

Easton Heritage Days Easton, Pennsylvania

On 11 July 2021, 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 Ron and Yvonne Brodzinski, 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. 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 AGFA Board Member T-3 Brodzinski stands by his Dodge WC-51 truck. This a full restoration of a 1943 built truck.



1LT Lutkenhouse sits in the back of the truck awaiting departure for Easton Heritage Days.



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 the M1910A1 azimuth instrument, the WC-51 truck and 2LT Still (right) talking with a visitor (not visible).



A view of the Coast Artillery Display including a Deflection Board, a Wind Component Indicator, the WC-51 Truck, and the M1910A1 Azimuth Instrument. 2LT Still chats with the public just before demonstrating the instrument.



2LT Still and MSG Cusano stand next to a 16-inch Army armor piercing shell (fiberglass - actual shell weighs 2,240 pounds).



Below T-3 Brodzinski chats with a visitor discussing Coast Artillery Fire Control Instruments.



T-3 Brodzinski's WC-51 has an M1919 Machinegun in a pintle mount behind the driver's seat.



The medical displays were set up in the London Store's area and saw a lot of visitation.



Another view of the medical displays with 1LT Lutkenhouse chatting with visitors.



Below 2LT Cusano and MSG Cusano discuss medical materials and photographs with visitors.



The public discussion continues below.



CPT(Chaplain) Uhler discusses WWII ministry with a visitor.



Below is a photo of a portion of CPT(CH) Uhler's liturgical displays.



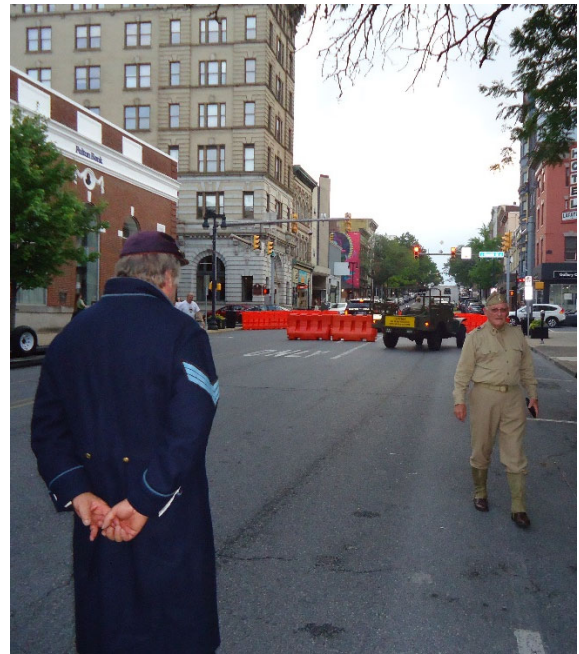
Below is a portable manual organ for use in services when deployed in the field.



Below is a view of the display area with the many visitors discussing our materials. In the center is 2LT Still discussing Coast Artillery fire control with visitors.



After the event ended, we packed up for home. On the Left CPT(CH) Uhler loads his jeep and on the right SGT Weaver (AGFA member in Civil War uniform) and 2LT Still watch T-3 and Yvonne Brodzinski depart in their WC-51 Dodge Truck.



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