

Welcome Back!  
Surveyors Historical Society's  
Annual Rendezvous

# GUNS ON THE MAUMEE

## *SURVEYORS RENDEZVOUS 2021*

*Hilton Garden Inn, Perrysburg, Ohio*  
*September 22-25, 2021*

The Ohio Country in the years following the Revolutionary War was a tough place to be a surveyor. The Indians recognized that settlers would soon follow the surveyors, and in the **Northwestern Ohio Indian Wars**, they fought fiercely to stop “these dogsquirts of men” from marking the territory and claiming the land for their own.

The 1794 Battle of Fallen Timbers, on the banks of the Maumee River, was a major victory for the United States. In the Treaty of Greenville that followed, the tribes ceded their claims to all lands south and east of the Greenville Treaty Line and to sixteen military reserves within Indian territory north of the line, including the **Twelve Mile-Square Reserve**.

With the Indian threat all but extinguished, settlers poured into the Ohio Country and by 1803, Ohio was a state. The west boundary would be a line due north from the mouth of the Great Miami River, which became the 1<sup>st</sup> Principal Meridian. The north line was a source of controversy that resulted in the **Ohio/Michigan Boundary “War”** in which eight surveyors were arrested, a county sheriff was stabbed in the leg by Two Stickney (not to be confused with his brother One) and one pig was killed.

Surveys in the disputed area are tied to the **Michigan Meridian**, which runs due north from the flagpole at Fort Defiance at the confluence of the Maumee and the Auglaize Rivers.

According to C.E. Sherman, who literally wrote the book on original Ohio land survey subdivisions, “*Northwestern Ohio presents more regularity in its original surveys than any other similarly large area within Ohio's borders.*” But that doesn't mean it's boring.



# The War *of* 1812

Ohio played a critical role in the War of 1812. After the surrender of the garrison at Detroit, the Northwest was vulnerable to attack by the British and the Indians. In 1813, General William Harrison ordered the construction of **Fort Meigs** on a bluff overlooking the Maumee River rapids, across the river from Fort Miamis and within the 12 Mile-Square Reserve. The fort withstood two sieges in that same year. Our Friday activities will take place at reconstructed Fort Meigs.

To the east, Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry defeated and captured six ships of the British Royal Navy in the Battle of Lake Erie.

**Visit Perry's Victory Monument on our optional Saturday trip to Put-in-Bay on South Bass Island.**

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*"We have met the enemy and he is ours; two ships, two brigs, one schooner and one sloop."*

Perry to General William Henry Harrison

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Edward Tiffin, Ohio's first governor, was also the first superintendent of the General Land Office. He is credited with saving GLO land records when the British burned Washington, D.C. during the war. While serving as Surveyor General of the Northwest Territory, he issued his 1815 Instructions to Deputy Surveyors. In all, seven Ohio governors were surveyors at some point in their careers.

Rendezvous 2021 also has a connection to the Korean War. Can you figure out what it is?

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## Featured Speakers *and* Presentations

- **James Williams, P.S.**, author of *Blazes, Posts & Stones* and *Israel Ludlow, Deputy Surveyor, Territory Northwest of the River Ohio*, and Ohio's leading authority on survey history will set the stage for our *Northwest Ohio* Rendezvous.
- **David Andrus, P.S.**, of J.C. Andrus and Associates in Toledo, will present the results of his extensive research and retracement of the *Twelve Mile-Square Reserve*.
- **Joseph Fenicle, P.S.**, Professor of Surveying and Mapping at The University of Akron, owner of Angular by Nature, and author of numerous articles in *The American Surveyor* and *POB* magazines, will explain why some Ohio surveys are tied to the *The Michigan Meridian*.
- **Dean Ringle, P.S., P.E.**, retired Franklin County Engineer, current executive director of the County Engineers Association of Ohio, past president NCEES, and long-time chair of the Professional Land Surveyors of Ohio's State Line Committee, will discuss *The Ohio/Michigan Boundary*.
- **Larry Nelson**, retired site director, Ohio Historical Society's Fort Meigs State Memorial, former editor of the journal *Northwest Ohio History*, and currently assistant professor of history at Bowling Green State University, will present *The Surveys of Fort Meigs*

***SHS members pay a lower registration rate!***

*Join now at [www.SurveyorsHistoricalSociety.com](http://www.SurveyorsHistoricalSociety.com)*

# Rendezvous Program

## Wednesday, September 22

- Board of Directors Meeting
- Welcome Reception (Cash Bar)
- Orientation
- Annual Membership Meeting

## Thursday, September 23

- Breakfast at hotel
- Morning/Afternoon Speakers (7 hours)\*
- Lunch at hotel
- Dinner on your own

What's the best thing about Rendezvous? The people! Join us each evening in our *Hospitality Room* to share a beverage (adult or otherwise) and catch up with old friends.

## Friday, September 25

- Breakfast at hotel
- Fort Meigs Orientation (1.5 hours)\*
- Shuttle to Fort Meigs
- All activities at fort
- Lunch by Tony Packo's
- Annual Banquet & Raffle (Cash Bar)

## Saturday, September 26

- Optional Lake Erie Island Adventure

*\*PLEASE NOTE — Individual licensees are responsible for determining if specific educational sessions are acceptable for license renewals in the jurisdictions where they practice.*

*Saturday's optional **Lake Erie Adventure** includes roundtrip motorcoach transportation, ferry service to Put-in-Bay, narrated island tour including Perry's Monument Visitor Center, Butterfly House, Antique Car Museum, Crystal Cave and Heineman Winery and lunch at Tipper's Restaurant.*

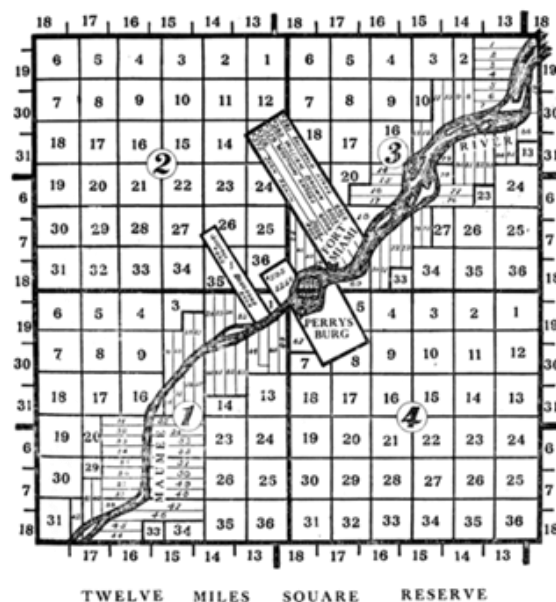
# Spouse/Guest Program

- **Wednesday:** Welcome Reception and Annual Membership Meeting
- **Thursday:** Breakfast at hotel; "Glass City Tour" of Toledo including Tour of Valentine Theater, the Toledo Museum of Art, shopping at the Libbey Glass Factory, lunch at Georgio's Cafe International
- **Friday:** Breakfast at hotel; Field Trip to Fort Meigs with lunch by Tony Packo's; Annual Banquet
- **Saturday:** Breakfast at hotel; Optional Lake Erie Island Adventure

# Hotel Information

Our Rendezvous hotel is the [Hilton Garden Perrysburg](#), located within the 12 Miles-Square Reserve at just off I-475 in Perrysburg. The hotel is part of the [Town Center at Levis Commons](#), an outdoor shopping center featuring a variety of dining and shopping options within walking distance of our hotel.

- The conference room rate is \$139 plus tax. Parking at the hotel is free.
- Room reservations can be made [online](#) or by calling the hotel at 419-873-0700 and use group code SHSY.
- The conference rate is available until August 25 or until the room block sells out.





# Surveyors Rendezvous 2021 Registration

## Hilton Garden Inn Perrysburg

6165 Levis Commons Blvd., Perrysburg, OH 43551

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name for Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name for Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

SHS Member:  Yes  No

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Registration Type</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Nonmember</u>
<b>Full Registration*</b> (includes all activities on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and Saturday breakfast)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$375	<input type="checkbox"/> \$450
<b>Thursday Only Registration</b> (includes Thursday breakfast, lunch and education sessions)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200	<input type="checkbox"/> \$275
<b>Friday Only Registration</b> (includes transportation, tour and lunch at Fort Meigs)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$125
<b>Friday Banquet Only Registration*</b>	_____ @ \$95 = \$ _____	
<b>Spouse/Guest Registration*</b> (Must accompany a fully registered attendee. To attend Thursday session at hotel, you must purchase a full registration.)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300 (member or nonmember)	
<b>Student Full Registration</b> (includes all activities on Thursday at the hotel, and Friday breakfast, education session and transportation, tour and lunch at Fort Meigs)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	
<b><u>Optional Event</u></b>		
<b>Lake Erie Island Adventure</b>	_____ @ \$130 = \$ _____	
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>	\$ _____	

### How to register

Complete the registration form and send with check to Surveyors Historical Society, 150 East Wilson Bridge Road, Suite 300, Worthington, OH 43085. Or register online with credit card payment at [www.surveyorshistoricalsociety.com](http://www.surveyorshistoricalsociety.com). **The deadline to register is August 31.**

### Cancellation Policy

Cancellations prior to August 31 will receive a refund minus a \$50 cancellation fee and online registration fees. **Cancellations after AUGUST 31 will receive NO REFUND.**

### Special Needs:

If you have special needs that may affect your participation in this event, including dietary restrictions, please list them below.

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#### \*Friday night banquet meal choice:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Herb Encrusted Chicken | <input type="checkbox"/> Vegan Option      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pan Seared Salmon      | <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian Option |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gluten Free Option     |  |