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## The Armed Forces Heritage Museum Comes to Burlington

by Mayor Barry Conaway

I recently attended the opening of the the newest location of the Armed Forces



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Heritage Museum (AFHM) at the Captain James (Don't Give Up the Ship) Lawrence House, at 459 High Street, on the campus of the Burlington County Historical Society.

AFHM Executive Director Roy Plummer is a major coordinator of the renovation and historical exhibits that have been installed already, and more changes will be coming as their programs expand. (Visit [www.afhmus.org](http://www.afhmus.org) for details and news.)

Roy, it was great meeting you and your fellow military historians, volunteers, and supporters at your June 11 and 12 opening events. You all have already done an amazing job of transforming the Lawrence House into a museum that covers all of the United States military periods from the Revolution to the present.

### How did AFHM start and what is its mission?

The AFHM is an all-volunteer organization whose mission is to “preserve, honor, and educate the public on the military history of New Jersey and its neighboring region. Currently, AFHM operates a 32-foot mobile museum (Mini-Mo) that travels around the region to bring military history to the people. The Mini-Mo includes informa-

tion as well as compelling visual oral histories from NJ veterans and active-duty military.

### What will you do in the Lawrence House as a permanent location?

The house will feature permanent and rotating exhibits on military history and New Jersey's contributions to both people and places. In addition, the AFHM will include a unique military history “Immersive Room” to allow visitors to have an interactive, virtual experience of history. We also hope to develop an Interview Room” to record military members' personal experiences and histories. Visit [www.afhmus.org](http://www.afhmus.org) to view fascinating interviews that have been recorded with individuals from WWII to the present.

### How did the AFHM come to Burlington?

The Burlington County Historical Society offered use of the house to the AFHM with the goal of enhancing and expanding each other's missions and programs. Both groups are excited to bring a brand-new experience to the campus in downtown Burlington that includes: The James Fenimore Cooper House, the Bard How House, The Delia Biddle Pugh Research Library, and the Corson-Poley Center, home to the Society's newest venture, the Children's History Center. (For more details, visit [www.burlingtoncountyhistoricalociety.org](http://www.burlingtoncountyhistoricalociety.org).) The Lawrence House is actually owned by the State of NJ, and the Burlington County Commissioners also supported this partnership.



A portrait of Captain James (Don't Give Up the Ship) Lawrence approvingly views the many interactive and other AFHM exhibits, including incredibly detailed miniature models of military conflicts.



The new Armed Forces Heritage Museum opened on June 12 in the Captain James Lawrence House, at 459 High Street, on the campus of the Burlington County Historical Society.

### Why is the Lawrence House a good site for your museum?

Captain Lawrence was a son of Burlington City and a naval war hero who served during the War of 1812. He commanded the frigate Chesapeake, and during a heated battle in which he was mortally wounded, rallied his crew by saying, “Don't Give up The Ship!” This is now the motto of the U.S. Navy and the City of Burlington, NJ. Flags honoring Lawrence's words can be found throughout Burlington and on the scenic City waterfront.

### What are your future plans for the AFHM?

Our immediate and near-term focus will be on promoting the Lawrence House museum venue to the public, both locally and regionally. While striving to develop engaging and interactive exhibits and programs to the site for the public's enjoyment and education, this objective will be augmented by the continued use of the Mini-Mo mobile unit as our way of “Bringing the museum to the people” throughout the Burlington County and neighboring regions.

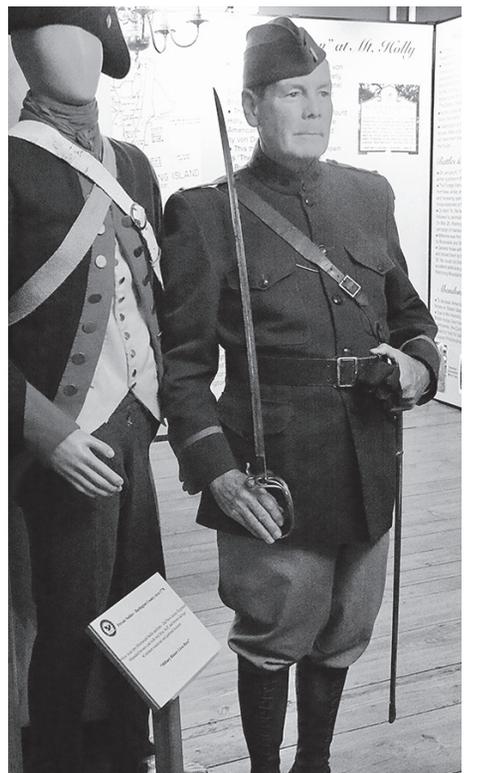
### When is the Museum open, and what are the fees to visit? How can people visit (book a tour, walk in, online)?

Currently our plans are to open the Lawrence House on weekends from 11am to 4pm, as staffed by our volunteer docents. No fee is being charged at this time but donations to our all-volunteer non-profit organization are greatly appreciated. Tours can be arranged by

appointment by emailing requests to [Roy.Plummer@afmus.org](mailto:Roy.Plummer@afmus.org).

### How can veterans and supporters contribute?

Donations are always welcomed, both at the Lawrence House site and through our website at: [www.afhmus.org](http://www.afhmus.org). Additionally, we are continually looking for sponsors for museum mission projects where we will acknowledge such support formally by posting



AFHM volunteer and docent re-enactor Rich Hill as a living WWI soldier blends in seamlessly with the museum's many mannequins wearing uniforms of the military periods since the American Revolution.

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their name or business entity with the exhibit, as well as via our Facebook page and website. Such sponsorships begin at the \$1000 contribution level and above. Further information regarding them can be obtained by contacting the Executive Director Roy Plummer at: roy.plummer@afhmus.org.

**Thanks, Roy, to you and all of the many members of your Armed Forces Heritage Museum network of volunteers and supporters for continually preserving and presenting this vital part of our Nation's history. I urge everyone, young and not-so-young, who is looking for a memorable, emotional, educational daytrip to visit AFHM in the James Lawrence House, at 459 High Street, as well as the other many exhibits on the Burlington County Historical Society campus.**

**Things for Kids to Do in the Summer of 2022**

Starting around January each year, I'm approached by worried parents who are concerned that "there's nothing for kids to do in Summers in Burlington." So this year, I asked our staff to compile a list of summer activities for kids, and we are now up to 8 pages of over 34 activities in town or in the region, and the list is growing and being updated continually.

This activities list should have something for almost every kid and every interest, including sports/e-sports, arts/culture, movie nights/book clubs/STEAM/Lego clubs, theater/music/art/creative play, education/leadership skills/summer jobs, trips/museums/zoos/nature hikes, camping/fishing/swimming, reading/games/storytelling, and more.

Please email me any activity you know of in case I missed something (at BConaway@burlingtonnj.us), and we'll add it to the list, which will be frequently updated and can be viewed on the City's website at [www.burlingtonnj.us/departments/public\\_affairs/recreation.php](http://www.burlingtonnj.us/departments/public_affairs/recreation.php).

**Automated Trash Collection Scheduled to Begin Around August 1**

New 96-gallon automated collection containers should be delivered to residents around August 1, and after delivery, they are the only container to be used for trash. Other items that do not fit into the container will not be collected.

- In the first 90 days after delivery, residents may be able to request a 45-gallon container or request an additional 96-gallon container.

- Bulk trash (allowable items that do not fit into the containers) will be collected on alternate Fridays.

- Remember: new containers are for residents only; businesses should arrange for commercial pick-ups.

For questions and further info, please contact Public Works at 609.386.0754, Option 1 or email [PublicWorks1@burlingtonnj.us](mailto:PublicWorks1@burlingtonnj.us).

# AUDITIONS

**Rehearsals:**  
September 2022 - May 2023  
Wednesday Nights  
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

**Director:**  
Melanie Anderson

**2023 Competition Shows!**  
The 25th Annual  
Putnam County  
Spelling Bee  
& a dramatic play  
(TBD)

In-person: August 10th, 2022 | 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
Self-Tape Auditions Accepted through August 31, 2022

http://www.thelyceumhall.com lyceumstudioj@gmail.com  
Lyceum Hall Center for the Arts | 432 High Street, Burlington, NJ | 609.239.0029

## Library Company of Burlington

### Oceans of Possibilities

**Grab-N-Go Craft Bag for Kids**  
Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>  
Large craft bag filled with 8 weekly-themed crafts, activities and book/movie recommendations. \*available while supplies last\*

**Spy Captain Bly!**  
Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup> - August 18<sup>th</sup>  
An "I Spy" game for kids. Pirate Captain Bly is hiding in the library. If you find him, stop by the front desk and claim some of his treasure!

**Buried Treasure Books**  
Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup> - August 18<sup>th</sup>  
Arrrgh, mateys...what treasure will you discover - a great story or new author - buried in the pirate's chest? Rate your book and return the slip for a chance to win a prize! This program is open to middle-schoolers, teens, and adults.

**Family Movie Matinees**  
Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup> 2:00-4:00pm Luca Rated PG  
Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup> 2:00-4:00pm Moana Rated PG  
Popcorn and drinks available for purchase. All children under 10 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

**Story Time and Craft**  
Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> 2-3pm "Ocean Animals"  
Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> 2-3pm "Exploring the Ocean"  
Story time, craft and snack geared for children ages 5-10. All children must be accompanied by an responsible adult.

**Xtreme Page Turners Book Club**  
Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:00pm Malamander  
Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:00pm Across the Pond  
Join Ms. Mary to discuss these summer reading-themed books. All books provided to participants courtesy of the Cynthia Langley Davis Grant and the Friends of LCOB. This book club is for kids ages 8-12 and space is limited.

**S.T.E.A.M. CLUB**  
Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup> 4:30-5:30pm  
Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> 4:30-5:30pm  
We provide the WACKY science, you bring your creativity to complete these summer reading-themed experiments. This program is geared towards children ages 8-12. Children under 10 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

**Lego Club**  
Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> 4:30-5:30pm  
Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup> 4:30-5:30pm  
We provide the Legos, you bring your imagination to complete these summer reading-themed builds. This is a family friendly program. Children under 10 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

**Summer Reading Events Schedule June 27-August 18 Activities and Prizes for All Ages**

**Button Maker Days**  
Wednesdays, July 6<sup>th</sup>, July 20<sup>th</sup>, August 10<sup>th</sup>  
Stop in the library between 11am-5pm and make an ocean-themed button. Design your own or use one of the library's pictures.

**Movie Night for Adults**  
Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm Blue Hawaii, rated PG  
Wear your flip flops and your most outrageous Hawaiian shirt to enjoy one of Elvis's classic movies. Light refreshments will be served.

**Teen Movie Nights**  
Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore rated PG-13  
Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm Jungle Cruise, rated PG-13  
\*Popcorn and drinks available for purchase. All children under 10 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

**Family Sea Shell Painting**  
Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm  
You've heard of rock painting? Well, we are switching it up to go along with our ocean theme this summer. We provide shells, markers and paints - just bring your imagination!

**Adult Paper Craft**  
Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm Seined Seahorse  
We provide the materials, you bring your creativity!

**Registration is required for most events. Please visit, call or email the Library Company to register: 609-386-1273 or [Burlington@bcls.lib.nj.us](mailto:Burlington@bcls.lib.nj.us)**

**Visit our Facebook page or website [www.librarycompanyofburlington](http://www.librarycompanyofburlington) for updates.**

Programming and prizes courtesy of JB Bakery, Rita's Water Ice, Friends of LCOB and CSLP.