

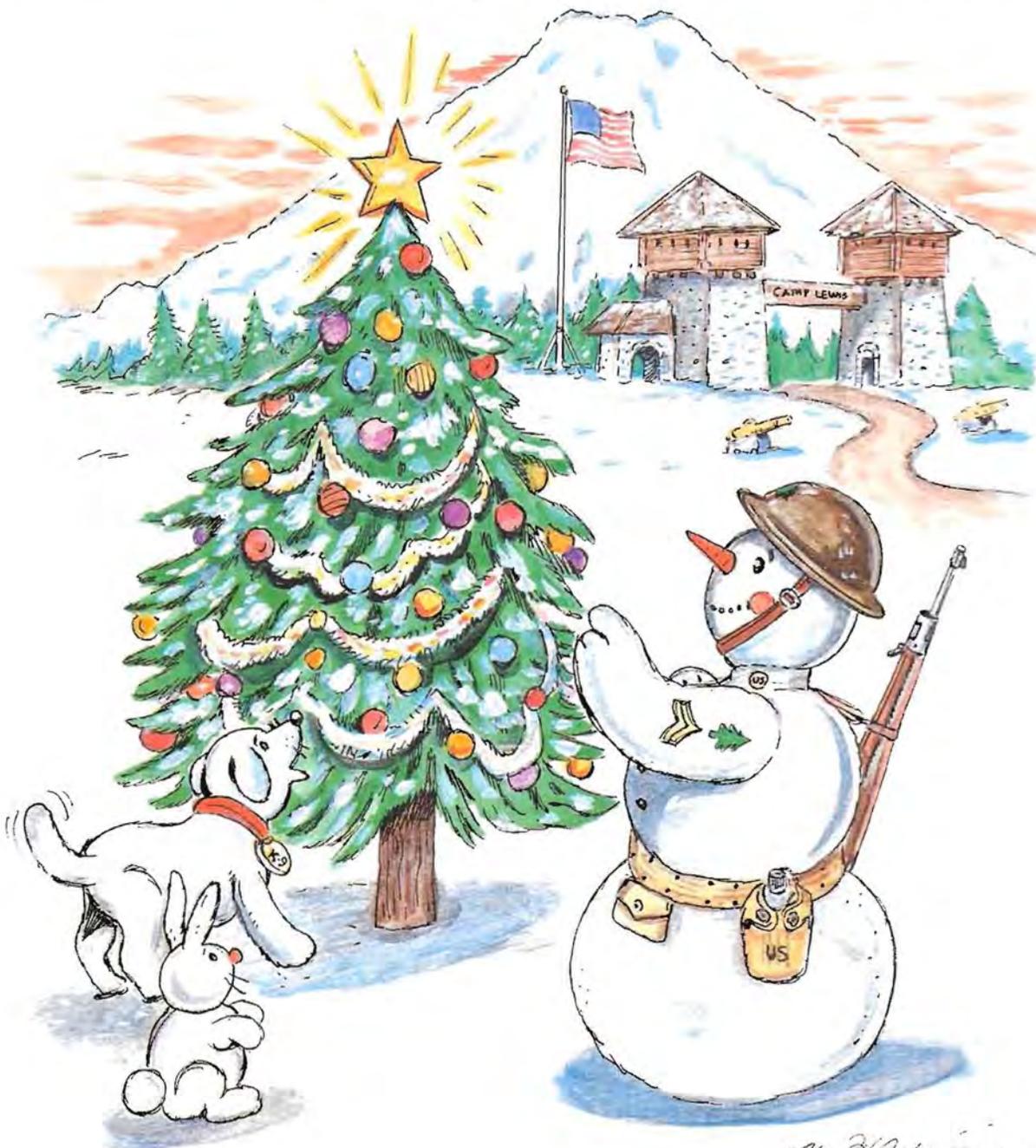
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## *Christmas Greetings from the Evergreen Post*



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Editor ..... Alan Archambault

**President's Report**

In my last column, I mentioned several events that would involve or would be of interest to members of *The Friends*. One was the Sergeant John Ordway Memorial Golf Tournament on 15 September, hosted by *The Friends*. The skies were overcast but no rain fell, and it was a great afternoon for having fun while supporting a good cause. Proceeds from the event were over \$9,400, which were rounded up to a \$9,500 contribution from *The Friends* for the Sergeant Ordway statue. *The Friends* owe a heartfelt "Thank You" to the companies who were hole sponsors, the individuals and organizations who donated prizes, and of course the tournament volunteers. There are too many to list, but we on the tournament committee would have floundered without *Friends* member Carroll Dickson as our event planner and coordinator. Great job in leading the team effort to make the event so successful, Carroll!

Visitors and members of the Fort Lewis community can now have a greater appreciation for the Army officer after whom the installation is named. The statue of Captain Meriwether Lewis, based on the detailed sketch by Museum Curator Alan Archambault, was dedicated in a ceremony on 30 September at the statue's location in a memorial park by the main gate. Additional work is planned to fully complete the park, but the site is already an impressive location to visit. Several members of *The Friends* were members of the statue committee and played key roles in bringing the statue to reality, especially MG(R) John Hemphill, who tirelessly oversaw the process of moving from a concept

to the work of art that honors the American hero. You made it happen, Sir!

Those attending our fall general membership meeting at the home of *Friend* members David and Barbara Markham were treated to an afternoon of viewing the Markham's fantastic collection of Napoleonic historical items. Their home is indeed a museum! Thank you for sharing your collection with us. By the way, who does the dusting?

A new Museum display features bronze plaques that were presented at the Museum on 10 September by the Canadian Korean Veterans Association to commemorate the Canadian troop training at Fort Lewis before deployment to Korea. The plaques will eventually be part of a future outdoor monument planned to be located at the Museum.

Museum Curator Alan Archambault recently received some richly deserved recognition. In September he received the Association of the United States Army, Sixth Region, Army Civilian of the Year Award. He was further honored at the AUSA Annual Convention in October at Washington, D.C. with the Association's Citation for Exceptional Service In Support of National Defense. The awards recognize Alan's many achievements as the Museum curator and confirm what his peers and the Army Museum community already know—that he is an outstanding curator. Congratulations, Alan! Thank you and your fine staff for making and keeping the Museum the great facility that it is.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the Cannon Shop volunteers headed by Marion Ball and express our gratitude for their dedication. This has truly been a banner year for the Cannon Shop, and your support has made it so.

Finally, my sincere thanks to each one of you for the support you have continued to provide the Museum and *The Friends*. May you and your loved ones enjoy the many blessings of the holiday season.

*Ian Larson*



# Fort Lewis Dedicates Captain Lewis and Seaman Monument

*By Synthia Santos, Fort Lewis Military Museum History Office*

After 88 years, Fort Lewis finally has a statue of its namesake, Captain Meriwether Lewis of the Corps of Discovery, along with his Newfoundland companion, Seaman. The rain held off during the dedication, on 30 September 2005, to the leader of the U.S. Army venture that opened the door to the Pacific Northwest. The Fort Lewis Military Museum Director, Alan Archambault, prepared the concept drawing and advised the sculptor, Dr. John Jewell, with accurately portraying Lewis. The Association of the United States Army, Fort Lewis Chapter, formed a statue committee to lead the campaign to create the memorial, and the Seattle District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers designed the plaza. The statues stand in a new memorial park next to the post's visitor's center, before the Main Gate. This will allow people to visit the park without obtaining a pass to enter the post. The rest of the plaza will eventually feature a large 1803 map of America with the route of the Corps of Discovery expedition, educational plaques and another bronze statue of Sergeant John Ordway. Information on the Ordway statue can be found on the website:

[www.sergeantordway.com](http://www.sergeantordway.com)



*Fort Lewis Color Guard in historical Uniforms*

# The Spirit of Christmas, Past and Present

The spirit of Christmas has been celebrated by American soldiers in times of both war and peace. The postcards reproduced in this issue of the *Banner* are from the collection of the Fort Lewis Museum and date from the First World War. Although the uniforms depicted are clearly those of our Doughboys of 1917-1918, the sentiments expressed are those of our American soldiers from the Revolutionary War to the present day War on Terror. During this holiday season let

us all pray for our service men and women deployed around the globe or serving at home. As we all know



MERRY CHRISTMAS  
The Christmas tree is lighted  
Beneath the colors true,  
And from our hearts fond thoughts  
Fly far away to you.

only too well, they provide us with the ability to enjoy the holidays in peace and security.



On  
CHRISTMAS  
Day

Oh for a glimpse of Home  
And it's dear ones, tried and true;  
How happy would I be to spend  
This Christmas Day with you!

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