Mortar Restoration

The restoration of the three mortars were completed in the spring of 2009 including installation of new reinforced concrete pads. The concrete pads were installed by Pride Construction and funded by the Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ).

G.J.Oliver of Alpha primed and repainted the mortars with paint funded by the Phillipsburg Area Historical Society.

Bittone Transportation of Phillipsburg donated their services by lifting and transporting the three mortars to G. J. Oliver and back.

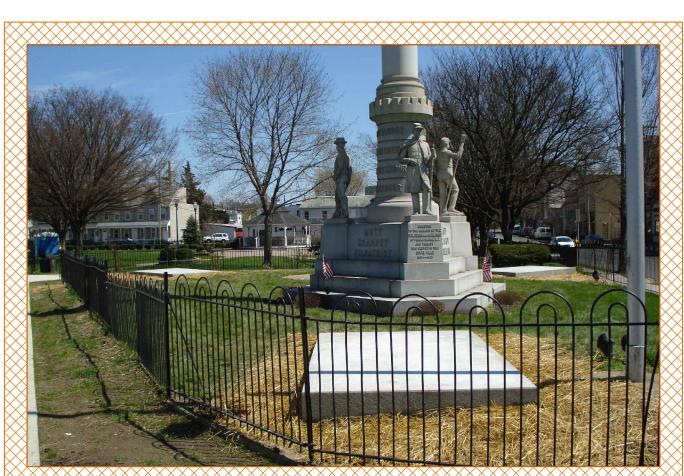
When lifting each mortar, the scale on the crane recorded the weight at 12 tons.

There are 27 13" sea coast mortars that are known to exist today. Four of them are located here in Phillipsburg and this collection is only matched by the National Park Service at Fort Sumter, Charleston, SC.



















Ordnance Stacks

The three ordnance stacks are replicated concrete 13" balls mounted on a stainless steel frame. The ordnance stacks were manufactured by Paolini Ornamental Concrete and funded by the Phillipsburg Rotary Club and Pro-Pump Services of Bethlehem.

U.S.S. Racer

The mortar located in the Phillipsburg Cemetery was used aboard the U.S.S. Racer during the Civil War. The U.S.S. Racer was a schooner used in Admiral Farragut's mortar flotilla during the seige of Vicksburg. This mortar was restored by 11th NJ Vol. Infantry Co.E

Civil War Reenactors in 1998.



