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AUTHORS DAVID JAMROZ & JAMES CONWAY DISCUSS DETROIT'S HISTORIC FORT WAYNE FEBRUARY 13 AT THE DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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DETROIT - The Detroit Historical Society's author series continues with a discussion of the book "Detroit's Historic Fort Wayne" (published by Arcadia) with authors David Jamroz and James Conway Wednesday, February 13 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Detroit Historical Museum. Jamroz and Conway will explore the Fort's various uses throughout its more than a century and a half of history.

Historic Fort Wayne, located on the narrowest point of the Detroit River, was built in the 1840s to protect Detroit from British invasion. Named after Revolutionary War General "Mad" Anthony Wayne, the Fort has had various uses throughout its more than a century and a half of history. The Fort has served the military as a training center, home to infantry regiments, a supply depot, a prisoner of war camp, and an induction center. During the Great Depression, it was a source of work for the unemployed, a place of confinement during the Red Scare of 1920, and a refuge for residents displaced by the civil unrest of the 1960s.

James Conway, a project manager at Fort Wayne and community preservationist, was a Fort Wayne U.S. Army inductee. He has served as chief curator of museum programs and architectural curator for the Detroit Historical Museum. David Jamroz, a historian and retired automotive engineer, is a West Point graduate with 32 years of military service.

Arcadia Publishing is the leading publisher of local and regional history in the United States. Their mission is to make history accessible and meaningful through the publication of books on the heritage of America's people and places.

The cost for the event is free for Detroit Historical Society members and \$10 for the public. For more information or to register for the event, please call (313) 833-1801 or visit www.detroithistorical.org/thingstodo.

The Detroit Historical Museum, located at 5401 Woodward Ave. in Detroit's Cultural Center area, is open to the public Wednesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.,

Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from Noon to 5 p.m. On Mondays and Tuesdays, the Museum is not open to the public but available for group tours by calling (313) 833-7979. Adult admission is \$6. Seniors (60+), college students with valid college ID, and youth ages 5-18 pay \$4. Admission for children ages four and under is free. Parking in the Museum's lot is \$3 at all times. Permanent exhibits include the famous Streets of Old Detroit, Frontiers to Factories, The Motor City, and The Glancy Trains. New exhibits include 1920s: Detroit's Building Boom; Rallying the Home Front: Posters from WWII; New to the Collection, a showcase of recently acquired antiquities, oddities, and treasures; the Detroit Artist Showcase featuring early 20th century artist Amy Lorimer; Fabulous 5: Detroit Sports Legends; and Automotive Showplace. For more information, call the Museum at (313) 833-1805 or check out our website at www.detroithistorical.org.