



Delaware Defense Day Happening April 20

Delaware Defense Day
Fort Miles Museum and Historical Area
at Cape Henlopen State Park



Saturday, April 20, 2024 | 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Submarine Surrender • Historic Vehicles • Live Music • Reenactments • Firing Demos
AND MORE!

No registration necessary • \$6 admission for the Fort Miles Museum
Shuttle Parking: McBride Beach Bathhouse Parking Lot
For more information: destateparks.com/FortMiles

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Join us in honoring the defenders of the home front at Fort Miles, who safeguarded coastal Delaware during World War II. Discover their inspiring stories at our annual living history event, Delaware Defense Day, starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 20th. The event features firing demonstrations, insightful guest speakers, live music and much more. Admission to the Fort Miles Museum will be \$6 per person.

[See More Information and Schedule of Events](#)

Step into History: Join Us for 'A Run Through History' 5k Fundraiser

Join us for an exhilarating journey through history on Sunday, May 5th, as Fort Miles Museum hosts its second annual 'A Run Through History' 5K run and walk fundraiser, beginning at 9 a.m. The scenic route winds through picturesque Cape Henlopen State Park, offering participants a unique blend of fitness and historical exploration.

Registration opens bright and early at 8 a.m., so lace up your running shoes and be ready to hit the ground running. Pre-race registration is \$30, but if you wait until the day of the event, the fee increases to \$35—so register early and save.

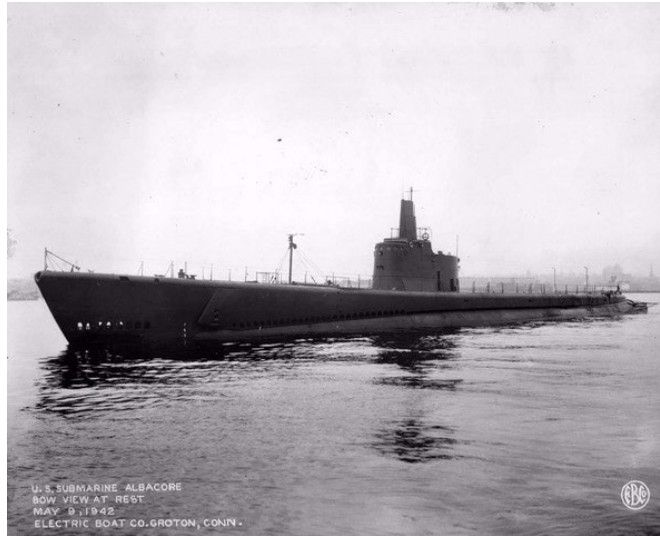
After crossing the finish line, the celebration continues with our post-race party, where every step you took during the race supports Fort Miles Museum. The after-party promises to be a lively affair, filled with camaraderie and celebration of our shared history.

Guests are welcome to join the festivities for a fee of \$15 in advance, or \$20 at the door. Whether you're a seasoned runner, a casual walker, or simply looking to enjoy a day filled with fun and history, 'A Run Through History' is an event not to be missed.

Secure your spot today by registering at the link below. Lace up, join the race and make history with us!

[Register Now](#)

Historical Lecture Series: The Lost World War II Submarine USS Albacore (SS-218)



Fort Miles Museum is pleased to present its third event in the Historical Lecture Series of 2024.

On Saturday, April 13, 2024, historian and author David L. Johnston will discuss the discovery and survey of the wreck site of the lost World War II submarine USS Albacore (SS-218). Albacore's wreck was found by a Japanese researcher in 2022. Johnston and fellow researcher Steve Katona conducted an extensive analysis of the wreckage and wrote a report for the Navy that was the key factor confirming the wreck's identity.

The lecture will cover the discovery, the work that confirmed the wreck's location and the process used to analyze the video and photographs of the wreck. The presentation will cover Delmarva residents lost on WWII submarines, including one from the Albacore crew.

Due to high demand, all spaces for this event have been filled. The final lecture, Cold War Activities at Fort Miles, will be presented on Saturday, May 18, 2024.

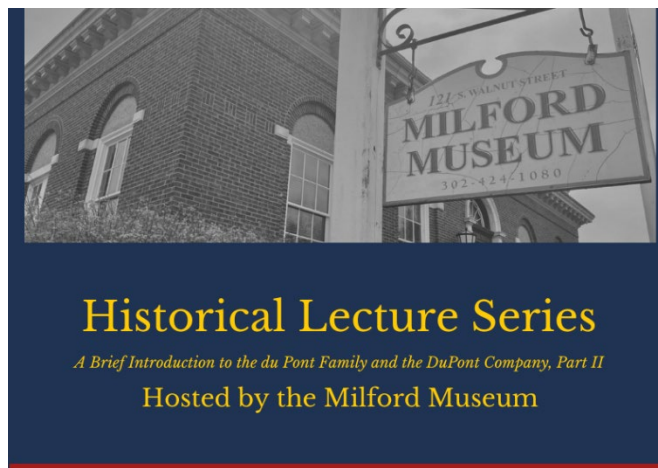
FMHA Tours Defenses of WWII at Cape May



Fort Miles Historical Association and Mid-Atlantic Center for Arts & Humanities organized a tour to the World War II defenses of Cape May, New Jersey, for FMHA members on March 22. Thirty-seven FMHA members registered for the trip which included a ride on the Cape May-Lewes Ferry, touring on a MAC trolley and an excellent lunch at Verna's Flight Line Diner.

[Read Article and View Images of Tour](#)

Milford Museum American History Services



The Milford Museum will continue its American History Series with ***A Brief Introduction to the du Pont Family and the DuPont Company, Part II*** at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 20th at Milford Public Library.

After the popularity of an August program called *The du Pont Family: A Brief Introduction*, historian Lucas R. Clawson will return with the second part of the du Pont family introduction. The first

presentation focused on why the du Pont family immigrated to the United States and how it built a worldwide explosives business. The second part will take the family and company into the 20th century.

[Learn More](#)

Support Fort Miles Museum

Sussex County, Delaware is one of the most popular areas for retirees in the Mid-Atlantic, now growing faster than any other region in the state. Between now and 2045, an additional 125,000 people are expected to move here, increasing our total population to 351,800. Each year more than 8 million people visit coastal Delaware, 1.7 million of those coming to Cape Henlopen State Park, Delaware's most popular park venue.

Delaware has no single museum dedicated to its veterans. The Fort Miles Museum will fill this role, with indoor and outdoor spaces for events and meetings and numerous permanent and rotating exhibits. We anticipate more than 100,000 annual visitors to the Museum upon its completion in 2028, supported by robust marketing campaigns already underway.

The new Fort Miles Museum will be the largest of eleven cultural attractions in the greater Lewes area. The Museum will offer a wealth of interactive educational exhibits for all ages; unparalleled views of the ocean and dunes from its outdoor events area; ample parking and picturesque grounds.

Learn more about the [Fort Miles Development Plan](#) and lend your support today.

[Donate to the Cause to Preserve History](#)



Learn more: fortmilesmuseum.org

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

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