



FORT DELAWARE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

MAY

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BECKY WEBB RETIRES

A familiar face at Fort Delaware since 1987 when she joined the staff at Fort Delaware State Park as Assistant Park Ranger, Becky was promoted to Assistant Superintendent in 1997 and shortly after moved up to Superintendent. When Fort DuPont was made a State Park, Becky assumed additional responsibilities as its Superintendent also. In her tenure at Fort Delaware State Park, she has been more than an official staff member, she has become a friend of the Society and its individual Board members as well. Thank you, Becky.

Becky was honored at a luncheon at Grass Dale Center on May 14th hosted by the Division of Parks & Recreation, and it was well attended by her friends as well as her fellow Parks' employees. She and her family will move back to her home town in Michigan to be close to her parents.

So long, Becky. We'll miss you, and we wish you the very best in the future. Vince Porcellini will serve as acting Superintendent until a permanent one is named.

Summer vacation season is here! The Officers and Directors of your Society urge you to drive safely. We need you!

SPRING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our Biannual General Membership meetings are designed to provide historical information relating to the Fort and the Civil War and also to keep you informed of your Society's activities. Our June meeting is aimed at the latter and is devoted to a topic of vital interest to all those who appreciate the work of your Society. One of the recommendations that came out of the Collections Assessment Program (CAP) project was to properly restore some of our invaluable documents that are hanging in the General Meeting room at our headquarters. President David Price contacted Mr. Fred Carspecken a local restoration professional and made arrangements to have him restore three of them. The work has been completed and will be unveiled at our meeting in June. Mr. Carspecken will be our guest speaker to describe his work and answer questions. President Price will outline our funding efforts to accomplish this work and will announce the scope of future restoration projects. As usual, refreshments will be served. Please make every effort to attend this most informative meeting. It will begin at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, June 16.

SOCIETY HOSTS COASTAL DEFENSE STUDY GROUP

On Friday, May 1, your Society held an open house for the 2015 Annual Conference of the Coastal Defense Study Group. It was a full day both for them as well as some of our Board Members. Between 60 and 70 persons from all over the country began their day with a tour of Fort Delaware. This was followed in the afternoon by a tour of the gun batteries at Fort DuPont. The Society's open house at 33 Staff Lane allowed the visitors some much needed rest and refreshments. Although their main focus was the artillery emplacements at both forts, they were also interested in our collection of artifacts and our library. Many thanks go out to the Directors who were on hand to answer questions and to make our guests feel welcome in our headquarters; Dan Cashin, Bobbi Steele, Tom Smith, Bill Robelen, Edie Mahoney, Hugh Simmons and Office Manager Martha Bennett. Everyone agreed it was another way we actively fulfill our mission of promoting Fort Delaware.

2015 SCHEDULE

Fort Delaware State Park is now open on a limited schedule. Call the Parks' office for specific dates and times. It will open on a full-time basis in June

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FOR SALE

The Society has in its library the complete (less one volume) hardbound edition of the *Official Records of the Rebellion*. Since we also have the same information on a CD, and since shelf space in our library is currently beyond capacity, the Board has approved the sale of the existing books at \$15 per volume. Contact President David Price or Treasurer Tom Smith for volume pricing.