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The Delaware Seashore Preservation Foundation is a non-profit friends' organization created to preserve, protect, and enhance the Indian River Life Saving Station, and the Parks within the Delaware Seashore State Park Region including the Indian River Marina, Delaware Seashore, Fenwick Island, and Holt Landing State Parks.

About the Fire Control Tower #3 Restoration Project

In an effort to recognize veterans of World War II and all veterans who continue to honorably serve our nation, the Delaware Seashore Preservation Foundation (DSPF), in partnership with the Fort Miles Historical Association, has undertaken a capital campaign to restore Fire Control Tower #3, one of the structures that was used during the war as a first line of defense in the event of foreign invasion.

Upon its completion, Tower #3, located in the Delaware Seashore State Park just south of Dewey Beach, will serve as a place for residents and visitors to view a piece of history and honor those who served and continue to serve. Visitors will be able to enter the Tower via an internal stairway and access the open air deck at the top. In addition to restoring the Tower, the DSPF will be providing educational displays that will allow visitors to learn about: the contribution the towers made to the World War II effort; how veterans from Delaware participated in defending our nation during the war; and contributions to national defense being made today by active members of the military from Delaware.



Restoration work continues on Tower #3; Larry Brown WBOC TV interview

Coastal Delaware Running Festival Benefits the DSPF

The DSPF is a proud beneficiary of the annual Coastal Delaware Running Festival, dubbed the "Best Marathon in Delaware" by Culture Trip. The popular race, held each April, will take place in the Rehoboth/Cape Henlopen area in 2018. The 2017 Festival raised more than \$30,000 for the DSPF to put toward the Tower #3 restoration.

To contribute to the Tower #3 Restoration Project, please send your gift to the address listed above or visit our website at:
www.restorethetower.org

For further information, see our recent feature on WMDT TV:
<http://www.wmdt.com/news/delaware/world-war-ii-fire-control-tower-restoration-begins/592154153>

Chairman's Message

After several years of planning, including a tower structural analysis, site & tower engineering design, drainage study, and budgetary estimates, we are beginning our 5-year restoration efforts. Initial work is underway to open up the tower and do cleanup and remediation. A clear glass door is being installed to allow the public its first opportunity to get a glimpse inside.

Soon, the tower will be illuminated with the blue lighting utilized on the Indian River Inlet bridge, and will become a night-time landmark. We have partnered with friends from the Fort Miles Historic Association (of which Fire Control Tower #3 is an integral part of the fort's coastal defense network) who are contributing manpower and developing tower historic displays.

Although our partners at the State of Delaware Parks Department are providing support services, **the bulk of the project's funding will come from DSPF and our supporters. Your support is needed and appreciated.** We hope our project will be a historic legacy for residents and visitors for years to come.

Larry Brown, DSPF Chairman

HELP RESTORE THE TOWER!

