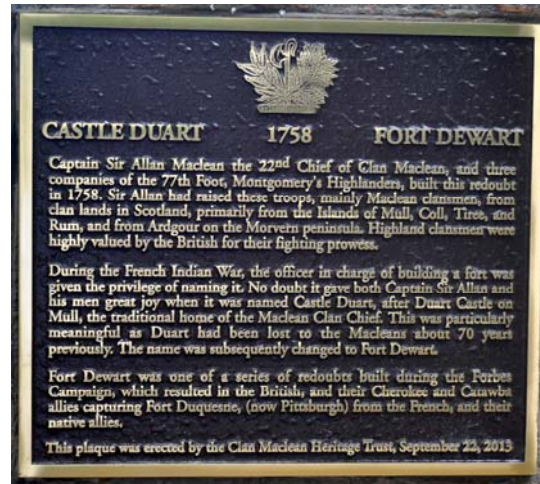


Fort Dewart

On 20th - 22nd September 2013 the Trust and Clan Gillean USA, in partnership with the Folmont Property Owners Association (FPOA), attended a ceremony re-dedicating Fort Dewart in Folmont, Pennsylvania. The ceremony was attended by the Chief and by two Trustees of the Heritage Trust, Ian MacLean from Nova Scotia and Judge Sandra McLean from California. Friends of the Trust and members of the California, Pacific North-West and Clan Maclean Atlantic Canada Associations as well as Clan Gillean USA were also present, together with FPOA members, local historians and Montgomery Highlander reenactors

Fort Dewart was a redoubt built on the summit of the Allegheny Mountain in Pennsylvania in 1758 by Captain Sir Allan Maclean and his men. The name was chosen by Captain Sir Allan and pays homage to the three companies of Macleans who had been recruited by him and had erected the fortification. They formed three companies of the 77th Regiment of Foot (Montgomery's Highlanders). The earthworks remain intact. The Trust, with Clan Gillean USA, provided a plaque and a storyboard.



On the Friday, a small group were given a special tour of Fort Ligonier, where they saw the flag of the Montgomery Highlanders, as well as a map that showed where the Montgomery Highlanders were encamped when they were at Ligonier.



The Chief

On the following day the group attended the Ligonier Games, which the Chief officially opened. In the evening the Folmont Property Owners Association (FPOA) hosted a most enjoyable reception attended by about 50 Macleans, as well as some local historians.

On the Sunday, prior to the re-dedication, Clan Gillean USA organized a visit and service at the nearby Flight 93 National Memorial site, where a plane was crashed during 9/11.

The re-dedication was attended by about 100 Macleans, local historians and FPOA members. Four living historians, dressed as Montgomery Highlanders, led the Chief, the honour party and the rest of the participants about 300 yards through the woods to the site. Ian MacLean conducted the proceedings. Father Patrick Maclean, President of Clan Gillean USA, gave a dedication prayer. The Chief spoke about the Trust and about Captain Sir Allan Maclean and his kinsmen who built the fort and named it. Peter Folen, a representative of the FPOA and a keen supporter of Fort Dewart, spoke about the campaign to have Fort Dewart recognized as a U.S. National Historic Site and the efforts that had led to it being preserved.

The Chief, Ian MacLean and Judge Sandra McLean unveiled the plaque. Peter Folen, Father Patrick and the Chief unveiled the storyboard. Participants were given an opportunity to examine both the plaque and the storyboard, walk around the site and visit part of the adjoining Forbes Trail. The party then returned to the property of Bill and Helga Nuzzo, where some relics from the Fort Dewart site were displayed, and a wonderful hot meal was provided.



l to r: Larry Andrews, artist; Terry Doran, Folmont Property Owners Association; Peter Folen, also FPOA; the Chief

The artist who had most kindly donated his time to paint a representation of Captain Sir Allan and his clansmen building Fort Dewart, which had been used for the storyboard, was present and sold signed limited edition prints of this work (see photo above). Some of these prints are still available (cost US\$ 50.00 plus s&h/p&p) and can be purchased through the FPOA (contact Peter Folen at pfolen@eadsgroup.com) or from the artist Larry Andrews (see his [website](#), where the print may be viewed). All proceeds, after production costs, will fund the application for listing the Fort Dewart site on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places. The original, larger framed version,

signed by the artist and the Chief, was raffled off. The Chief drew the winning ticket from a bonnet provided by one of the Montgomery Highlanders and won! He was also presented with a musket ball found at the site. The President of Clan Montgomery, representing his Chief, the descendant of the man who raised the Montgomery Highlanders, spoke and congratulated all on the event.



Nancy Hendreschke, Secretary, Clan Gillean USA

with impaired mobility, and generally welcoming us all. It was a great event!

The local volunteers had done a great job of readying the site for the visitors, providing a marquee tent, arranging transportation for those