

**“Wreaths Across America”**  
**Ft. Mott, NJ**

On 11 December 2010, Fort Mott State Park hosted “Wreaths Across America” supported by the Army Ground Forces Association (AGFA). This special annual event is one of many like it across the United States and was made possible by the coordinating efforts of Andy Grant, Historian at Ft. Mott State Park.

The members of AGFA that participated in the Saturday event were Andy Grant, Vincent Turner, Vincent Turner Jr., Stephen Turner, Gary Weaver, Adam Welch, Shawn Welch and our guest Brendan Mackie.

The educational objective for AGFA was to provide interpretation of the Coast Artillery soldiers at the fort supporting the Finns Point National Cemetery that has been at this location for over a hundred years.

The photo below shows the Saturday’s participating membership from AGFA on the porch of Building #9, the post headquarters.



In the photo below, the members prepare to leave the main post cantonment area of Ft. Mott in a 1930 Ford Model A and a Ford Jeep and head over to Finns Point National Cemetery.



The photo below shows CPL Turner handing the flags to CPT Grant in the driver's seat of his Ford Model A.



Below SGT Welch, SSG Weaver, CPL Turner, and SGT Mackie perform the color guard ceremony.



Below the detail completes the flag raising at the Cemetery.



In the photo below, the members are posed in front of the wreaths that were laid on graves at the cemetery by the public and members of AGFA.



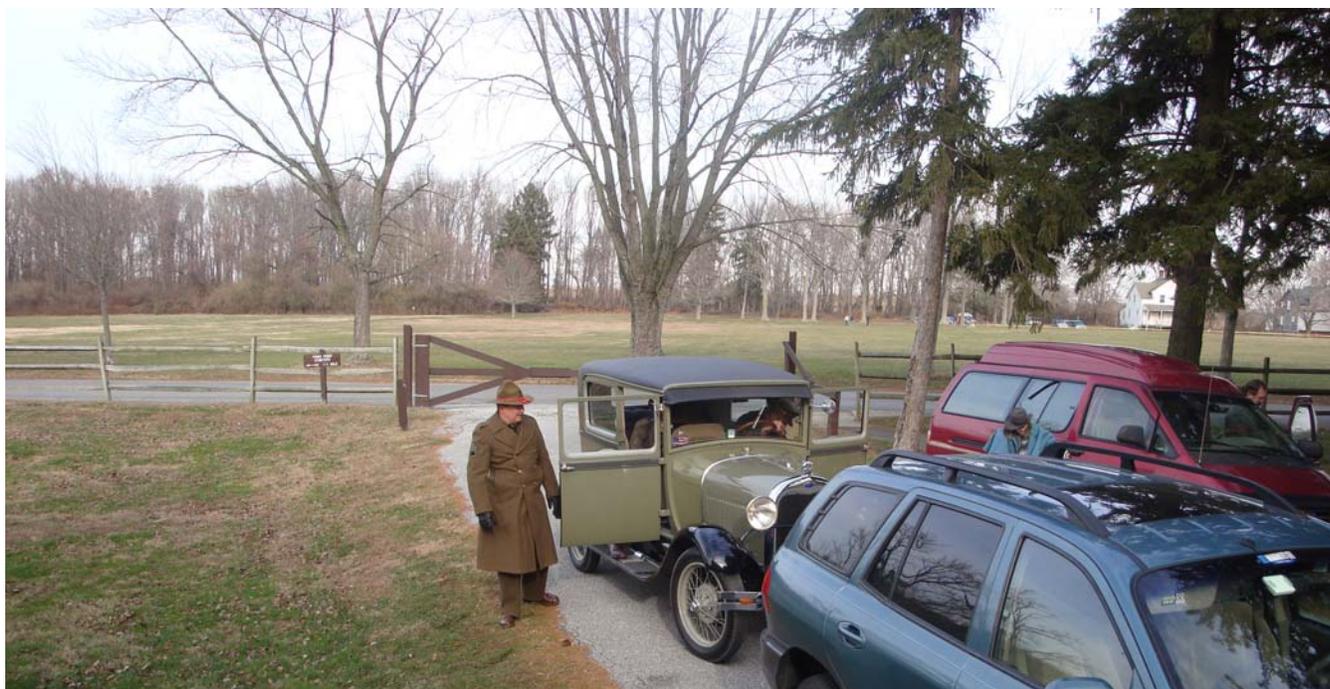
After the ceremony and wreath laying, members assisted event hosts in disposing of the boxes in which the wreaths were packed.



After the boxes were prepared for disposal, members walked through the cemetery, pausing for a photo in front of the Confederate war dead buried in the cemetery. Over 2,300 of these soldiers were buried in the cemetery in unmarked graves. These men died at the prisoner of war camp at Fort Delaware during the Civil War.



Once all work was completed at the cemetery, members drove back to Ft. Mott. In the photo below, SSG Weaver and CPT Grant are seen dismounting the Ford Model A.



The photo below CPT Grant contemplates the next event at Ft. Mott.



The members of AGFA were honored to have been able to assist Fort Mott State Park in hosting “Wreaths Across America” at Finns Point National Cemetery and look forward to supporting the event again in 2011.

For more information, visit the Army Ground Forces Association Website <http://armygroundforces.org>