

Jacobsburg Bolton Historic Site WWII Weekend Jacobsburg, Pennsylvania

On 26-27 June 2021, AGFA participated in the Bolton Historic Site's WWII Weekend program. AGFA member John Uhler was the event organizer in direct support of the Bolton Historic Site (<http://www.jacobsburghistory.com/events/>). 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 for AGFA was to provide an interpretation of the Coast Artillery and medical operations during World War II. AGFA also supported other aspects of the event to include coordinating and conducting a WWII period weapons demonstration (static and blank firing) with other participating organizations.

In the photo below, 2LT Cusano, our friend Tim Kuntz (Australian Army), 1LT Lutkenhouse and MSG Cusano pause in the day's interpretation.



The photo below shows the Coast Artillery interpretive display area next to the Salvation Army trailer. In the front of the display is an M1910A1 Azimuth Instrument.



Below is another view of the M1910A1 Azimuth Instrument, a EE-91 telephone, and a board with a MC-153 Time Interval Bell and instrument electrical controls.



The rest of the display to include another EE-91 telephone, a Deflection Board and a Wind Component Indicator - all components of a Seacoast Artillery Plotting Room Fire control instrument suite.



The medical display is shown below along with the Chaplain's tent in the rear center.



Below 1LT Lutkenhouse and 2LT Cusano discuss nursing activities in the Philippines with a public visitor.



Below are additional US Army Medical Corps items to include blood pressure instruments, a resuscitator and medical dining materials.



These photos and charts were at the entrance to the exhibit area.



Below the team is very busy with public visitors. To the left is 1LT Lutkenhouse and to the right is MSG Cusano.



Another view of the entire Coast artillery and Medical displays.



The view below is from an M1910A1 Azimuth Instrument and our friend Tim Kuntz is prominently shown in the field of view.



The weapons demonstration included both Allied and Axis weapons. Below the German and Italian troops begin their portion of the demonstration.



Below LTC Welch discusses the order of presentation of weapons with the participants.



The discussion continues with US early war, US paratroopers, German and Soviet "soldiers".



Below the Italians begin their demonstration.



Below Soviet troops begin their demonstration.



Below three German soldiers demonstrate the K-98 Mauser rifles.



Below a pair of 29th Infantry Division Soldiers in 1941 explain the M1919 air cooled .30 caliber machinegun. The soldier on the right has taken the machinegun out of its transporting box in preparation for setup.



The photo below shows a Salvation Army Club Car restoration and exhibit - including hot Coffee and Doughnuts - as they would have been made in WWII.



There were many excellent displays at the event to include this portion of a C-47 cargo aircraft configured for paratrooper operations.



Below is a photo of the 128th Evacuation Hospital camp.



Below a chaplain conducts a service on the Sunday morning outside the Salvation Army trailer.



The service continues below.



The photo below shows the medical display to the left and the chaplain's tents in the center.



The display below includes a small transport scooter along with an M1919 machinegun on a trailer. The vehicle to the left is a "Weasel".



The photo below shows members of the Victory Society under the Salvation Army trailer's fly..



The coordinator for the event was AGFA member John Uhler and he is with Linda Case representing an Women's Airforce Service Pilots (WASP).



Jacobsburg WWII weekend is an outstanding event and we encourage you to attend in June 2022!