

Since 2003, Fort Miles Historical Association and Delaware State Parks have worked as partners to renovate, operate and expand the Fort Miles Museum and surrounding historical area.

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A short and frequent communication to keep you, our loyal members, informed of what's happening with your association.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS from the FMHA Board of Directors

This has been a very exciting and productive year for FMHA. We plan on reviewing our accomplishments and taking your questions at our **Annual Meeting on January 11, 2025**.

The annual meeting will be held in the newly renovated <u>Biden Center</u> in *Cape Henlopen State Park* at 10:00 am on January 11th. Members are welcome to come to the Biden Center at 9:30 for coffee, bagels and donuts, and a chance to mingle with fellow FMHA members.

The annual meeting will start at 10:00 to be followed by a lecture, Warbirds: Preserving History by Larry Kelly.



Members will receive an invitation to register soon, and since the Biden Center can only accommodate 90 people please register promptly to guarantee a seat. This will be the first public event at the "new" Biden Center. To put the limit of 90 in perspective, the last lecture had 144 people in attendance at the Barracks Area Orientation Building. Unfortunately we can't have this event there.



At this year's annual meeting we will be presenting the lecture **Warbirds: Preserving History by Larry Kelly**

This is a talk about how we use "warbirds", that is, military combat aircraft, to keep alive the history of the combat crews who flew them. Mr. Kelly and a group of volunteers at the Delaware Aviation Museum Foundation use the B-25 "Panchito" to travel the country and keep the history of the B-25 alive. He will speak about the B-25 as the centerpiece of the Doolittle Tokyo raid, which has been referred to by Admiral Halsey as the most daring raid in military history. Larry Kelley is co-founder and Executive Director of the Delaware Aviation Museum Foundation (DAMF). In October 2022 he was inducted into the Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame and currently serves on its Board of Trustees.

Remember, only FMHA members are invited to attend these events. We know that you are a member, but if your friends want to learn about and be eligible to go on future trips, then ask them to join the Fort Miles Historical Association today!

Forward them this email and they can join by clicking <u>here</u> and following the instructions on our website.

FMHA volunteers work almost 25,000 hours a year: as Bunker Busters restoring and maintaining the buildings, developing and building displays; as Docents giving tours and guiding visitors at special events; and as Associate Staff managing the gift shop, lecture series, special events, membership, website and electronic displays.

If you would like to volunteer in any of these areas, please send us an email.



Learn More: fortmilesha.org

Fort Miles is located in Cape Henlopen State Park. 15099 Cape Henlopen Drive, Lewes, DE 19958