



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 **August 9, 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: End of Summer, Bunker Busters accomplishments, Shots Fired and a nearby event.

August: Near the end of summer

It is already August and the summer is almost over! The Fort Miles Museum has been very active with open hours expanded to seven days a week from 10AM until 4 PM. Lots of guests have been streaming through, and they have thoroughly enjoyed the experience the Museum has to offer. We hope you have had a good summer too!

Barracks 606

For the last three months, the FMHA Bunker Busters have been working on a project to refurbish Barracks 606. The barracks display will be available for the public on days when the Museum is open and staffing permits. Thus far we have found 20 bed frames of WWII vintage and purchased blankets for the beds as well as identified stoves and a gun rack to fill in the barracks area as it was during World War II.



Our woodworking crew has built 20 footlockers based on early war Army design.



Barracks 606 was a bit of an unusual barrack in that about ¼ of the space centered around the left entrance was used as a supply area with walls, a counter and fencing.



After completion in 1943 the barracks area of Battery 519 was occupied by the 21st Coastal Artillery, which managed the mine field at the entrance of the Delaware Bay. We hope to have the barracks open by the end of August.

Shot On Way!

One of the most frequent questions visitors to Fort Miles Museum have is “how many rounds were fired from the 12” or 16” guns”. A good question, and one that deserves a definitive answer.

Our “guru of big guns” is FMHA Director Terry McGovern and he has provided us with a table showing exactly how many rounds each battery at Fort Miles expended during WWII. Special note: WVT in the Manufacturers Initials column stands for Watervliet Arsenal in New York, USNGF stands for US Navy Gun Factory.

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HARBOR DEFENSES OF THE DELAWARE
 1 July 1945 to 31 December 1945

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BATTERY				REGISTER NUMBER		MANUFACTURER'S INITIALS		NUMBER OF ROUNDS FIRED	
Tactical Number	Name or Construction Number	Type	Gun Number	Gun	Carriage	Gun	Carriage	During Last Six Months	Total
Btry 1	Herring	6"	1	42	99	Wvt	Wellman	0	79
Btry 1	Herring	6"	2	4	98	Wvt	Wellman	0	86
Btry 4	Hunter	6"	1	17	102	Wvt	Wellman	0	97
Btry 4	Hunter	6"	2	32	104	Wvt	Wellman	0	94
Btry 6	#223	6"	1	19	12	Wvt	York Ice Mch Corp.	0	14
Btry 6	#223	6"	2	18	13	Wvt	York Ice Mch Corp.	0	13
Btry 3	#519	12"	1	51	23	Wvt	Watertown	0	15
Btry 3	#519	12"	2	72	24	Wvt	Watertown	0	15
Btry 2	Smith	16"	1	110	24	USNGP	Watertown	0	18
Btry 2	Smith	16"	2	44	23	USNGP	Watertown	0	18

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Nearby Events

A Day of Living History - From Muskets to Machine Guns

When: Saturday September 19, 2026 @10AM to 3 PM

Where: Fort Dupont Parade Ground
 Delaware City, DE 19706

-> Watch your email for more information coming soon!

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@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](#).



Learn More: fortmiles.org

Fort Miles is located in Cape Henlopen State Park.
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