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Dear Editor:

The Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts' (MAC) efforts to restore New Jersey's last freestanding World War II Lookout Tower, Fire Control Tower No. 23 located on Sunset Blvd. in Lower Township near Cape May Point, reached a defining moment when it opened its doors to the public for the first time on Friday, March 27.

Fire Control Tower No. 23 was part of the immense Harbor Defense of the Delaware system known as Fort Miles. Built in 1942, the tower was one of fifteen concrete lookout towers that helped aim batteries of coastal artillery, stretching from North Wildwood, N.J. to Bethany Beach, DE. Four were in Cape May County, N.J.—the towers located in North Wildwood and Wildwood Crest were torn down and a third tower is located inside Cape May's Grand Hotel, Beach and Philadelphia avenues.

With the Tower restored, visitors can climb to the sixth floor observation platform at the top and see equipment used to determine firing coordinates for massive guns on both sides of the Delaware Bay. Each level of the tower includes interpretive panels and photos that explain the tower's function, as well as Cape May's important role in homeland defense during World War II. The third level of the tower is dedicated to the brave men and women from the Cape May area who served during World War II and contains the "Wall of Honor" as well as "Cape May's World War II Honor Roll."

Enclosed please find a color-coded set of informational press releases that describe the World War II Lookout Tower (Fire Control Tower No.23) Museum & Memorial:

White	Restoration of Fire Control Tower No. 23
Yellow	History of Fire Control Tower No. 23
Pink	Cape May during World War II
Blue	Memorial Plaques
Goldenrod	World War II Tours and Events
Green	Photo and Caption

If you would like any further information or photos, please contact me at any time. Don't forget to visit the Media Center on MAC's web site (www.capemaymac.org) for press releases, photos and captions. Any coverage of the tower would be appreciated. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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