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### **Fort Adams Trust Receives 2008 Doris Duke Historic Preservation Award**

**NEWPORT, RI - HISTORIC FORT ADAMS** -- The Newport Restoration Foundation and the City of Newport have awarded the Fort Adams Trust a 2008 Doris Duke Historic Preservation Award for accomplishments to date restoring the North Casemates and a portion of the Officers Quarters in the East Wall, along with the ramparts above these sections of the Fort. The North Casemates now house exhibits created by the US Naval War College Museum telling the story of the defenses of Narragansett Bay from Colonial times to the present while a Youth Overnight Barracks has been created in a portion of the former Officers Quarters.

The text of the award letter from the Newport Restoration Foundation reads in part: "Since the awards are a joint program of the Newport Restoration Foundation (NRF) and the City of Newport, the jury was made up of officials from the City of Newport's Historic District Commission and the NRF as well as respected Rhode Island preservationists and architectural historians. The jury was impressed by the pragmatism and astuteness of your preservation plan as much as we were by the careful thought and work that went into carrying out this phase. During our site visit, we were struck by all of the work that is yet to be done and it is our hope that this awards process will shed light on the worthiness of these future efforts and the need for the community to support them."

Historic Fort Adams is part of Fort Adams State Park, and is operated by the Fort Adams Trust, whose mission is to keep the Fort open for public tours and other educational activities, and to raise monies for the continuing restoration of North America's largest historic coastal artillery fortification. The Fort is open for guided tours daily from May through October, and for special events throughout the year.

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