



Working Together to Preserve History

Fort Miles Historical Association

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.

The Bunker Blast

October 25, 2025

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

In today's Bunker Blast: our regret that the Member Day excursion to the Dover Air Museum had to be cancelled due to the Government shutdown, Status of our Fall Lecture Series, announcing our second Fall Lecture and finally a Request for Help.

Member Day Postponed

We were all disappointed that the Member Day visit to the Dover Air Mobility Museum that was previously scheduled for October 8th had to be canceled due to the government shutdown. As soon as the shutdown is over, we plan to schedule a new date.

We will announce the rescheduled Member Day via a new email and registration opportunity. You will have to register again for the new date.

Unfortunately we had one member show up at the event because he did not see the email announcing it's cancellation. In the future, we are going to ask for your permission to send you a text message with important updates (such as an event cancellation). Text messages have become a common way to quickly communicate.



Lecture Series

We held the first lecture on October 18th with an audience of about 65. The next lecture will be on Saturday November 15th in the Museum /Battery 519. It will be in the North Gun Room and your registration will indicate that you should come into the main entrance to the Museum.

The museum will be open that morning for the lecture and then open to the public at Noon. As always, members get first “crack” at registering for limited seating. A separate email will be going out to members in the next few days.

November 15, 2025, SOSUS – The U.S. Navy Sound Surveillance System Presented by Navy Capt. (Ret) Bill Manthorpe

The presentation will cover the development and operation of the Navy sound surveillance system (SOSUS) from the 1950 's through the 80 's. Originally designed to track Soviet submarines off the coast of the U.S., Fort Miles (NAVFAC Lewes) was the home for one of the SOSUS tracking stations.

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~ 3500 Personnel



Volunteer Wanted

Do you have experience in public relations or communications?

We are looking for a professional in this area to be our liaison with print, television, radio and podcast media, recruiting and coordinating our historians to present our story and promote events. This individual would also write press releases and prepare advertising.

If you are interested please contact our volunteer coordinator at volunteer@fortmilesa.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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