

Easton Heritage Days Easton, Pennsylvania

On 14 July 2018, 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, Anne Lutkenhouse, Jerry Still, John Uhler and Shawn Welch.

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, 14 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 CPL Cusano stands next to our Coast Artillery display right after we set it up at 1045 in the morning - before the public arrived in mass.



A view of the Coast Artillery display showing the 16-inch and 6-inch projectiles on the asphalt. The 3-inch shells are on the table and are complete with brass cartridges.



CPT(Chaplain) Uhler is ready for visitors with his display - underneath a modern pop-up canopy to shield these valuable and rare items from direct sunlight.



The photo below shows CPT(CH) Uhler's jeep next to the pop-up canopy.



A view of our display with the BD-71 twelve line switchboard, 16-inch projectile and the Chaplain's displays visibly.



1LT Lutkenhouse and 2LT Cusano stand by their medical displays as they await the next group of interested visitors.



One never knows who they will see at Easton Heritage Days! Below 1LT Lutkenhouse and President Lincoln pose for a photograph.



And the Oscar Meyer "Weiner Mobile" passes by the M1910A1 azimuth instrument on its way to the town square.



The Coast Artillery display items in this picture include from left to right an M1905 deflection board, an M1 "triangle slide rule", a wind component indicator, and to the far right a BD-71 twelve line switchboard. All four telephones in our display were actively connected through this switchboard.



The temperature was over 90 degrees and frequent water breaks were required. Below 2LT Cusano and 2LT Still enjoy a cool respite from the heat.



Below is a view of the Coast Artillery Display in front of The London Shop. The medical displays were on tables under the store's canopy to protect them from the sunlight.



The public enjoyed the M1910A1 azimuth instrument - below a visitor looks through the instrument at the cars parked up the street.



After a great day with the public, CPT(CH) Uhler secures his jeep to his trailer for the trip back home.



At the very end of the day we rested and enjoyed dinner at Maxim's 22 Bistro/Brasserie (<http://maxims22.com/>). Below 1LT Lutkenhouse, 2LT Cusano and CPT(CH) Uhler 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!