



# The CDSG Newsletter



The Coast Defense Study Group, Inc. — Summer 2025



## Chairman's Message

The annual conference has just ended and I think it was reasonably successful. I only hope that everyone who attended was satisfied by it. The weather mostly cooperated and the sea stayed calm. It is unfortunate that we were not able to land on Outer Brewster, but that was always going to be problematic for a group our size. We've had a decreasing number of presentations over recent years so perhaps it's time to consider some additional social activity on at least one of the days of the conference as this is the one time each year that many of us actually see and can talk to other members.

I had been hoping to come up with some inspiration for what to write in the message this time, but failing that, I shall mention an item that has come up previously. Our membership number have stayed fairly stable over the years but it is still an aging one. We've had some younger members join in recent years, but as I mentioned in a previous message, we need to find ways to attract the next generation of coast defenders. In the New England region we've gotten one particularly active and enthusiastic younger member and perhaps he will be running the next Boston conference.

Now that summer is arriving, I hope everyone has the opportunity to visit or volunteer at a fort either near you, or on a trip.

Until next time,

Gordon Bliss

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## 2025 Annual Business Meeting Saturday, April 26, 2025

Terry McGovern – Corporate Secretary

The CDSG Board of Directors held the 2025 Annual Business Meeting (ABM) at The Parrot restaurant, 1 Hull Shore Drive, Hull, MA 02045 at 7:00pm on Saturday, April 26, 2025. Gordon Bliss, Chairman, began the ABM after the conference banquet by discussing the Boston Conference and the plans for CDSG in the coming year. Also in attendance was Ned Libby and Paul Prentiss, the other CDSG Board members. Of primary interest was the location of the 2026 CDSG Annual Conference and following year conference locations (see related article in this newsletter). Gordon then called upon each committee chairman to give a report on their committee's activities and plans for the coming year to members at the ABM.

As Quentin Schillare, Chair of the Membership & Promotion committee was not at the ABM, Gordon read out Quent's report. Membership renewals have occurred much as past years even though membership dues increased from \$45 to \$50 per year. Of our 415 members in 2024, 44 members have not yet renewed as of the ABM, this is about 11% non-renewal rate. Quent will be reaching out to these former members but asks the membership to help him get these members to renew for 2025.

## CDSG Meeting and Tour Calendar

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

### 2026 CDSG Conference

May, 2025

Oahu, Hawaii

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

### 2027 CDSG Conference

Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island

Chris Zeeman, [c\\_zeeman@hotmail.com](mailto:c_zeeman@hotmail.com)

### 2028 CDSG Conference

San Francisco, California

Mark Berhow, [berhowma@comcast.net](mailto:berhowma@comcast.net)

### Other Meetings and Tours

September 6 - 8, 2025

Fortress Study Group Annual Meeting  
Portsmouth England

David Clarke, [chair@fortressstudygroup.org](mailto:chair@fortressstudygroup.org)

September 15 - 17, 2025

FORTIC International Forum

Brijuni National Park, Pula Croatia

Dr. Mijo Mirkovic, [fortic@unipu.hr](mailto:fortic@unipu.hr)

September 19 - 21, 2025

Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Festungsforschung Annual Meeting  
Stade Germany

Andreas Kupka, [akupka@juelich.de](mailto:akupka@juelich.de)

September 19 - 22, 2025

Association Saint-Maurice d'Etudes Militaires Study Tour  
Col. EMG Schaletter, [president@www.asmem.ch](mailto:president@www.asmem.ch)

September 20 - 28, 2025

ECCOFORT Study Tour

Portugal

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

October 4 - 5, 2025

La Caponniere International Forum  
Belfort France

Alain Monferrand, [contact@association-vauban.org](mailto:contact@association-vauban.org)

October 10 - 14, 2025  
Fortress Study Group Study Tour  
Belgium  
David Clarke, chair@fortressstudygroup.org

October 23 - 26, 2025  
International Fortress Council Annual Meeting  
Alentajo, Portugal  
Jeroen van der Werf, secretariat@internationalfortresscouncil.org

Gordon then called upon himself to report at the Chair of the Preservation & Interpretation committee. He reported on the status of Fort Terry on Plum Island, NY as well as ongoing concerns about Fort Wool, VA and Fort Preble, ME. Gordon urged the membership to keep him informed about risks to their nearby fortifications. Norm Scarpulla reported next about the Representative & Outreach committee. Norm discussed the role of our local and regional Reps and importance of outreach to site owners to educate them about the historic importance of their property. Norm asked members to serve as local Reps and listing of needed Reps is posted on the CDSG website.

Gordon then called on Mark Berhow as our Chair for the Publication committee to speak about the *CD Journal* and the *CDSG Newsletter*. Mark reported that he has about two years of articles on hand for the *Journal* but much of that backlog is from “dead” authors, such as BW Smith and Bill Gaines so this backlog will not be replenished. He urged members to write articles and send them in so our editorial board could review them. Mark also reminded members to send in items for the quarterly *CDSG Newsletter*.

Gordon then asked Terry McGovern to speak about CDSG finances. Terry reported that in 2024 the CDSG received \$54k and spent \$58K for a \$5k deficit. Terry pointed out we operate on a cash basis so results can vary widely from year to year. Ned Libby will be reviewing the CDSG’s book the following week, and the 2024 results will be sent to the membership in the May 2024 publications. Terry then reported on the CDSG Fund for 2024 as \$26k of donations were received and \$29k in grants were disbursed. He pointed out that the CDSG Fund had recently undertaken a large grant (\$18k) for the Fort Monroe Authority and membership would be challenged to donate for this project.

Gordon then again called on Terry to report on the CDSG Press & EPress committee. Terry discussed the current offering of four “free” CDSG Press reprints of coast artillery books to allow a reduction of storage cost and to get these key books into our members hands. This limited time offer resulted in about 120 books being sent to members for the cost of shipping. He reported on his, Mark Berhow, and Glen Williford’s effort to produce the four volume *American Seacoast Forts – A Directory and Military Maps of Defenses 1890 to 1950*. This companion to the ASD3 reference guide will be made available to the membership in June 2025.

Finally, Gordon called upon Mark Berhow to review the efforts of the CDSG Projects committee, especially their efforts on restoring the fortwiki.com website. Mark talked about the complex effort to bring this website back to life through various ISP and then work to upgrade its operating software. Mark reported that fortwiki.com (which is now owned by the CDSG) and the cdsg.org websites are stable and operating. Gordon then called for questions to the Board and the Committee Chairs from the membership. Several questions were asked and answered before the 2025 ABM was officially concluded.

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## CDSG Annual Conferences for 2026, 2027 and 2028

Terry McGovern – Corporate Secretary

The CDSG Board of Directors held their quarterly board meeting on May 4, 2025. One of the issues discussed was the location of the CDSG Annual Conferences for 2026, 2027, and 2028 as the Board wants our membership to be able to plan on attending at least 3 years out. The Board reviewed several options for the location of our annual conferences taking in consideration our annual rotation of harbor defenses (HD) (roughly a 20 year cycle), the availability of a member to be a Conference Chairman, and the membership’s desire to visit the HD (as reflected in the annual membership survey).

The Board decided that in 2026 we would go the former HD of Oahu, Hawaii from May 5-10, 2026. We have never had an annual conference to Oahu before though we had tours in 1991 and 2009 to Oahu. The Board understands that cost for this annual conference will be higher than those in the past given the location of Hawaii but membership interest in exploring the island’s many unique defenses appears to overcome these concerns. Terry McGovern has volunteered to be the Conference Chairman, with Glen Williford, Ray Ruhlmann, and Gary Weller serving on the Conference committee. Other volunteers to serve on the committee are welcome. Please read related article in this newsletter about the 2026 annual conference.

The Board also decided that the 2027 CDSG Annual Conference would be to the HD of Narraganset Bay/New Bedford to be Chaired by Chris Zeeman. Discussions were held about add-on day tour to Fort H.G. Wright on Fishers Island, NY as the annual conference to the HD of Eastern Long Sound have been on hold for many years due to lack of access to Fort Terry on Plum Island, NY. The Board has also asked Mark Berhow to be the Conference Chairman to our 2028 Annual Conference to the former HD of San Francisco.

Members wishing to assist in organizing these conferences or has questions about the conferences should contact Terry McGovern at tcmcgovern@att.net about Oahu, while members should contact Chris Zeeman at c\_zeeman@hotmail.com about Narraganset Bay, and Mark Berhow at berhowma@comcast.net about San Francisco.



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**CDSG FUND REPORT 2024**

Quentin Schillare, Trustee

In 2024, the Coast Defense Study Group Fund received \$26,220 in 60 donations from 40 individual donors. Some people donated more than once. The CDSG Fund received both restricted donations, those given with a specific purpose in mind, and non-restricted donations, those given to the Fund to use as the board of directors see fit.

The CDSG Fund supports grants to worthy organizations engaged in technical research, documentation, education, and preservation of historic seacoast defense artifacts and structures. It serves as a vehicle to enhance the accurate interpretation and understanding of an important part of American military history. The Fund supports the efforts of the Coast Defense Study Group, Inc., by raising funds for preservation and interpretation of American seacoast defenses. The Fund is seeking donations for projects that support these goals. Donations are tax-deductible for federal tax purposes as the CDSG is a 501(3)(c) organization, and 100% of your gift will go to our project grants. Major contributions are acknowledged annually. You can use our website (via PayPal) to make donations or you can send checks payable in US funds to the CDSG Fund to the address below. The trustees for the Fund for 2024 were Terry McGovern, Mark Berhow, and Quentin Schillare.

The Fund is always seeking proposals for the monetary support of preservation and interpretation projects at former coast defense sites 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 \$1,000 to \$5,000 grants per year. Upon conclusion of a project a short report suitable for publication in the CDSG Newsletter is required as part of the grant.

During 2024, the CDSG Fund made four grants during the year. The Fund made grants for the stabilization of the Fire Control Tower at Big Stone Beach, DE, for the construction of shell table at Fort Fremont, SC, for efforts to restore Fort Wool, VA to an historical site open to the public, and the research library at Fort Mott State Park, NJ. The CDSG Fund also hosted the annual workers dinner at the CDSG Annual Conference in Key West, FL to recognize the efforts of CDSG volunteers.

While we have heard about possible grant requests from various former forts during the year, we request our membership, especially our CDSG Reps, to reach out to organizations that are working to preserve and interpret coast defense sites to send use written requests for funding. The Fund has received a large grant request that will require donations from both members and outside grants. The request is for the restoration of the coating systems on the three rare coast artillery (two 3-inch and one 90mm) at Fort Monroe (\$18k). Please read a separate article on this project in this newsletter.

To recap, the CDSG Fund received \$26,220 in donations during 2024 while making \$28,665 in grants, leaving the Fund with a balance of \$36,078 at the end of the year.

A breakdown of donations by type:

<b>Giving Type</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Unrestricted Donations	\$6,056
Fort Wool preservation	\$8,400
Big Stone Beach Delaware, WW2 Fire Control Tower	\$11,064
Fort Michie Fire Control Stabilization, Great Gull Island	\$200
Fort Monroe Coating and Treatment of Rare Guns	\$300
In Memory of Elliot Deutsch, CDSG #39	\$200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$26,220</b>

The Fund Trustees and Board of Directors wish to publicly thank the following individuals for making contributions to the Fund during the 2024 calendar year:

Alice Allen-Grimes	Jonathan Mycek
Tom Batha	Michael Nangano
Mike Bigham	Dave Page
J. Michael Cobb	Biffon Parks
Mike Fiorini	Peter Percy
Mike Fleming	Mark Perreault
Dale Floyd	William Piper
Robert Grimm	Susan Prentiss
Marvin Heinze	Kevin Pugh
Gary Hunter	Ray Ruhlmann
Steve Kidd	Gene Scanlon
William Kile	Norm Scarpulla
Dave Kirchner	Quent Schillare
Joseph Koczur	John Scholes
Dave Larsen	Mark Seeger
Daniel Lindley	Joseph Sella
Will Lowenthal	James Vaitkunas
George Manis	Steve Waldron
Terry McGovern	Doug Wood
Elizabeth Merritt	Chip Woodman

The CDSG Fund also thanks the Preservation Delaware Fund for making a \$10,000 grant.

Send donations to (and made out to):

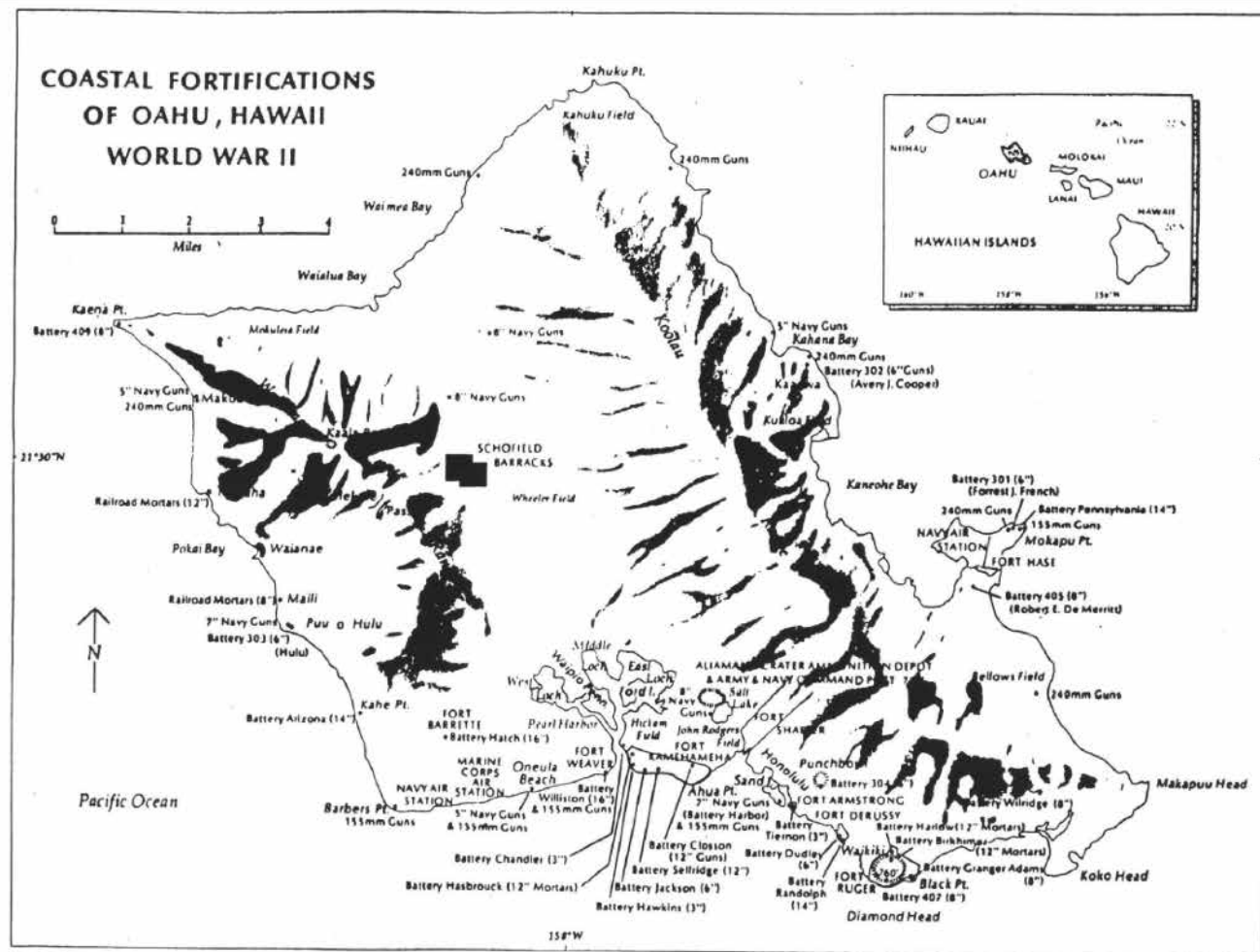
CDSG Fund  
c/o Quentin Schillare  
24624 West 96th Street  
Lenexa, KS 66227-7285 USA  
qschillare@kc.rr.com

Or use your credit card via PayPal on the cds.org website.

Send grant requests to:

CDSG Fund  
c/o Terry McGovern  
McLean, VA 22101-3326 USA  
tcmcgovern@att.net

Please prepare a written request of your need and how your request relates to the goals of the CDSG



Oahu Map of World War II Coastal Defenses.

## 2026 Annual CDSG Conference to the Coast Defenses of Oahu

Terry McGovern

The 2026 Annual CDSG conference will be to the former coastal defenses of Oahu, Hawaii (planning dates: May 5-10, 2026). The CDSG has never held an annual conference in Hawaii due to the challenges in gaining permission for a large group and the travel costs for our members. Based on survey of our membership earlier this year and strong support at the 2025 Annual Conference in Boston, the CDSG Board has authorized this annual conference be undertaken in Hawaii. The CDSG has reached out the US Navy, US Marine Corps, Hawaiian National Guard, and other groups to gain permission to visit the surviving elements of Oahu's WWII coast defenses. We have gained approval from the US Navy, Battery Arizona, Battery #303, and several other locations. We hope that by the end of July 2025 we will have gain permission for all the key sites.

Our current plan is for a four-day conference with one add-on day for special sites. The schedule is as follows:

Day One will be coast defenses on western side of Oahu. This would include Fort Barrette (Battery Hatch), Battery Arizona (14-inch turret) and Pu'u O Hulu (Battery #303/Battery Hulu).

Day Two would be to the coast defenses in the central part of Oahu. This would be to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (Batteries Hasbrouck, Hawkins, Jackson, Selfridge, and Closson) and to Ford Island (Batteries Adair and Boyd). We would also go to Sand Island to visit Battery Harbor (7-inch pedestal).

Day Three would be to the coast defenses on the southern side of Oahu. This would include the Punchbowl (Battery #304 and Station D), Fort DeRussy (Battery Randolph and US Army



16-inch Gun Casemate for Battery Hatch at Fort Barrette



Museum of Hawaii), and Fort Ruger (Batteries Harlow, Birkhimer, Dodge, Hulings, #407, and HDCP in the Mule Tunnel).



12-inch Mortar emplacement for Battery Harlow at Fort Ruger

Day Four would be to the coast defenses on the eastern side of Oahu. This would be Battery DeMerritt (#405), Marine Corps Base Hawaii (Battery Pennsylvania (14-inch turret), the HDCP, and Battery French (#301)), and Battery Cooper (#302). We would also have our annual business meeting and banquet that night, which would be the official end of the annual conference.



14-inch Naval Turret site for Battery Pennsylvania at Fort Hase.

On Day Five we would have a special add-on day to OA-63-L/C Nike Site, Battery Riggs (8-inch turret), Battery Kirkpatrick (8-inch turret), and we would try to visit the Army-Navy Joint Command Center and Station C complex at the Aliamanu Crater. Depending on time available we might try to visit the Lehi Fire Control Complex at Diamond Head, but this site requires tickets and will be a very hard climb for some members. Members will be asked to carpool using their own rental vehicles on this day as these sites are hard to visit using a bus.

Members could stay on extra days on their own to visit the Battleship Arizona Memorial/Visitor Center, Battleship Missouri Memorial, and Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum as well as other tourist sites.



Nike Launch earthworks at Nike Site OA-63 at Kapolei, Oahu

The estimated costs per person (based on 50 members attending) would be airfare (\$1,300 round trip from Washington, DC), hotel (\$700/shared room), meals (\$400/2 meals per day) and registration fee (including ground transport, access fees, and meeting room) (\$500) for a total around \$2,900 per person. There would be an additional transportation charge for the special add-on day. We are planning on staying at the Best Western Plaza Hotel which is near the airport and the interstate. While a good location for our field trips and low room prices (for Oahu) is not an exotic beach hotel, it's an airport hotel surrounded by warehouses. Please keep in mind that Oahu is a tropical and volcanic environment so it will be warm/humid and the ground is rarely flat. You will need to be able to walk on rough ground short distances to sites on road and trails, though we are not visiting fire control stations, 155mm Panama mounts, and other former sites that require climbing or walking long distances. You will be required to sign a Hold Harmless Agreement as well as submitting your personal information in advance to gain background clearance at certain sites. You can always forgo those sites if we do not want to agree to these terms. Please contact Terry McGovern at [tcmcgovern@att.net](mailto:tcmcgovern@att.net) for questions or to let him know you would like to attend this annual conference. We will be sending our registration flyer with the August 2025 CDSG Newsletter.

The CDSG has never held an annual conference to the coast defenses of Oahu because of the complex requirements to gain permission to visit the surviving sites. It would be very difficult to arrange to visit these sites on your own as most are closed to the public and locked-up behind welded or locked doors. We will not likely do this conference to Oahu again, so you should view this as a once in a lifetime experience!



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## Ft. Monroe Coast Artillery Restoration CDSG Fund \$5,000 Challenge

Terry McGovern

The Coast Defense Study Group Fund has agreed to arrange and fund the painting of three rare coast artillery guns for the Fort Monroe Authority (FMA) as they have not been painted in many years and their existing coating systems are failing due to their location in a marine environment. The guns have also been subject vandalism through placing graffiti on them and other minor damage. These guns (two 3-inch M1903 rapid fire guns and one 90mm AMTB M3 gun) are emplaced at Battery Irwin and Battery Parrott at Point Comfort, Fort Monroe (see photos). They were owned by the US Army Center of Military History (CMH) but are now being transferred to the FMA to be managed by the Casemate Museum. This past arrangement has caused the CMH to look to the FMA to carry out this restoration work, while the FMA has not had the resources to undertake this project.

CDSG Fund has requested that Marine Specialty Painting (MSP) undertake this work based on their past performance, especially for the US Navy, and their willingness to undertake some of this work as a charitable donation to the CDSG Fund. MSP and their paint supplier (Sherman-Williams Marine Coatings) have developed the work plan and have begun the restoration process (see photos). The based-on MSP's cost proposal this work will cost \$18,000. To jump start the fundraising from our membership, a CDSG member has offered to challenge our membership to donate for this project by pledging to give \$1 for every dollar donated up to \$5,000 over the next 3 months. This means that you need to start giving as soon as possible to raise \$5,000 so the we can raise \$10,000 towards this project. Please donate today to this restoration project by either sending your check or donating online. Make your checks or money orders payable in US funds to the CDSG Fund and mail it to CDSG Fund c/o Quentin Schillare 24624 W. 96th Street, Lenexa, KS 66227-7285 USA. Donations can also be made by credit card or PayPal via the CDSG website at <https://cdsg.org/donations/> 100% of your donation will go to this key preservation project. Please donate today so we can make sure this rare coast artillery survive so future generations can see and touch actual coast artillery!



90mm M3 Fixed Mount today at Battery Parrott,  
Fort Monroe



90mm M3 Fixed Mount showing vandalism  
and serious steel deterioration



MSP employee removing rust from the base  
of the 90mm M3 Fixed Mount



MSP employee using an air compressor to remove rust  
and old paint from the 90mm M3 Fixed Mount





MSP employees working to fill rusted joints in the 90mm M3 Fixed Mount's shield



Inside the 3-inch M1903 gun's shield before treating and coating get underway

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## Outreach and Representative Report May 2025

Norm Scarpulla

The Outreach and Representative Program is a key element of the CDSG's efforts to encourage the preservation of coast defense sites, their accurate interpretation, and assistance to their owners and managers. For each harbor, fort, or related site, we invite a CDSG member to become the site representative. We ask each site representative to:

- Visit the site or contact the owner or manager periodically.

- Ensure that the site owner or manager knows that the site representative is the conduit for information about the site to and from the CDSG, and that CDSG will support preservation and interpretation of the site, both with advice and possible funding from the CDSG Fund.

The complete list of site representatives is on the CDSG website. Some site representatives cover just one fort or location, while some cover an entire harbor or section of coast.

Be alert for opportunities to do presentations to interested groups, either virtually or in person. Mark Berhow has prepared a presentation covering the history of US seacoast fortifications, which can be used as-is if that is appropriate to the audience. Also, I can assist you to prepare a presentation designed for your audience.

We have posters and membership brochures that can be used to promote the CDSG. If you have an opportunity to promote CDSG with a poster, please do so. This might be on a bulletin board at a fort or museum, or as a handout at an event of a military history organization. The posters and brochures are available to download from the CDSG website; then just print copies as you need them.

If you can be a site representative or have any questions, please contact me.



Uncovering the serial information on the 90mm barrel



The two 3-inch M1903 guns awaiting their turn to be treated and coated



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**Fort Foster, Kittery, ME Report**

By Steve Waldron



Fire control tower, Fort Foster

I visited Fort Foster in Kittery ME, March 2025, for the first time since hearing of damage from multiple storms in early 2024. The path along the shore from the Northern WW2 section of the Fort down to the Endicott batteries has been repaired with sand and gravel, all other trails are well maintained, but the pier was damaged and is going out to bid in April. All military structures



Battery 205, Fort Foster

have fared well. The only problem I see, (besides the filling in of the lower level of Battery Bohlen many years ago) would be the heavy growth on Battery 205, particularly the south entrance. The Fort is open Memorial Day thru Labor Day, but in the off season you can still park along the east side of the road in and walk through the gate. It can be very crowded on weekends, but there is no parking issues on the weekdays. There is a nice approximately 2-mile walking loop which contains a Fire Control Tower (locked) next to Battery 205, the partially buried Battery Bohlen (3x10"), Battery Chapin (2x3"), the AMTB 952 gun blocks (under and next to the small pavilion), the portable AMTB site (352), a searchlight shelter, along with a mine casemate and double mine observation station. Visible offshore are the wooden cribs for the Submarine/ MTB nets.



Battery Chapin, Fort Foster



Mine casemate entrance, Fort Foster





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**Joel W. Eastman (1939-2025)**

Joel was a long time CDSG member and an enthusiastic participant in the leadership of the organization having served on the board of directors, as editor of the CDSG publications, and organizer of two annual conferences in Portland, Maine. He was a driving force in getting the CDSG to publish Arthur Wade's thesis "Artillerists and Engineers." Joel had a deep love of history and preservation and was willing to share his knowledge with many others. He had a long battle with dementia and passed away on February 16, 2025. He will be missed by those in the group who remember him!



Joel W. Eastman, 85, of Portland, passed away peacefully on February 16 at Scarborough Terrace. He was born on March 11, 1939 in Bridgton, Maine to Brooks and Frances Eastman. Joel grew up in Bar Harbor, Fryeburg, Mt. Desert Island, Portland and Buxton where he graduated from Samuel D. Hansen High School in 1957. He advanced to earn his bachelor's degree in English from the University of Maine, a Master's Degree in History from the University of Southern Maine, and PhD in US History from the University of Florida. He went on to pursue one of the noblest professions; educator.

In 1962, Joel taught English at Queensbury High School in Glens Falls, N.Y. followed by history at Appalachian State University in North Carolina during his Ph.D. coursework. In 1970, he became an Assistant Professor and later a Professor of History at USM. He served five years as chairman of the Department of History, consulted on a number of public and private historical projects, and lectured widely to historical and civic groups. He served as trustee and vice president of the Maine Historical Society and Greater Portland Landmarks.

Joel was a dedicated Portland historian. His interest in the history of the coast defenses of modern Maine was first sparked when he was appointed to a committee to evaluate Battery Steele, a 16-inch World War II gun battery on Peaks Island. His research led to a series of public lectures, walking tours, articles, and an hour-long television documentary. He became a champion for the preservation of these landmarks consulting with public owners of several historical military sites, including Fort Preble, Fort Williams, Jewell Island, and Two Lights. He is the author, co-author, and editor of six books, thirty-one articles, eight reports, nine papers, nineteen book reviews, and six successful grant proposals.

In his private life, Joel was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He married Linda Bolton in 1962 traveling up and down the east coast together until they settled in Portland in 1970 prior to his second son's birth and lived there ever since.

Joel's generous spirit shone through in all aspects of his life, always willing to help and share his talents with others. He was affable and fascinated by people, ever ready with kind words, questions, and conversation for everyone in his surroundings. He enjoyed traveling and learning about others. The summer of 1989, he and his family went to England for a month in a house swap where he was able to visit historic English landmarks, look for his family roots and meet new people along the way.

He loved to work with his hands, building his shed/ rabbit hutch and the sizable addition to his family home in Portland. Throughout the years, he was the family's reliable handyman - no task was too daunting for Joel Eastman. He enjoyed watching his children in plays and sporting events. He later enjoyed watching and cheering on his grandchildren as well.

He is predeceased by his parents, Brooks and Frances Eastman

He is survived by his wife, Linda Eastman, son Michael Eastman of Portland, son Jason (Susan) Eastman of Thousand Oaks, CA, daughter Melanie (Adam) Cogan of Scarborough and his grandchildren, Mackenzie and Jordan Eastman and Zoe and Blue Cogan; his siblings Kim (Patty) Eastman of Standish, Sherry (David) Redlon of Buxton, Mark (Cille) Eastman of Limington and Quentin Eastman of Glastonbury, CT as well as many nieces and nephews.

<https://www.pressherald.com/2025/02/25/obituaryjoel-w-eastman-2/>





### CDSG Fund

The CDSG Fund supports the efforts of the Coast Defense Study Group by raising funds for preservation and interpretation of American seacoast defenses. The CDSG Fund is seeking donations for projects supporting its goals.

Visit the CDSG.ORG website for more details.

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

- \* Educational study of coast defenses
- \* Technical research and documentation of coast defenses
- \* Preservation of coast defense sites, equipment, and records for current and future generations
- \* Accurate coast defense site interpretations
- \* Assistance to groups interested in preservation and interpretation of coast defense sites

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. Donations can also be made by credit card through the CDSG website at [www.cdsg.org](http://www.cdsg.org).

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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](http://www.cdsg.org) website.

Send Fund Project requests to:

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1700 Oak Lane, McLean, VA 22101-3326 USA

Please prepare a written request of your need and how your request relates to the goals of the CDSG.



### CDSG Logo Hats, Shirts & Patches

The CDSG is pleased to offer custom-made hats, T-shirts and patches to our membership. Wearing these hats, T-shirts and patches are a great way to make others aware of the CDSG and its goals. It is also an excellent way to promote joining the CDSG.

The CDSG patches have been available for several years. Designed especially for the CDSG, these quality patches combine the Coast Artillery Corps, the Ordnance Corps, and the Corps of Engineers symbols to reflect their involvement in U.S. coastal defenses. This logo is now on hats and a set of T-shirts which are great for showing the CDSG "flag."

To order your hat, T-shirt or patch, please complete the order form below and send it along with your check (made out to CDSG, Inc.) to Terry McGovern at 1700 Oak Lane, McLean, VA 22101-3326 USA (e-mail: [tcmcgovern@att.net](mailto:tcmcgovern@att.net)).

CDSG hats, T-shirts and patches ordering information

Black T-shirt with white ink:

Size & #  L  XL  2XL  3XL

Red T-Shirt with white ink:

Size & #  L  XL  2XL  3XL

Khaki T-Shirt with black ink:

Size & #  L  XL  2XL  3XL

Navy T-shirt with yellow ink:

Size & #  L  XL  2XL  3XL

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