



THE BATTERY

WINTER 2013



The Fort Miles Historical Association is a nonprofit group that has its mission to preserve, protect, and defend all aspects of Fort Miles working with community and state stakeholders and other interested parties. The FMHA also has its goal to work as an active partner with the State of Delaware to develop the historical potential of Fort Miles.



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The only photo of Battery Smith known to exist. Taken by Donald Hazen.

From the Desk of the President

By Dr. Gary Wray

As we approach the tenth year of the Fort Miles Historical Association (formed in August, 2003) we can't help but be amazed at how far we have come since David Main, Lee Jennings, Bob Frederick and me met with a few people, including the press, under Tower 3 at Dewey Beach to kick off the Association. At that time a Fort Miles Museum was a far distant dream and as the four of us looked at each other at the end of the afternoon it was like "where do we go from here?" And, as the story goes, look at us now! 300 members, a great partnership with State Parks, an active Board of Directors, on the United States Historic Register and in December, 2012, recognized by the State of Delaware as one of Delaware's fifty most historic places and one of the top 12 in Sussex County! We certainly have come a long way! And we have a long way to go still to realize the dream of creating a WWII destination for the country and the best WWII museum inside a WWII facility in the United States. And we are getting closer to the dream.

As I look back on 2012 I can't be but pleased about what we have

accomplished this past year. And it has been a total team effort between the Board and membership of FMHA, the staff of DE State Parks, and the community becoming more and more aware of what we are doing at Fort Miles. And, in no particular order the accomplishments were:

Bring the battleship Missouri barrel to Fort Miles in April, 2012. Thanks to a fundraising effort that brought in over \$155,000 (from two little boys giving \$9 to a donor who gave we were able to write a plan that was accepted by the US Navy and we were able to move barrel #371 (middle barrel of turret 1) to its final resting place in the Fort Miles Historic Area inside Cape Henlopen State Park. After a wonderful ceremony in Georgetown on the Circle, the barrel then made its final railroad trip to Lewes later in the month. As will be mentioned later, we are going to bring up from Dahlgren Naval Base the other four big "pieces" that we need (the girder, slider, yoke and breechblock) but we will need another fundraising effort to raise the \$70k to make that happen. There will be more on that later in this Newsletter. Since our Missouri barrel has arrived at Fort Miles we have seen many WWII vets seek it out for a visit so they can stand beside an actual barrel that was on the Missouri the day that the Japanese surrendered (September 2, 1945). We also worked with the state of AZ to help them get a barrel for a WWII display outside AZ Leg Hall in Phoenix and with our friends at Cape Charles VA for a static display. Sadly, we have not been able to find a home for the other five barrels at St. Juliens Creek (one from the Iowa and the other four from the New Jersey) and if homes cannot be

found, they will be scrapped. Our plan is to raise the necessary money to bring the other pieces to DE from Dahlgren then to work to sandblast and paint the pieces before we put them together and place the static display in its final resting place near the Museum.

The Fort Miles "Bunker Busters" have worked hard over this last year making our Museum a much better place to visit. Let by BOD members John Roberts (see John's excellent article) and Harry Winn, the "Busters" have worked long and hard to improve the Museum, both artifacts and the Museum itself. Dan Brown has done wonderful work on the Tower model and the plot table. Joe Kosoveach has worked long and hard, with several others, to make our Mauser Flak 38 from U 853 now have a full mounting like it had when mounted on the "wintergarten" on the conning tower of U 853. Blast doors have been installed in the south gun block, Museum floors are much cleaner, the geothermal system has been installed giving us both AC and heat in the Museum and we are finished with our new Fort Miles Museum Movie Theatre and many more things John has reviewed in his article. The "Bunker Busters" work every Thursday and Friday (9-3) inside the Museum so if you would like to join them and help them out give John or me a call.

This past Legislative session was very kind to Fort Miles. Through the hard efforts of several members, and with active help from DE Parks Staff, Fort Miles was recognized by state leaders for the work we have been doing for the past ten years. Thanks to Sen. Bob Venables Cape Henlopen State Parks received monies for planning in the

last state Bond Bill. Thanks also to Sen. Dave McBride FMHA received its first Grant In Aid which was a real accomplishment this legislative session as only two new groups, including FMHA, were granted monies. Although our grant was small (\$10k) it has been very helpful with funding necessary projects. Thanks also to five other DE Legislators for allotting some of their "Road" monies to Fort Miles for infrastructure improvements. Thanks goes to Legislators Short, Venables, Wilson, Hocker and Kenton for helping us greatly this last session. So we are on the DE State Legislature "radar screen" and they are actively assisting us in our project plans even in these tough economic times. We are also reaching out to other DE legislators to give them tours and show them what we are all about.

We were also nominated by DE State Parks for the annual History Preservation Award given every year by the National State Parks Directors Association at their annual meeting. Chazz Salkin, DE State Parks Director nominated FMHA for the competitive award, and I am happy to report that in September, 2012 we were chosen! It was my pleasure to attend the annual convention at Lexington KY and to accept the award on behalf of the BOD of FMHA. This wonderful award is going to be on final display inside our Museum in the near future.

FMHA was also the winners of several grants during the last year including an important \$5k grant from Home Depot. We use the HD grant to purchase necessary working materials for the Bunker Busters for their important projects.

We have been working closely with our friends in Lewes on a project called the Lewes Education Consortium (LEC). This is a joint effort involving the Lewes Historical Society, Cape Henlopen State Park, FMHA, College of Marine Studies and others to work cooperatively to bring teachers and their kids to Lewes to work on a variety of school projects that include STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) topics. Our group brought over 30 teachers to Lewes last year in a most successful visit and we intend to work together this year to expose more teachers and students to the educational opportunities we have in the Lewes community.

Finally, and perhaps most important,

using the planning money we were able to secure through the DE Legislature, and working with DE State Parks staff and Becker Morgan Architects of Dover, we interviewed four Museum planners in December, 2012 and selected the PRD group from VA to be our Museum planner for the final design of the Fort Miles Historical Museum and Complex. Dan Murphy of PRD is an exciting and innovative planner with a wealth of Museum planning experience and we are looking forward to working with him and his group over the next four years to plan and implement our vision for Fort Miles.

During 2013 FMHA will be kicking off three important fundraising efforts, led by Vice President Bob Frederick. These efforts will be critical for the Association to achieve both its short range and long range goals. And we will be asking our membership to also step up and help us as we move forward. If you would like to join the Fundraising Committee please contact Bob Frederick or me and let either of us know of your interest. We have divided the fundraising goals into three areas: short range (six months); midrange (a year) and long range (two years or more).

The short range Fundraising goal is to raise at least \$12k to fund our ongoing Bunker Buster projects inside and outside the Museum, and our Legislative and Fundraising work. We are going to kickoff this fundraising effort by having a gala opening of our Fort Miles Movie Theatre inside the Museum on Sunday, April 14, 2013, 2-5pm. We will be showing the great film "The Enemy Below," a stirring film of an American destroyer escort combating a German U Boat off the American coast during WWII. We will be selling our sixty seats in the Theatre for \$200 each for the wonderful afternoon of history, food, and wine and cheese! If you would like to reserve a tax deductible seat for the "show" give me a call at 645-0753 or contact Bob at 542-3699. The monies raised by this effort will fund ongoing efforts of both our Bunker Busters and FMHA.

Our second Fundraising effort will be to raise the \$70k we need to truck up the four big pieces of the Missouri barrel that are resting in the "boneyard" at Dahlgren. The four we need are the girder (50t) that the barrel sits in; the slider (50t) in which it recoils; the yoke (19t) to which the breechblock (3t) attaches. We will be using the

same movers that brought the barrel to us (Lockwood Bros) and they have assured us that they can do the job for no more than \$70k. So, that is the target that we need to raise over the summer and fall to assure that we can get the parts delivered to Fort Miles by Sept 2, 2013, our target date and the 68th anniversary of the Japanese surrender on board the Missouri! We will kickoff this effort with a Missouri Paver Induction for the over 60 donors for the first barrel fundraising effort. We will hold this event inside the Museum at a date to be determined by the Fundraising Committee. The chair of our first fundraising committee Nick Carter, has agreed to work with Bob and Co-Chair this important committee. If you would like to help Bob and Nick and also serve on this committee, give us a contact. You should also read Bob Frederick's article in this newsletter for more information.

Our third and largest fundraising effort will be the most ambitious and yet the most important. We will need at least \$3m for our Museum complex and a large part of these monies will have to come from our fundraising efforts. We also see the state of DE contributing a sizeable amount along with grants making up the third part. It will be this triad of public, private and grants that will take us over the finish line. This fundraising effort will be ongoing during 2013 and will be critically important for us to achieve our goals. To help in this project the committee will work closely with Mike Rawl of Horizon Philanthropic of Lewes DE and the Greater Lewes Foundation. Mike and GLF worked with us to raise the \$155k we needed to bring the Missouri barrel #371 to its final resting place inside the Fort Miles Historical Area in Cape Henlopen State Park.

So, as you can see, we have achieved a lot this past year but there is much to be done to realize our vision of the best WWII Museum inside a WWII facility in the country. We are also working closely with another Friends group, Delaware Seashore Preservation, with an event under Tower 3 at Dewey Beach on Saturday May 18, 4-9 to honor Memorial Day with our 1942 Sperry Searchlight blazing in the night with all her 800m candlepower. So visit us there or visit us the third Saturday of each month for a tour, or come out for our big Spring event on Saturday April 27, 2013 10-4. Hope to see you soon!

News From the Publicity Committee

By Bob Fellows

This is the second year that FMHA has been asked to build a Fort Miles display at the South Coastal Library at Bethany Beach. The display was executed by Dan Lyons and exhibited the month of November, 2012. Dan also worked with the Coast Press, Coastal Print and the Delaware Wave newspapers. These papers keep Southern Delaware residents current



on Fort Miles activities. Well done, Dan.

Merlin Beil has been spearheading the design of a new FMHA rack card. New updated Fort Miles pictures, with emphasis on the Battleship Missouri barrel, will be presented to the Board for approval on 19 February 2013. These cards will then be distributed to all Delaware Visitor's Centers, Lewes-Cape May Ferry Terminal and local libraries. Great work, Merlin.

The Fort Miles Paver Program has been very successful. Over 200 pavers have been sold and are on the wall inside Battery 519. The stories behind those pavers are contained in our beautiful journal next to the wall. Dotti Wiker spends many hours keeping the

journal up-to-date. The "story behind the paver" was Dotti's idea from day one. Our sincere thanks go out to Dotti for this "over the top" tribute to our veterans and loved ones.

We are currently working with author James Diehl to write an article for Beach Life about the "bunker busters". Pictures will also be used to reflect the work done and in progress. Emphasis will be on restoration plans for the 16-inch gun from the Battleship Missouri. FMHA Board approved two new "Discover 519" signs for display inside Cape Henlopen State Park. These signs will direct and tell visitors about Battery tours held on the third Saturday of each month. The signs will be removed and redated monthly. My thanks to Paul Faircloth for park support.



News From the Fundraising Committee

By Bob Frederick

It is an honor to be chairing our brand new Fundraising Committee. We have come so far since I co-founded FMHA 10 years ago and am simply amazed at the efforts of so many that have contributed to our success. I say THANK YOU to all. As we move forward with our three tier fundraising plans it will again be a total team effort

as we focus on both short term and long term goals. I have already been working with our top elected officials in the DE general assembly and have been well received. Soon we will be conducting tours of Battery 519 to these officials seeking their commitment for funding options were possible.

Already several of our board member have joined me on the Committee. I am asking any interested parties to please contact me either by cell phone or email. 302-542-3699 or bobf1@comcast.net. I look forward to working with everyone and making Fort Miles a must see destination.

"Bits" From the Bunker Busters

By John Roberts and Joe Kosaveach

Folks, it has been very busy around Fort Miles. Our skilled and dedicated volunteers have been working hard around the Fort. We've even been expanding our ranks, and we have four additional volunteers showing up regularly. There have been days where we've had nearly twenty volunteers working.

Cantonment area:

Our crew has been working on the Orientation Building, replacing the plywood covers for the windows, as the 40+ year old covers are falling apart. The new ones are built to be far more durable, and fit far better than the old ones, improving not only the appearance, but also the security of this building.

Thanks to Parks, the WWII sewer system from Battery 519 down through the cantonment area has been replaced. The old system was designed to last about 20 years or so, and at 70 years, it was in pretty sad shape. This is part of an upgrade for the entire system throughout the park.

Geothermal heat pump system for Battery 519:

For the first time in, well, ever, one of our volunteers said, "Do you think it's too warm in here?". I thought we'd never hear that! Now we're a comfortable 68 degrees, and we're often wearing T shirts in January in the Battery. Our visitors, especially the returning visitors have all commented on this remarkable improvement!

Power room/theater upgrades:

Our big project has been in the power room. We are getting a suspended ceiling! In addition, Parks procured for this project modern LED lighting fixtures, fully dimmable. By the time this newsletter reaches you, this will be completed.

We also now have an HD digital projector and a Blu Ray player. It fills the entire wall with HD quality video and full surround sound. We have a fairly complete multimedia capability now. The image quality and sound quality are outstanding, and with the new ceiling, the echoing should be eliminated. Our first completed room is now in use. Expect notices coming for movie night!

Cable trench restoration:

As you come into the center entrance, there's been an eyesore for many decades, a trench with concrete covers to house the WWII utilities to power the battery back in the day. Between missing and broken covers, deteriorated concrete and rusting steel, it was not only terrible to look at, it was a potential safety issue. The covers are all new, the concrete work has been restored to its original condition, and it looks as good as it did in 1943! We used high strength concrete for the covers with reinforcement. We will also need some signage banning heavy trucks in this area.

Electrical repowering project:

The power into Battery 519 has always been a bit of a problem, overhead powerlines when there were none in 1943, issues with power quality and reliability, and so on. Thanks to a wonderful collaboration between FMHA, Parks and PP&D, we now have an underground 470 amp feed from the transformer to the building. This was backbreaking work, as we had to bore a 6 inch hole through 24 inches of heavily reinforced, artillery resistant 12,000 PSI concrete, excavating a trench that was 15 feet deep in places, and a bunch of guys sliding conduit over rather large cable bundle. Total length was 270 feet, pulling several hundred pounds of cable the whole way. We went through a lot of ibuprofen and hot showers for those two weeks. What we have, is a first rate power feed, all underground, with very high quality electricity feeding our utilities. Hats off to everyone for making this happen so smoothly. Thanks to Lee McDaniels for being our brave backhoe operator. And thanks to Joe Johnson from Shore Electric to making this happen so smoothly, including coordinating with the City of Lewes to make transfer to the new service happen so seamlessly.

Ventilation chase renovation:

To the north of the center entrance are two horizontal ventilation chases, originally used to provide fresh air to the generators in the power room. One of these is now used for fresh air ventilation of the battery, and the other one is used for our new power feed. These have been renovated for their new use, and have been well secured from any external access through these features. Fred Noll has made historically faithful replicas of the

original security gates for both chases. We have plans to remove the post WWII block structure on the north chase, once completed, we will have returned this part of Battery 519 to its original appearance, even though its use has been changed.

Flak 38 Exhibit project:

The Flak 38 is now on an exhibition grade base, that replicates the appearance of a section of deck for U858. The craftsmanship our team brought to this is first rate by any measure. This was about a two month project, and the attention to detail, even down to the rivets, is remarkable!

The Tower #3 Model Project:

Thanks almost entirely to Dan Brown, we now have a wonderful model of Fire Control Tower #3 in the north shell room. Since Dan did such a fine job on the plotting table, our expectations were high, and we were delighted at the result! It even has internal LED illumination to show all the details. This ties together nicely the whole presentation on spotting, plotting of the targets, and aiming the big guns. Our next project is to install the WWII phone system, and then our visitors can eavesdrop on how the towers, the plotting room, and the gun room work together in real time. A HUGE thanks to Dan Brown's exceptional skills on both the plotting table and the tower model.

We now have a floor scrubber!

This may seem like a very mundane item, but with the addition of a high quality floor scrubbing machine, the place is far cleaner than before. We dumped what looks like mud out of this thing the first few times. To think we, "ôve come from wet, dirty and snake infested place full of junk, to a point where we have really clean floors is an indication of how far we, "ôve come. Also, thanks to the park for getting us this machine. We can cover the whole place in about an hour.

We also have a golf cart!

It seats four people, including the driver. This will help our less mobile visitors experience Fort Miles.

And a hearty thanks to our crew!

Thanks go out to Harry Winn, Bob Fellows, Bob Wheatly, Fred Noll, Joe Kosaveach, Jack Hliva, Steve Tarantolo, Dan Brown, Joe Johnson, Tom Anderson, Mike Hills, Rick Ackerman,

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Have you ordered your Paver yet?

For the "Wall of Honor" at the Fort Miles Museum
LEWES, DELAWARE

Now you can support the new Fort Miles museum, receive a tax deduction and have your name or that of a loved one honored on a handsome brick paver. Each engraved paver will be prominently displayed in Battery 519, America's first WWII museum at an actual military site.

More than 10,000 visitors each year will see your paver, and we will send a tribute card to whoever you designate, telling them of this special honor.

The tax-deductible cost for each paver is just \$200, including delivery and installation in a well-lighted entrance area. This first phase of the "wall of Honor" will accommodate just 500 pavers and orders are being accepted on a first-come basis. Be sure to reserve your paver now by returning the form below.



About Fort Miles

America's first on-site WWII museum is located on the Atlantic Ocean at the mouth of the Delaware Bay, where massive armament was secretly installed during WWII to turn back possible invasions by German naval forces and protect the key port of Philadelphia.

Prominently displayed at the museum is one of Battery 519's two 12 inch cannons, large enough to propel a shell 17 miles, as

well as searchlights powerful enough to light the beach of Cape May, NJ. Visitors can also climb a coastal tower and tour an actual "cantonment" where soldiers lived and worked - an active city of 2,500 men and women. The coastal towers along the Delaware shoreline were the "eyes" of Fort Miles - strategically placed to triangulate readings if enemy ships were located. Your donation to the "Wall of Honor" helps support the Fort Miles museum.

YES, I want to purchase a paver at the Fort Miles Museum. All donations are tax deductible. Enclosed is my check made payable to: the Fort Miles Historical Association.

\$_____ for _____ paver(s)

Engraving Instructions

LIMIT 3 LINES OF 16 CHARACTERS PER LINE- spaces, punctuation & symbols count as characters

1

2

name

phone

street

city

state

zip

email

Send orders to: FMHA Wall of Honor
 c/o Horizon Philanthropic Services
 P.O. Box 802
 Lewes, DE 19958
 Questions? Call 302.644.0107

Donations brought the Missouri's 16" barrel home...

...help us finish what we started.

- Yes, I would like to support the USS Missouri Project!

Enclosed is my/our tax-deductible gift of:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 Lieutenant | <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000 Rear Admiral |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Commander | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 Admiral |

your name(s) as you wish to be listed		phone
street		city
state	zip	email

Cut along this line and mail to the address below:

Fort Miles Historical Association
PO Box 52
Lewes, DE 19958

Donors of \$500 or more will be given an on-site memorial paver and \$1,000 or more will also receive a certificate for framing.

Thank you for supporting the USS MISSOURI PROJECT and to help preserve the last remaining cannon from an important iconic American battleship.

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Tim Gladden, Tim Phillips, Don Hattier, Gary Wray, Merlin Beil, Mark Stanzilis, Pat Bragdon, Don McCauley, and a whole host of others! We also have a couple of new guys, Frank and Mike. If I forgot you, I do apologize deeply! The work these folks have done for us is nothing short of remarkable.

Also, thanks to the Park for supporting

this wonderful endeavor. It's the result of a deep passion for something important to our history. Something to keep in mind as you go through Fort Miles: Thanks to the concerted efforts of our volunteers, every dollar we spend generates about ten dollars worth of results, and the skills of our crew are absolutely top notch. There aren't many bargains like

this out there these days. As you can see, we make your donations count for as much as we can! Visitors are constantly amazed when they visit that our crew is 100% volunteers, and we're doing all this amazing work on a shoestring budget. So, keep those dollars coming, it's our desire to be as busy as we can, and this helps tremendously.



New concrete cable chase covers



Updating the sewer system in the cantonment area



Power room- Before



Power Room-After



Power room- After



Power room- After

Thinking about joining the FMHA?

Help us preserve, restore and protect this remarkable site--become a member of the Fort Miles Historical Association simply by filling out the form below and mailing it with your check to the address listed below.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____, State _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____

Please check one:

- General level, (life member) \$1,000.
- Colonel level, \$500.
- Major level, \$250.
- Captain level, \$100.
- Small Business \$75.
- Dual/Family \$20.
- Individual \$15.
- Student \$10.

Enclosed is my check in the amount of: \$_____

Make Checks payable to:

Fort Miles Historical Association
Dr. Gary Wray, President
120 E. Wild Rabbit Run
Lewes, DE 19958

Cut along this line if only mailing one application

We are also seeking volunteers to learn how to give battery tours, and/or run our Sperry searchlight. Our goal is to have a substantial group of members that can assist the Fort Miles staff with tours and other related programs. Volunteers will receive all the training and informative materials needed. So, if you've taken a battery tour and feel it might be something you would like to help with, fill out this bottom form, and mail it to Dr. Gary Wray at the address just above. If you would like further information, please call Dr. Wray at 302-645-0753.

- Yes, I would like to become a volunteer!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Meet our new Fort Miles Staff

By Shawn Heacock

I'd like to introduce myself, my name is Shawn Heacock and I have been hired by Delaware State Parks as an interpreter. One of my responsibilities is to take the lead on Fort Miles programming. Seven years ago I spent a year as an Americorps volunteer educating people about the history of Fort Miles and I have to say it is nice to come back! I have not been idle over the past seven years; I've worked as an interpreter for other state parks, a contractor doing historic renovations and as an elementary school teacher. All of these positions have given me unique experiences that I can bring back to Fort Miles to help turn this site into a destination for school groups and the public alike.

My first order of business is to create a new and innovative offering of school group programs that teach math and science content in a historical context. Aligning our programming to a variety of educational standards will help bring more students into the Fort Miles Historic Area. Drawing on past experience as a teacher and the existing framework that members of Fort Miles Historic Association have made within local districts, I am striving to create additional teacher-friendly programming that engages students in rigorous activities that

meet the requirements of the Delaware State Education Standards including the recently adopted Common Core Standards. It is my hope that through these endeavors a greater number of students will experience Fort Miles in an interactive manner. Some ideas for programming include: instructing students in electrical circuitry by allowing them to wire a minefield, learning math content by plotting and targeting big guns and understanding sound waves by examining the acoustics in Battery 519. I am confident that once students encounter these programs, they will return for additional programming with their families in tow!

I also hope to expand the docent program. As we increase the program offerings at Fort Miles I will need an increased number of committed volunteers who are willing to learn the in depth history of Fort Miles and present that information to tour groups. I am in the process of rewriting the Fort Miles docent handbook and will be offering docent training sessions during the last week of March or the first week of April. If you are interested in becoming a docent and don't mind public speaking, give me a ring at (302)644-5014. I will also be looking for volunteers to fill various rolls for the upcoming Re-Enactment on April 27th.

Over the course of the winter I have been working with the Fort Miles Historic

Association to offer a Discover Battery 519 program on the third Saturday of each month, which includes three tours that help increase public awareness of the Fort Miles Historic Area and Battery 519. To date we have offered this program three times and have averaged one hundred visitors in attendance at each event. It can be difficult to fill programs in the winter, but FMHA is truly committed to making the Discover Battery 519 a success. Discover Battery 519 has been a great way for FMHA and Delaware State Parks to work together to expand the knowledge of Fort Miles.

The success of Discover Battery 519 has much to do with the tenacity of the Fort Miles Historic Association members. Over the course of the last three months Fort Miles has been mentioned in the news no less than six times and I have had two separate human interest stories written about my involvement with the project. If I'm not careful, I may get quite the ego from all this attention and start referring to myself in the third person as "local celebrity Shawn Heacock."

With the ongoing restoration of Battery 519 and expanding programming, we are well on our way to becoming a premier World War II site. Every day, more progress is made and looking back upon my first year here in 2005, I can hardly believe this is the same place. I look forward to working with the Fort Miles Historic Association on upcoming projects as we work together to create a world class museum!



Fort Miles Special Event: **Delaware Goes to War**

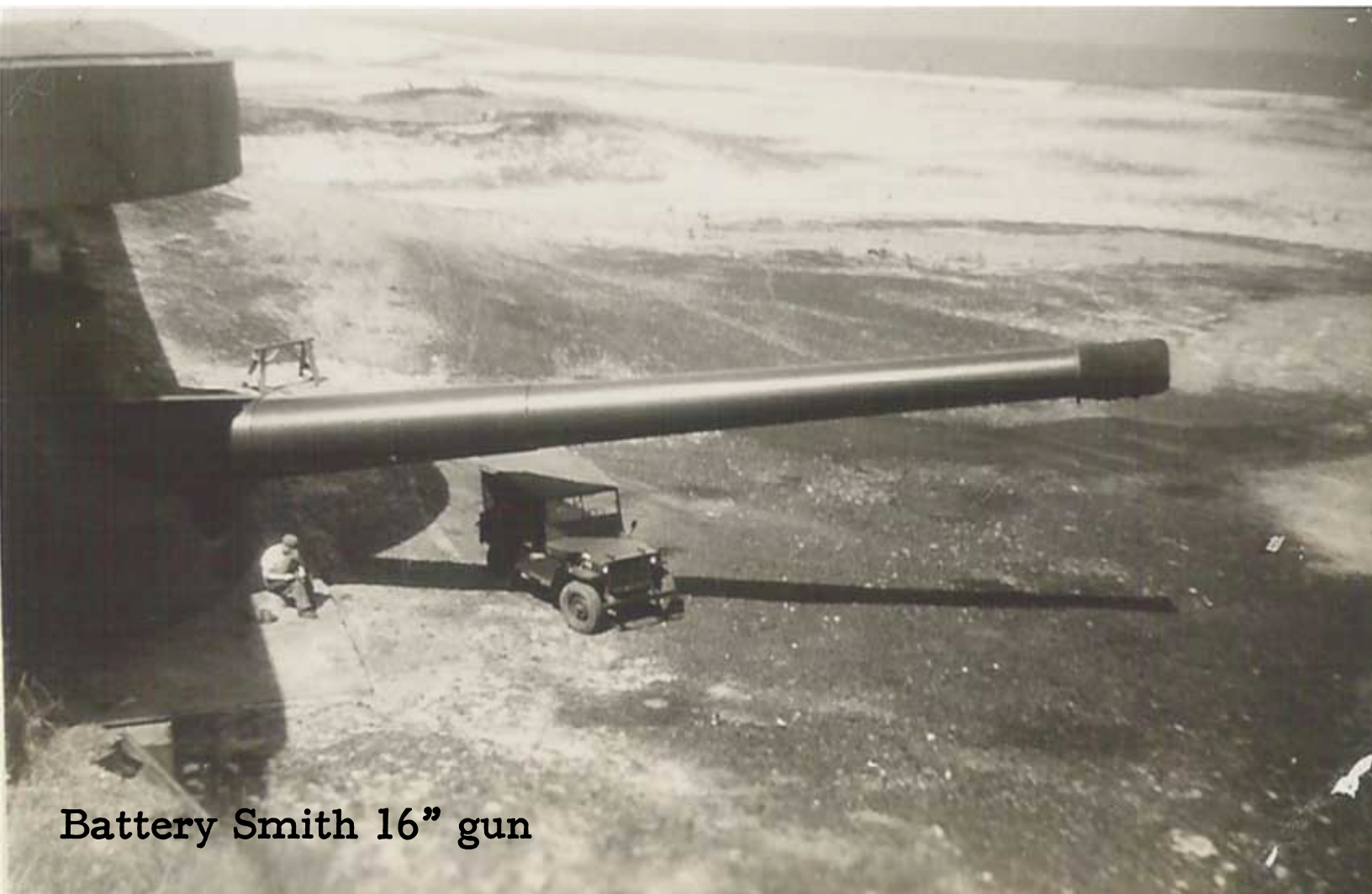


April 27, 2013
10am-4pm (1000-1600)

Come out to Fort Miles and support the Fort Miles Historical Association and the re-enactors of the 261st Coast Artillery. The FMHA will be in Battery 519 to answer questions and show you around. In the cantonment area you can browse through the barracks buildings and talk to the re-enactors, as well as watch gun drills performed on our 3 inch gun.



Fort Miles Historical Association
120 East Wild Rabbit Run
Lewes, DE 19958



Battery Smith 16" gun