

# The Pencader Press

*Newsletter of the Pencader Heritage Area Association*

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## **Who are we?**

*Volunteers interested in promoting the Pencader Heritage through active participation.*

## **How do we do that?**

- *Outreach Programs*
- *Educational Sign Program*
- *Video Library*
- *Local Oral Histories*
- *Preservation of Pencader History*



## **PHAA Museum**

*2029 Sunset Lake Rd.  
Newark, DE*

*Open: 1st & 3rd Sat.  
10:00am to 4:00pm  
Free Admission !*



## **Want more information ?**

*302-737-5792 or*

*Visit our web site:  
www.*

*PencaderHeritage.Org*



Pencader's annual Memorial Service in September was touching and memorable. Rep. Earl Jaques's keynote address reminded us to remember the American colonial soldiers who fell at the Battle of Cooch's Bridge. Without the sacrifice of those men and thousands more like them we would still be British citizens.

On December 14th at 10:00 AM we will remember the fallen in all of America's wars with the Wreaths Across America program. Retired Major General William Duncan will be the keynote speaker and the focus will be on Korean War vets.

Pencader Museum has been getting some good publicity. The Newark Post had photos and a lengthy article about the Memorial Service. We were very pleased that a new magazine Inside Newark not only had a great article but put us on the cover.

Preliminary contacts have been made with the Delaware Historical Society about exchanging exhibits.

We have added two new authentic historical autographs, an 1845 letter from future US president James Buchanan when he was a senator from Pennsylvania and an 1865 Navy discharge signed by Gideon Welles of Connecticut, who was Secretary of the Navy 1861-1869 under presidents Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Johnson. The signatures join our Awesome Autographs display from the 1930s.

Don't forget to check our website, [www.pencaderheritage.org](http://www.pencaderheritage.org), and Like us on Facebook.  There's always something new.

Third quarter visitors totaled 168 and volunteers contributed 1172 hours. If the correlation between museum visitors and hours donated seems tilted, remember the visitors' numbers don't include the thousands who visit the website, Facebook, and see our educational signs in Glasgow Regional and Iron Hill Parks. Those volunteer hours also go to maintaining and improving the signs. Plus we maintain 2 geo-caching sites.

In part PHAA's Mission Statement says: ".....To promote interest in the history and heritage of Pencader Hundred including Cooch's Bridge Battlefield...." To this end State Senator Bethany Hall-Long has provided funds to DelDot in PHAA's name to erect, for the first time, highway signs directing travelers to the Cooch's Bridge Battlefield. Aid in recognizing Delaware Field of Valor has also been received from the National DAR, local Cooch's Bridge Chapter DAR, W3R-Delaware and Alliance Francaise of Delaware.

For those interested in more information about travel, historical and recreational sites in Delaware we currently have state highway maps, a geo-caching guide, and a state-wide directory of recreational and historical sites.

Did you miss back issues of Pencader Press? Catch up on our website.

Did you know PHAA has hosted flag retirement ceremonies, a Delaware authors' book sale, yearly military re-enactors' encampment, foreign visitors, workshops, historical and heritage societies, private meetings and groups, etc? In addition we have extensive research facilities for local family historians. Let us know what we can do for you.

Pencader Heritage Area Association is a registered non-profit organization. Your gift would be greatly appreciated. All donations are tax deductible.

## **COMING EVENTS**

Open every 1st & 3rd Saturday, 10:00 - 4:00  
All Activities FREE

December 14, Saturday Wreaths Across America program, 10:00 AM