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Local Author to Discuss History of Fort Benning

AUBURN – Peggy Stelpflug, co-author of *Home of the Infantry: The History of Fort Benning* will present a talk on Thursday, Aug. 28 at 3 p.m. in the Special Collections and Archives Department of the Ralph Brown Draughon Library at Auburn University.

Fort Benning's history tells the story of the US infantry. For most of a century, Fort Benning's infantry school has graduated the soldiers who lead as well as the fighting foot soldiers in the dirt and mud. Founded on farm land in Georgia, it has been one of the US Army's premier installations from the days of the Doughboys to a more modern era where Rangers proudly wear their berets.

Military wife and English teacher, Peggy A. Stelpflug is the author of *The Roger Hall Phenomenon* and editor of *They Came in Peace*, a collection of poems remembering the Beirut Marines and fellow servicemen killed in 1983. Peggy and her husband William, a retired Air Force pilot, live in Auburn, Alabama.

Stelpflug's co-author, Richard Hyatt, has been a journalist for thirty-four years with the Columbus Ledger-Enquirer. His honors include a column writing award from the Associated Press Sports Editors and the Sigma Delta Chi Green Eyeshade Award for Commentary.

The lecture is sponsored by the AU Libraries, the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts & Humanities in the College of Liberal Arts at Auburn University and the AU Bookstore. A reception will follow the program, and copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing. For more information on the program contact the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center at 334-844-4946.

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