

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.

**Big Stone Beach Fire Control Tower
by Terrance McGovern**



The World War II fire control tower at Big Stone Beach is shown in 1941 at left (photo courtesy of NARA)

Recently there was an article published in the Cape Gazette that described the stabilization of the Big Stone Beach Fire Control Tower on the Delaware Bay by the Coast Defense Study Group. The author of that article is Terry McGovern, a long term Board member of the Fort Miles Historical Association (FMHA) who also holds leadership positions in the Coast Defense Study Group (CDSG).

Please read the original article here: [Cape Gazette](#)

The CDSG is a non-profit corporation formed to promote the study of coast defenses and fortifications, primarily those of the United States of America; their history, architecture, technology, and strategic and tactical employment.

The primary goals of the CDSG are:

- Promotion of educational study, technical research, and accurate documentation of seacoast defense history;
- Preservation of seacoast defense sites, equipment, and records for current and future generations;
- Assisting organizations with the preservation and interpretation of seacoast defense historical sites;
- and Contributing towards charitable activities which promote the goals of the CDSG.

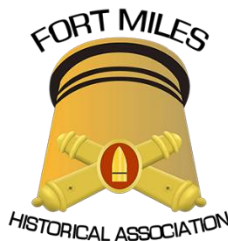
The CDSG Fund provides grants to worthy organizations engaged in interpretation and preservation of historic American seacoast defense artifacts and structures. In addition to funding the Big Stone Beach project, the CDSG Fund has made several grants to the Fort Miles Historical Association going back to the first artillery brought to what has become the Fort Miles Museum.

The CDSG Fund seeks donations for projects that support these goals. Donations are tax-deductible as the CDSG is a 501(3)(c) organization, and 100% of the gift will go to projects receiving grants. In addition, a yearly membership in the CDSG includes the organization's two publications: The Coast Defense Journal and The CDSG Newsletter. Membership also allows you to attend CDSG Annual Conferences and Special Tours.

For more information, please visit www.cdsg.org.

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](#).



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