



Fort Miles Museum hosts Delaware Defense Day

Hello Valued Members, Donors and Visitors,

Our big event, Delaware Defense Day, is Saturday, April 22. We have planned a busy schedule of activities, re-enactments, demonstrations, music and food.

And, now that spring is here, Fort Miles Museum is holding other events and offering tours. We look forward to seeing you at Fort Miles.

Museum tours will be offered at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays in April (except April 21 and 22). For more information and other April programs: fortmiles.org, click on Happenings.

Fort Miles Historical Association will host **Sunday Summer Tours** beginning May 14. These tours will be offered each Sunday during the summer, expanding Fort Miles Museum's hours to six days a week. Details to follow.

As always, thank you for your support.

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Delaware Defense Day



Time: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Parking, etc. - Free parking with shuttle buses to Fort Miles will be available at Cape Henlopen High School because the main beach parking area at Cape Henlopen State Park is being repaved. At Fort Miles, golf carts will run continual trips to FMM's main entrance.

Schedule:

10 a.m. - Event begins with World War II re-enactors on site. Vehicles will include an M-4 Sherman Tank. Additional WWII and Cold War vehicles and equipment will be on display. Fort Miles Museum (Battery 519) opens for self-guided tours (\$5 per person – free for veterans and children 12 and younger). A Coast Guard horse patrol will be on site.

Museum Gift Shop will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

10:30 a.m. - Lee Jennings Memorial Mess Hall opens with food and beverages prepared by Hooked Up available for purchase. Across from the mess hall, WWII Tunes performs in the Orientation Building.

11 a.m. - Artillery demonstration of 3-inch gun begins.

Noon - Author and retired Cmdr. Timothy Dring, U.S. Naval Reserve, will lecture on U.S. anti-submarine warfare during WWII, Museum Media Room.

1 p.m. - Surrender of German submarine U-858 with 261st Coast Artillery Chaplain Michael Hills presiding

2 p.m. - WWII small arms and artillery demonstrations begin

3:15 p.m. - 4 p.m. - Rehoboth Beach Concert Band performs at Orientation Building.

Art Through the Ages

Fort Miles Museum hosted Art Through the Ages to honor Delaware artist Howard Schroeder the last two weekends in March. The exhibit featured more than 40 of Mr. Schroeder's works that usually are in Schroeder family private collections.

John Schroeder presented well-received talks about his father's life and art both Sundays. Thanks to all who turned out – more than 400 attendees.



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Fort Miles 5K – ‘A Run Through History’



On **May 7**, put on your running or walking shoes to participate in **Fort Miles 5K - 'A Run Through History.'** The 5K has a new name and course, with the 2023 run to start and finish entirely within the confines of Cape Henlopen State Park. Big Oyster Brewery will host a 5K after party at Fort Miles Museum's events venue, The Overlook.

To register and learn 5K details: [Races2Run.com](https://www.Races2Run.com). We are also seeking race sponsors. Sponsorship opportunities and benefits are available on the [Races2Run website](https://www.Races2Run.com).

D-Day Ceremony and Open House

FMHA will host its second annual **D-Day Ceremony and Open House** on June 6. The ceremony will honor all soldiers who fought so bravely June 6, 1944, and the months that followed to free Europe from Nazi tyranny. Details will be announced in our May newsletter.

We Need Your Support

More than a decade in the planning, the new Fort Miles Museum will soon launch a five-year, \$25 million campaign to create a world-class military museum.

The first phase will be a \$3 million project for a new lobby and restrooms, followed by the installation of dynamic exhibits in the fort bunker.

Your contribution can help raise the initial \$50,000 needed to fund the initial phase of this campaign.

[Donate today](#)



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Fort Miles is located in Cape Henlopen State Park.
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Museum hours & tours: info@fortmilesmuseum.org
Schedule a tour: destateparks.com/programs
(Click on Fort Miles Historical Area under Choose Park)