

DeLAND, FLORIDA - VOLUSIA COUNTY



DNAS Museum News - April, 2019



MAY 27, 2019

ALL GAVE SOME...
SOME GAVE ALL.
REMEMBER THEM THIS
MEMORIAL DAY



NEVER FORGET
EVER HONOR



DeLand NAS WWII History - Memorabilia Donation

WWII Navy Aviation Radioman - Leo J. Langer



Cheryl Langer Donates Father's WWII DeLand NAS & NAVY Memorabilia



Leo J. Langer



DeLand NAS Airfield
WWII Pilot Training

When WWII was ending and the Naval Air Station in DeLand was closed in 1946, many recollections of those who were there at the time revealed that the Navy packed and shipped off most of the paper records to government archives in various locations in the United States. When the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum was founded in 1995, our founders were able to recover some of the records through donations of memorabilia from members who were stationed in DeLand during WWII. The DNAS Museum has some log books, pilot records and old newsletters from 1942-1946 but the information is partial. As the years go by, it has become harder and harder to locate information or original DeLand NAS related records. This month we were so pleased to receive an email from Cheryl Lager of Ajo, Arizona. Cheryl's father, WWII Navy Veteran Leo Langer was stationed at NAS DeLand from October, 1944 to the closing of the base in 1946. He served as a Navy Aviation Radioman. Cheryl happened to find the museum on line and while in Florida visiting in Pt. St. Lucie, she added a visit to the DNAS Museum to donate her father's memorabilia. The pristine collection she brought to us included her father's uniform, photos, aviator flight log book and other paper records. Her timing could not have been better and the items donated will become a signature part of our new building displays preserving the history of DeLand NAS circa WWII. Thank you Cheryl for your donation of items which will be viewed by the public for generations and "In Memory of All Who Served". See more photos on the next page:

DeLand NAS WWII History



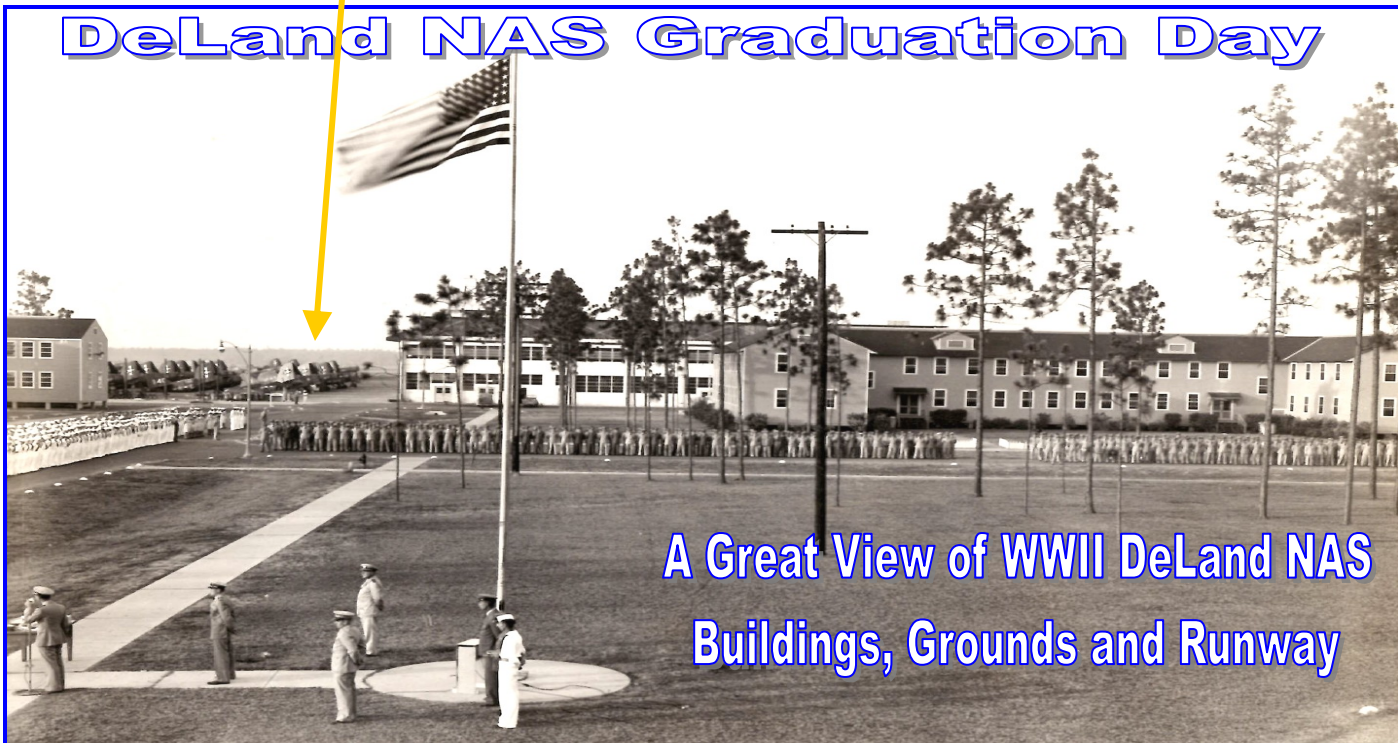
Leo J. Langer



Plane Squadrons Fly Over DeLand, FL NAS Graduation Ceremonies



DeLand NAS Graduation Day



A Great View of WWII DeLand NAS Buildings, Grounds and Runway

Saving A Piece of History For The Future



Airport Manager John Eiff with
Gene Storz, WWII Veteran

One of the most unique buildings, and perhaps the strongest structure left from the WWII DeLand Naval Air Station was a small, windowless bunker of steel reinforced concrete almost a foot thick. It was the bombsight vault that protected top secret bombsights when they weren't in planes. The building, no longer usable, was recently removed to make way for the new airport construction projects. Before it was demolished, DNASM Volunteers recycled usable supplies. They also salvaged the concrete filled steel vault door which is now on display in the Ronald Herman Assembly Pavilion. Educational signage will be developed in the future to document the purpose of the building. The steel reinforced door frame, still standing after the demolition, proved to be a quite a challenge to remove.



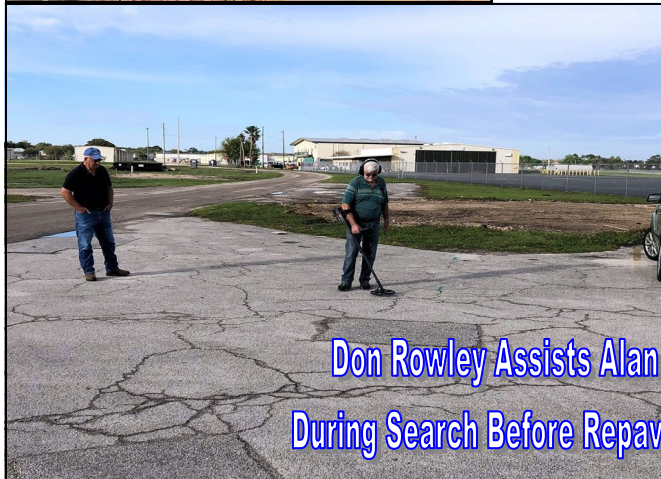
Saving A Piece of WWII History



Al & Gene
Tackle The Concrete Fill
To Reduce Weight



Central Florida Metal Detectors Continue WWII Artifact Search



Don Rowley Assists Alan James
During Search Before Repaving Begins





New Volunteers Casey Collins and Kenneth Berry assist Lee Huffman and Embry Riddle students to give the F14 Tomcat Jet a good cleaning. Both Casey and Kenneth are US Navy Veterans who served with the Blacklions of VF-213 squadron which was commanded by our Captain Greg Gerard.



Educational History Tours



Bike Week Visitors from Jacksonville, FL

Educational History Tours for youth and adults continue at DNAS Museum.

Bike week activities generated many visitors that were in the area. Gene Storz conducts a tour for a group of friends on a return visit from Jacksonville, FL. They brought two new friends just to hear the experiences of a WWII Veteran.



Community Outreach



Members of the DNAS Museum and PTF-3 Patrol Boat Restoration Project were invited to the Sunnyland Antique and Classic Boat Show in Tavares, FL. The 4 day event that was held from 21-24 March 2019. Thanks to our Volunteers for travelling off site and setting up a great booth display to promote PTF3 and the museum.

Congratulations Bob Wetton



Outgoing President Mary Lou Peffer of the West Volusia Historical Society welcomes Bob Wetton as new 2019 President. Bob has served as WVHS President in the past and we look forward to working with our great Community Partner.

Ronald Herman Assembly Pavilion Gets New Sign & Rain Gutters



Our Thanks To
Rodney Thomas &
Collis Roofing for the
donation and
installation of rain
gutters on our great
pavilion and to Joe
Storz for adding new
sign "In Memory of
All Who Served".



ANNUAL BIG YARD SALE COMING UP 4/12-13/2019

Our Great Volunteers Are Getting Ready
To Display All The Yard Sale
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Support Our Museum Fundraiser Event

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DELAND NAVAL AIR STATION MUSEUM



SUPPORT
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YARD SALE

FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH & SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

SALE ITEMS NEEDED

DeLand Naval Air Station Museum Pavilion

910 Biscayne Boulevard, DeLand, Florida—Airport

www.delandnavalairmuseum.org—dnas.museum@gmail.com

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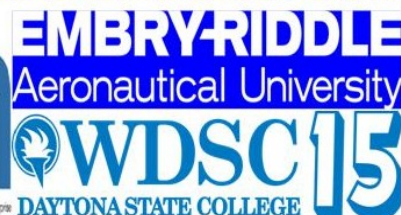
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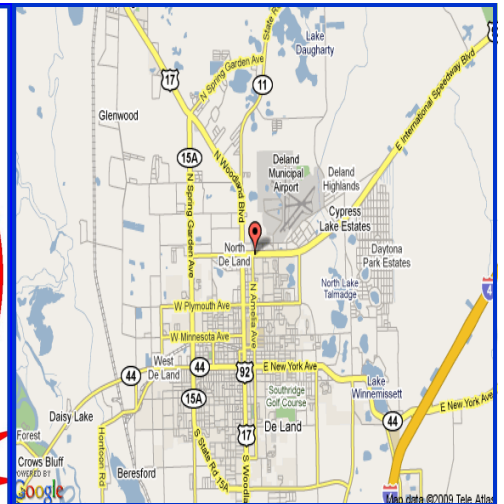
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