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APRIL 2022

PAS MEMBERSHIP VIRTUAL MEETING

TUES, APRIL 12, 7:00 PM

**The Maroon Marines:
Archaeology at Prospect Bluff**

We are continuing to meet on Zoom until further notice.

For the membership meeting program this month, See you there on ZOOM. Invite a friend. (See page 2 for more info.)

This month Mike Thomin, FPAN Northwest, will present highlights of the history and archaeology of a fort (War of 1812) on the Apalachicola River that was called the “Negro Fort” by American officials. It became the center of the largest free Black settlement in what is not the United States. See you there and bring a friend.

Register for the April meeting:

<https://bit.ly/36nzoFzAprPAS2022>

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AND SEE US ON FACEBOOK.

The Maroon Marines: Archaeology at Prospect Bluff

During the War of 1812, a fort was built by Black British Colonial Marines and Indigenous people along the Apalachicola River. Called “Negro Fort” by American officials, it eventually became the center of the largest free Black settlement in what is now the United States. This talk highlights the history of this settlement and several artifacts recovered from the site that you can now view as 3D models online. Through a partnership with the U.S. Forest Service, Mike recently curated an exhibit about this site that is now on display at the Destination Archaeology Resource Center.

Our speaker this month:

Mike Thomin, manager of the FPAN’s Destination Archaeology Resource Center and a Faculty Research Associate at the UWF, has a M.A. in history/public history. He has spent the past 15 years working as a museum professional in public archaeology. He is a Certified Guide with the National Association for Interpretation, and has worked on heritage interpretative and heritage tourism projects across the state with local, state, federal, and international agencies. He has served on the B of D for the Trail of Florida Indian Heritage as President and the Panhandle Historic Preservation Alliance as Secretary. Currently he serves on St. Michael’s Cemetery Foundation Inc. as President, and is the co-founder of the Northwest Florida Maritime Landscape Alliance. Mike is a certified computer nitrox/scientific diver. His research interests include a passion for maritime history and archaeology, public history and archaeology, museum studies, and heritage interpretation. His articles have appeared in *Legacy*, *Interdisciplinary Journal of Maritime Studies*, *The Museum Review*, *Journal of the American Revolution*, and the *ACUA Underwater Archaeology*.

2022 PAS SPRING LECTURE SERIES-7 PM

APRIL 12

THE MAROON MARINES:

ARCHAEOLOGY OF PROSPECT BLUFF

Mike Thomin, FPAN Northwest

RENEW OR JOIN PAS for 2022 NOW!

Our calendar year is January through December. Renew now and it counts for the 2022 membership. Mail OR send by **PayPal** now to:

PAS, PO Box 13251, Pensacola, FL 32591

Regular-\$15, Family- \$20, Student-\$6

Our membership roster will be updated in June 2022 and those who have not renewed will be removed. Please renew now. If you have a question about your status, contact Jan Lloyd 850-453-1660 and leave a message.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

FPAN ARCHAEOLOGY LAB– Open BY RESERVATION.

Volunteers will be welcomed each Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00am-4:00pm through May 4, 2022. They are requiring volunteers to RSVP ahead of time. If you would like to RSVP or have more questions, please send an e-mail to northwest@fpan.us with your desired date(s) and time(s) for volunteering. While in the Lab, volunteers are strongly recommended to wear masks, wash their hands frequently, and follow all CDC recommendations.

UWF LAB is hoping to have volunteers during May and June. Stay tuned for more info.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW:

MEETING LINK TO REGISTER FOR APRIL 12:

<https://bit.ly/36nzoFzAprPAS2022>

Meeting links are available on our website, Facebook and in this newsletter. Additionally, the link to register for each presentation will be emailed to PAS members. Advance registration is required to join each meeting. Need more ZOOM INFO - there are tutorials on Zoom.

Save the Date

May 6-8, 2022

Miami, Florida



SEE THE FAS WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO.