

Delaware officials celebrate opening of artillery park

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CAPE HENLOPEN, Del. — A new artillery park at Cape Henlopen State Park should prove to be a big blast for history buffs.

Friday's ribbon cutting at the World War II Artillery Park at the Fort Miles Museum coincides with the 71st anniversary of the Japanese surrender aboard the USS Missouri in World War II.

The main attraction at the park will be one of the nine original 16-inch guns from the Missouri.

The Fort Miles Historical Association saved the gun from being scrapped and raised more than \$100,000 in private donations and grants to transport the 116-ton, 66-foot-long gun barrel to Fort Miles, where it joins several other vintage artillery pieces.

Fort Miles was a major operational center for U.S. coastal defenses during World War II.

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