



THE STUART LIGHT TANK

From 1940 through April 17, 1944, at the American Car & Foundry Plant in Berwick, 9135 workers from 177 municipalities throughout northeastern Pennsylvania produced 15,224 tanks for the United States Army and Marines and the Lend-Lease Program for the Allies. The first US tank to be fabricated on an assembly line, Stuart tanks were favored for their speed and mobility and saw action in theaters of war on all continents.

The Stuart Light Tank is not just a significant part of the History of Berwick; it played a significant role in United States and World History.

- The Stuart Tank was the first US Tank designed to function independently, with a top speed of 35 mph. Previous tanks were designed specifically for infantry support with a top speed of only 10 mph.
- The M2A4 was the first US Military Tank to be built on an assembly line. Previous US-built tanks were individually fabricated at the various US Arsenals, particularly the Rock Island Arsenal.
- The M3 was the first Tank included in the Lend-Lease Program as part of the Arsenal of Democracy.
- The Stuart Tank was utilized by all Allied armies in all War Theatres: North Africa, Europe, Asia, Pacific, including Alaska and Antarctica.
- ACF - Berwick was the largest producer of armor plate at the time, producing at least 10% of all armor plate for the US Military at the time.
- Every armored vehicle produced in the US for World War II utilized at least some Berwick armor plate.
- 1 in every 8 armored vehicles produced in the US for World War II was built at ACF Berwick.
- ACF Berwick was the only manufacturer at the time with its own ballistics testing range. Other manufacturers were required to ship their products to the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland for testing.
- American Car & Foundry, Berwick, PA was selected by Hitler as one of 19 targets for his "Amerika Bomber" Program.

The Stuart Tank Memorial Association, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization established to raise funds and construct a Memorial to the men and women on the home front who built the Stuart Tank and the Soldiers, Marines and Allies who road these tanks to victory.

Stuart Light Tank Model M3A1 Serial Number 10300 built at ACF-Berwick in December 1942 will be on display at the Bloomsburg Fair. This tank will be the centerpiece of the planned Memorial in Berwick. Members of the Stuart Tank Memorial Association will be on hand to answer questions and share historical information.

Visit the Stuart Tank Memorial Association's Tank Display Located in Front of the Educational Exhibit Building on "A" Avenue

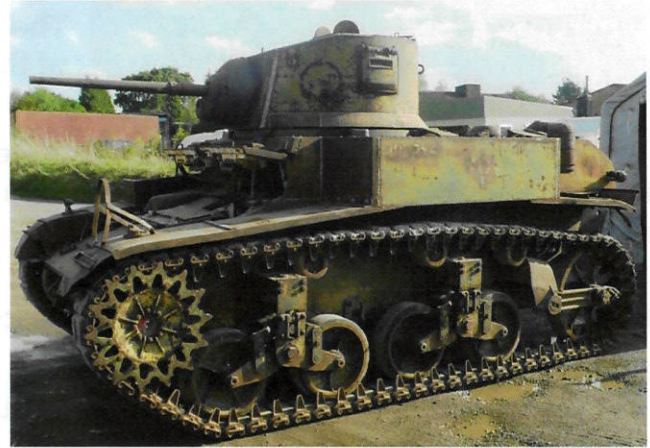


The organization also worked to bring an authentic tank that was manufactured in Berwick, home to be part of the memorial.

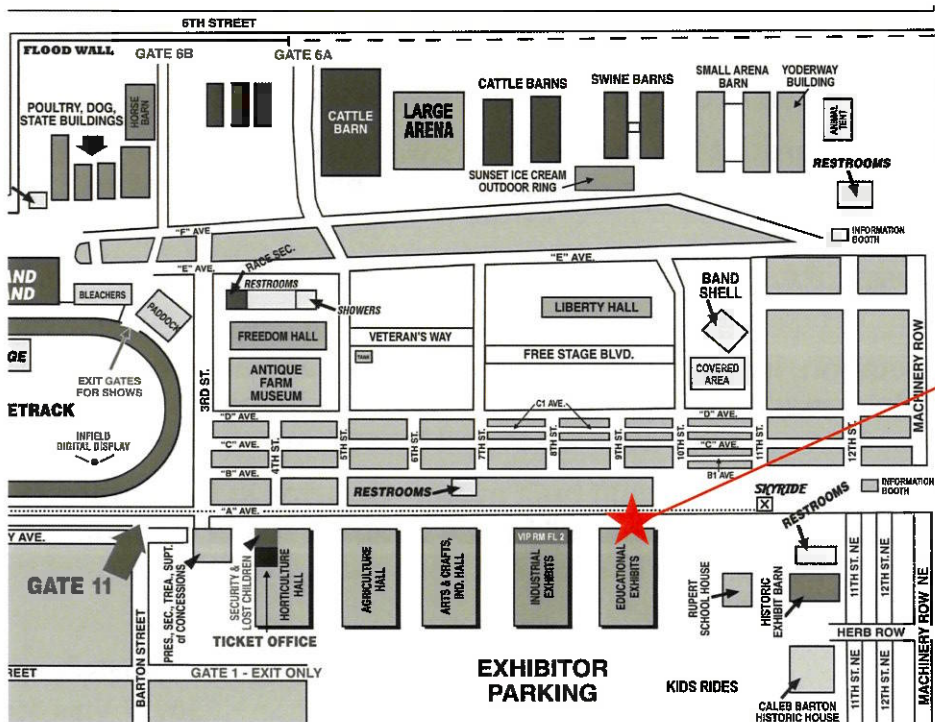
The non-profit group will have the tank on display daily. This particular tank arrived in the United States from Great Britain during 2016.

The Stuart Tank Memorial Association is hoping to build a lasting memorial tribute to the men and women on the home front who built the Stuart Tank at Berwick's ACF facilities and the Soldiers, Marines and Allies who rode the tanks to victory.

They recently acquired a building on Vine Street in Berwick where they plan on making a museum.



STUART TANK MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION



The Stuart Tank is located in front of the Educational Exhibit Building.

Volunteers will be there daily with a display of memorabilia and to answer questions.