



# The Frog Leg Eagle News

## The Last Campaign

by Dave Westrick

*"If I die in a combat zone  
Box me up and ship me home  
Pin my medals across my chest  
And tell my mother I did my best,"*

U.S. ARMY MARCHING CADENCE

Military expeditions into foreign lands take a heavy toll. Unknown dangers, strange illnesses, and a different climate can be as deadly as the enemy. The Fallen Timbers Campaign was no exception. Last summer we ran an account of the dramatic exchange between Major General Anthony Wayne, commander of the Army of the

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*William Campbell  
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United States, and Major William Campbell, commander of British forces at Fort Miamis. In a little known twist of fate, Fallen Timbers was destined to be the last campaign for both Wayne and Campbell – and may have killed them both. While the Native leaders, fighting on their home ground, lived for many years after

the battle, Wayne and Campbell had very little time left.

Major William Campbell was a Scot, descended from the Duke of Argyll. He was a professional soldier in the British Army who saw action during the American War for Independence. In 1794 he was in command of a company of the 24th Regiment of Foot at Detroit. His small force was supplemented by about 10 members of the royal artillery, a handful of soldiers from the 5th regiment of foot, a few Marines, some other Canadian militia forces and a group of French militia from the Frenchtown (Monroe, Michigan) area. With this makeshift army he was ordered into the Ohio territory.

Construction on Fort Miamis began in the spring of 1794. By summer many of the men were stricken with an illness attributed

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## Re-enactors Needed!

### Several Upcoming Events Offer Exciting Opportunities

The Fallen Timbers Battlefield Preservation Commission is seeking people interested in portraying men of the Fallen Timbers era. Major General Anthony Wayne is currently recruiting for his legion. This group will be a key attraction at the 225th anniversary of the battle in August of 2019.

The 225th event will be held near the site of the battle in Maumee, Ohio. Whether you are an experienced interpretive performer, or would like to become one, please consider participating. A one-day workshop is being planned for this autumn. Watch our Facebook page for details.

Additionally, at this year's 223rd anniversary, we are looking for interpreters to lead/speak to tour groups in the persona a character of that day. Re-enactors will give short vignettes of their character and his/her experience, bringing the battlefield history to life.

Please contact Donlyn Meyers at Smoke & Fire ([dmeyers@smoke-fire.com](mailto:dmeyers@smoke-fire.com)), or Craig Fisher ([cfisher@healthyinteractions.com](mailto:cfisher@healthyinteractions.com)), regarding Wayne's Legion. Contact Julia Wiley ([jwiley@rcolaw.com](mailto:jwiley@rcolaw.com)) if interested in this year's tour.

*In the interest of educating, and hopefully entertaining, our fellow history enthusiasts; the Fallen Timbers Battlefield Preservation Commission is pleased to continue a new feature. We are presenting original articles, book excerpts, and maybe even some opinions about the Battle of Fallen Timbers, its participants, and circumstances surrounding life in the Northwest Territory during the late 1700s era.*

*We invite your comments, suggestions, or follow-up discussion of topics presented, as well as any original article for consideration of being published in a future newsletter.*

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to the foul air and water of the place. It was probably malaria. Campbell, at the age of 43, was also taken seriously ill with the fever.

Wayne started the Fallen Timbers campaign with health problems. At 50 years of age he was overweight, liked to drink, and suffered gout. The afternoon of August 2, 1794 found Wayne in camp on the Saint Mary River in west Ohio. He had retired to his tent for an afternoon nap when a tree came crashing down on him. Though stunned and shaken, the only injury Wayne suffered was a blow to his left leg. The injury from the falling tree made his gout worse. By August 20, the day of the battle, he was walking with difficulty and had to be lifted into his saddle. Nonetheless, his forces defeated the Indian confederacy and moved to within striking distance of Fort Miamis.

The following day, Wayne, nursing his injured leg, and Campbell, weakened from the fever, confronted each other and exchanged a series of angry letters; almost starting a war. Ironically, this exchange would make both men heroes. Wayne was seen as standing up to the British empire and tweaking the nose of the English Lion. Campbell was honored for bravery and professionalism by holding his own at the frontier outpost, despite being cut off from support and vastly outnumbered. Campbell was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, and in 1795 returned briefly to England receiving a "public expression of thanks from the traders of London, whose interest were much concerned in the conflict." The same year, Wayne negotiated the Treaty of Greenville, which opened the Northwest territory to settlement by

the United States.

In 1796 Campbell received another promotion, and was sent to Bermuda as Governor. Meanwhile, back in the Northwest Territory, Wayne took possession of Campbell's former post, Fort Miamis. Soon he was on the move, arriving in Detroit on August 13. After a triumphant occupation of the former British city, Wayne decided to head home. On the November 17 he boarded a ship and sailed east.

In Bermuda, Campbell's fever returned and he fell ill. On Lake Erie, Wayne's left leg, injured in 1794, began to swell and cause him terrible pain. He was forced to stop at Fort Presque Isle, (current-day Erie, Pennsylvania). Both men spent the end of November, 1796 bed-ridden. As the two professional soldiers lay dying in remote frontier outposts, it is unlikely that either man knew anything of the other's fate. Campbell died on December 2. Wayne followed 13 days later on December 15. It appears that the Fallen Timbers Campaign killed both the American, and the British commander. As many historians have noted, conquest comes with a cost, and it is often paid by men such as Wayne and Campbell. ■

## NOTES:

*Campbell sources –*

**British Regiments and the Men Who Led Them, 1793- 1815,**  
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**The Princess Charlotte and Mrs. Campbell,**  
by Louisa Charlotte Frampton

**The Gentleman's Magazine,**  
Vol 17, 1876, London: Grant & Co.



## Woodland Native Interpreter Workshop

*On Saturday, February 11, 2017, FTBPC board member, and owner of Smoke and Fire, Donlyn Meyers hosted a Woodland Native Interpreter Workshop. The event was well attended in the Fallen Timbers Battlefield Visitor Center. Featured speaker Jessica Diemer-Eaton educated and entertained guests while several tables were attended by Native American experts displaying wares and artifacts of the Early American era. Guests left with a richer understanding of the means available to educate the public about the rich heritage of the Great Lakes region.*

## Memorial Day 2017 Tribute Planned

Join us on Sunday, May 28, 2017 at 1:30 pm for a short, but sincere, tribute to the Americans and Native Americans who gave their lives in this battle. Wreaths will be presented, musical salutes will be played, and several dignitaries will speak at the event.



2016: Anthony Wayne presented a wreath to honor Americans who lost their lives here in 1794.

**Plan to attend our 223rd Anniversary Celebration in August, 2017!**  
**Guided tours, led by multiple historical personalities are planned, and much, much more.**

## The 222th Anniversary Celebrated with Celebrated Guests



Visitors talk history with Wayne's Legion



With an escort by the Canadian regiment, Drum Major Xavier Allen presented a memorial wreath to the Canadian Army participants in the battle.

A musket firing demonstration is given by the 4th Sub-Legion, of Wayne's Legion of the United States; who camped on the battlefield – the first time that uniform was actually on-site in 222 years!



## Showing of History Channel Movie of Fallen Timbers Very Well Attended



On March 26, 2017, the Battlefield Visitor Center was the site for a viewing of the History Channel's production: "The Battle of Fallen Timbers". Craig Fisher, who portrayed Major-General "Mad" Anthony Wayne in the movie hosted the event and gave viewers valuable insights into the battle and the making of the movie. An overflow crowd of over 60 guests attended. Look for more events like this in the future!



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## UPCOMING FALLEN TIMBERS and RELATED TALKS/EVENTS

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|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| May 17 –      | 7:00 pm – <b>“History of the Toledo Zoo”</b><br>by Zoo Staff, Wakeman Bldg, Waterville, OH | June 17 - 18 –   | <b>Muster on the Maumee</b> , Fort Meigs                                                        |
| May 18 –      | 7:30 pm – <b>“Skirmish at McCrea's Tavern 1813”</b> by Dan Wilkins, Fort Meigs             | July 4 –         | <b>Independence Day 1813</b> , Fort Meigs                                                       |
| May 18 - 21 – | <b>Lost Arts Festival</b> – Seven Eagles<br>(south of Grand Rapids OH)                     | July 5 –         | 7:00 pm – <b>FTBPC Meeting</b>                                                                  |
| May 20 - 21 – | <b>Settler's Re-enactment</b> , Auglaize Village                                           | July 8 - 9 –     | <b>Camp Allen Muster 1861-1865</b> , Fort Wayne                                                 |
| May 27 - 28 – | <b>First Siege 1813 Reenactments</b> , Fort Meigs                                          | July 29 - 30 –   | <b>Colonial America on the Frontier</b> , Fort Wayne                                            |
| May 28 –      | 1:30 pm – <b>Memorial Ceremony</b> ,<br>Fallen Timbers Battlefield Monument                | August 1 –       | 7:00 pm – <b>FTBPC Meeting</b>                                                                  |
| June 6 –      | 7:00 pm – <b>FTBPC Meeting</b>                                                             | August 5 - 6 –   | <b>Auglaize Village Pow-Wow</b>                                                                 |
| June 10-11 –  | <b>Civil War Encampment</b> , East Harbor Ste. Park                                        | August 19 - 20 – | <b>Revolution on the Ohio Frontier</b> , Fort Meigs                                             |
|               |                                                                                            | August 19 - 20 – | <b>Fort Jennings 1812</b> , Fort Jennings OH                                                    |
|               |                                                                                            | August 20 –      | 1:00 pm, <b>Commemoration of 223rd Anniversary of Battle of Fallen Timbers</b> , Visitor Center |
|               |                                                                                            | August 26 - 27 – | <b>Post Miamis 1754-1763</b> , Fort Wayne                                                       |



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