

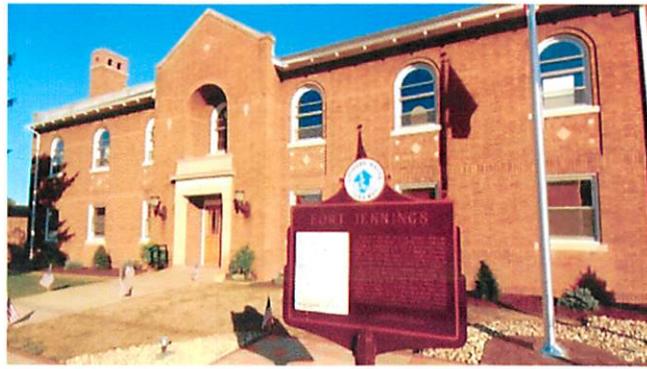
History of Fort Jennings

Lt. Col. William Jennings, Jr. commanded the 2nd Regiment of the Kentucky Volunteer Militia when he joined Gen. W. H. Harrison's troops at St. Mary's, Ohio. On September 21, 1812, Jennings and his men were ordered by Harrison to proceed down the Auglaize River, establish a fortified post and escort provisions to Gen. James Winchester on the Maumee River. About 30 miles south of Defiance, Jennings' spies found signs of the enemy, and they halted and began to build a blockhouse on the bank of the river. This blockhouse was the beginning of the Fort which would be named for Lt. Col. Jennings. The Fort would ultimately include more than one blockhouse and horizontal log walls. It enclosed an acre of land with storehouses and cabins inside and out. The Fort also had a covered walkway down to the river.

On October 1, 1812, Gen. Harrison and over 3,000 men spent the night at Fort Jennings as they were advancing to assist Gen. Winchester. It was a soggy night and the men had to find what shelter they could. Food and water supplies had not arrived, and the men were wet, hungry and cold. Due to the flagging morale of the men, Gen. Harrison asked one of his officers to sing an Irish glee. The song and the conduct of the officers raised the spirits of the men.

At the end of December, 1812, Gen. Winchester and his men, some of whom had helped to build Fort Jennings, left Defiance to advance to the River Raisin. While en route, Gen. Harrison advised Gen. Winchester to abandon his advance and return to Fort Jennings. Gen. Winchester defiantly continued his march that ended with the massacre at River Raisin. Lt. Col. Jennings wrote to fellow Kentucky Militia officer Col. Pogue of the Massacre:

"By Lieut. Ross you will receive news that will call to action every sympathy of our Lord. The flower of Kentucky at the head of the left wing of the N.W. Army is no more . . ."



Finding Fort Jennings, OH 45844

From the north - Toledo area:
I-75 South to Exit 135 (OH-696 E)
turn left on OH-696E and cross over I-75
Take OH-696E to ramp for US 30 West,
US 30 W to Redd Road, turn right
Redd Road to St.Rt. 189 turn left
Take Rt. 189 about a mile and Fort Jennings
Park is on the Right before crossing bridge and
Village is on right after crossing bridge
over Auglaize River into Village of Fort Jennings.

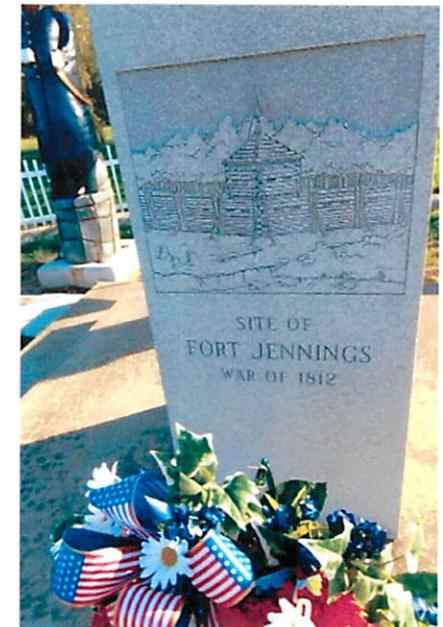
From the East - Findlay, follow above or take
US-224 W to OH-634 S (about 35 miles), Turn left
take OH-634 S. about 3 miles and where dead ends,
turn right and you will enter Fort Jennings

From the South - Dayton
I-75 North to OH 696 W - turn right on OH-696
Turn right on ramp to US 30 W
US 30W to Redd Road, Turn Right
Take Redd Road to OH-189, Turn Left
Take OH-189 about a mile and Fort
Jennings Park is before bridge and
Village is across bridge

From the West - Fort Wayne
US-30 E to Redd Road, Turn Left
Take Redd Road to OH-189, Turn Left
Take OH-189 about a mile to Fort Jennings



Fort Jennings 1812
A Salute to Our Military
Friday, August 16, 2013 -
Sunday, August 18, 2013



**Fort Jennings is Now a Purple Heart Village
Our First Annual Recognition Ceremony for
Purple Heart Recipients is Saturday, August
17, 2013 - More Information Online!**

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Civilian and Honor
Flights all Weekend

Military Vehicle Show Saturday

All Military Vehicles
Wanted - Register
Online



Eyes of Freedom

Lima Company Memorial
to 23 Fallen Marines



**National Guard 200 Years
of Uniforms Display**



**Chained Eagles of
Ohio
MIA/POW Wall**

Military Museum in Jennings Memorial Hall



Camp 1812 and Senior Day Friday

Ages K-6 - Register for Camp 1812 Online



Military Camp and Village

Experience Life in 1812 -
Watch the Artisans and Shop
with the Merchants

Honor the Unknown Soldiers Buried at the Fort

Skirmish on the Auglaize

Smell the Black Powder and Hear the
Musketfire as American Soldiers and
Natives Clash Along this Historic River
on Sunday Afternoon



**Experience Native
Culture**

Heritage Dinner and Dance

Meet the Reenactors
and eat, drink and
Dance 1812 Style
Friday and
Saturday Nights



Featuring Fiddlesix from Monroe, MI



Nashville Crush Friday Night



Classic Car Show

Friday Night

Horsedrawn
History Tours
Saturday

World Famous Duck Races

Friday Night



Mower Races

Hear the Roar of the
Engines and Feel the
Excitement!

Saturday Night

Old Time Baseball Game

Saturday



PARADE SUNDAY

Patriotic and Military
Themed Units Wanted
Register Online

AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!!

For Complete Schedule of Events, Up-to-date
Information and Registration Forms:

www.fortjenningspark.com