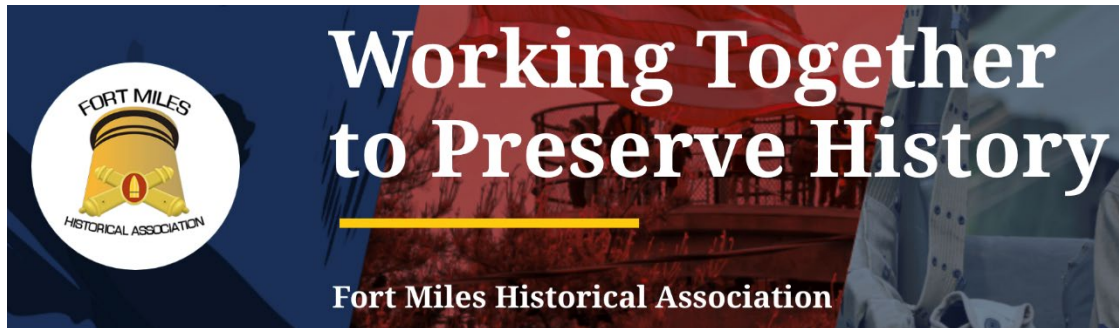




Since 2003, Fort Miles Historical Association and Delaware State Parks have worked as partners to renovate, operate and expand the Fort Miles Museum and surrounding historical area.

Bunker Blast May 21, 2025

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

In today's Bunker Blast we will recap some of our Spring events and preview what's being planned for the summer.

Delaware Defense Day was a Huge Success!

In spite of uncertain weather there was a great turnout in the Ft. Miles barracks area (cantonment area) on Saturday April 26th. There were over 1000 visitors that experienced the soldier's life during WWII at Ft. Miles. There were 125+ American, German and Russian reenactors, about 30 WWII vintage vehicles, including a Sherman Tank, displays in all of the barracks and music in the Orientation Building. Over 300 guests also walked up the hill and toured the Museum.

This article sums up the day nicely and includes a lot of pictures.

<https://www.capegazette.com/article/delaware-defense-day-goes-back-time/290221>



The Cape Gazette Brings Ft. Miles History to Life

Here are two great articles from the Cape Gazette that chronicle the history of Fort Miles through the years. For many of us there is lots of new information!

https://www.capegazette.com/article/history-hides-plain-sight-cape-henlopen-state-park/289671?amgee-source=dh#google_vignette#google_vignette

https://www.capegazette.com/article/fort-miles-isn%E2%80%99t-all-world-war-ii/290869#google_vignette

Spring Wall Of Honor Ceremony

Some of you may be aware of FMHA's long standing paver purchase program that is used to honor veterans and other's service to the United States. While most of the pavers honor WWII vets there are many honoring the service of those who served in in Korea, Vietnam and the Gulf conflicts.

Twice a year FMHA holds a ceremony to honor those individuals whose family and friends purchased a paver for them. This Spring it was on May 4th in the north gun room of the Museum, and over 50 people attended with 10 family members speaking about their honoree.

Note that the Wall of Honor recipients' stories are chronicled on a kiosk next to the display in the Museum, and on-line, which can be seen by anyone with access to a computer.

More information about the Wall of Honor can be found here:
<https://fortmilesmuseum.org/wall-of-honor/>



Member Day at Fort Delaware

On a rainy May 14th morning about 45 FMHA members drove up to Ft. Delaware in Delaware City for a private tour of this civil war era coastal defense facility in the middle of the Delaware River. Taylor Reynolds, Delaware State Parks Chief of Cultural Resources, and his associate Sean Carrow, led the 3 hour tour that explored both inside and outside structures that are not open to the public. Stay tuned for the Fall Member Day where we promise to bring you to another WWII era military facility for a private tour.









The Group who braved the trek.

D-Day Remembrance at Ft. Miles

The Fort Miles Historical Association will host its fourth annual D-Day Remembrance Ceremony at Fort Miles Museum in Cape Henlopen State Park on Friday, June 6th. The ceremony to honor D-Day veterans starts at 10 a.m. on the museum's event venue outside Battery 519's north gun room overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. This ceremony salutes a signature day in world history and honors all those who participated.

After the ceremony, the Fort Miles Museum will be open until 4 p.m. On display in the north gun room will be the Chaplain's kit that went ashore at Normandy with U.S. Army Chaplain Captain Morris Arnold on D-Day. Also on display will be a special rendering of the Normandy memorials by local artist Paul Rendel. Exhibit rooms in the north end of the museum, including the art gallery and gift shop, may be visited at no charge to the public.

Docent-led guided tours of the south end of the museum, which recreates the WWII working environment of Battery 519, will be offered at 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. Tours are \$6 per person; there is no tour charge for veterans, active-duty service members or FMHA Members.



Ceremony from 2024

Expanded Hours at the Museum this Summer

For at least 8 years FMHA has opened the Museum from May through September on Sundays to supplement Delaware State Park staff (DSP) who only have the resources to open from Tuesday through Saturday.

Starting on May 19th through Labor Day, FMHA will also open the Museum on Mondays. So, by mid-June the Museum will be open 7 days per week!

Here is the schedule:

May 18 – June 14

- FMHA - Sundays and Mondays , 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
 - Tours 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
- DSP - Fridays and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 - Tours 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

June 15 – September 7

- FMHA - Sundays and Mondays, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
 - Tours 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
- DSP - Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 - Tours 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

FMHA does not accept reservations for tours, but we never turn anyone away who arrives 10 minutes before tour times.

Delaware State Parks does accept reservations for tours. To register for upcoming programming or to see what is available go to [Upcoming Events & Programs – Delaware State Parks](#) and filter results by clicking the checkbox next to “Fort Miles Museum and Historical Area” on the left side of the page.

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: [fortmilesde.org](https://www.fortmilesde.org)

Fort Miles is located in Cape Henlopen State Park.
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