

# American Seacoast Forts - A Directory with Period Military Maps 1890-1950

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The Coast Defense Study Group ([www.cdsg.org](http://www.cdsg.org)) announces the publication of "American Seacoast Forts - A Directory with Period Military Maps 1890-1950" in four volumes (about 1,400 pages in all) by Terrance McGovern, Mark Berhow, and Glen Williford. This work is the result of twenty years of extensive research both of government records and on-site investigations. Below is summary of this four-volume work as well as cover images of the books.

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