

**CASE FOR SUPPORT**



# THE CREATION OF A WORLD-CLASS HISTORY MUSEUM AT FORT MILES IS NOW!

**The museum's exhibits will educate visitors about Delaware's role in WWII and the Cold War.**

The museum is being developed by the Fort Miles Museum and Historical Area, Inc. FMM is guided by a nine-person board of directors comprised of members from the Delaware community, Delaware State Parks and Fort Miles Historical Association, a dedicated group of volunteers supporting FMM.

This initiative is made possible by 20 years of volunteer effort to save, restore and preserve the original bunkers and historic area at Fort Miles.\*

Design and construction of the new museum and exhibits is based upon plans developed by Gallagher & Associates and GWWO Architects – both nationally recognized for their work with significant museum projects. (*Attachment "A"*)

This team is working to create a new level of visitor experience and education, which will also serve as a dynamic tribute to generations of Delaware veterans.

\*Working jointly, volunteers and Delaware State Parks personnel began restoration of the abandoned Fort Miles in 2003, including installation of a number of indoor and outdoor exhibits that greatly enhance the visitor experience.







# Located within scenic Cape Henlopen State Park, Fort Miles Museum is housed at Battery 519, an underground WWII coastal defense artillery bunker.

Planned phases include, first, a new entryway with modern restrooms; next, installation of new interactive exhibits relating to Fort Miles, WWII and the Cold War; construction of a Visitors' Center for Phase 3, and lastly, repurposing other Fort Miles structures for further educational opportunities..

Conceived as a \$25 million project when completed, the initial phase of the Museum features an impressive new Museum entranceway with lobby, office, gift shop and restrooms.

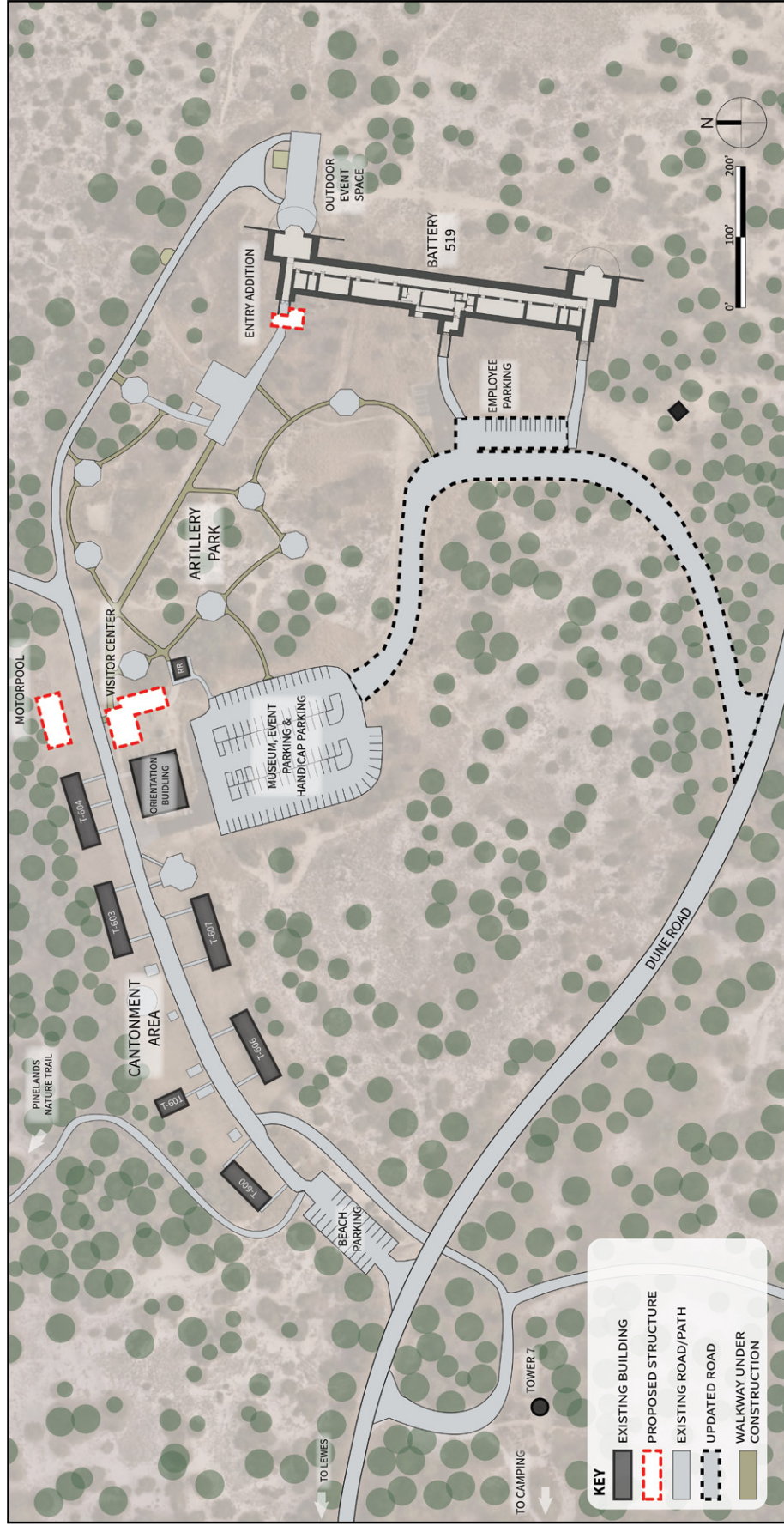
Another important part of Phase 1 is completion of comprehensive design work for over 20 new exhibits to be installed in the next Phase.

**We are currently raising \$4 million to complete Phase 1 of the Museum project.**





# SITE MAP





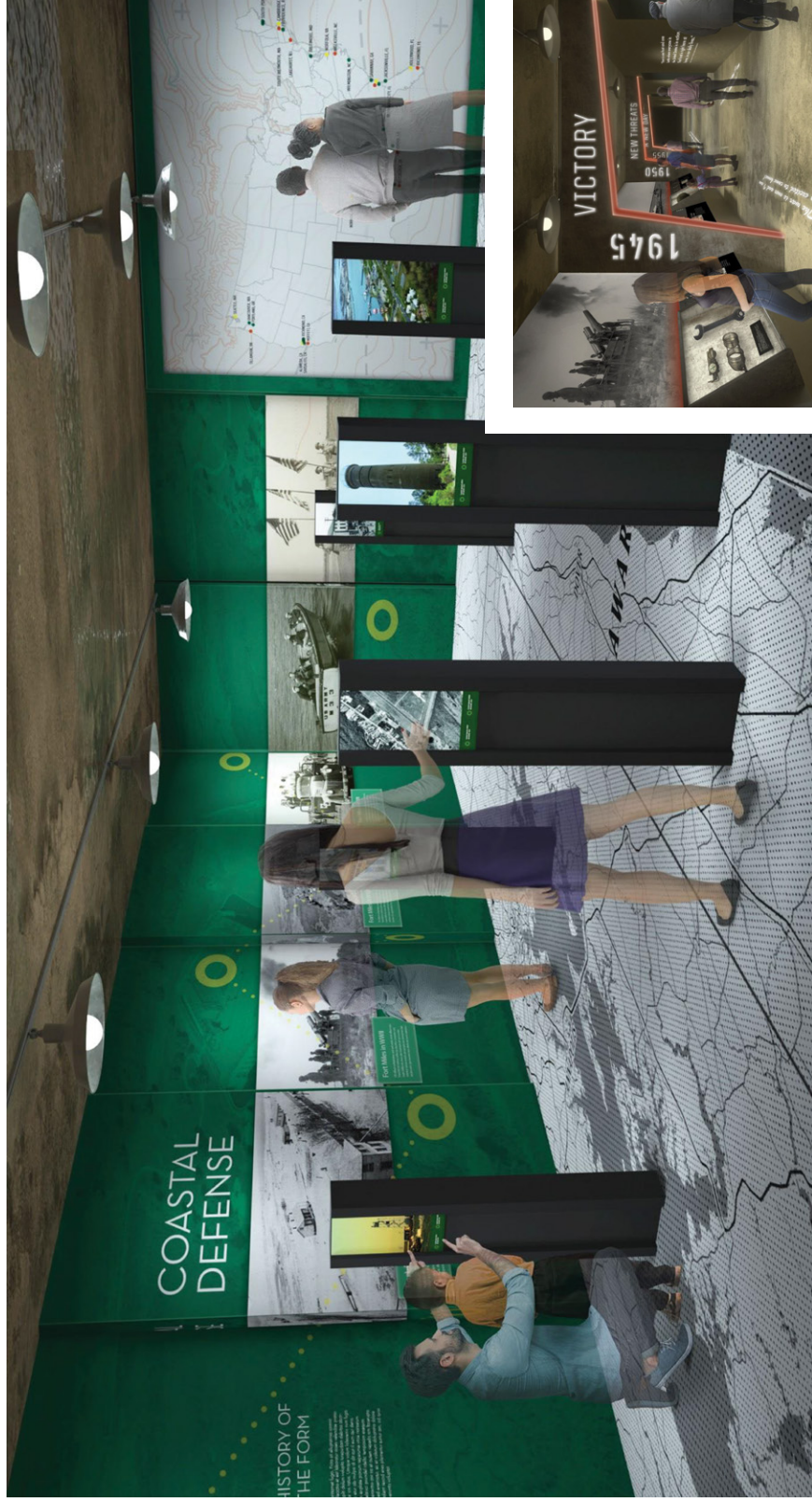


**CONCEPTUAL DESIGN BATTERY 519 & ENTRY ADDITION**





## DESIGN PLANS FOR PHASE 2





Sussex County, Delaware is one of the most popular areas for retirees in the Mid-Atlantic, now growing faster than any other region in the state. Between now and 2045, an additional 125,000 people are expected to move here, increasing our total population to 351,800.

Each year more than 8 million people visit coastal Delaware, 1.7 million of those coming to Cape Henlopen State Park, Delaware's most popular park venue.

Delaware has no single museum dedicated to its veterans. Fort Miles will fill this role, with indoor and outdoor spaces for events and meetings and numerous permanent and rotating exhibits. We anticipate more than 100,000 annual visitors to the Museum upon its completion in 2028, supported by robust marketing campaigns already underway.





Leisure and hospitality employment is the second largest job category in this region, with visits to museums and entertainment venues the most desired activities cited by residents and millions of annual visitors alike.

The new Fort Miles Museum will be the largest of eleven cultural attractions in the greater Lewes area. The Museum will offer a wealth of interactive educational exhibits for all ages; unparalleled views of the ocean and dunes from its outdoor events area; ample parking and picturesque grounds.

The Phase 1 improvements are essential at this time, as they will facilitate our hosting of larger groups and greater numbers of visitors.

We will build on the momentum of this first phase to further develop the leadership and base of support required for long-term project completion.

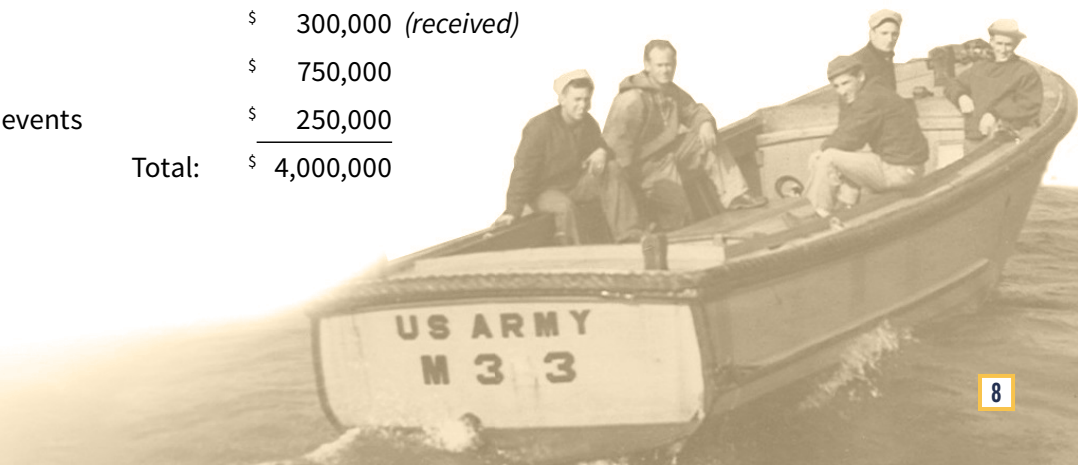
## **FORT MILES MUSEUM**

### **PHASE 1 COSTS**

Building Additions & Improvements	\$ 2,000,000
New entranceway	
Enlarged lobby	
A new modern restroom area	
Staff office	
Exhibit design completion	\$ 1,725,000
Fundraising & marketing expense	\$ 275,000
Total:	\$ 4,000,000

### **SOURCES OF FUNDING**

DE Community Reinvestment Fund – 2022	\$ 200,000 <i>(received)</i>
State of Delaware Bond Bill	\$ 2,500,000
Delaware State Parks	\$ 300,000 <i>(received)</i>
Foundation support	\$ 750,000
Individual donations & events	\$ 250,000
Total:	\$ 4,000,000





## ATTACHMENT "A"

Gallagher and Associates is a premier design firm for national and international history and military-themed museums. Its projects have included:

- The National World War II Museum
- World War II Home Front Museum
- The Museum and Visitors' Center at Normandy American Cemetery
- The Museum of the United States Navy
- National Medal of Honor Museum
- Gettysburg National Military Park
- The International Spy Museum

In addition to its work with Fort Miles, Gallagher and GWWO Architects are currently working on the renovation of the Monticello Museum.



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