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# CDSG Newsletter



The Coast Defense Study Group, Inc. — February 2012



## Chairman's Letter

Chris Zeeman

Greetings and welcome to 2012! The beginning of the New Year is a great time to reflect on the past one, and look with expectation towards the new. 2011 was a great year for Coast Artillery - there are many active projects on both coasts. In the West, the folks at Puget Sound, Fort MacArthur, and the volunteers at Battery Townsley in San Francisco continue to make great strides in restoration. In fact the volunteers at Townsley have been honored by the Park Service with the Hartzog Award for their outstanding efforts. On the East Coast, a number of projects are also taking place. At Fort Adams, the "Open the Fort" project has commenced. This project involves nearly \$2 million in improvements to the old fort itself. At Fort Mott, in New Jersey, the State has repaired the concrete of Battery Arnold, certainly an expensive undertaking. Fort Miles has also continued to improve and expand the interpretation at their site.

The CDSG itself was able to make a number of contributions in 2011. First and foremost, CDSG members have, as usual, been very generous with their time in supporting the local sites. 2011 saw the successful completion of the CDSG Fund's Redoubt Staircase project at Fort Adams. This partnership between the Fort Adams Trust, the CDSG Fund, and our membership was able to stabilize this unique resource for future restoration. In addition - under the watchful eye of Terry McGovern, the CDSG was able save a couple of 16" guns that the Navy was going to scrap. One barrel is earmarked for a site on each coast - Battery Townsley in San Francisco and Fort Miles in Delaware. Even more encouraging is the fact that the CDSG Fund's financial challenge to the membership was met in record time.

The combined efforts last year of private museums, government agencies, and volunteer groups is very impressive, but I encourage the members to continue this good work in 2012. A number of challenges lay ahead in the coming year. The future of Fort Monroe and Fort Terry, for example, will need to be closely monitored. I encourage all members to make a resolution to become more involved. Join a volunteer group, support the CDSG Fund's efforts, or simply visit events in your area. Please consider joining the CDSG Representative program. Serve as our "eyes and ears" in your local area and let us know what's going on by contributing to the newsletter or our web-based messaging methods.

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## Preservation Committee Report

Gordon Bliss

2011 Year in Review

Fort Monroe continues to be the single largest preservation issue this past year. With the proclamation of Fort Monroe as a National Monument the preservation of the old fortress part of

## CDSG Meeting and Tour Calendar

Please advise Terry McGovern of any additions or changes at [tcmcgovern@att.net](mailto:tcmcgovern@att.net).

Coast Defense Study Group Annual Conference

May 15-20, 2012

Great Lake Forts

John Weaver, [jrweaver@purdue.edu](mailto:jrweaver@purdue.edu)

Coast Defense Study Group Annual Conference

May 2013

Pensacola/Mobile

David Ogden, [david\\_ogden@nps.gov](mailto:david_ogden@nps.gov)

Coast Defense Study Group Special Tour

June 2013

Norway

Terry McGovern, [tcmcgovern@att.net](mailto:tcmcgovern@att.net)

## Other Meetings and Tours

March 31, 2012

Menno van Coehoorn Meeting

Den Helder

Fritz van Horn [fritsvanhorn@hetnet.nl](mailto:fritsvanhorn@hetnet.nl)

April 20-30, 2012

Great Fortress Tour Romania

Private Fortress/Bunker Tour

Hans-Rudolf Neumann, [hrv.neumann@t-online.de](mailto:hrv.neumann@t-online.de)

May 13-19, 2012

The Netherlands

Fortress Study Group Overseas Tour

[bill\\_clements@btinternet.com](mailto:bill_clements@btinternet.com)

May 17-20, 2012

INTERFEST Annual Tour

Keil, Germany

[brouwers@t-online.de](mailto:brouwers@t-online.de)

June 1-2, 2012

Menno van Coehoorn Tour

Oostenge, Belgium

Fritz van Horn [fritsvanhorn@hetnet.nl](mailto:fritsvanhorn@hetnet.nl)

June 14-17, 2012

Lexington, VA USA

Council on Americ'a Military Past Annual Conference

Martin Gordon, [martinkgordon@gmail.com](mailto:martinkgordon@gmail.com)

<p>August 31- September 3, 2012 Falmouth, England Fortress Study Group Annual Conference Alistair Graham Kerr, psgeditor@hotmail.com</p> <p>Sept. 13 - 17, 2012 Channel Islands Assn Saint Maurice d'Etudes Militaire Tour Luc Fellay, lucfellay@bluewin.ch</p> <p>October 6-7, 2012 International Fortification Forum Congress Toul, France Regis Berger, fort@ville-le-sec.com</p> <p>October 13, 2012 Koblenz Deutsche Gesellschaft für Festungsforschung Annual Meeting Andreas Kupka, anja.reichert@uni-trier.de</p>	<p>February 2013 Great Fortress Tour to India/Rajasthan Private Fortress/Bunker Tour Hans-Rudolf Neumann, hrv.neumann@t-online.de</p> <p>May 2013 Defenses of Southern Italy Private Tour Christian Casartelli, casac@netcourrier.com</p> <p>May 2013 Council on America's Military Past Annual Conference Dayton, OH Martin Gordon, martinkgordon@gmail.com</p> <p>Sept 2013 Kustrin, Germany Deutsche Geseilschaft fur Festungs Annual Meeting Andreas Kupka, anja.reichert@uni-trier.de</p>
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Fort Monroe and the northern area of the post seems secure but the future of the two important Endicott batteries and some of the other significant structures outside the fortress, such as the former Coast Artillery School buildings is less certain. The CDSG is working to get Batteries Parrott and Irwin included in the boundaries. With the National Monument proclamation, it seems likely that legislation to make Fort Monroe a full National Park will be deferred. Information on Fort Monroe, including current and future events and meetings can be found on the Fort Monroe Authority website at [www.fmauthority.com](http://www.fmauthority.com). The Army officially turned over Fort Monroe to the Commonwealth of Virginia this past year but they have not taken full control yet. The CDSG will be following progress on this and looking to provide input when and where we are able to.

In San Francisco, several items of note have taken place. At Battery Godfrey, near the Golden Gate Bridge, volunteers have succeeded in re-activating the original lighting system. In addition they have rehabilitated an original projectile hoist and done other interior work on the battery. My congratulations to Greg Jennings and Morgan Ford for this work. My congratulations also to the volunteers at Battery Townsley who received a significant National Park Service award for their work there. Though it may be some time before it can be installed in Battery Townsley, the NPS has arranged to save one of the 16-inch gun barrels stored in Nevada that the Navy was selling for scrap. The plan is to display it in the Fort Cronkhite cantonment area until it can be brought up to the battery. And the Doyle Drive/Presidio Parkway project continues to move forward - further information on this project can be found at [www.presidioparkway.org](http://www.presidioparkway.org).

At Fort Adams in Newport, RI, the stabilization of the unique double-spiral staircase in the advanced redoubt was completed. A group of volunteers working with the Fort Adams Trust has been clearing vegetation from areas of the main fort and the advanced redoubt. In addition, in the past few months the Fort Adams Trust has contracted for extensive vegetation clearance on the outer works of the main fort. This has been largely completed and it is something to see the extensive outer works without the overgrowth they have had for so long.

At Fort Ebey (HD of Puget Sound) a group of volunteers are cleaning and working on the plotting room, installing new floor tiles and other interior fixtures. My thanks to Steve Kobylk for this.

In Oahu, there are a number of efforts going on, from saving a pre-fab concrete pillbox to cleaning graffiti and rubbish, to interpretive signage. My thanks to John Bennett for providing info on these.

Plans to transfer the Pulpit Rock FC tower (a round tower part of the HD of Portsmouth NH) to the Town of Rye Historical Commission have advanced with the passing of a town warrant. The Friends of Pulpit Rock Tower have been raising money for the cleanup and preservation of the tower and also need to raise enough to ensure repairs to the exterior concrete before the town can accept ownership. Fortunately the current owners (New Hampshire Fish & Wildlife) have not put any time restriction on this. Further information can be found at the friend's website at [www.friendsofpulpitrock.org](http://www.friendsofpulpitrock.org).

On the down side, the demolition of selected buildings at Fort Andrews (HD of Boston) has been completed but I don't know if any of the preservation or stabilization work planned for the remaining buildings has been done. I intend to visit there this spring to see exactly what has been done there.

The "Endangered Coast Defense Sites" webpage has been set up with an initial group of sites. I haven't received much feedback on this and the list hasn't changed this past year. I am always interested in hearing from those with comments or suggestions on sites to be added to the list and am looking to update the list this year.

#### Biennial Preservation Soapbox

My message this time is pretty much the same as for the previous soapbox - it is a welcome development that I can talk about more than just saving sites and structures from demolition and can now talk about examples of restoring the interiors and operating details to fully show how they once were. The fact that I can say this again two years later is particularly welcome as it shows that the previous efforts weren't just isolated examples and there

continues to be a number of interior and functional restoration projects underway. We have a lot of empty and bare concrete out there and dark interiors in most of it. Making some of them more accessible, looking more like their original appearance, and with some of the equipment originally present could make them more interesting to a broader audience and expand interest in the subject. I look forward to being able to report on even more projects and progress in the next two years.

Some of the locations I have reported on I have only originally heard about because a member forwarded me notice or information about it. So if you hear of a threat, or even a potential threat, to a coast defense site, please let me know about it. And I would also appreciate follow-ups if you hear of changes or updates – I try to track the items I hear about, but sometimes I miss a follow-up.

If you have a preservation issue, or for further information on any of the items I've mentioned, contact the Preservation Committee Chair, Gordon Bliss, at [preservation@cdsg.org](mailto:preservation@cdsg.org).

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## Coast Defense Study Group Press Annual Update

Terrance McGovern, Chairman

### 2011 Reviewed

The **CDSG Press** only exists because of the volunteer efforts of its committee members. We need to thank all current the members of the CDSG Press - Mark Berhow, Terry McGovern, Jon Prostak, Tom Kavanagh, and Tom Batha for their long-term volunteer work for our organization.

We have added "Volume 25" (2011) of the *Coast Defense Journal* and *CDSG Newsletter* to our list of back issues at a \$55 price. Additionally, Mark Berhow has updated the entire *Journal/News* collection on a DVD, which represents over 10,000 pages of coast defense material for only \$55. Once you purchase this DVD, *CDSG Publications 1985-2011*, you can buy yearly updates for only \$10 upon the return of previous DVD. Mark has also added several electronic products (RCW, engineer notebooks, quartermaster records, and annexes) under our *CDSG ePress* label in PDF format (see references page at our web site, [www.cds.org](http://www.cds.org)) for a price of \$50 per DVD or \$10 per CD. We also offer a complete collection of all harbor defense document digital files for \$250. These 10 DVDs provide to you a collection of the key National Archives coast defense documents that rivals Bolling Smith's collection without all the paper. These are great reference items and will help you write articles for the CD Journal. We also added the conference notes from the *Narragansett Bay Conference* to our list of past conferences/tours notes for \$50 on one DVD.

Here is a summary of reprint efforts to date: Our 2011 project, *Artillerists and Engineers* has sold 54 books on demand through Lulu.com, while we sold 55 hard copies (80%) to date out of a press run of 69. Our 2007 project, *Endicott-Taft Report* has sold 232 books/plates (55%) to date out of a press run of 427. Our 2004 project, *American Seacoast Defenses – 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition* (ASDII) has sold 470 books (93%) to date out of a press run of 503. Our 2001 reprint project, *American Coast Artillery Material* has sold 254 units (63%) to date out of 404 books printed. Our 1998 reprint

book, *Permanent Fortification and Seacoast Defenses* which covers the Third System of U.S. fortifications has sold 194 units (56%) out of a press run of 344. Our 1997 reprint, *Service of Coast Artillery* has sold 296 units (56%) out of 532 printed. Our 1996 reprint book, *Seacoast Artillery Weapons*, has sold 411 copies (100%) out of our press run of 411. We have sold a total of 345 copies (97%) of our 1994 reprint book, *Notes on Seacoast Fortification Construction*, out of our total press run of 356.

As you can see from the paragraph above we have sold out of *Seacoast Artillery Weapons*. We do not have any plans to reprint this book at this time, but we do have a special 20 unit reserve of this book that we can draw upon to provide copies for the foreseeable future. We are also offering the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of *American Seacoast Defenses* in digital format (PDF) for \$40 via FTP file transfer.

We have been donating our remaining stock of the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the ASD to coast defense site owners to help educate them about our favorite subject. Please provide to Terry McGovern the contact information for site owners that would benefit from having a copy of the ASD. You should also consider donating your own 1<sup>st</sup> edition (once you purchase the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition) to non-members to encourage them to join the CDSG.

### 2012 Plans

The CDSG Press has published our first "print on demand" book through Lulu.com, an internet provider of books, in 2011. By using this method we do not need to pre-sell the book to insure we have enough funds to cover about half of the print run. Members (and the general public) can order through Lulu's website using a credit card and the book will be printed and delivered in a few weeks. *Artillerist and Engineers: the Beginnings of American Seacoast Fortifications, 1794-1815* by Col. Arthur Wade which is his doctoral dissertation covering the development of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> coastal fortification systems during the early days of the United States. Our experience with "print on demand" will lead to other such titles. Please purchase a copy.

The CDSG Press is working on companion volume to the *American Seacoast Defenses*. This publication will be a *Guide to Modern American Seacoast Forts (1885-1950)*. This work (ASF) will focus on the history, key features, location, and the current status/access of each American coast defense fort (using site maps and old & current aerial photos). The book will also include an introduction, battery listing, and sources. Terry McGovern is assembling this work with Mark Berhow providing his excellent layout skills. Once we finish the 1<sup>st</sup> draft, we will be circulating it to various regional CDSG members for their review and comments. Please contact Terry McGovern at [tcmgovern@att.net](mailto:tcmgovern@att.net) if you have information about your local fort or forts that you want to include and/or if you would like to review the manuscript.

We planning to publish (hardcopy version) the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of *American Seacoast Defenses* at the same time we offer the *Guide to Modern American Seacoast Forts (1885-1950)*. We have sold almost 95% of our stock of this excellent reference guide. Mark has been updating and expanding the range of coast defense information for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition (its available now in digital form). By offering both ASD and ASF at the same time we can reduce production and shipping costs and you will have the most up-

to-date information on your favorite subject.

Several proposals have been offered for future new CDSG Press projects. One such proposal is a collection of rare ordnance photographs and drawings from the archives of the Aberdeen Proving Grounds. This publication would be professionally printed and bound which will allow for high quality grey scale and/or color illustrations (not currently possible in the *Coast Defense Journal*). Another proposal is a "then and now" photograph book of various U.S. forts, with a goal to promote the preservation of these rare sites. We ask our membership to keep offering new ideas for the CDSG Press.

We plan to add "Volume 26" (2012) of the *Coast Defense Journal* and *CDSG Newsletter* to our list of back issues for a price of \$55. While the CDSG Press does not print new works on coast defenses authored by our members at this time, the Redoubt Press will publish such works. Please contact Terry McGovern at [tcmcgovern@att.net](mailto:tcmcgovern@att.net) or 703/934-3661 (work) if you have such a title that you would like to be considered.



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### CDSG Special Tour - Fort Adams

Sunday, April 1, 2012

Chris Zeeman

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I would like to invite the members of CDSG to visit Fort Adams to view the nearly \$2 million worth of improvements to the work. Non-historic features including fences and hedges have been removed from the interior of the fort. Casemates and bastions have been cleared of rubble and debris. Also not to be missed is the newly cleared outer works. See the extensive land defenses of Fort Adams as they have not been seen in 60 years! This will be your best opportunity to view the outer works before the growing season starts. Also included in the tour will be the Advanced Redoubt. Plan to meet at the Redoubt/Jail by the main gate of the Fort at 9 AM.

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### CDSG 2012 Annual Business Meeting

The CDSG Annual Business Meeting will be held at 8 P.M. on Friday, May 18, at the Niagara Residence and Conference Centre, 137 Taylor Road SS#4, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario L0S 1J0,. The annual Dinner Banquet precedes the Business Meeting - same location, at 7 P.M.

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### Board of Directors Nomination Committee Seek Candidates

Nominations are being sought for members to run in the May 2012 election for a three year term on the CDSG Board of Directors, beginning in October 2012. Please contact nominations committee members Charles Bogart, Tom Kavanaugh, or Steven Kobylk with your nominations.



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### CDSG 2012 Annual Membership List

The 2012 CDSG membership list will be published in May. Please send updated email and mailing address to the Membership Chairman, Alan Hardey, so we can publish the most up-to date guide we can.

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### Fortress Study Group (FSG)

The Fortress Study Group continues to upgrade its services and products. Besides hosting an annual conference in Great Britain, and an annual European study tour, they have upgraded their quarterly magazine *Casemate* to a quality color magazine and brought back on schedule their yearly journal *FORT*. Recently, the organization has substantially upgraded their website at [www.fsgfort.com](http://www.fsgfort.com). The attractive site has information on the FSG and its activities and publications, as well as a very nice introduction to fortifications webpage (<http://www.fsgfort.com/fortification.html>) with a number of downloadable PDF articles culled

from the various FSG publications. It is well worth checking out. Future plans include making the digitized versions of past FSG publications available to its members via the member only pages. The latest issue of the Casemate covers recent and future events for the group news from forts, as well as 12 trip reports and nearly 20 book/magazine reviews.

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## About the CDSG Representatives

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The CDSG Board feels that the CDSG Representative program is a very important function of our organization. Exactly what the heck is a CDSG Representative, and what are you supposed to do?

What we would like you to do initially is visit your sites at least twice a year. In addition, we would like you to fill out a Site Visit Report. Please get as much information as possible. If we left out something you feel is important on the form, please add it in any manner you feel appropriate. Please fill out one form for each site, and new form for each visit. The idea is that we would like you to update this information over time as things change: sites are altered, structures are removed or restored, new sites managers come on board, events are held at the site, and any other stuff you feel important. You get the idea, a survey of things you feel are important about your site. When you have completed the form send it to me and your information will be put into a database.

Once you have done your first site visit and report, you can claim your reward. A free copy of either the CDSG CD ROM or a copy of *American Seacoast Defenses a Reference Guide*. It is our hope that either of these gifts will be of use to you when you visit your sites in the future.

Your second mission is to show the flag for the CDSG. We would like you to introduce the CDSG to the people at your site. Be sure to tell them about the CDSG publications, show them some examples if they are interested, and tell them about the CDSG web site.

As most every park and historic site is invariably short on funds, one of your most useful «levers» would be to make the site management aware that the CDSG may have funds available for projects at their site. Obviously, only the CDSG Board can make any commitment of funds, but you can help them prepare a proposal.

We also have a package of material for you to use in the course of your visits to your respective sites. There are copies of the CDSG membership brochures, the CDSG poster, CDSG Press offerings, and some samples of the *CD Journal* that you can distribute to interested parties. You may make as many copies of these items as you want, but we only have a few extra copies of the Journal, so distribute those with discretion.

If you have questions, comments, suggestions or problems with any of this, let me know, nothing is written in stone here and if something doesn't work for you let me know.

What is important is that you keep a continuous flow of information about your sites coming in to the CDSG. We think this will help both the sites and our membership.

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## CDSG Fund Report 2011

Terrance McGovern

The CDSG Fund supports the efforts of the Coast Defense Study Group, Inc., by raising funds for preservation and interpretation of American seacoast defenses. The CDSG Fund is seeking donations for preservation projects supporting its goals. Donations are tax-deductible for federal tax purposes as the CDSG is a 501(c)(3) organization, and 100% of your gift will go to project grants. Major contributions are acknowledged annually. Make checks or money orders payable in US funds to: Coast Defense Study Group Fund or the CDSG Fund. The trustees for the fund are Terry McGovern, Mark Berhow, and Alan Harday.

The Fund is always seeking proposals for the monetary support of preservation and interpretation projects at public parks and museums. A one-page proposal briefly describing the site, the organization doing the work, and the proposed work or outcome should be sent to the address below. Successful proposals are usually distinct projects rather than general requests for donations. Ideally we desire to fund several \$500 grants per year. Upon conclusion of a project a short report suitable for publication in the newsletter is requested.

During 2011 the Fund's primary gift was \$2,050 to the Fort Miles Historical Association to help pay the transportation cost of moving a 16-inch/50 Mark 7 barrel from St. Juliens Creek Naval Annex, Norfolk, Virginia, to Cape Henlopen State Park in Delaware. The former Fort Miles had Battery Smith that mounted similar 16-inch barrels during World War II. The FMHA has raised a total of \$130k to move the 70 foot barrel that weighs in at about 120 tons the roughly 175 miles. The CDSG Fund provided \$1,000 and the balance was donated by individual members to the CDSG Fund. The CDSG Fund also provide funding during the year for two work parties at Fort Washington National Park in Maryland to rent power tools to remove trees and other vegetation from Battery Emory and Battery Many.

The Fund again recognized the efforts of CDSG volunteers by hosting a dinner at the annual conference in Newport, Rhode Island. We also continued a program to supply public fort sites with copies of our publications to aid their understanding and preservation of the structures in their care.

The CDSG Fund received \$3,306 in gifts during 2011 while making \$2,848.01 in grants, leaving the Fund with a balance of \$7,285.71 at the end of 2011. The Fund trustees and Board of Directors wish to publicly thank the following individuals for making contributions to the Fund during the 2011 calendar year:

Binau, Douglas	Bogart, Charles
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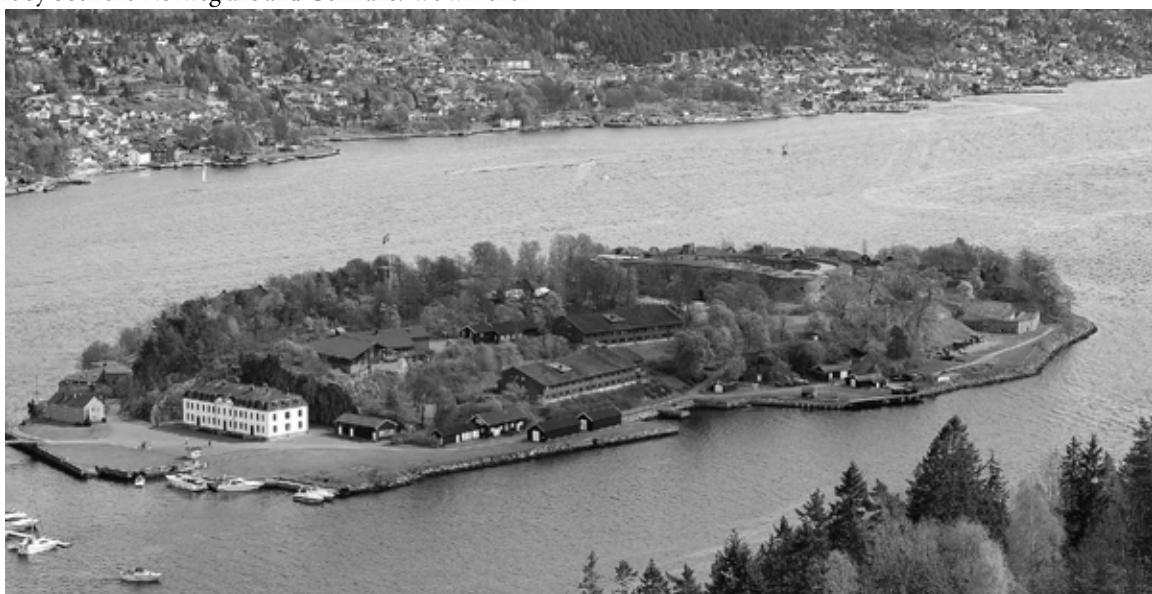
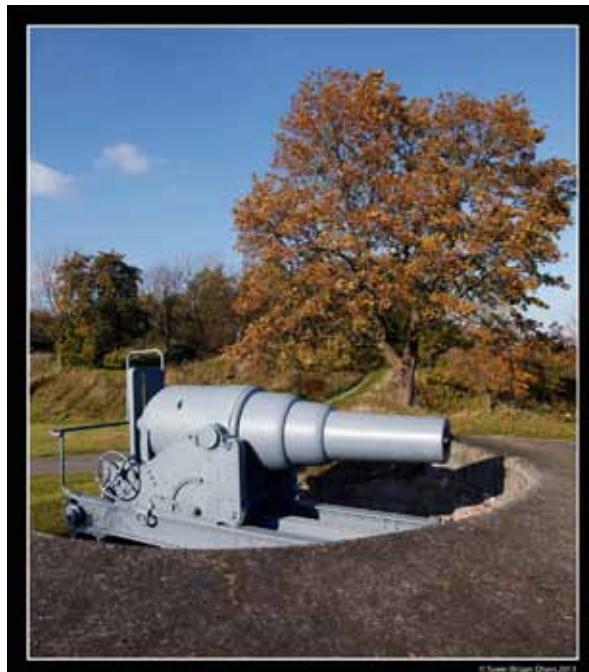
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### **Special CDSG Tour to the Coast Defenses of Norway in June 2013**

Terrance McGovern

Our long-time CDSG member in Norway, Svein Wiiger Olsen, has agreed to work with me to organizing a special CDSG tour to the Coast Defenses of Norway for the second half of June 2013. This once in a lifetime tour will visit the world's best collection of surviving coast artillery. As you might be aware, the Germans built or converted existing Norwegian defenses into over 280 coast defense batteries mounting over 1,000 guns in Norway during World War II. Many of these Atlantic Wall defenses were taken over by the Norwegian army and maintained until the 1960s. As a result an excellent collection of coast artillery remains today. The purpose of this tour is to visit as many of these "big guns" as possible, as well as some wonderful coast defenses around the Oslofjord. These dozen big guns (all bigger than 11-inch) are located throughout the country so travel times are long and costs will be high.

The tentative schedule is to begin our tour in Oslo and use rental cars and boats to travel to Oscarsborg with its four big guns and many smaller weapons including the torpedo battery that sank a German heavy cruiser in 1940. The entire length of the fjord has defenses built by both the Norwegians and Germans. We will then





motor to Kristiansand, stopping a several batteries along the way. In Kristiansand, we will visit Battery Vara with its 14-inch gun and its casemated bunker, as well as several other forts in the area. The next target will be Trondheim and its U-boat bunkers, via airplane from Kristiansand. We will then visit the triple 11-inch naval turret from the *Gneisenau* at Orland. We will then fly on to Harstad/Narvik area, which has several fascinating batteries that we will visit, but the main attraction will be the four 16-inch guns at Battery Trondenes. Harstad will be the end of the tour and you can return to Oslo to fly home. Along the way, we hope to visit as many of the 6-inch guns and 5-inch guns that survive today, as well as the more modern 75mm and 120mm guns of Norwegian coastal defense.

The summer cost to fly to Norway from the Washington, D.C. area is about \$1,250 (round-trip, coach). The in-country cost (hotels, rental cars, food, boats, and airplanes) is estimated to be \$2,500. The tour will around 10 days long plus flight time to and from Norway. All CDSG members that would like to attend this tour please let me know as soon as possible at:

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McLean, Virginia 22101 USA  
[tcmcgovern@att.net](mailto:tcmcgovern@att.net)  
703-934-3661

There will be only a limited number of slots for this tour, so don't delay in telling me of your interest. Attendance will be on a "first come, first served" basis.

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## Philippine Government to Restore Historic Cine Corregidor

By Iris C. Gonzales  
*The Philippine Star*  
Updated November 06, 2011 12:00 AM

MANILA, Philippines—The government will spend P25 million to restore the historical Cine Corregidor Complex in Bataan, the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) said in a statement over the weekend.

Budget and Management Secretary Florencio Abad said the move is part of government efforts to preserve the country's cultural heritage.

"The Aquino administration recognizes the importance of preserving historical sites like Corregidor. Apart from preserving our cultural heritage, such also supports our bid to boost tourism in the country," Abad said.

According to DBM, the P25-million allocation will be released to the Department of Tourism (DOT) Region IV.

The DOT is in charge of the structural retrofitting of the Cine Corregidor Building and peripheral works which would include concreting of access roads, installation of solar lamp posts and the rehabilitation of the Pacific War Museum using solar panels for its solar power supply system.

Abad said the completion of the project is necessary because of the growing number of tourists visiting the area.

There is a seven-percent increase in the number of tourist arrivals in Corregidor, to 76,224 in 2011 from 70,891 in 2010, Abad said.

The Aquino administration is restoring the historical structures in Corregidor Island because some parts have been damaged by recent typhoons.

"The ruins of Corregidor buildings, structures, tunnels and what's left with the Allied Forces' armory remind tourists of that fateful day in history that claimed many innocent lives," Abad said.

According to historical accounts, when the Japanese invaded the Philippines in December 1941, the military force under the command of Gen. Douglas MacArthur carried out a delaying action at Bataan.

Corregidor Island thus became the headquarters of the Allied forces and also the seat of the Philippine Commonwealth government.

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### **History buried at Fort Williams Park**

The park's charitable foundation plans to explore the possibility of uncovering a buried gun battery.

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Portland Press Herald

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Joe Edgar says much more interesting things are under those visitors' feet.

Edgar is a director of the Fort Williams Charitable Foundation, which has raised more than \$36,000 for an engineering study to determine whether a buried section of the gun battery—which includes the ammunition magazines, plotting rooms, and space for tool storage, generators and latrines—can stand the stress of being uncovered.

That lower section of the battery and an adjacent gun emplacement were covered nearly 40 years ago when the town used fill taken from a sewer project to create some of the small rises and large fields that now draw thousands to the 90-acre park. Many of the hills closest to the coast were, in fact, created or enhanced when the concrete gun batteries were covered.

Battery Blair was covered over for aesthetic and safety reasons, Edgar said. Children liked climbing over and through the structure, and the town was worried about injuries and liability.

But, Edgar said, the popularity of the park as a recreational area, with its beach, a soccer field, a hill favored by kite-fliers and a dramatic waterfront cliff walk, is overshadowing its heritage as a military installation.

"The park is here because of the military," he said, and without the fort—and the town's decision to buy it in 1964 after its decommissioning—the area would surely be dotted today with expensive waterfront homes.

Edgar and Steve Bates, the president of the foundation, said the engineering study will help determine whether it's feasible to uncover the lower part of the battery. They said engineers will take core samples to determine the condition of the concrete; informal inspections have suggested that it's still in good shape.

Bates said the burial may have helped preserve that section of the battery, by sheltering it from the coastal weather.

Edgar said the study also will look at what might be needed to make the lower section of the battery an attraction for visitors, many of whom go to the park to see Portland Head Light, just a short walk from the battery.

He said the rooms below the guns were important to their operation. The 12-inch guns could fire projectiles that weighed nearly 1,000 pounds as far as 10 miles out to sea.

Although the fort was a key part of the defense of Portland Harbor, its guns were never fired in battle. The two guns at Battery Blair were test-fired on Dec. 8, 1941—the day after Pearl Harbor was attacked—and the shock wave blew out the walls of some garages that had been built nearby, according to a town history of the fort.

The engineering study will include an estimate of the cost of uncovering all of the battery and how much it might cost to restore it and turn it into a historic attraction, Edgar said.

Bates said he could offer no informal estimate, but it likely will exceed \$1 million.

Edgar said there's no deadline for the report to be completed. He said the borings for core samples might be done before the ground freezes, and research would be done this winter.

William Nickerson, chairman of the town-appointed Fort Williams Advisory Commission, said any effort to restore the buried section of Battery Blair will have to be funded privately.

He noted that other groups are raising money to try to save the park's crumbling Goddard Mansion and pay for a series of arborets and pathways being installed throughout the park.

The town recently adopted a fee for tourist buses to help offset maintenance costs at the park. Last year, it sold space to food vendors for the first time. The Town Council and residents have repeatedly rejected efforts to charge for parking or collect other fees from park visitors.

Nickerson said that reinforcing the military heritage of Fort Williams is important. If the gun batteries and other installations are lost forever, he said, people will forget what was on the site before the town bought it.

"People think of it as 'Fort Williams,' but they don't think of it as a fort," he said, "they think of it as a park."

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### **New Book:**

*Fighting for MacArthur, the Navy and Marine Corps'*

*Desperate Defense of the Philippines*

John Gordon

This book was released in October by the Naval Institute Press at Annapolis. The announcement flyer is attached to this newsletter.

Of particular interest to your members is a chapter in the book entitled "The Artillery Duel"—a description of the artillery exchange between the Japanese artillery on Bataan and the coast defense guns on Corregidor, Fort Hughes, Drum, and Frank. I was fortunate in my research to have access to the Japanese of-

ficial history and I have included in my book an English-language version of the map from the Japanese official history that shows the positions of most of the Japanese artillery units on Bataan, and their ranges.

The chapter also includes various insights from US Army official records that are previously unpublished, such as an exact accounting of ammunition for the US Coast Artillery units and some of the specific amounts of ammunition that they expended on certain days against the Japanese 14th Army artillery on Bataan. The number of casualties that the Japanese admit to from US artillery fire is also included (via the Japanese official history).

I hope you and your members will find this very interesting. The reviews of the book have been very complementary so far, and I have already had about 10 book events including signings and presentations on the campaign. More events are scheduled for the new year. The books may be purchased from the Naval Institute Press or any book retailer.

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## **Fort Macomb in 2011**

Charles H Bogart

In 2002 the CDSG annual conference was held in New Orleans, Louisiana. Among the sites we visited was Fort Macomb, located at Chef Menteur Pass, just east of New Orleans. The fort is owned by the parish government. At the time of our visit the fort had been abandoned after suffering heavy damage in 1998 from Hurricane George. Since then no work has been performed



on the fort to stabilize it and it has suffered additional damage from two more hurricanes, Ivan in 2004 and Katrina in 2005.

When I visited the site of Fort Macomb in October 2011 the fort was abandoned and incased in foliage and protected from visitors by a water barrier. The outer brick waterline face of the fort is heavily eroded and vertical cracks in the wall appear to have widened since 2002 visit.

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## **Civil War Trust Park Day**

Charles H Bogart

Every year the Civil War Trust and the History Channel sponsor Park Day, a day in which volunteers take part in various preservation activities at different Civil War sites. This year the event will be held on March 31, 2012. CDSG would like to encourage its members to participate in this preservation event, and ask that they wear their CDSG T-shirts and take some membership applications. See the CDSG home page ([www.cds.org](http://www.cds.org)) for purchasing T-shirts and downloading membership applications. A number of coast defense forts and field fortification sites participate as co-sponsors of Park Day. For the location of a participating Civil War Park Day site near you, go to [www.civilwar.org/aboutus/events/park-day](http://www.civilwar.org/aboutus/events/park-day).

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## **Battleship Missouri Guns May Retire on Eastern Shore**

By Diane Tennant

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Alan Stanz became the visitor services manager at a wildlife refuge on the Eastern Shore in August 2009.

He knew the difference between a refuge and a national park having spent a few years in the Southwest as a seasonal volunteer, moving between parks.

He knew the Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuge was all about providing food and shelter for migrating birds and butterflies, rather than providing a great tourist experience.

But in the past few months, the refuge system has started to encourage historic preservation and interpretation on its lands, with an eye to bringing in more human visitors who will, it is hoped, begin loving the refuges the way they love the national parks.

When that happened, Stanz, who calls himself a "visionary," knew what to do.

It was time to bring in the big guns.

To be precise, the big gun barrel.

The 16-inch barrels Stanz has his eye on are 68 feet long and weigh 120 tons each. Three of them were on the battleship *Missouri* in 1945, when the Japanese surrendered on its deck at the end of World War II.

For much of the past 50 years, eight gun barrels -- from the battleships *Missouri*, *Iowa* and *New Jersey* -- have been sitting on a grassy spot at the Navy's St. Juliens Creek Annex in Chesapeake, gently rusting away.

For longer than that, the tip of the Eastern Shore has harbored its own relics of the war: concrete bunkers embedded in earth and a four-story fire-control tower. They were part of the refuge's predecessor on the site: Fort John Custis, a Coast Artillery base that had 16-inch guns like those on the battleships, plus other weaponry, all ready to defend the Chesapeake Bay from enemy vessels.

The empty bunkers called to Stanz, and so did Terrance McGovern, who last summer had emailed the refuge official on behalf of the nonprofit Coast Defense Study Group. McGovern told Stanz that the Navy was preparing to scrap the gun barrels at St. Juliens, unless good homes could be found for them.

Both men thought the wildlife refuge would be a very good home.

The national wildlife refuge is a "come-here" on the Shore. It has existed only since 1984, in a beachfront location settled by Europeans in the 1600s.

The military also has some history there. During World War I, Fisherman Island was host to 5-inch gun batteries. Around 1940, as another world war loomed and the nation started gearing up its coastal defenses, Fisherman Island became part of the brand-new Fort John Custis, which joined Fort Monroe and Fort Story in harbor defense.

The new fort, as was customary, was named after a deceased Army officer, in this case Brigadier Gen. E. Eveleth Winslow, a military engineer who fortified Honolulu and the Panama Canal. But the name was soon changed to Fort Custis in honor of local John Parke Custis, son of Martha Custis Washington and her first husband.

But Fort Custis was easily confused with Fort Eustis, so the name quickly changed again to Fort John Custis, which it remained until after the war and the big guns were removed. The Air Force took it over around 1950 and established the Cape Charles Air Force Station.

In 1980, the armed forces left, and within five years the land took on a new mission as a national wildlife refuge. Still in place were the remnants of its old concrete bunkers and empty gun batteries.

The Navy also has remnants of World War II, and in recent years it decided the battleship gun barrels stored at St. Juliens and in Hawthorne, Nev., no longer were needed, McGovern said during a recent phone interview.

The Northern Virginia resident who has written a small, heavily illustrated, reference book about the local forts called *The Chesapeake Bay at War!* began contacting various historical organizations and agencies, explaining that the Navy would arrange a long-term loan of the gun barrels to an appropriate home, if transportation and funding could be found.

And there's the rub.

Moving a gun barrel requires heavy-duty cranes capable of lifting 120 tons spread out over 68 feet, then a truck able to move such a load, then a nearby railroad that can support the weight and get it past power lines, intersections and bridges.

To get a barrel to the Eastern Shore would mean a trip across the Chesapeake Bay on a rail barge, then a short train ride, then another heavy-duty crane and truck to get it a few miles down U.S. 13 and out to the bunker.

Stanz estimates that it would cost \$200,000 to move and install one barrel, money the refuge doesn't have and the federal government isn't going to spend.

So now he has started fundraising.

Edward Richardson has lived on the Eastern Shore all his life. He was 10 years old when Pearl Harbor was bombed in 1941, on a cool Sunday morning as the Baptist church bell rang.

He remembers the buildup at Fort John Custis and walking the beaches in hopes of finding discarded military K and C rations that he could plunder for chewing gum and candy.

He also remembers the only time the big guns fired, a half-power test load heard clearly all across the lower Eastern Shore.

"Oh, yeah," Richardson said recently. "Windows rattled. I don't know how many broke. It just rattled everything."

Richardson works at the refuge now, and Stanz hopes to attract other WWII-era residents to help interpret the military history for visitors. He wants living history and a new walking trail that will lead past the tower used to search for enemy vessels offshore.

"There!" Richardson said, pointing out the window of his car toward the tower, which stands in an isolated part of the refuge off-limits, at the moment, to visitors. "Can you see it? You can't see it in the summertime."

Stanz the visionary, in his long-term dream for the refuge, also sees a segment of railroad track with an 8-inch rail gun standing on it, just like it used to in the 1940s.

Such small guns, Richardson recalled, were stationed on flatcars in what is now habitat for migrating birds. When the guns were fired, he said, they slid backward down the tracks even with their wheels locked.

The rail guns left when fort and firepower all became obsolete. Rail guns will cost money, too, and it is so true that time is money, and that both are in short supply.

By the time McGovern, acting for the Coast Defense Study Group, had notified people that the surplus gun barrels were available, the ones in Nevada had been turned into 3.6 million pounds of scrap metal, he said.

Auctioning of the St. Juliens barrels has been delayed to allow would-be adopters time to raise money. Fort Miles in Delaware, which began fundraising several years ago, is ready this spring to move its barrel. It wants one of the three that witnessed the Japanese surrender aboard the *Missouri*.

Arizona also wants a *Missouri* barrel, to go next to a gun from the state's namesake battleship, which was sunk at Pearl Harbor. If transportation can be figured out, the barrels together will represent the beginning and end of World War II.

Joint Expeditionary Base Fort Story in Virginia Beach would have liked to have a barrel, and the Norfolk Naval Station wanted the *Iowa* barrel to place next to a memorial for the 47 sailors killed in 1989 by an explosion in the ship's gun turret. But without a way to move the gun barrels, those plans have bogged down.

"If you go to see the *Missouri* or *Iowa* or *Wisconsin* now, you can see nine big barrels on the ships," McGovern said. "Those are not the ones that were in famous battles. You can only fire so many rounds before you have to replace it."

Most of the gun barrels on the ships were replaced during the 1950s, he said. The replacements are now on tourist attractions like Norfolk's battleship *Wisconsin*, while the original barrels from

the war years lie in a row at St. Juliens.

"Once they're gone, they're gone," McGovern said.

In mid-January, Stanz drove up to what looked, at a distance, like a smoothly symmetrical hill covered with tall grasses and spindly trees.

"This is the World War II bunker," he said.

The bunker has two short tunnels, as it were, each bisecting a cold, dark passageway running the length of the hill. It is fenced off now, but he imagines it lit up, with tourists walking through it, past side rooms where arms were stored and maps read and ships plotted.

"Eventually I'd like to see that opened up, if it can be done safely," he said. "There's still enough here to tell a great story."

The gun turrets are semi-circles peering out of the hillside, empty now and echoing. This is where Stanz envisions a gun barrel on display, its massive muzzle angled upward and an inert projectile, 65 inches tall and weighing 1,750 pounds, mounted to appear as though it has just been fired.

He has stepped off the distance that a 68-foot gun barrel would cover if it were sitting in the turret.

"If the breech was in the middle of that circle, the barrel would have been here in the edge of the woods," he said. "Boom! That way," and he looked east.

An observation platform has been built on top of the bunker, with 69 steps leading to it. From it, visitors can see the ocean, the bay, the marshes and the migratory birds that the refuge was intended to protect.

This site, for many years, has been about protection.

"It was important for the military and important for the wildlife," Stanz said. "There's something to be said for location, location, location."

A second hill, which was once the communications bunker for the fort, has been completely covered with dirt. The railway spurs, which held smaller guns, are gone.

Four people with spotting scopes and binoculars – birdwatchers -- moved to the side of the road as Stanz drove past.

"I know it's going to be hard," he said. "I know I've got a lot of hurdles. How in the world can we pull this off?"

Stanz has broached the subject with the Northampton County Board of Supervisors. He plans to pitch the idea to as many organizations and individuals as will listen.

"This will be a great tourism thing for the Eastern Shore," he said, back at refuge headquarters, surrounded by displays of carved duck decoys and stuffed specimens of the real thing, plus a sign leaning against a counter that read, "Working for Wildlife."

From its cold bunker set into the earth, the big gun of Fort John Custis could fire a 2,000-pound-plus projectile 25 miles.

In a way, it's exactly like the living history project Stanz has in mind. It's powerful, it's exciting and, until the fundraising gets rolling, it's a long shot.

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## News from Fort Adams

Chris Zeeman

I would like to take this opportunity to bring folks up to date on all the hard work that's been going on at Fort Adams in Newport, Rhode Island. We have a number of active projects going on - and we have been well-supported by local volunteers. The article below is not intended to be a complete list of work, or volunteer efforts. Hopefully I haven't offended anyone by omission!

### Masonry Repairs

A number of craftsmen have been busy repairing masonry around the fort. In the early Spring, Devillis Masonry repaired the walls flanking the interior of the East Gate. Over time, ground pressure had shifted the large blocks out of alignment. In addition, the men repaired chunks that had broken or split off from the wall. Their repairs are barely visible without close inspection.



In addition, a number of brick archways have been repaired. A number were repaired within the Northwest bastion (magazines). Also, work was done on some of the entrances to the crownwork, shown below.



Finally East Coast Construction has only recently completed a project atop the crown works itself. A section of the cordon along the west ramp was set back into proper position. Prior to the work, many of the huge blocks were hanging dangerous over the ramp.



As part of the same project, the Civil War / Rodman magazine on the Northwest demi-bastion of the crownwork was repaired. Earlier in the spring, volunteer cleaned the magazine of brush in preparation of the work. As can be seen from the photo, many of the blocks flanking the entrance to the magazine had shifted out of place.



The entrance to the magazine was completely taken apart, and put back together. The pictures below show the work in progress as well as the final result.



Crownwork



In addition to Larry, a local boy scout troop has also taken an interest in the crownworks. This fall, the scouts did brush clearing along the gun positions of the central bastion of the works. They did an outstanding job, and revealed emplacement not seen in some time. They even brought their own chipper!





Elsewhere around the Fort:

A number of other groups and organizations have donated their time to the fort. We are eternally grateful for all their efforts. A group from the Alton Jones program spent several days at the fort. They painted cannon, cleared debris, and went as far was sweeping the floor of the Advanced Redoubt.



Also, a large group of volunteers from Salve Regina helped clear the double staircase at the Redoubt of dirt and debris, cleared brush at the Southwest battery of the crownworks , and painted panels for the “Fortress of Nightmares” fund-raiser. A large number of Salve students also participated in the fund-raiser as spooks, ticket-takers, and guides.



Finally - a number of smaller projects have been completed, again, too many to list, but here are a couple of examples: Bill Corcraan of Newport Tents, in the "inner" West Wall ditch in July, attempting to "hold the line" against mother nature with his John Deere tractor:



In addition, a ramp extending from the outer ditch to the top of the outer wall was cleared by our site manager (Jack), our local chainsaw wizard (George), and several other volunteers. At one time, the salient place d'arms was located at the top of the ramp. Unfortunately, the works have been truncated at the top of the wall by the construction of navy housing.



#### The Future:

We are eagerly awaiting the start of our "Open The Fort" project. This project will involve nearly \$2 million dollars of work to stabilize the fort. Currently the project is out for bid, and work is expected to take place over the winter months. It is hoped that the project will be complete by the time the fort opens for the 2012 season. When complete, the parade field of the fort will be open to all visitors during normal park hours. Stay tuned for further updates! Also, we expect to continue our series of volunteer work days over the winter. Please watch the Yahoo Coast Defense list, or the CDSG message board for upcoming dates. Any and all members are welcome to stop by and view our progress in person, or even lend a hand!

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