



Dear Valued Members, Donors and Visitors,

We hope you are enjoying warm days/cool nights now that the heat wave has passed. The museum, under tons of sand and concrete, is a cool location in summer with its built-in natural air conditioning.

Don't put off a visit. Stay cool in our museum! See below for three more reasons to visit Fort Miles.

As always, thank you for your support of Fort Miles Museum.

Jim Pierce
President
Fort Miles Museum

V-J Day Ceremony

The annual salute for Victory over Japan Day, which took place in Tokyo Harbor on Sept. 2, 1945, will be held Sept. 2 at Fort Miles. This ceremony salutes the 800 Delaware soldiers who perished during World War II, with 100 names read each year. Plan to join us for this special time of commemoration.

VJ DAY AT FORT MILES

The Fort Miles Historical Association's sixth annual VJ day event celebrates the surrender of the Japanese Empire to the Allied Forces signaling the end of WWII. It also honors the 774 Delawareans who perished while serving their country during the war.

The 11:00 AM ceremony will include an oral history of the war leading up to the surrender, a reading of General Douglas MacArthur's speech, and a tolling of the bell for 100 of the 774 brave Delawareans who made the ultimate sacrifice during WWII.

Visitors can explore the historic area, tour the Fort Miles Museum and Battery 519, view future museum plans, and learn about organizations that support Fort Miles.



September 2, 2022

Museum Open House 10:00 AM- 3:00 PM

VJ Day Ceremony 11:00 AM by the USS Missouri Gun

Free Museum Admission All Day

Fort Miles, located in Cape Henlopen State Park



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Oil Still Bleeds Fall Talks 2022



Oil Still Bleeds

A RELIC AND REMEMBRANCES OF THE BATTLESHIP USS ARIZONA -
DELAWARE'S FORGOTTEN HEROES OF PEARL HARBOR



Fall 2022 Talks: Sat. Sept 10, 1 pm

Lewes History Museum



101 Adams Ave, Lewes

presented by the Fort Miles Museum

S, 9/10: Brigadier General Kennard Wiggins (DE
ANG Ret.), Delaware Military Museum

The Opening Act: Delawareans at Pearl Harbor
and during the very early days of World War II



Image: USS Shaw exploding during the Japanese
Raid on Pearl Harbor, US Archives



Brig Gen. Kennard Wiggins (DE ANG Ret.) is Curator for the Delaware Military Museum. He is the author of six books on local military history. His most recent book is America's Anchor, A Naval History of the Delaware River and Bay

December 7, 1941, saw America's abrupt entry into World War II. What many do not know is that Delaware and the nation had already been preparing for war for over a year. Few are aware of the forgotten heroes of that day from Delaware. And fewer still know what Delawareans endured, and how they responded to the attack in the early months of the war. Kennard Wiggins will explore these topics in his talk, "The Opening Act"

Followed by:



S, 10/29: Colonel Krewasky Salter (Ret.), Ph.D.
President, Pritzker Military Museum & Library, Chicago
Oil Still Bleeds: Forgotten African American Heroes of
Pearl Harbor and Beyond



Spring '23: Cliff Geisler, FMHA BOD & Friends
At Dawn We Slept: The Story of Dr. Gordon Prange's
Magnificent Obsession with Pearl Harbor



Time: 1 PM w/ optional
museum visit to follow
Talks are free to the
public

Seating limited by
reservation

302-644-0107

Location: Lewes History
Museum, 101 Adams Ave,
Lewes, DE

Sept 10, 2022:

Retired Brig. Gen. Kennard R. Wiggins Jr., Delaware ANG, will present a lecture Sept. 10 in conjunction with the unique (and free) Oil Still Bleeds exhibit. General Wiggins' subject is "Delawareans at Pearl Harbor and During the Very Early Days of World War II." He offers his insights into the circumstances for Delaware's military personnel Dec. 7, 1941, and the days that followed. General Wiggins will present his free talk at 1 p.m. at the Lewes History Museum, 101 Adams Ave.

Oct. 29, 2022:

Retired Col. Krewasky Salter, president of the Pritzker Military Museum & Library, Chicago, will present a lecture Oct. 29. His topic is "Oil Still Bleeds: Forgotten African American Heroes of Pearl Harbor and Beyond." Details to follow.



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