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The Coast Defense Study Group, Inc. — Winter 2020

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#### Preservation Committee Report Year in Review 2019

Gordon Bliss

This past year I think there have been more positive developments than negative ones for a change.

Those attending the conference last year saw the current situation at Fort Monroe and the other Chesapeake defenses. There is still an opportunity to provide comments to the National Park Service regarding Battery DeRussy for those that toured there and I encourage anyone that can to do so. Since the conference, interpretive signs for Batteries Parrott and Irwin, to which the CDSG contributed funds, have been installed. Over at Fort Story, the navy has put on hold their original plans to demolish Battery 226 and one of the powder magazine buildings for 16-inch howitzer Battery Walke and may be looking at ways to re-use the structures.

The CDSG continues its involvement with a coalition of groups working to prevent Plum Island NY, site of Fort Terry, from being sold for development and to keep it as a nature preserve, along with preserving the remaining structures of Fort Terry. The Department of Homeland Security, the current agency in control, has agreed to a new environment impact study of the island and I have heard that they have somewhat lifted the ban on visits but I do not expect a CDSG group to be allowed there anytime soon. The state of New York has passed some measures in an effort to protect the island from development but no action has been taken in the US Congress. Until the lab actually moves to Kansas the situation is likely to remain unclear and all we can do right now is to continue to work in the direction that will keep Fort Terry at least as-is after the move happens, which may be in the next couple of years. I have heard that work on the facility in Kansas has accelerated.

At Fort Adams, volunteers continue to work to keep the outer works clear of excess vegetation and now that the Advanced Redoubt has also been almost totally cleaned up, it is getting periodic attention to keep it clear. They have also now cleared most of the Endicott batteries south of the main fort. Six-inch Battery Bankhead has been cleared of vegetation more than once and work is now being done to clear debris from the gun pits. Battery Talbot, 4.72-inch, has been mostly cleared and the vegetation around 3-inch Battery Belton has been cleared and the battery cleaned up. Mortar batteries Greene and Edgerton have been worked on in the past year to clear trees and other vegetation that has grown up on the slopes surrounding the battery, and good progress was made when I was there for a work party just last month. The only battery that has not been worked on is 10-inch Battery Reilly, and we hope that we will be allowed to do so this year.

A short follow-up on two items in the Boston area. At East Point in Nahant, Northeastern University's plan to expand their Marine

#### **CDSG Meeting and Tour Calendar**

Please advise Terry McGovern of any additions or changes at tcmcgovern@att.net

#### 2020 CDSG Conference

April 1-4, 2020 New Orleans Quentin Schillare, qschillare@kc.rr.com

#### 2021 CDSG Conference

April 21 - 25, 2021 Charleston/Savannah Gary Alexander, gary\_a\_alexander@nps.gov

#### 2021 CDSG Special Tour

September Sweden Terry McGovern, tcmcgovern@att.net

#### 2022 CDSG Special Tour

September Northern Poland Terry McGovern, tcmcgovern@att.net

#### Other Meetings and Tours

March 28, 2020 Fortress Study Group Members Day RAF Museum Cosford, UK David Page, chairman@fsgfort.com

May 3-13, 2020 Fortress Study Group Tour Ionian Sea/NW Greece Eric C.B. Cauchi, eric@eternalgreece.com

May 6-9, 2020 Council on America's Military Past Conference Baltimore Brigit Hart, bridgethshea@hotmail.com

> May 7-9, 2020 INTERFEST Annual Meeting Kehl, Germany Oliver Zauzig, zauzig@hotmail.com

May 8-17, 2020 ECCOFORT Study Tour Armenia Hans-Rudolf Neumann, hrv.neumannqt@online.de May 11 -14, 2020 AlbaVoyages Study Tour Metz, Verdun, Sedan, France Michel Truttmann, mtrut@club-internet.fr

June 7 - 11, 2020 Association Vauban Annual Congress Rochefort, France Charles Rofort, c.rofort@orange.fr

June 18 - 21, 2020 Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Festungforshung Study Tour Paris/Lille, France Andres Kupka, akupka@juelich.de

September 10 - 13, 2020 Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Festungforshung Annual Meeting Kufstein, Austria Andres Kupka, akupka@juelich.de

September 12-19, 2020 ECCOFORT/INTERFEST Study Tour Kotor, Montenegro Hans-Rudolf Neumann, hrv.neumannqt@online.de September 17 - 21, 2020 Assn Saint-Maurice d' Etudes Militaries Tour To Be Announced Pascal Bruchez, president@asmem.ch

October 16, 2020
International Fortress Council Annual Meeting
Luxemburg
Kees Neisingh, secretariat@internationalfortresscouncil.com

November 7, 2020 Fortress Study Group Members Day Birmingham, United Kingdom David Page, chairman@fsgfort.com

February 27-March 13, 2021 ECCOFORT Study Tour Morocco Hans-Rudolf Neumann, hrv.neumannqt@online.de

September 24 - 26, 2021 Deutsche Gesellschaft für Festungforshung Annual Meeting Wesel, Germany Andres Kupka, akupka@juelich.de

Science Lab there by adding a new building on top of Battery Murphy has drawn strong opposition from local residents and they are looking at alternatives that there may be less objection to. And at Halibut Point, the Massachusetts DCR has finished their rehabilitation of the fire control tower and attached barracks there.

An item that occurred in December 2018 but that I have only recently found out the details of is that the Spanish-American War concrete battery, two 8-inch MLR on 15-inch SB barbette carriages, built at St. Johns Bluff near Jacksonville, FL, was bought and turned over to the National Park Service. My thanks to Richard Wong for the details about this.

I believe that there are some items from this past year that I have missed. If you have information on one of these, please let me know and I will include it in next column. One of my New Year's resolutions is to keep better notes on preservation developments as I find out about them.

#### Annual Preservation Soapbox

This used to be my biennial preservation soapbox, but I have decided to make it an annual item so that hopefully it will remind people more often and reinforce the points I hope to make. Therefore, parts of this will be a repeat from last year and that includes the following part about volunteering.

Volunteering can start as simply as letting myself or the Representative Committee know of changes or activities going on at a local coast defense site that may have an effect on it. The Preservation and Representative Committees can get more involved in helping protect a site, but only if we know about it. There have times where we only learned about a structure being destroyed or buried after it has already happened. Many sites are part of parks and have a local friend's group or other community organization that supports it, even if it is primarily about the site as a part and

not about the fort. By being part of such a group, one can help others appreciate the coast defense aspects of the site. We can, and have many times, provided information to groups like this so they are more aware of what it is that they have and how to interpret it. Finally, some locations, either as part of a friend's group or more informally, have volunteer groups that actively go out and work on sites such as the one at Fort Adams that I mention in my reports. This can be simple cleanup and vegetation removal, going all the way up to structural repairs. Many of the best maintained and interpreted coast defense sites have an active volunteer group there that helps in doing so.

Another area that can help in information sharing for preservation is in tools and techniques that have proven useful. A lot of information sharing regarding historical and technical details of sites already goes on via the CD email list and other means, but one area I do not see or hear much about is ways of physically helping to preserve a site or structure. If a person or group has found a particular technique, tool, supply source, or other item that has helped them in maintaining or repairing a site or structure it would be good to share this around the CDSG as a whole. Though some of this is covered in the Preservation Handbooks that are available on the website, I am sure that some local groups have discovered particular tips that help them that are not generally known. We are a fairly small specialized community so there are not a lot of places one can find information directly applicable to us. On the other hand, sometimes one hears about an idea from a completely unrelated area that proves useful and those ideas are particularly good to pass on.

If you have a preservation issue or question, or for further information on any of the items I have mentioned, contact the Preservation Committee Chair, Gordon Bliss, at preservation@cdsg.org.

### Membership Retention Window is Still Open

Quentin W. Schillare, Membership Chair

A good way to keep the Coast Defense Study Group healthy is to retain current members. As of this writing we have 75% of our 2019 membership renewed for 2020. My experience as membership chair has reinforced the truism of the 75-25 rule: that 75% of the effort is required to complete the last 25% of the activity. We need that last 25%.

Robust membership enables us to financially support our publications, the website, the annual conference, special tours, collection of research materials, outreach to like-minded historical organizations, and other activities. We are an organization run by volunteers and the more members we have the more we can spread the work to maintain quality and quantity of our programs.

So, its renewal time. If you are in that last 25%, renew online at our website (https://cdsg. org/) by clicking the Join link in the upper left of the homepage or mail me a check made out to the CDSG, to CDSG Renewals, 24624 W 96th Street, Lenexa, KS 66227-7285. While you are at it, we are all recruiters. Find new members to add to our numbers.

### 2020 Nominations Committee CDSG Board

Terry McGovern – Corporate Secretary

The CDSG Nominations Committee, Tom Batha, Alex Hall, and Quentin Schillare, are seeking board candidates for the full Board to consider by May 1, 2020. The ballot will be included in the May 2020 *Newsletter* with results due by July 31. Results will be announced in August 2020 *Newsletter*. The three-year term will begin October 1, 2020, at which time Danny Malone will be stepping down from the board. If you are interested in running or have a nomination, please contact Tom Batha (td-batha@gmail. com) or Quentin (qschillare@kc. rr. com) or Alex (greenguy352@yahoo. com) before May 1.

#### 2020 Annual Business Meeting Saturday, April 4, 2020

Terry McGovern – Corporate Secretary

The CDSG Board of Directors is happy to announce that the 2020 CDSG Annual Business Meeting will be held at the meeting room at the Comfort Inn & Suites Metairie, 2601 Severn Avenue, Metairie, LA 70002 at 6:00pm. The Board urges all members to attend to hear annual reports from the board and committees and to discuss plans for the coming years, as well to ask questions about your organization.

# Interpretive Signage installed at Battery Parrott and Battery Irwin at Fort Monroe

A CDSG Fund grant at work! Terry McGovern – CDSG Trustee



The CDSG Fund has been working with David Stroud, Director of Heritage Assets & HPO, of the Fort Monroe Authority, to complete the installation of two interpretive signs at Fort Monroe, Virginia. The CDSG Fund has provided a grant to pay for the fabrication of these signs. David has recently let us know the two signs have been completed and installed on December 19, 2019. He has provided several photographs of the final product. There were no interpretive signs at these batteries, so the many visitors to Old Point Comfort had no information about the purpose of these two structures. We hope these signs will generate interest in their historical structures so efforts will grow in preserving these structures as they are not in use and therefore receive little maintenance. During the 2019 CDSG Annual Conference our members were able to visit both the interior and exteriors of these batteries. The CDSG Fund has offered to fund similar signage for the three Endicott Batteries under the control of the National Park Service. We are waiting to hear back from the NPS on our offer. Please think of other former coast defense sites that could use interpretive signage to generate interest in the preservation of these sites. Please let Terry McGovern, Mark Berhow, or Quentin Schillare know of sites that would benefit from the CDSG Fund grant.



#### A Visit to Fort Kamehameha Oahu, Hawaii

Bob Walk

I visited Fort Kamehameha, Hawaii, in mid-November 2019. I was at Hickam for work, so it was easy to do. Being me, I was looking for remnants of the collective protector apparatus installed around 1937. I chatted with some folks there and determined the following:

Battery Closson: Was being used by the security forces at Hickam for training, so I was unable to get inside of the fence to get a good look at the structure. The casemated cannon openings were bricked up, providing a possible interior room. If I get sent back, however, I may be able to get an escorted visit.

Battery Selfridge: Overall in pretty decent shape. As I am sure you know, parts of the ammunition hoist are still intact. Still present are the blast doors, delivery tray, upper hoist axle, and chain sprocket. I visited the 154th Civil Engineering Squadron (from signage on the structures) and was informed that they were told to vacate the premises. There was clear evidence on the outside of the collective protector installations - I found where two had been installed - one below and one above, at least one add-on airlock included. The air-inlet pipes were present, and they entered the structure. On the inside, you could see where the apparatus was removed. There may have been another air lock added, but I could not find where the inlet pipes had been, much paneling inside where the insides of the structure were re-purposed. If they strip the inside of the paneling, there may be more original stuff. No fence was present.

Battery Jackson: Another re-purposed structure, although again in decent shape. No fence present, currently being emptied by the Air National Guard. I was accosted by a guardsman as I looked at this structure, but we had a nice chat. He noted that trade winds kept the area salt free, reducing corrosion, which could help explain why they are in such good condition. He said the Kaneohe region was the exact opposite, however. Evidence of three collective protector installations, complete with add-on airlocks.

Battery Hasbrouck: Hidden in the woods, this one was a pickle to find initially. However, despite the reuse, again, the outside portions of the collective protectors were present and truly in outstanding condition - they built them strong in 1937! Inside, piping but with no apparatus; I could not get into the air lock for the harbor defense command post section, although the concrete bases for the two (possibly three) collective protectors were there. Two other collective protector spaces were also present - piping outside but no apparatus inside (of the space I could access). Some graffiti around. No fence, but many well-secured doors.

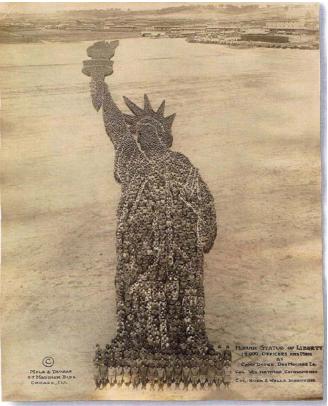
There was an additional structure, possibly communications or observation, close to Battery Jackson. It had a large "96E" stenciled on it. Evidence of collective protector and a Caterpillar generator present. Locked, rusty, and dilapidated.

Sand Island: Harbor Entrance Command Post still present, surrounded by subsurface structures and firing positions. Little changed from 2013 report so far as I can see.

Diamond Head - Nice walk up the hill, carefully controlled access to the old observation points, with many rooms and floors locked off. No clue who to talk to for access, nor could I quickly figure out how to get to the other off-limits structures such as the 400-series battery.

### Seattle Branch of the National Archives to be closed.

The Seattle NARA Branch is closing. If you plan on any research there, it is suggested that you go soon. The news leaked out the last week of January 2020, confirmed by several news sources. The records are being transferred to California. Preliminary opposition to the move cited the earlier closure of the Alaska Archives and transfer of its holdings to the Seattle location, resulting in misplaced records. The Seattle property is considered to be underutilized and the building is old. The property will be sold for development. According to the news reports, no public announcement prior to the closing is planned.



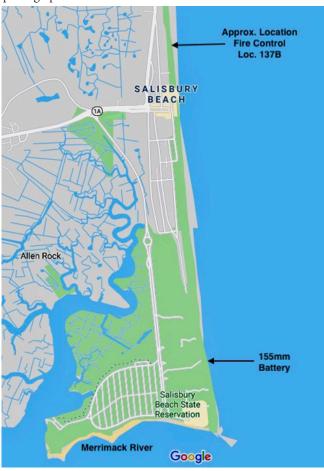
STANDING TALL Titled "Human Statue of Liberty," this image was taken at Camp Dodge in Iowa and used eighteen thousand men



#### Salisbury Beach Fire Control and Battery

Norm Scarpulla

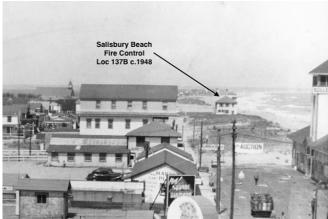
The town of Salisbury, MA, forms the north side of the Merrimack River estuary. In the 1700s and 1800s, Newburyport on the south side of the river was an important commercial port but became less important as the river mouth silted up. Forts were built on both sides of the river mouth during the Revolutionary War and on the south side during the War of 1812. No trace of these exist today. In World War 2, two coast defense sites were constructed at Salisbury Beach: a battery of 155 mm GPF cannons and a fire control station for the 16-inch battery protecting Portsmouth, NH. We have the Reports of Completed Works (RCWs) for both sites. Until recently, we did not have a photograph of the fire control station.



The fire control station was Location 137B. It was a three-story concrete tower, with a two-story, frame-construction barracks enclosing the tower on three sides. An enclosed concrete anti-aircraft intelligence service (AAIS) was on top of the tower. The third level of the tower was Base-End Station No. 4 for Battery Seaman (2x16-inch BC) at Fort Dearborn (now Odiorne Point State Park) at Rye, NH. The second level contained a fire control switchboard. The building was built in front of the line of summer cottages along the street. When built, it was approximately 24 feet above and 100 feet from the high-water line. After World

War 2, it was transferred to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as barracks for the Massachusetts State Police. On April 2, 1958, a storm undermined the building and it collapsed. No trace of it remains. The RCW Part II and the recently found photo accompany this article. The photo is courtesy of the Abdulla family via the Massachusetts State Police Museum and Learning Center.





The 155 mm battery was about 1500 feet north of the Merrimack River mouth, with four 155 mm tractor-drawn M1918M1 cannon from the 241st Coast Artillery. Because the 241st was a Harbor Defense (HD) of Boston command, the battery initially was part of HD Boston; a hand-written change on the RCW indicates that it was later transferred to HD Portsmouth, NH. The RCW documents construction of four Panama mounts starting April 18, 1942, with transfer to the operating forces on July 7, 1942, and later removal of two cannon in November 1943. The RCW Form 7 showing the battery layout and a photo from the Bolling Smith collection accompanies this article. Apparently, a location number was not assigned to the 155 mm battery; locations 137 and 137A were fire control sites farther south.

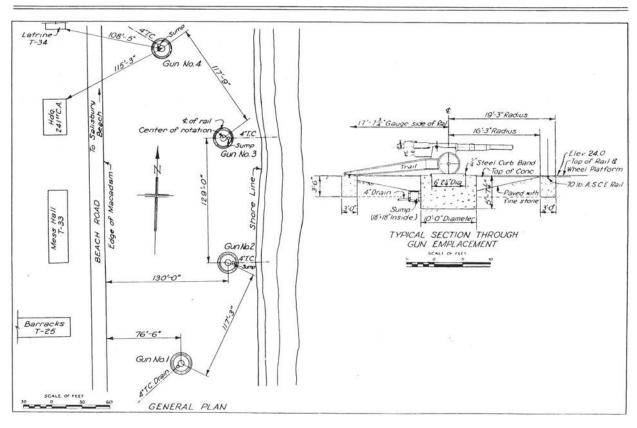
To visit the remains of the 155 mm battery, enter Salisbury Beach State Reservation, MA, south of Odiorne Point. Turn left into the first large public parking lot, drive to the south end of the lot, and walk the boardwalk over the dune. Remains of Panama mounts 2 and 3 are on the beach at the end of the boardwalk. The outer ring of mount 3 is missing. Mounts 1 and 4 are buried in the dune.

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Form 7

Panama Mounts Corrected to November 1, 1942 No. of Guns 4 Caliber 155mm Cerriage Tractor Drawn



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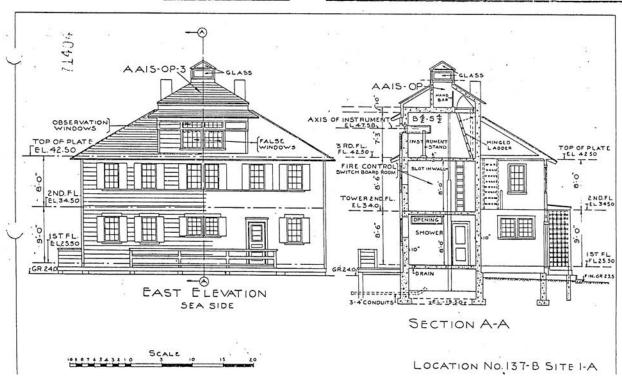
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HARBOR DEFENSES OF Portsmouth, New Hampshire

Salisbury Beach Location No. 137B Si

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#### **Stay at a Coast Artillery Post!**

Mark Berhow

Immerse yourself in a total fort experience by staying in one of the old barracks or quarters at a coast artillery fort at these six locations! These buildings have been updated with the modern amenities, in many cases very nicely so. These places book up fast, so you may have to plan your adventure pretty far in advance!

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Fort Baker across the Golden Gate Bridge from San Francisco, California, is now home to the Cavallo Point Lodge at the Golden Gate. Cavallo Point features a conference center, a spa, lodging, dining, and activities as a part of a consortium that is dedicated to the preservation of Fort Baker. There are a wide range of suites and rooms in the officers and NCO quarters as well as contemporary lodging. A restaurant and bar are located in one of the old barracks buildings. https://www.cavallopoint.com/

The **Presidio of San Francisco** currently features two boutique hotels, the **Inn at the Presidio** and the **Lodge at the Presidio**, both in former barracks buildings around the main parade ground. Several restaurants are also located around the main parade ground. https://www.presidio.gov/; https://www.presidio.gov/places/inn-at-the-presidio; https://www.presidio.gov/places/lodge-at-the-presidio.

Fort Columbia State Park, Washington, across the Columbia River bridge from Astoria, Oregon, rents out two buildings for extended stays. The post hospital will accommodate up to twelve people, while the hospital steward's quarters has two bedrooms. There are no onsite dining facilities. https://parks.state.wa.us/382/Fort-Columbia.

The **Fort Casey Inn** on Whidbey Island, Washington, features 10 units in the old officers and NCO quarters, just north of Fort Casey State Park. https://fortcaseyinn.com/

The **Fort Worden Conference Center** in Port Townsend, Washington, features a wide range of rooms and accommodations including the officers' quarters, NCO quarters and cottages and rooms. Food is available at the Reveille at the Commons restaurant and Taps at the Guardhouse bar and pub, or nearby in town. http://fortworden.org/

Future lodging possibilities may include historic buildings at Fort Monroe, Fort Hancock (Sandy Hook, NJ), and Fort Winfield Scott (Presidio of San Francisco). If you visit any of these places, let us know how your trip was!



The guardhouse at Fort Worden is now the Taps Bar and Grill

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The goals of the CDSG and CDSG Fund are the following:

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- \* Preservation of coast defense sites, equipment, and records for current and future generations
- \* Accurate coast defense site interpretations
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Send donations to (and made out to): CDSG Fund c/o Quentin Schillare 24624 W. 96th Street, Lenexa, KS 66227-7285 USA Or use your credit card via PayPal on the www.cdsg.org website.

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Submission deadlines are the first of the month in February, May, August, and November of each calender year. All rights are reserved. Comments on business matters should be addressed directly to the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

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