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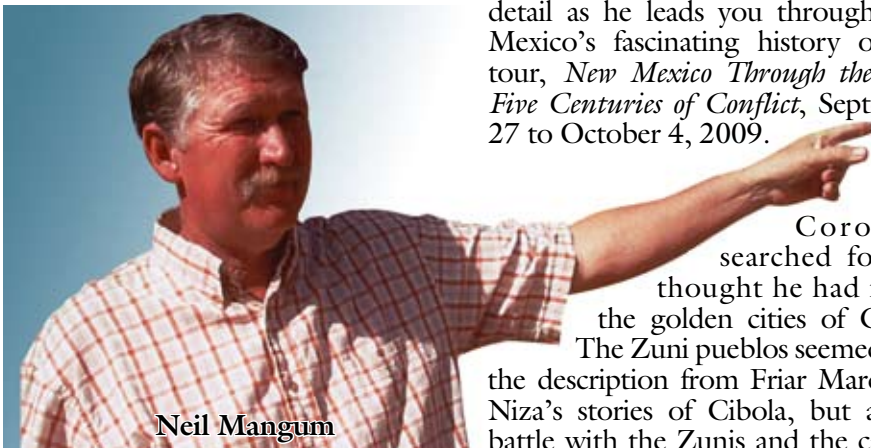
## New Mexico Through the Ages: Five Centuries of Conflict



Historian Guide: Neil Mangum

New Mexico is a land of infinite variety. Its history reflects that diversity with everything from pre-Columbian pueblos to the dawn of the nuclear age. You begin your tour with more than just glimpses into the past, with a very real sense of living

history. The communities of Zuni and Acoma pueblos are not static antiquities; they are dynamic, rich, evolving cultures representing a continuum of time spanning thousands of years. These are the things that Neil Mangum will show you and tell you about in detail as he leads you through New Mexico's fascinating history on the tour, *New Mexico Through the Ages: Five Centuries of Conflict*, September 27 to October 4, 2009.



Neil Mangum

Coronado searched for and thought he had found the golden cities of Cibola. The Zuni pueblos seemed to fit the description from Friar Marcos de Niza's stories of Cibola, but after a battle with the Zunis and the capture

of the village of Hawikuh on July 7, 1540, Coronado could only report that he had found a crowded little village. This disappointing beginning set the course for much of the future conflict in New Mexico. The state reflects the struggles of various contending cultures to carve out niches or dominate the native landscape. Be prepared to walk sacred ground as you study the waves of invasion that permeated New Mexico.

This land is about economic competition, factionalism, conquest, and defeat. The tour features visits to Mexican War battlefields and a close study of the Confederate failed attempt at Southwest expansion. Beyond military history, New Mexico is a struggle between classes for economic control, as evidenced by the famous Lincoln County Wars featuring the likes of Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid. Finally, you have the rare opportunity to visit the Trinity Site, arguably the most significant 20th century site in the U.S. Here in the predawn stillness of July 16, 1945, the first atomic detonation forever changed the world.

Come join this new one-of-a-kind tour with HistoryAmerica. Let Neil Mangum, acclaimed western historian, show you a New Mexico rich in military history and rich in tradition, that you will find rich in memories as you travel through five centuries of conflict.

Travel with Neil Mangum is a treat, as attested to by HistoryAmerica travelers. John Swokla of Bayonne, New Jersey, says, "Neil is fabulous! This was the first time I was on a tour with him and it won't be the last. He has so much knowledge to share, he was so down to earth and funny—a great asset to HistoryAmerica." Rich Bernal of Burlingame, California, says, "Like Ed Bearss, Neil takes you to places others wouldn't. He knows events, the land, and the people thoroughly, and he has a great sense of humor!"

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# The Bozeman Trail: Where Soldiers, Sioux, and Settlers Collided

July 12-19 Historian Guide: Mike Koury

When John Bozeman established his wagon route on the trail made by the Plains Indians that ran through the Powder River country, he could not foresee the conflicts to come. He could not know that, six years after the founding of the trail, President Grant would order the removal of the soldiers and forts that guarded it. Now, 140 years later, you can reserve your place on *The Bozeman Trail: Where Soldiers, Sioux, and Settlers Collided*, July 12-19. Let HistoryAmerica and Mike Koury take you “where history happened” on this infamous route known as the “Bloody Bozeman.”

After the California gold rush, the gold seekers who crossed the plains no longer had the Pacific Coast as their destination. Instead, the adventure-some now looked farther north to a new trail, first used by Indians, then by fur traders and frontiersmen. This was John Bozeman’s wagon route.

The story of the Bozeman Trail is a story of a land of spectacular grandeur and enormous obstacles that bred courage and delivered despair. Gold was the magnet and dreams of wealth the motive as thousands swept westward following the Civil War. For Euro-Americans, it was a time of renewal and optimism. Underpinning it all was the belief that it was their destiny to conquer and refashion the continent. In central Wyoming and Montana, hard-pressed Sioux, Cheyenne, and Arapaho warriors held out against white intrusion into their last, best hunting grounds.

The best route to the Montana gold fields was along the east side of the

Big Horn Mountains, and emigrants began moving north from the Oregon Trail at Fort Laramie for the long trip to Virginia City. During the summer of 1866, the U.S. Government reacted to pressure to fortify the trail. Sent to do the job was the 18th Infantry. It was commanded by a socially prominent intellectual and officered by trauma-shocked survivors of the Civil War. The forts were manned by recently recruited young men with few military skills, who had no experience in fighting the warriors of the plains, no knowledge of the terrain, and not enough weaponry to compensate for their other weaknesses. It was a recipe for disaster.

During the two years that soldiers manned the Bozeman, Red Cloud and his followers wreaked havoc, attacking wagon trains, stealing stock, and killing the isolated. He wiped out Captain William Fetterman’s command near Fort Phil Kearny and finally caused the army to abandon its trail forts. The scenes of these confrontations are set in the majestic High Plains and rugged terrain of the Old West, the last part of the United States to be settled in the 19th century.

If you want to have fun and learn at the same time, then you’ve missed something special if you haven’t been on tour with Mike Koury. This is a man who not only knows the fine details of history, but also all the unique personalities and fascinating sidelights. Mike will share all of these with you when you travel with him on *The Bozeman Trail*. Call (800) 628-8542 now to reserve your spot.

## HistoryAmerica NEWS

In November we will say ALOHA and not goodbye. Hopeful that in better times HistoryAmerica may again take you “where history happened,” we have decided that instead of closing the company at the end of 2009, we will simply suspend operations. Yes, the dozens of wonderful notes and phone calls that we have received have influenced our decision and we thank you all. We will not close the corporation, and of course we will faithfully save all the files filled with wonderful tours and knowledge that HAT has accumulated over many years of operation.



### IMPORTANT REMINDER:

HistoryAmerica strongly suggests that you do not make airline reservations as soon as you sign up for a tour. Please wait until we notify you by sending an invoice about 70 days before the tour starts. The invoice will assure you that the tour has enough reservations so that it will run. If the tour cannot run you will receive a personal phone call before that time. Also, you are also welcome to call us about the status of a tour at any time.

On the other hand, please do not wait to sign up until late. If you are interested in a tour, the only way to assure that it will go as scheduled is to sign up well in advance. You may be the one person still needed to make that tour a reality.



### IMPORTANT DATE:

If you are thinking of signing up for the tour, *New Mexico Through the Ages*, a fascinating study of the conflicts and cultures in a “Land of Infinite Variety,” we ask you to please not wait. Neil Mangum must know by May if there are enough travelers to run the tour. He has another offer (not a better offer) that he must respond to by that time and History America doesn’t want to keep him from other pursuits. The numbers are close, but not there yet. Call (800) 628-8542 now!

# TRINITY



On July 16, 1945, at a site called Trinity, a plutonium bomb was assembled and brought to the top of a tower. The explosive power was equivalent to 18.6 kilotons of TNT. Once the bomb was detonated, it

produced an intense flash and a fireball that expanded to 650 yards in two seconds. It grew to a height of more than 7.5 miles, boiling up in the shape of a mushroom cloud. Forty seconds later the blast of air

from the bomb reached the observation bunkers, along with a long and deafening roar. So began the atomic age.

Most of the tower was vaporized by the explosion, but visitors can still see the stumps of the tower legs in the ground. At the center where the tower once stood is a small stone obelisk marking the site. As you walk around the grounds, keep your eyes open for blue-green pebbles underfoot. This rock is trinitite, formed when the heat pulse from the explosion fused the desert sand into glass; it is found nowhere else on earth.

The Trinity Site is located on the northern end of White Sands Missile Range in central New Mexico. The area is open to the public for one day, twice a year. Please join History America and Neil Mangum on *New Mexico Through the Ages* for this once-in-a-lifetime experience visiting one of the historic epicenters in our nation's history and possibly the location of the event that most changed the 20th century.

## HAT Historians Share Lincoln Prize

Gettysburg College announced that “Two books that redefine Abraham Lincoln's command of the largest army and navy of the 19th century will share the 2009 Lincoln Prize\*, which is endowed by Richard Gilder and Lewis Lehrman and administered by Gettysburg College. The winners are James McPherson for *Tried by War: Abraham Lincoln as Commander-in-Chief* and Craig Symonds for *Lincoln and His Admirals: Abraham Lincoln, the U.S. Navy, and the Civil War.*”



**James McPherson** his oversight of military strategy—his duties as wartime commander-in-chief, duties that Lincoln defined and executed for the first time in

*Tried by War* tells how Lincoln led the nation to victory: his formulation of the country's war aims; his mobilization of public opinion; his diplomatic and economic leadership.

Above all, it is about



**Craig Symonds**

the nation's history.

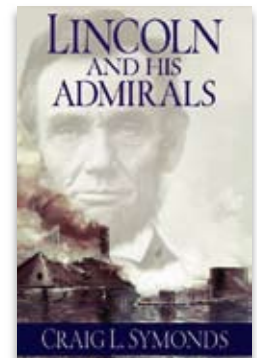
*Lincoln and His Admirals* is a unique and riveting portrait of Lincoln and the admirals under his command. This book offers an illuminating account of Lincoln and the nation at war. It is a fascinating portrait of

the man who knew “little about ships,” but who transformed himself into one of the greatest naval strategists of his age.

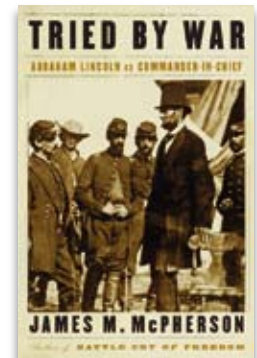
HistoryAmerica travelers are familiar with the merits of these two exceptional historians. This great honor could not have been given to two more deserving individuals, and HAT sends congratulations to them.

HistoryAmerica believes that this is just one more example of the caliber of all HAT historians. How proud we are to have such outstanding people leading our tours!

\*For more information on this honor visit <http://www.collegenews.org/x9182.xml>



**Lincoln and His Admirals**  
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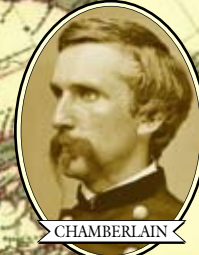
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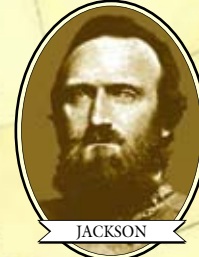
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