

Jacobsburg Bolton Historic Site WWII Weekend
Jacobsburg, Pennsylvania

On 28-29 June 2025, AGFA supported and participated in the Bolton Historic Site's WWII Weekend program. (<http://www.jacobsburghistory.com/events/>)

AGFA assisted the Jacobsburg Historical Society in managing the registration and reception for all historians attending and displaying at the event. This work began weeks before the event with attendance registration and confirmations and ended with the last registered participant signing in on Sunday 29 June.

There were many historians, reenactors and exhibitors at the event. Many different aspects of World War Two were represented and this provided many opportunities for the public to learn and experience something new.

The members of AGFA who participated in the event were Callum Bujdos, Anne Lutkenhouse, Steve Rossi, Jerry Still, John Uhler, and Shawn Welch.

The educational objective for the attending AGFA members was to provide historic information on the Army's Chaplaincy during WWII, the Coast Artillery Corps, Chemical Warfare Service and Medical Department operations during World War II.

The photo below from Sunday afternoon at the end of the event shows all of the participating historians and reenactors from many different groups and organizations.



Below CPT(CH) Uhler and 2LT Still greet a historian checking in for the event.



Right behind the check-in tent was the AGFA Coast Artillery display. The focus of this display was on both Fort Hancock (Harbor Defense of New York) and the Harbor Defenses of Manila and Subic Bay (Philippines).



Below is an M1910A1 Azimuth Instrument.



The photo below is of a group of "infantry reenactors" of the 45th Infantry Division setting up tents as seen through an M1910A1 Azimuth Instrument.



Below 1LT Lutkenhouse explains some of the Coast Artillery materials to a visitor.



Below SGT/T-4 Bujdos during the weapons demonstration. Here he is talking through an Army bull horn about the Flame Thrower.



Below is SGT/T-4 Bujdos and PFC Kleeman (also an AGFA member) who has a Bazooka and is part of the 32nd ID history group for this event.



Below several German and Italian historians explain a German MG-42 machinegun that has been modified to provide the gunfire sound using propane (notice the hoses).



Below is another view of the team with the "propane" MG-42.



There were three "weapons demonstrations" during the weekend, two on Saturday and one on Sunday. Below a group of historians are preparing for their portion of the demonstration.



Below an M1 Thompson submachinegun (left) and a German MP-40 (machine-pistol) are being demonstrated using blank ammunition.



There were many professionally-curated displays during the weekend - all privately owned. The rifles below represent a time span of over 50 years and at least ten different countries.



The display below represents about ten nation's various hand and stick grenades from the period of 1918 to 1945.



The exhibit below is one of the most extensive small arms displays with over 80 small arms weapons for the public to see and learn about.



There were over ten vendors at this year's event. The tent below is the Susquehanna Depot (<https://www.thesusquehannadepot.com/>)



The photo below shows three other vendors with their merchandise available for inspection and purchase.



Another vendor is shown below.



The "Happy Tummy" truck was present all weekend and provided excellent breakfasts and lunches throughout the day.



This year's event hosted the "Legacy Exhibit" - well worth one's time to review and learn about the Genocide against the Jews in Europe during WWII.



Another view of the exhibit is shown below. This is an extensive and well-documented exhibit and well worth your time to review.



During the weekend the Salvation Army Canteen Trailer was THE PLACE for coffee and doughnuts.



The Salvation Army trailer is shown in more detail below.



The trailer is from the 1930s and the Art Deco influence is apparent.



Another view of the inside of the trailer.



The trailer is towed by a 1936 Dodge Van that has been meticulously restored.



Notice the hood ornaments of the truck.



The Salvation Army site was the location of the Sunday morning church service attended by many of the reenactors and historians.



The Sunday Morning wakeup in the 32nd ID encampment.



Below a historian portraying a Sturmbannführer (SS Major) shares original SS soldier and officer maps and identification materials to the public.



Below the Sturmbannführer is translating several documents for visitors.



Throughout Sunday afternoon the Swingtime Dolls (<https://www.swingtimedolls.com/>) entertained the visitors and historians and reenactors alike. AGFA members provided financial resources to the Jacobsburg Historical Society to support the stipend for the Swingtime Dolls.



Another view of the Swingtime Dolls on Sunday afternoon.



More Swingtime Dolls! They are a wonderful period entertainment group and we look forward to supporting them again at Jacobsburg next year!



All great weekends come to an end - and below the Salvation Army is now on the road to their next event!



Jacobsburg WWII weekend is well worth your time and we encourage you to attend in June 2026!