest national park, the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park. His book, "In Full View" which describes this history is entering its second printing; Mr. Ziak is at work on his latest book. Mr. Ziak was born and raised in a small logging town near the mouth of the Columbia River. Instead of attending a university, he took to the road traveling through South America for his education. He became a still photographer which lead to an award winning career in cinematography. He has been hired to work for the Discovery Channel in places like Hawaii, the Persian Gulf,

and the Atlantic Ocean. He won an Emmy Award in 1993 while working for ABC Television. Currently, Mr. Ziak lectures, leads special Lewis and Clark tours, consults and manages a small publishing company, working to establish a monument that will commemorate L&C's celestial navigation across the continent, and restoring an 80-year old house.

### ***L&C on the Lower Columbia River***

**Gene Hickman** - Gene Hickman is a retired Air Force Colonel with +26 years service. He has been very involved in teaching and education both in and out of the military and has worked several years as a wildlife educator, and has 3 years of High School and 8 years of college teaching experience. He is a certified wildlife biologist and is currently self-employed as a contract wildlife biologist, historic interpreter, educator and consultant. He has always been an ardent student of American History, Military History, Native American History and Natural History. He has been involved in Native American studies, pow-wows, buckskinning, primitive camping, primitive technology, historic interpretation, black powder shooting, hunting, trapping, canoeing, trekking, etc. for over 40 years. All of his interests, avocations and education seemed to just naturally lead him to Lewis & Clark. He has been a member of the Lewis & Clark Honor Guard, The American Mountain Men, and the National Interpreter's Association. Most recently he finished a *Manual for Interpreting Lewis & Clark* under a National Park Service grant. Gene lives and works in Helena, Montana.

### ***L&C Reenactor's Guidebook***

**Dick Cheatham** - Dick Cheatham is a professional speaker, historian and writer who revives important lessons from the past for all sorts of contemporary audiences throughout the USA and internationally through impersonations of some of America's greatest characters. He's a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute and has been a teacher, a museum educator and a television journalist, covering the Virginia Legislature and the Governor's Office for six years. He writes a weekly newspaper column "Drawing Back the Veil" is listed in "Who's Who in Professional Speaking." In addition to Captain Meriwether Lewis, Dick impersonates Pocahontas' husband John Rolfe (the man who saved America), America's Tenth President John Tyler and Richard Henry Lee who made - not wrote - the declaration of independence.

### ***Captain Meriwether Lewis***

**Gary Lentz** - I am currently retired from Washington State Parks since the Spring of 2002. I am a member of the National L&C Trail Heritage Foundation and a 20 year member of the Washington State Governor's L&C Trail Committee where I currently serve as secretary. I do many presentations on L&C. Mr. Lentz is a living historian and principal member of Discovery Presentations which can be found at [www.itwoots.com](http://www.itwoots.com)

### ***Medicine of L&C***

**Ken Karzmiski** - Ken Karzmiski has worked in the museum field since 1980 as curator, historian, and archaeologist and came to the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center in early 2001. He assumed the position of Executive Director in December of 2002. For the past 17 years Ken has been engaged in a multi-state archaeological search for evidence of Lewis and Clark campsites. Karzmiski's archaeological search is the focus of a Discovery Channel documentary, *The Search for Lewis and Clark*, that first aired in June 2002 and was included in a History Channel documentary on the *Technology of Lewis and Clark* that aired in the fall of 2003.

### ***Lewis and Clark Campsites: High-tech Approach to Location and Preservation***

**Dr. Kenneth Ames**

### ***Coohoople Site***

**George Heavy Runner** - George Heavy Runner is a member of the Blackfeet Tribe, from Browning, Montana and presently works for the Blackfeet Tribal Economic Development and Planning Department. Mr. Heavy Runner has been working on the tribe's cultural tourism initiatives and also is the representative for all Lewis and Clark Bicentennial activities. He served two terms in the Montana State Legislature as a State Representative and also served on the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council.

### ***Blackfeet Perspective***

**Jeff Dietz** - J. Jeffrey Dietz is a native Montanan, born and raised near Billings. He received his bachelor's degree from Rocky Mountain College, and his master's degree from Montana State University - Bozeman. He is a retired educator, having served over twenty-seven years as an administrator and teacher in school districts across Montana. Jeff enjoys a life-long interest in Western Americana, and currently serves as chair of the Yellowstone County Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Commission. Jeff is the author of "Clark on the Yellowstone", a National Signature Event selected by the National Council of the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial.

Jeff participates in the Elderhostel Program, giving presentations on Lewis and Clark in Montana. Jeff is a member of the Pompeys Pillar Historical Association, where he serves on the board, and the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, including the Rochejhone Chapter in Billings.

***Pompeys Pillar and the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial***

**Larry Spisak** - I am an Eagle scout born and raised on the shores of Lake Erie in northeastern Ohio, and received my B.S in Forest Management from West Virginia University in 1974. Having grown up during the days of Fess Parker portraying Daniel Boone and Davey Crockett, I built a flintlock rifle in 1975 and took it to my first mountain man rendezvous on the West Fork of the Bitterroot River near Darby, Montana in 1976. I have since ridden horseback on weeklong reenactments in the Rocky Mountains and paddled birch bark canoes through the Boundary Waters of Minnesota. I began playing the fiddle in 1978 and have performed at historical events and sites across the country. I have been employed as a Lock and Dam Operator on the Monongahela River, Pittsburgh District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for 27 years, and am a proud member of Captain Lewis' Company, having traveled the Lewis and Clark Expedition trail since the keelboat left Elizabeth, Pa in August 2003.

***George Gibson***

**Sherman Fleek** - Sherman Fleek recently retired from the United States Army after a 25 year career as an aviator, Special Forces officer, and enlisted armor crewman and most recently serving as Chief Historian of the National Guard Bureau. As National Guard historian he was responsible for the history and projects for 54 states and territories, covering over 360 years of militia and military history. As a military professional he served in many capacities and at every tactical unit level through division and with joint service experience. He earned the Army Master Aviator Badge and qualified to pilot several rotary and fixed-wing aircraft with over 2,000 accident free flying hours. Mr. Fleek ended his military career as a lieutenant colonel and graduate of the Army's Command and General Staff School. A native of Layton, Utah Mr. Fleek holds a BA in English from Brigham Young University and a Master of Arts degree in American history from the University of Colorado. He married Michel E. Johnson in July 1982 and they have five children: three boys and two girls. As a historian he has had over twenty articles published on military, frontier, frontier army, and Civil War history in national periodicals. He served as editor or managing editor of several nation-wide commercial and government publications. His work on Lewis and Clark involved serving as the National Guard and Army representative to the Bicentennial Council and the Federal Inter-agency Group for three years. He is currently writing a book on the military service of Lewis and Clark and men of the Corps of Discovery. He serves currently as the Director of Interpretation and Education at the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation.

***The Army of L&C***

**Doug Arnold** -

***Community Preparations - Lessons Learned***

***8 - 15 Vignettes - Great Falls Interpretive Center Staff***

**Paul Hurst** - Paul Hurst is a retired Social Studies teacher with a long interest in the Lewis & Clark expedition and events in Jeffersonian America. He has been a seasonal interpreter at LCIC since 2000.

***"Expedition What If's"***

**Randy Harmon** - Randy Harmon worked for the National Park Service before transferring to LCIC in the spring of 2003. His interests include canoeing and wildlife watching.

***"Up the Wild Missouri"***

***"White Bears of the Great Falls"***

**Mark Ruzyla** - Mark Ruzyla is an Air Force retiree with a background in cryptography and Far Eastern affairs. After working at LCIC as a volunteer and as a seasonal fee collector and interpreter, Mark was hired as a permanent employee in the fall of 2003.

***"Secret Codeword: Artichokes"***

**Fay Schaller** - Fay Schaller makes her living as a freelance nature writer in the offseason. After working with LCIC as a special volunteer, she was hired as a seasonal fee collector in 2003. She became a seasonal interpreter in 2004.

***"The Top 5 List"***

**Dick Boss** - Dick Boss describes himself as "a lifelong *student* of the Lewis & Clark expedition. After working for the National Park Service at other Lewis & Clark sites, Dick began working at LCIC as a seasonal

interpreter in 2000. He is currently on a term assignment as Special Program Assistant for the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial.

***“A Visit with George Shannon”; The Great Portage  
Interpreting Lewis and Clark (Missoula Session Only)***

**Dave Filius** – Dave Filius and his wife Betty have been volunteers at LCIC since shortly after the Center opened in 1998. In addition to his work here, Dave is also a volunteer disaster aid worker with the American Red Cross.

***“Doctoring the Corps of Discovery”***

**Jane Weber** – Jane Weber is currently the Center Director of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center in Great Falls, MT. This facility opened in May 1998 and is operated under the auspices of the USDA Forest Service, Lewis and Clark National Forest. The 25,000 square foot facility features daily interpretive programs, a theater presentation, and exhibits interpreting the experiences of the Expedition. Each year approximately 85,000 visitors tour the Interpretive Center. Currently, she is also serving as Co-Chair of the Events Team helping to coordinate the 34 days of Signature Event activities for Explore! Jane received her BS in Forest Science from the University of Montana, Missoula; her BS in Art Education from Kutztown State University, Pennsylvania; and her post-graduate studies in Outdoor Recreation from the University of Montana and Clemson University, South Carolina. Jane's twenty plus years with the USDA Forest Service have given her a breadth of experience working in trail management, developed recreation site management, public information, land management planning, and most recently interpretive planning and contract administration. For the last fourteen years, Jane has dedicated much of her time in the development of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center. She received the 1998 Governor's Tourism Award from the State of Montana, the 1998 Gifford Pinchot Award as outstanding Interpreter of the Year (a national award of the Forest Service), the 1998 Athena Award from the Great Falls Chamber of Commerce, and the 1997 *Salute to Women's Award* from the YWCA for her efforts in establishing the facility. She is past Secretary of the national Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation and most recently, she received the 2003 Women in Excellence Award from the Girl Scouts. Jane also serves as a board member on the National Council of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial.

***Interpreting Lewis and Clark***

**Margaret Gorski** –

***What is the Lewis and Clark Historic Trail; L&C In Western Montana***

**Clint Blackwood** –

***Events and Resources in Montana***

**Bale Burk** –

***L&C In Western Montana***

**Scot Sproull** –

***L&C In Western Montana; Local L&C Events, Programs, Sites, & Attractions***

**Ron Cox** –

***L&C In Western Montana***

**Wendy Rainey** –

***Trail Stewardship***

**Carol Hennessey** –

***Trail Stewardship***

**Linda McCarthy** –

***Life Beyond Lewis and Clark***

**Tribal – HR**

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**Francine Bear Don't Walk** –

***American Indian Tribal Histories Project***

**Elias Goes Ahead –**

***Pompeys Pillar – The Native American Aspect***

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**John Levar –**

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