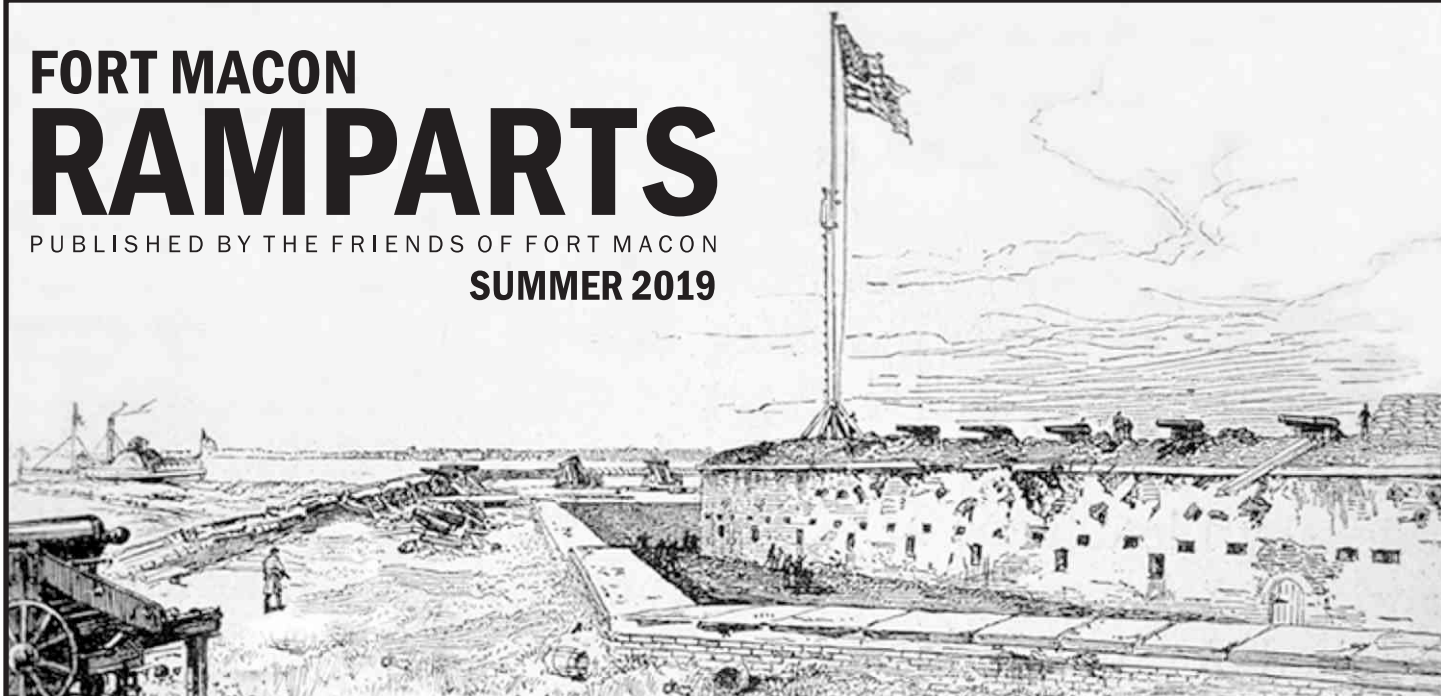


FORT MACON RAMPARTS

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The date on your mailing label
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Fort Macon's Atlantic Beach Connection

We are so pleased the connector trail to Atlantic Beach is complete. Our community, and visitors will enjoy the safe and easy access to the park.

The Fort Macon staff, and volunteers did an amazing job with this project. It's yours! So, come on over to Fort Macon State Park, and see all the beauty along the Elliott Coues trail.





Mosquito Run 2019

Mosquito Run #4 was a "Winner for all" and we couldn't be happier! The number of participants grow every year, and we love it's becoming a new tradition at Fort Macon.

Thank you! Thank you! To all our volunteers the park staff. We greatly appreciate all the Fort Support from our Hosts Amos Mosquitos Restaurant & Bar, Atlantic Beach, NC and The Friends of Fort Macon along with our Sponsors Garrison Grading & Contracting, Newport, NC and Lyle Construction Solutions, Atlantic Beach, NC.

See you next year!

Your Volunteer with Cheer!

Cindi Davia

President, Friends of Fort Macon





Summer CONCERTS

AT FORT MACON STATE PARK

FREE CONCERTS

FRIDAY CONCERTS @ 6:30-8 PM

SATURDAY CONCERTS @ 1PM

BRING LAWN CHAIR OR BLANKET
PICNIC BASKETS (NO ALCOHOL) ARE WELCOME

*Sponsored by Parker Buick-GMC and
Parker Honda of Morehead City*

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
FORT MACON PARK AT 726-3775

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Friday Night Concerts

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| MAY | 31 | Carteret Sunshine Band
Contemporary Mix |
| JUNE | 14 | Unknown Tongues
Zydeco Music |
| JUNE | 28 | Telluride
Beach, Bluegrass, Country Music |
| JULY | 12 | Saltwater Gold
Favorite Dance Music |
| JULY | 26 | The Werewolves
Classic Motown, Beach Music |
| AUG | 02 | Wild Honey
Country Rock & Blues |

Saturday Concerts

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|------|----|--|
| JUNE | 08 | Caffeinated Soul Boogie
Funk, Jazz, Americana |
| JUNE | 22 | Mad Fiddler
Feel Good Fiddling |
| AUG | 10 | Morehead Brass Consortium
Pop/Classics |

Superintendent's Comments

Spring 2019

Since Hurricane Florence hit the coast in September, 2018, the park staff have been busy getting everything in the park back to as normal as possible. The only two large items left is the Visitor Center Roof replacement and the Fort Floors. The Visitor Center roof is currently being replaced and should be finished by the end of May. The fort wood floors, AC system and electrical wiring in the floors all need replacing. The wood floors in the restored rooms are currently being removed, and the park hope to have everything completed in the fort by September if everything goes as planned.

In 2018 Fort Macon State Park applied and received a grant to build a connector trail from the bathhouse entrance road along highway 58 to the city limits of Atlantic Beach. The town of Atlantic Beach will extend the sidewalk from Tar Landing to the park boundary so visitors entering the park by Highway 58 on foot will have a much safer access. Park staff and volunteers began work in February, 2018 and worked throughout the winter to have the trail open for the 2019 summer season. Visitors are already taking advantage of the new trail which is .24 miles in length and has three boardwalks crossing a small pond and wetlands. With this new trail addition, Fort Macon State Park now has nearly 4 miles in trails.

Park staff have been in contact with the North Carolina National Guard in hopes of obtaining a Model 1918 Grande Puissance Filloux (GPF) 155 mm gun. At this time everything looks positive for the park being able to acquire this historic weapon. The M1918 GPF was used to equip Fort Macon defenses in World War II. If the park is able to acquire this gun, the Friends of Fort Macon have already agreed to assist in the transport and set-up of the gun at Fort Macon to interpret the park's role in World War II. This is a project that the Friends of Fort Macon and park Staff have been wishing for since the late 1980's. We will keep working with the NC National Guard in hopes of making this a reality.

June kicks off the concerts in the fort. As always people welcome the beginning of the concert, and they should be fun again this year. I hope everyone has a safe and fun summer.

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Our Beloved Marines!

The Single Marines Program from Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point help Fort Macon in many ways. They paint cannons, clean up the beach, and the list goes on... We can't thank them enough for their service to our country, and to our community.

Semper Fi

Your Friends at Fort Macon



Schedule of Events

JULY

Every Wednesday
10:00 AM

Every Thursday
10:00 AM

Every Saturday & Sunday
10:30 AM & 2:30 PM

1 Mon 10:00 AM
3 Wed NOON
4 Thurs 10:30, 11:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30
5 Fri 10:30 AM
11 Thurs 1:00-4:30 PM
12 Friday 10:30 AM
12 Friday 6:30 PM
13 Sat 2:00 PM
17 Wed 1:00-4:30
19 Fri 10:30 AM
22 Mon 9:00 AM
25 Thurs 1:00-4:30 PM
26 Fri 10:30 AM
26 Fri 6:30 PM
31 Wed 1:00-4:30 PM
31 Wed 4:00 PM

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Cannon Day | Come down to Fort Macon and learn how Civil War Cannons function. Cannon firing demonstrations will be at 10:30, 11:30, 1:30, 2:30, & 3:30.

Turtle Talk | Join a Ranger for a look at one of our local treasures, the sea turtle. We will talk about all species of turtles and how common they are on our beaches. We may be able to hike to an actual nest depending on the location of any nests we may have this summer. Meet at the Bathhouse.

Jr. Ranger Day | Sign your kids up to work with a Park Ranger and earn their Jr. Ranger Patch. This event is for children age 6-12 who must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited, call the park office in advance to register. 252-726-3775

Beach Scavenger Hunt | Take a stroll on the beach with a Park Ranger to see what we can find. We'll be hunting for everything from drift beans to sea glass, and of course seashells. Sunscreen and water are recommended. Distance of the hike will depend on the weather and the group. Meet at the Bathhouse.

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Carolina Seashells | Our beach has an amazing assortment of seashell treasures. Meet at the bathhouse to learn about the variety of local species you might find on your next beach walk.

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10	Sat	1:00 PM	Saturday Concerts Enjoy a one-hour concert by local bands and artists in the Ft. Macon visitor center. There is no charge for this event, but donations to the Friends of Ft. Macon are greatly appreciated. This week's group: The Morehead City Brass (Pop, Classics)
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What's Happening?

Stay tuned to the Friends of Fort Macon
website: friendsoffortmacon.org and our Facebook page for updates and what's new.

Membership Renewal Dues 2018/2019

Follow these instructions to renew your membership!

The address label on the newsletter references your Membership Type:

I = Individual (\$15) F= Family (\$15) C = Contributor (\$30) D= Donor (\$50) S=Sponsor (\$75)
Individual Lifetime (\$200) or Business Lifetime (\$500)

Then the amount of your last membership dues is listed.

The last item is the date of your most recent dues payment. If this date is prior to 2018, this will be your last Rampart until you update your membership. Unless you are a Lifetime Member, this is an annual membership.

To renew your membership, you can tear off the portion of the RAMPART with your address label on it. Circle the Membership Type that you are choosing. Add your email address to the right of the Membership Type section. Then mail this along with your check to the address on the RAMPART. You may also renew memberships and make donations on our updated website.

We would like to add your email address to our information as this will help reduce mailing costs and enable us to notify you of events in a more efficient and timely manner. We promise that we will NOT share this information with anyone and will only use it to notify you of Fort Macon/Friends of Fort Macon events.

Thank you, Sheila Leppert



Who's the Crystal Coast Stargazers?

The Crystal Coast Stargazers, a local astronomy club that only formed a few years ago, has grown to be a sizeable and very active group in the last few years. The group that was started by a few people who regularly attended the Ft. Macon astronomy programs has grown to have well over 100 members on their mailing list, and a good 20 to 30 active members who you can find at most of the club's events. The group is very active with public outreach, and truly enjoys sharing their love of the heavens with the public. Because of the large amount of public events that the club participates in, it has already become a top tier member in the NASA Night Sky Network. It also boasts not one, but two NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassadors in its ranks. Anyone interested in the Crystal Coast Stargazers can find them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CCgazers or email info@ccgazers.com.



Upcoming events that the Stargazers will be hosting or assisting with include the following:

The Monthly Club meetings (anyone can come) the first Wednesday of each month from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm at the Webb Memorial Public Library in Morehead City.

July 3rd, August 7th, September 4th

"Apollo 11: From the Moon to Mars" a program by NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador Lisa Pelletier-Harman
Saturday, July 13th at 2:00 pm in the Ft. Macon Visitor Center Auditorium
Tuesday, July 16th at 8:00 pm at the Carteret Co. Public Library in Beaufort
(Astronomy viewing session to follow in the parking lot.)

"Astronomy Night at Cape Lookout" 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm at the Cape Lookout Visitor Center on Harkers Island
Saturday, July 20th and Saturday August 24th

"Astronomy Night at Ft. Macon" Held in the parking lot at the Bathhouse / Beach Access area of Ft. Macon.
Friday, August 9th at 9:00 pm and Friday, September 6th at 8pm

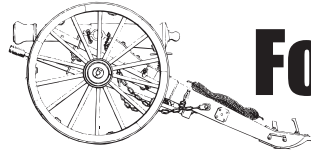
"TESS-The Search for Earth 2.0" a program by NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador Lisa Pelletier-Harman
Saturday, August 10th and Saturday, September 14th at 2:00 pm in the Ft. Macon Visitor Center Auditorium



Come to Our MONTHLY LUNCH MEETINGS

You may be missing a great opportunity if you haven't attended the **first Wednesday (of the month) lunch meetings at Golden Corral!** Not only is there a short update on the "State of Fort Macon", there's always a fascinating talk by an expert that you may not want to miss for our Dutch treat luncheon. If you have attended some or all of these very interesting talks, you know how informative and amusing the speakers are.

Please call the Fort (252) 726-3775, check our website and Facebook to stay up to date on changes. We look forward to seeing you.



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**Charlotte Metrolina
Civil War Roundtable**
Charlotte, NC

Casper Marine Service
Swansboro, NC

Randall Parker
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Amos Mosquitos
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New Bern, NC

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