



Dr. Paul Schnur

Cabeza de Vaca's Incredible Journey- The First Crossing of North America



16 February Guest Speaker

On Good Friday of 1528 an army of four hundred Spaniard, African, and Caribbean natives landed in the vicinity of Tampa Bay, Florida, under the command of a middle-aged conquistador, Panfilo de Narvaez, with a last-chance license to conquer North America. They promptly disappeared without a trace into the swamps and, except for a small contingent that remained on board the ships, were soon assumed to be dead. But then, eight years and thousands of miles later, three Spaniards and a Moroccan lead by Cabeza de Vaca wandered out of what is now the United States into what was then Corties's gold-drenched Mexico.

Dr. Schnur is a surgeon and world traveler who has gone on many medical missions and is a lecturer on cruise ships and at historical society meetings. He retired as Chairman of the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at Mayo Clinic Arizona. He is emeritus Associate Professor of Plastic Surgery at The Mayo Medical School and The University of Arizona where he taught medical students and residents. He is past-president of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons and the Arizona Medical Association. He has lectured at numerous medical meetings throughout the world. He has authored many medical publications. Dr. Schnur is an amateur archaeologist with a special interest in the first peoples of the Americas and the Spanish conquest of them. He spent his early life on Indian reservations as his father was a doctor for the Indian Service. He is a Master Gardener with expertise in the flora of the Sonoran Desert and also enology and viticulture. He maintains a hobby vineyard and winery at his summer home in Sedona, Arizona. He is a private pilot and has flown a plane throughout the United States, Mexico, Alaska and the Hawaiian Islands. He holds certificates in single engine land and sea and glider aircraft. He was a Captain in the US Army and commanding officer of a medical detachment in Germany.

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