



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

January 30, 2026

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 Member Day excursion to the Dover Air Museum has been rescheduled, we celebrate the excellent and sold out Lecture by Ed Paterline and announce our our next Lecture of 2026.

Spring Member Day Rescheduled

As you may recall the trip to the Dover Air Force Base Air Mobility Command Museum was canceled because of the government shutdown. We have rescheduled and our Members will have a private tour on **March 25th** with an option to join the group for lunch at Mission Barbecue up the road in Dover. *An invitation will be sent to your email inbox on February 24th.*

This is a members only event so if you would like to bring a guest, please ask them to join FMHA [here](#) and they can register themselves.



Lecture Series

Our January 17th lecture on the Berlin Airlift was a huge success! 100 plus members, guests and the public heard FMHA Board Member and Historian Ed Paterline speak for 90 minutes.



This seminal Cold War event took place from Jun 24,1948 – May 12,1949 when the Soviet Union blocked the Western Allies' railway, road, and canal access to the sectors of Berlin under Western control.



Ed's father was a radio navigator on one of those cargo planes and Ed took his dad to the 50th reunion of the Airlift crews years ago.



This was a well researched lecture where you thought that you were there, in no small part due to Ed's hearing stories about it through his life.

Our Next Lecture is on February 21st

Ft. Miles – The Eastern Range – Presented by Kaitlyn Dykes, the Fort Miles Interpretive Programs Manager in Cape Henlopen State Park

Fort Miles contained the Eastern test range for the US Army during WWII and in the early post war period. Key weapons development, testing and training occurred at Cape Henlopen, including work on the proximity fuse and the first surface to air missile.

Ms. Dykes will share how Ft. Miles worked with major government research and development programs during World War II and the post war period.

Note: The January lecture was “sold out” in just a few days and we had a waiting list of 50! The invitation for this lecture will go out on Saturday January 31st so make sure that you look for it and register quickly. As always, members and one guest get priority access to registration. Suggest to other friends that they become members soon so they can have priority access as well, <https://fortmilesmuseum.org/fmha/>.

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@fortmiles.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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Fort Miles is located in Cape Henlopen State Park.
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