



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 **July 2, 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: Reflection on the 250th anniversary of Independence Day this July 4th, D-Day at Fort Miles, and New Doors at Herring Point.

America: A Work in Progress

As we prepare to enjoy our 250th July 4th as a nation it is as important to remember the task ahead as it is to honor our past. Our ancestors created a new nation and wrote the Constitution in order to "create a more perfect Union" but that Union is a work in progress which requires us to add our humble efforts to those of past generations.

There is far more work to do to ensure "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness". While we cook our hot dogs and hamburgers, let's give a thought to how we can each help move our democracy forward.



D-Day Commemoration Ceremony at Fort Miles

On Saturday June 6 th FMHA conducted its fifth annual D-Day commemoration ceremony outside on the Fort Miles Museum event venue overlooking the Atlantic Ocean.

The ceremony was an hour long and drew an appreciative audience of the public and a bevy of local politicians and the leadership of local veterans' groups. It was a hot day but the crowd participants and two WWII veterans attending took the heat in stride.



Will Short did his usual excellent job as Master of Ceremonies, Lani Sphar regaled the crowd with several bagpipe tunes and Lucas Brianceau played the National Anthem on trumpet.





Mason Dixon VFW Post 7234's Honor Guard posted the colors and gave a rifle salute to the honored dead from Delaware who participated in the Normandy campaign.



Ed Paterline delivered a short keynote speech paying tribute to Brigadier General Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., who was the only general to land with the first wave during the Normandy invasion.



This was followed by FMHA readers announcing the names, towns and date of passing for each of the Delawareans who died at Normandy.



Saint Peter's Episcopal Church's Reverend Deacon Chris Miller-Marcin delivered the ceremony's Invocation and Benediction. All in all, one of our best commemorative events.



New Doors Installed at Herring Point

The Bunker Buster welding group created and installed new steel security doors for the North end of the 6" Battery bunker at Herring Point in the last month. Once the new doors were

installed, the team demolished the post WWII entrance and removed the debris, so we have a nice clean entrance that looks much as it did at the end of WWII.



Nice job guys!

Volunteers 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, prepare advertising and could also write newsletters.

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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