

## Easton Heritage Days Easton, Pennsylvania

On 10 July 2022, AGFA participated in the Easton Heritage Day <http://heritageday.org/> celebration. Heritage Day celebrates Easton's historic significance in the founding of the United States. At noon on July 8, 1776, Easton was one of three places where the [Declaration of Independence had its first public reading](#). It was read on the steps of the old courthouse in Easton's historic Centre Square by the Chair of the Committee of Safety, Robert Levers. A reenactment of that event, and a festival organized around it, first occurred during the Bicentennial Celebration in 1976. From that year on Heritage Day has been celebrated as Easton's own Independence Day celebration.

The members of AGFA who participated in the event were Donna Cusano, Paul Cusano, Joel Gonzalez, Anne Lutkenhouse, Jerry Still, John Uhler, Shawn Welch and our guest John Dwyer.

The educational objective was to provide an interpretation of the Coast Artillery, medical operations and chaplain operations during World War II.

The photo below shows the participating membership on Sunday, 10 July. We were able to take advantage of the shade in front of The London Shop in Easton. We provided interpretive living history from 1200 to 1700. After the event, we had dinner at Maxim's 22 Bistro/Brasserie (<http://maxims22.com/>) - a fantastic French restaurant in downtown Easton almost directly across the street from our displays.





Below is a full view of our displays in the morning as we finalized setup.



Another view of the displays - Coast artillery in the center between the M1910A1 Azimuth Instrument and the Mk-12 2,240 lb. 16-inch shell; medical under the London Shop awning and Chaplain under the white fly.





Below CPT(CH) Uhler is preparing his displays as 2LT Gonzalez plays the Field Organ.



A view of the Field Organ and communion kit.





Below are two of the three tables of the medical displays.



A view of one of the three medical displays.





A typical place setting for hospital patient dining.



Below are air tourniquet, breathing apparatus, suction and blood pressure meter.





Below is John Dwyer's medical evacuation jeep.



Another view of John's jeep as he discusses battlefield evacuation with the public.





Below is John's stretcher on top of the jeep with various medical items on display.



Another view of John's jeep and materials on the table to the left.





The Coast Artillery display items in this picture include from left to right an M1910A1 Azimuth Instrument, an EE-91 fire control telephone, electrical board with MC-153 Time Interval Bell, another EE-91, an M1905 Deflection board and Wind Component Indicator (brass disk).



Below 2LT Gonzalez chats with the public about the M1910A1 Azimuth Instrument.





Below LTC Welch discusses the M1910A1 as a young visitor looks through the scope.



Below is what our young visitor is seeing - roughly 400 yards and three city blocks away.





Below 2LT Still discusses ammunition materials with a visitor.



Below 2LT Still continues the discussion with his hand on a 3-inch Anti-Aircraft shell. Between the 3-inch shell and green thermos is a BD-71 six-line switchboard from 1939.





Below CPT(CH) Uhler stands in the center of the Coast Artillery display.



Below LTC Welch explains fire control to a visitor using the charts in the photograph.





Below CPT(CH) Uhler plays the field organ for visitors.



A group of British Soldiers from the 1700s marches past.





Below is a large Civil War display with AGFA member Gary Weaver in the center next to the flag.



Below is another event participant's display of small arms.





Below is 2LT Cusano, 1LT Lutkenhouse and CPL Cusano. The owner of the London Shop is in between them - and he is a Cusano too - a cousin of the Cusanos!



Below 2LT Still and CPL Cusano take a break from the sun amongst the medical displays.





Another attendee display is shown below with a wooden model of a fire control tower at Fort Miles, DE.



A continuation of the display above focused on small arms weapons.





Below Sheila Martin is with 1LT Lutkenhouse and 2LT Cusano.



At the end of the event, 1LT Lutkenhouse speaks with John Dwyer before he heads for home.





After a great day with the public, CPT(CH) Uhler secures his tent and everyone else continues breaking down the displays.



At the very end of the day we rested and enjoyed dinner at Maxim's 22 Bistro/Brasserie (<http://maxims22.com/>). Below 1LT Lutkenhouse and 2LT Still prepare to order at Maxim's 22 Brasserie!



Easton Heritage Days is a very welcoming event with historians from all relevant American time periods of military history. We encourage you to attend!