

**Coast Defense Study Group**  
**2017 Annual Conference: Harbor Defenses of New York**  
**March 28 to April 2, 2017 – Notice & Registration Form**

The annual CDSG conference will be held in the Harbor Defenses of New York. Check-in for the conference will start at 3:00 pm, Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at the Hampton Inn, Staten Island, NY. The orientation program will begin at 7:00 pm that evening. On Friday, we will move to the Comfort Inn at Middletown, NJ. The annual meeting and banquet will be held Saturday evening.

New York had harbor defenses from colonial times through World War 2. Several second and third-system forts are still standing, and we will visit at least four masonry fortifications. We will see fortifications from the immediate post-colonial period (Castle Clinton was built in 1808), a 12-inch training mortar, a 12-inch naval rifle, two 20-inch Rodman cannons, two functioning 6-inch M1900 rifles of Battery Gunnison/New Peck, and Battery Lewis with its recently acquired 16-inch rifle.

To attend the conference, you must be a current member of CDSG or the Army Ground Forces Association (AGFA). Because the conference is early in 2017, please pay your 2017 CDSG dues when you see the notice in the November 2016 Newsletter, or pay through the website at that time.

This will be an expensive conference; we will be in the New York City metropolitan area. At most of our recent conferences, the hotel has provided our conference room at no charge. For this conference, we will pay for the conference room, although at a substantial discount. We plan to use buses on two days because of traffic and significant bridge tolls. We plan to provide two lunches because there will be few options near some of the locations. This results in a conference fee of \$175. (If you already paid the \$95 deposit as previously requested, we will contact you directly.)

**To register for the conference you must do THREE things:**

**BEFORE 21 February 2017 (for foreign nationals, 17 January 2017),** complete the registration form on the back of this notice, and mail it to Shawn Welch with \$175 fee per person. **THESE ARE THE DATES BY WHICH SHAWN MUST RECEIVE YOUR REGISTRATION.** This fee includes the cost of the annual banquet. If you have a guest attending only the banquet, please include an additional \$40 for the banquet. If you plan to give a presentation, please provide your topic and estimated time, either with the form or in an email to Shawn at [shawnwelch@outdrs.net](mailto:shawnwelch@outdrs.net).

**BEFORE 28 February 2017,** reserve your room at Hampton Inn, 1120 South Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10314. The hotel has a special room rate of \$139 PER NIGHT. (With taxes, your daily charge will be approximately \$163.) Reserve by calling the hotel directly at **(718)-477-1600** between 8 am and 5 pm Eastern time. Use group code **“C-CDS.”** Unless you are arriving early or staying later, the arrival date is Tuesday, March 28, 2017, and the departure date is Friday, March 31, 2017.

**BEFORE 28 February 2017,** reserve your room at Comfort Inn, 750 State Route 35 South, Middletown, NJ 07748. The hotel has a special room rate PER NIGHT, \$98 for two queen beds, \$94 for one king, or \$90 for one queen. (With taxes, your daily charge will be between \$105 and \$115 per night.) Reserve by calling the hotel directly at **(732) 671-3400** and stating you are with the **“CDSG 2017 Conference.”** Unless you are arriving early or staying later, the arrival date is Friday, March 31, 2017, and the departure date is Sunday, April 2, 2017.

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For the 2017 CDSG conference at New York, we need to collect personal information beyond what we normally collect, in order to clear conference attendees to enter Fort Hamilton, an active US Army facility, and the US Coast Guard base at Fort Hancock. Please complete and mail this form with conference fee of \$175 (checks payable to Shawn Welch) to:

Shawn Welch  
1059 Third Avenue  
Hellertown, PA 18055

**Shawn must receive your registration form and fee by**  
**US nationals: February 21, 2017**  
**Foreign nationals: January 17, 2017**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (required by US Army/USCG): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (for CDSG use): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (for CDSG use): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (for CDSG use): \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a foreign national, military affiliation, if any (required by US Army):

PHOTO COPY THE FRONT AND BACK OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION DIRECTLY ONTO THIS FORM BELOW.

US active or retired military: use your US military ID.

Other US nationals: use the identification you use for commercial air travel.

Foreign nationals: use the page of your passport that includes your photo and signature. If you require a visa to enter the United States, include copy of the visa.

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