

# THE FORT MIFFLIN



# CANNON

Newsletter of the Fort Mifflin Historic Preservation Group

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## FROM THE EDITOR

*It is truly amazing what a small group of people can accomplish when they work together. Witness the recent efforts of volunteers Tony and Barbara Selletti, Nance Ratliff, Laurie Hull, Stacey Daly, Randy & Cindy Plessor and Ed Kane; the caring folks from groups like T. A. P. R. I., the USS Salem, MASS Paranormal, The 69th PA Volunteers, The Norristown Area Paranormal Society and PARA; generous supporters, and sponsors such as Killdare's and The Fieldhouse, just to name a few. They have managed to spread the word about Fort Mifflin and have raised incredible amounts of desperately needed funds to help meet the most basic operating expenses necessary to keep the fort active. Their tireless efforts do not go unnoticed!*

*Their ranks will be joined monthly by many others who will keep the ball rolling and will bring new and exciting events to fruition. We are happy to join forces with members of The Olde Fort Mifflin Historical Society, who*

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graciously acknowledged our recent efforts. We are honored to accept their praise and look forward to working together to attain one goal -- to keep the fort open for future generations!

This is a never-ending task that is not for the faint at heart. However, the reward is great, with one of the perks being new friends from across town, across the country and maybe even across the globe. In forging new kin-ships we are presented with opportunities that would never avail themselves to us otherwise. For that, we should consider ourselves very fortunate.

It is through the hard work, utmost dedication and extreme sacrifices of a few ordinary people that the gates to the fort are granted a "stay"-- to stay open-- for just that much longer than they would have had so many generous and concerned souls simply turned a blind eye, or merely rested on their laurels, in full confidence that someone else would step up to the plate in their place.

It is very important to recognize that if we, as Americans scoff at our responsibility as citizens to protect and preserve not only our great nation of today, but the relics of our once-splintered colonies of yesteryear, any hope of being remembered by future generations deserves to be a moot point.

For it is through OUR great care of OUR yesterdays and those of our precursors, that WE will be exalted through time. Our treasured Fort Mifflin is not ours alone. It is our nation's treasure. We merely hold the key in safekeeping. Just as our nation's treasures have been passed down to become ours, they remain and always should remain that of both our ancestors' and our descendants'.

In essence, we are engaged in a war. A war not to be fought with cannons and rifles, or with egos vying for individual recognition. This is not a competition. Unlike steeds chomping at the bit, tongues hanging out in a final quarter-lap, we should not aspire to earn an extra carrot, to gain the spotlight, nor should we use our tongues like mortar shells spitting shrapnel upon our fellow compatriots. Ours is a battle to be waged with undivided unity, in a co-creative union, simply because it is the right thing to do. We needn't any other reason. Lest we forget... or we will be forgotten, too.

Many thanks to the past, present and future Fort Mifflin Volunteers. TOGETHER, WE WILL SAVE THE FORT!

*Patricia Stalter*

## ATTENTION!

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# Nature's Calling: The Fort Comes *Alive* in the Summertime!

by Patricia Stalter

Introducing the fabulous flora and fauna of the fort!

**When you think of Fort Mifflin** more than likely, the first things that come to mind are soldiers, rifles, cannon blasts, ship horns, and airplanes zooming overhead. Generally speaking, it is not the peaceful coos of Mother Nature lulling one into a deep, peaceful slumber.



Most people would be surprised to find the fort heralds a lovely nature trail bursting with flora, fauna and cute little woodland creatures. Yet, amongst the sounds of re-enactments and cries from excited children, reside critters



such as the Eastern Cottontail, Red-Winged Blackbird, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Belted Kingfisher, Muskrat, Brown Bat, and several species of frogs, turtles, and more.

As a matter of fact, just a few short steps through the main



gates of the fort, one can witness a rare swallow's nest. As smart as they are, these feathered friends chose to build muddy fortifications of their own above the warm light fixture. So, the next time you think you've heard something of the paranormal realm, consider the idea that it could simply be one of the many creatures of the night! ~





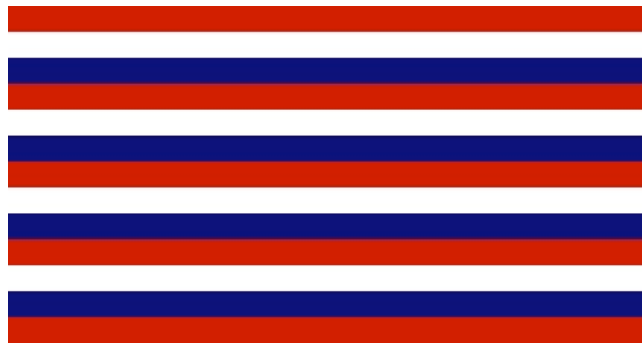
## History 101: Fun Fort Facts

Submitted by Anthony Selletti

This month we present Part I in a series of the writing of Joseph Plumb Martin, a soldier at Fort Mifflin during the Revolutionary War.

At the age of 70, Joseph Plumb Martin, a venerated veteran then living in Maine, published *A Narrative of Some of the Adventures, Danger and Suffering of a Revolutionary Soldier, Interspersed with Anecdotes of Incidents that Occurred Within His Own Observation*. The book, which did not sell particularly well, fell into obscurity until rediscovered in the 1960s when it was republished with the title *Private Yankee Doodle*.

The following excerpts detail Martin's activity at Fort Mifflin:



*Hardships sufficient to kill half a dozen horses*

*I was soon relieved from this guard, and with those who were able, of our two regiments, sent to reinforce those in the fort [Mifflin], which was then besieged by the British. Here I endured hardships sufficient to kill half a dozen horses. Let the reader only consider for a moment and he will still be satisfied if not sickened. In the cold month of November, without provisions, without clothing, not a scrap of either shoes or stockings to my feet or legs, and in this condition to endure a siege in such a place as that was appalling in the highest degree.*

*In confirmation of what I have here said, I will give the reader a short description of the pen that I was confined in. Confined I was, for it was next to impossible to have got away from it, if I had been so disposed. Well, the island, as it is called, is nothing more than a mud flat in the*

*Delaware, lying upon the west side of the channel. It is diked around the fort, with sluices so constructed that the fort can be laid under water at pleasure, (at least, it was so when I was there, and I presume it has not grown much higher since. On the eastern side, next the main river, was a zigzag wall built of hewn stone, built, as I was informed, before the Revolution at the king's cost. At the southeastern part of the fortification (for fort it could not with propriety be called) was a battery of several long eighteen-pounders and one thirty-two pounder.*



*I have seen the enemy's shells*

*At the northwestern corner was another small battery with three twelve-pounders. There were also three blockhouses in different parts of the enclosure, but no cannon mounted upon them, or were they of any use whatever to us while I was there. On the western side, between the batteries, was a high embankment, within which was a tier of palisadoes [palisades]. In front of the stone wall, for about half its length, was another embankment, with palisadoes on the inside of it, and a narrow ditch between them and the stone wall. On the western side of the fortification was a row of barracks, extending from the northern part of the works to about half the length of the fort. On the northern end was another block of barracks*





*which reached nearly across the fort from east to west. In front of these was a large square two-story house, for the accommodation of the officers of the garrison. Neither this house nor the barracks were of much use at this time, for it was as much as a man's life was worth to enter them, the enemy often directing their shot at them in particular. In front of that barracks and other necessary places were parades and walks; the rest of the ground was soft mud. I have seen the enemy's shells fall upon it and sink so low that their report could not be heard when they burst, and I could only feel a tremulous motion of the earth at the time. At other time, when they burst near the surface of the ground, they would throw the mud fifty feet in the air.*

*The British had erected five batteries with six heavy guns in each and a bomb battery with three long mortars in it on the opposite side of the water, which separated the island from the main on the west, and which was but a short distance across. [Martin is referring to Carpenter's Island where the British employed six 24-pounders, an 8 in. Howitzer, and an 8 inch mortar included in the battery.] They had also a battery of six guns a little higher up the river, at a place called the Hospital Point. [Usually referred to as Webb Point, it was near the confluence of the Schuylkill and Delaware Rivers.] This is a short description of the place which I was destined, with a few others, to defend against whatever force, land or marine, the enemy might see fit to bring against it.*

*The first attempt the British made against the place after I entered it was by the Augusta a sixty-four-gun ship. While maneuvering one dark night she got on the cheveau-de-frise which had been sunk in the channel of the river. As soon as she was discovered in the morning we plied her so well with hot shot, that she was soon in flames. Boats were sent from the shipping below to her assistance, but our shot proving too hot for them, they were obliged to leave her to her fate. In an hour or two she blew up with an explosion which seemed to shake the earth to its center, leaving a volume of smoke like a thundercloud, which, as the air was calm, remained an hour or two. A twenty-gun ship [the Merlin] which had come to the assistance of the Augustain here distress shared her fate soon after.*

[By this place, perhaps Martin is referring to all the American-held forts. The Augusta and Merlin were part of a land-sea assault on Fort Mercer on October 22, not on Fort Mifflin. Further, the Augusta did not become entangled on the cheveau-de-frise. Rather, following a night attack by the American galleys on the Augusta and Merlin the two ships became stranded on shoals after attempting to fall down the river. On the 23rd, the Augusta came under a heavy bombardment not only from Ft. Mifflin but from galleys, fire ships, and land batteries. Repeated British attempts to refloat the Augusta were hampered by persistent American naval harassment. At about 10:30 a.m., a fire was seen on the deck of the Augusta. At noon the Augusta blew up with such force that the explosion was heard 18 miles away.]

**To be continued...**

**Tune in for Part II in the next issue of The CANNON!**

## FINAL TAPS: Lou Gentile

The CANNON is sad to report the passing of a friend of Fort Mifflin. Philadelphia's own **Lou Gentile** succumbed to his battle with cancer. Lou was known for being a knowledgeable paranormal investigator, having worked with the late Ed Warren. He appeared in numerous TV and radio shows about the paranormal, and gained many fans through his radio show "The Lou Gentile Show."

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made out to:

"The Lou Gentile Family," 178 Louis Ave., Bayville, NJ 08721

For further info, contact Chris Roe at CR Management (310) 927-6892 or <[chrisroemanagement@gmail.com](mailto:chrisroemanagement@gmail.com)>



## Save the Fort!

by Patricia Stalter

Many bitter battles were waged at the Fort. Today, we fight desperately to keep the doors to the past open for future generations. Here are just a few things that some of our dedicated volunteers have done to help raise money and awareness of the cause:

### NTAPS SUNDAY NIGHT INVESTIGATIONS RAISE \$2000 FOR THE FORT

Randy & Cindy Plessor educate participants on what it is like to be a paranormal investigator using pro equipment. Pictured below and right is the group from July 12th.



Photo: Anthony Salletti

### OFMHS STORMS THE BASTILLE

Ed Kane and the troops of **The Olde Fort Mifflin Historical Society** welcomed America by participating in Independence Day living history demonstrations at the **City Tavern** in Philadelphia. Then, on July 11th, they marched north and "stormed the Bastille" at **Eastern State Penitentiary**. This was OFMHS's 15th year of providing rable and soldiers for Bastille Day activities.

According to Kane:

*"Those of us who were on the roof got to go through areas not open to the public. Once on the roof, over the main gate, one gets to see a spectacular view of the prison and the Fairmount section of the city. This year we were looking at 6000 spectators at this annual event."*

To discover more about the activities of the OFMHS, got to their website at <http://www.fortmifflin.com>.

### SOMETHING TO WRITE HOME ABOUT

Kane's beautiful artwork of the fort is now available as note-cards. Each set is printed on recycled paper for purchase at **Fort Mifflin's Gift Shoppe**.



Proceeds from every sale help the fort.

**FREE!**

**SEE YOUR EVENT  
included in the next issue  
of  
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Please send a brief blurb and a photo or two to:

[fortmifflinnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:fortmifflinnewsletter@gmail.com)

Be sure to include your contact info for verification.

**OFMPIS NEWS**

Thanks to Anthony Selletti for the updates.

Check out the haunts of the OFMPIS's own **Mark Davis**, the new Philadelphia and Hauntings Examiner, at <http://www.examiner.com/x-15911-Philadelphia-Paranormal--Hauntings-Examiner>.

Davis is the Co-Founder/Co-Director of **PARA** the **Paranormal Association of Research and Assistance** <http://www.para-help.com/> and a friend of the fort.

**OLD FORT MIFFLIN  
PARANORMAL INVESTIGATORS SOCIETY**

His group helped raise more than \$6000 for Fort Mifflin during the weekend event of May 16th & 17th!

To make matters more exciting, **PARA**, has signed with **Para Rock Productions**. **Davis** and Co-Director **Robyn McKinney** (pictured left) <http://www.pararockproductions.com/para.html> have joined Shannon Silvia, Gavin Cromwell, Patrick Burns, Keith & Sandra Johnson, and others.

Congratulations on a job well done!

**THE FORT MIFFLIN STREET TEAM  
RACES TO SPREAD THE WORD!**

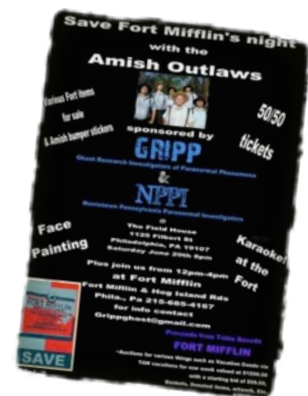
**Danie** and **Sarah Lunn** formed The Fort Mifflin Street Team to create a network of people interested in drumming up excitement about the fort. They have been busy canvassing the streets of Philadelphia to increase awareness of Fort Mifflin amongst the general public and to generate sponsorship/donor leads. Join them on their great websites at <http://tribes.tribe.net/savethefort> and <http://savethefort.ning.com/>

**FUN AT THE FIELD HOUSE WITH THE AMISH OUTLAWS**

There was fun for everyone during the Save the Fort Fundraiser sponsored by **GRIPP** and **NPPI** on June 20th. They kicked things off at the fort with face-painting, Karaoke and items for sale. These folks wouldn't let a little rain and fog stop them. Then, it was off to Center City for a night of entertainment, complete with a silent auction. Despite the deluge, the place was packed. Thanks to **TAN**, **Alicia Sterbakov** and **Mark Belinski** of **GRIPP** for their generous donation of a vacation package and to everyone who worked so hard to get so many prizes together.

A heartfelt **THANKS** goes out to all the dedicated people whose help made these events happen. Their generous support and that of the sponsors and participants is vital to keep the fort "alive."

Please check out the **Calendar of Events** for more exciting things to come!







## June 6th Meeting Recap

For those of you who were unable to attend the meeting of the **Fort Mifflin Historic Preservation Group** on **June 6th**, you will be interested to know that we were joined by Board members from the **Olde Fort Mifflin Historic Preservation Society**.

We were honored to meet **former OFMHPS President Jim Mosetter** and his wife **Isabel** who attended with current **President Ed Kane**. Their group has worked hard to preserve the fort for many years. Without their dedication to keeping the understanding of the historical significance of the fort alive, we would

have no reason to exist as a group.

**Dr. Don Johnson** was introduced as our appointed liaison to the OFMHPS. He will be assisting our group and helping to air any suggestions and grievances to their Board of Directors to help both our groups work together more smoothly. So, please help our new friend by giving him a warm welcome. Take a moment to introduce yourselves to Dr. Johnson and let him know how you and/or your group are involved to help save Fort Mifflin. He *can be reached at* [<drdonastonpa@gmail.com>](mailto:drdonastonpa@gmail.com).

## July 11th Meeting Recap

A real brainstorming session took place. Discussed were new ideas to raise money for the fort. Excitement is growing over up and coming events.

**Randy & Cindy Plessor** gave us an update on the **USO Show** scheduled to coincide with **Vietnam Vets Appreciation** on Sat., August 8th. It is shaping up to be quite an event. A 30-piece big band will perform to entertain the crowds, along with more than a handful of incredibly talented actors. These folks are traveling in from the west coast for this gig. Be sure to wave to them from below as their plane comes in for a landing. This event is not to be missed!

**Lorraine Irby** gave us some haunted dates. **Historic Nights of Fright** will be held on Friday, 10/2 and Thursdays, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22, and 10/29. TBD, the group is awaiting final clearance for a Halloween grand finale to be held on Saturday, 10/31 with a very special "White Wedding" ceremony inside the fort walls. (HINT: the bride is one of our own!) The plan is to make it a public event and to generate lots of media attention over this very unique occasion.

In prior years, the fort gave out stipends to an outside group to put a haunted fort together. Unfortunately, due to inclement weather, the fort lost money on the deal as several nights had to be canceled due to rain. After that point, it was decided that things would be done "in-house" by volunteers only.

So, if you are a budding thespian or have theatrical or tech skills and are interested in putting your talents to the test, by all means, come forward to center stage. Our group is comprised of some extremely talented people with skills that run the gamut. Scenes will be historically based on the book "**Fort Mifflin, A Paranormal History**" authored by our fearless leader

**Anthony Selletti**. The goal is to make this the best haunted Halloween attraction not only in the Philadelphia area, but in the entire US of A.

Seriously, we are pulling out all the stops for this one. **Ed Kane** is arranging to light up the fort in amazing ways and **Barb Selletti** is ramping up her screaming performance. This is sure to be a really fun activity to take part in and good therapy to boot. After all, we all have another side of us just waiting to come out when the right opportunity presents itself. Admit it. You know it's true. Express yourself. Contact **Lorraine Irby** if you would like to donate your time or your organs.

We are happy to welcome **Stacey Daly's guest**, who joined our group for the first time. She has many years experience in the travel and tourism industry, as well as having worked for The Spirit of Philadelphia. She presented ideas on how to generate interest of tourism bureaus and travel agents in sending bus tours and groups to Fort Mifflin. She explained that by raising awareness of the existence of the fort within the travel and tourism sectors, potentially, Fort Mifflin could become a travel destination for people from both near and far. This could generate a substantial and steady flow of much needed income for the fort.

**Randy of NTAPS** reported his group already pulled in **\$2000** for Fort Mifflin from their **Sunday Night Paranormal Investigations**, and they're just getting started. NTAPS supplies the equipment and instruction to participants who get to do their own investigation of the fort. All proceeds go to the Fort. Now, that's some very cool cash! Thank you!

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The **TAPS Ghost Hunters Team** held their weekend Paranormal Investigations at Fort Mifflin on June 27th. More than 300 people attended, netting approximately \$117,000, of which \$4000 was donated to Fort Mifflin.

Be sure to thank the folks at the **Bucks County Sheraton** in Langhorne, PA for allowing us to place Fort Mifflin brochures in their tourist attractions rack. Because it is a private property, this location maintains control over what is placed there, as opposed to many public places which are controlled by the Board of Tourism. This saves the fort a lot of money in distribution fees and, hopefully, will generate awareness from visitors who come from NY, NJ, PA and other locales. The hotel is located directly across from Sesame Place, Bucks County's most popular tourist attraction, which caters to families with young children. Located along the Delaware River, Bucks County's number one industry is tourism. So, this should send some new traffic to the fort during busy travel seasons.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS! THE NEXT MEETING of THE FORT MIFFLIN HISTORIC PRESERVATION GROUP will be held on SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2009 at 5 PM at the Fort Hospital.** Please bring your ideas, information, printouts, flyers, event photos and other materials to share with your fellow preservationists. We will be firming up the details for events coming up in August, September and October.

## Volunteer Opportunities

Get your game on! Become part of the Fort's past, present and future by helping out!



DO **YOU** HAVE A SPECIAL SKILL TO SHARE?

CAN **YOU** SPARE A FEW HOURS?

Plenty of opportunities for everyone!

**PLEASE CALL**

**Lorraine Irby at (215) 685-4167**

**OR E-MAIL**

**<irby.lorraine@gmail.com>**



**SAT, AUG 8th & SUN AUG 9th, 2009**

**"VIETNAM VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY"**  
Event runs from 10 AM – 4 PM.



**SAT, AUG 22nd 2009**

**"PIRATES OF THE DELAWARE"**  
Event runs from 10 AM – 4 PM.



**SAT, AUG 29th & SUN AUG 30th, 2009**

**"RE-ENACTORS MARKET DAYS & CRAFT DEMOS"**  
Event runs from 10 AM – 4 PM.



**SAT, SEPT 26th & SUN SEPT 27th, 2009**

**"HISTORIC SOLDIERS WEEKEND"**  
Event runs SAT from 10 AM – 6 PM  
& SUN from 10 AM – 3 PM.

### ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS!

Are you an artist creating masterpieces to benefit Fort Mifflin? Do you have a veteran in the family whose story you feel should be told? Have you had an interesting experience as a re-enactor or volunteer at the fort?

PLEASE send an E-MAIL to  
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## INTERNET RADIO &amp; PODCASTS

**GHOSTLY TALK!**<[www.ghostlytalk.com](http://www.ghostlytalk.com)>

1/25/09 - "Discussing the ghosts of Fort Mifflin w/Tony Selletti"

**HRPS LIVE!**<[www.myspace.com/hrpsociety](http://www.myspace.com/hrpsociety)>

4/29/09 - (Tony Selletti and Nance Ratliff)

**HAUNT THE HUNTERS**<[www.darkplainsradio.com](http://www.darkplainsradio.com)>

5/3/09 - "SAVE FORT MIFFLIN" (Tony &amp; Barb Selletti, Laurie Hull, Jane &amp; Nance)

**MASS PARANORMAL RADIO SHOW**

5/4/09 - "SAVE FORT MIFFLIN" (Jane &amp; Nance)

touch1061.com <[www.blogtalkradio.com/masspararadio](http://www.blogtalkradio.com/masspararadio)>**MYSTERIOUS REALM RADIO** <[www.mysteriousrealm.com](http://www.mysteriousrealm.com)>

1/25/09 - "Discussing the ghosts of Fort Mifflin w/Tony Selletti"

**THE PARANORMAL CAFE**

3/14/09 - "The Return of the Paranormal Cafe!"

3/20/09 - "Conclusion of Friday the 13th Show"

<[www.theparanormalcafe.podomatic.com](http://www.theparanormalcafe.podomatic.com)>**ROSCOE PHIL SHOW TBA!**<[www.blogtalkradio.com](http://www.blogtalkradio.com)>**SAVE FORT MIFFLIN'S PODCAST**

5/25/09 - "EPISODE 1 SAVE FORT MIFFLIN"

<[www.savefortmifflin.podomatic.com](http://www.savefortmifflin.podomatic.com)>**SPIRITED HISTORY**<[www.spiritedhistory.podomatic.com](http://www.spiritedhistory.podomatic.com)>

3/15/09 - "Fort Mifflin" (interview w/Lee Anderson)

6/30/09 - "Re-visiting Fort Mifflin"

**STRANGE FREQUENCIES RADIO** <[www.blogtalkradio.com](http://www.blogtalkradio.com)>

Episode 13 on 2/15/09 - Tony Selletti

Episode 25 on 5/16/09 - Live from Fort Mifflin

**Upcoming Events!**

List your event here for **FREE!** Send a brief description including date & time, event title, host/sponsor name, admission fee and contact information to: <[fortmifflinnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:fortmifflinnewsletter@gmail.com)>

**The CANNON** is not responsible for errors due to inaccurate information, typos date or venue changes, etc.

**Event dates and times are subject to change. Please check prior to each event!**

OFFICIAL EVENTS HELD AT THE FORT can be found on the calendar page at <<http://www.fortmifflin.us>>

For NON-OFFICIAL or OFF-SITE EVENTS, please contact the hosting organization listed.

## AUGUST 2009

**SAT&SUN AUG 8 & 9, 10 AM - 4 PM****VIETNAM VETS APPRECIATION DAY**

Remember their sacrifice. Honor their memory. Demonstration of an An Loc Firebase, museum tours, 1960s music and more. All vets welcome.

Admission: Adults \$6, Seniors \$5  
Children (6 to 12) and Veterans \$3  
Children 5 years and younger FREE!  
Info: Lorraine Irby at (215) 685-4167

**SAT AUG 8, 7PM****USO SHOW**

1960s-era entertainment and a Big Band will perform for "the troops."  
Admission Fees Apply

**SUN, AUG 9, 4 PM - 11:15 PM****SUNDAY NIGHT PARANORMAL INVESTIGATION WITH THE NORRISTOWN AREA PARANORMAL SOCIETY**

Learn how to do a paranormal investigation with professional ghost hunting equipment, then actually get to do it! Collect and present your evidence to the group!

Cost: \$60/p.p (payable to Fort Mifflin)

Deposit required: \$25

Info/ Registration: Call Lorraine Irby  
at (215) 685-4167

**SAT AUG 15, 5PM****FORT MIFFLIN HISTORIC PRESERVATION GROUP MEETING**

In the Fort Hospital  
Bring your ideas. All are welcome!

Admission: **FREE!**

Info: Lorraine Irby at (215) 685-4167

<<http://www.meetup.com/The-Fort-Mifflin-Historic-Preservation-Meetup-Group/>>

**SAT, AUG 22, 10 AM - 4 PM****PIRATES OF THE DELAWARE!**

Load up the car with all the neighborhood kids & re-live the life of a pirate! Put on your eye patch and come visit Jack Sparrow and Elizabeth.

Arrrrrrgh!

General Gate Fees Apply

Info: Lorraine Irby at (215) 685-4167

**SAT & SUN AUG 29 & 30, 10 AM - 4 PM****RE-ENACTORS MARKET DAYS & CRAFT DEMONSTRATIONS**

Craft, military demos & re-enactments. Shop 'til you drop. Get a jump start on your holiday gift list & support the fort.

Admission: Adults \$6, Seniors \$5  
Children (6 to 12) and Veterans \$3  
Children 5 years and younger FREE!  
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<[www.kingdomoflucerne.com](http://www.kingdomoflucerne.com)>**SUN, AUG 23, 4 PM - 11:15 PM****SUNDAY NIGHT PARANORMAL INVESTIGATION WITH THE NORRISTOWN AREA PARANORMAL SOCIETY**

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## SEPTEMBER 2009

**SAT, SEPT 5, 4 PM LABOR DAY WE  
PARA-X INVESTIGATORS WEEK-  
END**

Hosted by PARA-HELP with  
TV/radio celebrities.

Equipment demo followed by para-  
normal investigation, door prizes, gift  
baskets, auction and concessions.

Admission: \$65/p.p.

Info/reservations:

<[www.para-help.com](http://www.para-help.com)>

**FRI SEPT 11, 6 PM - SAT, 8 AM  
OVERNIGHT PARANORMAL IN-  
VESTIGATION**

WITH TRI-COUNTY PARANORMAL

Admission: \$100/p.p.

Info/reservations:

<[delcoghosts@hotmail.com](mailto:delcoghosts@hotmail.com)>

**SUN, SEPT 13, 4 PM - 11 PM  
SUNDAY NIGHT PARANORMAL  
INVESTIGATION**

WITH THE NORRISTOWN AREA  
PARANORMAL SOCIETY

Learn how to do a paranormal inves-  
tigation with professional ghost hunt-  
ing equipment, then actually get to do  
it! Collect and present your evidence  
to the group!

Cost: \$60/p.p (payable to Fort Mifflin)

Deposit required: \$25

Info/ Registration: Call Lorraine Irby  
at (215) 685-4167

**SAT SEPT 26, 10AM - 6 PM  
& SUN SEPT 27, 10 AM - 3 PM  
HISTORIC SOLDIERS WEEKEND**

Historical encampment, featuring re-  
enactors from every American conflict

Special guest appearances. Abbott &  
Costello Show <[www.UltimateAandC.com](http://www.UltimateAandC.com)>

Admission: Adults \$6, Vets \$3

Children under 12 \$3, under 5 FREE!

Info: <[www.historicsoldiersweekend.com/](http://www.historicsoldiersweekend.com/)>

Email:

<[www.historicsoldiersweekend.com/c  
ontact\\_us.shtml](mailto:www.historicsoldiersweekend.com/contact_us.shtml)>

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## OCTOBER 2009

**FRI OCT 2, and  
THUR OCT 8, 15, 22 & 29,  
TENTATIVE DATE TBA SAT OCT 31  
HISTORIC NIGHTS OF FRIGHT**

Candlelight Ghosts Tours lead by guides in Civil War and  
Revolutionary War uniforms.

Admission: \$20/p.p. Group Rates available.

Info: Lorraine Irby (215) 685-4167 or [irby.lorraine@gmail.com](mailto:irby.lorraine@gmail.com)

**FRI, OCT 9, 5 PM - SUN, OCT 11, 5 PM  
THE EAST COAST PARANORMAL INVESTIGATORS  
CONFERENCE**

A showcase to the public of paranormal investigators, using  
real science in the study of their fields, and the results they  
obtain. Have your group take part in paranormal history!

Info/reservations/booths contact:

Lorraine Irby (215) 685-4167 or [irby.lorraine@gmail.com](mailto:irby.lorraine@gmail.com)  
or go to <http://aphs.org>

Accommodations: Sheri Caja, Sales Mgr., Comfort Inn  
Philadelphia Airport, (610) 521-9800 or  
[gm.pa094@choicehotels.com](mailto:gm.pa094@choicehotels.com)

Group Name: EAST COAST PARANORMAL CONF.,  
Group No: 6329

\$85.00 rate + 8% tax



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Check Out <[www.myspace.com/savefortmifflin](http://www.myspace.com/savefortmifflin)>

## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2009

Re-enactments, living history pro-  
grams, tours, demos, kid's games,  
18th century music.

General Gate Fees Apply

Units interested in participating con-  
tact : Ed Kane, Olde Fort Mifflin Historical  
Society at <[edkane@comcast.net](mailto:edkane@comcast.net)>.

Admission: \$80/p.p.

Info/ Registration: Call Lorraine Irby  
at (215) 685-4167

or E-Mail: <[irby.lorraine@gmail.com](mailto:irby.lorraine@gmail.com)>

**SAT & SUN, DEC 12 & 13, 10 AM - 4  
PM**

**WORLD WAR II EVENT - "OPERA-  
TION -"**

Re-enactment of "Operation Cobra -  
Breakout at Normandy" by the "Light-  
ning Men" of the 78th Infantry, 309th  
Regiment. Two battles each day.

General Gate fees apply.

Info: Call Lorraine Irby (215) 685-4167

**SAT, NOV 14 & SUN NOV 15, 10 AM  
- 4 PM**

**THE 232ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
SIEGE OF FORT MIFFLIN**

**SAT, NOV 28, 6 PM - SUN NOV 29, 8  
AM**

**SLEEPING WITH THE GHOSTS**

Spend the night learning about para-  
normal investigating from the pros.  
Sleep in a haunted building.





# Fort Mifflin Educational Programs



**Stars and Stripes:  
The American Flag Story**  
Grades K - 5

**A Soldier's Story: Revolutionary War  
Soldier Life**  
Grades K - 7

**A Soldier's Story:  
Civil War Soldier Life**  
Grades K - 7

**Blood, Sweat & Tears  
Civil War Medicine**  
Grades 7 - 12

Cost: \$8 per student & chaperone  
(teachers FREE)

All programs can be booked through the  
Fort for in-person **field trips** or **distance  
learning** (video-conferencing).

**For more information** or to book a  
special event, such as a birthday  
party package, wedding or fund-  
raiser, please call Lorraine Irby at  
**(215) 685-4167**.

## Calendar At-a Glance

**August 1st-2nd, 2009**  
Para-Weekend 24-hr. investigation

**August 8th & 9th, 2009**  
Vietnam Veterans Appreciation Day

**August 8th, 2009**  
USO Show

**August 9th & 23rd 2009**  
Sun. Night Paranormal Investigation

**August 15th 2009**  
FMHPG Meeting

**August 22nd, 2009**  
Pirates of the Delaware

**August 29th & 30th, 2009**  
Re-enactors Market Days & Craft Demos

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