

# DE LANDINGS



DeLand Naval Air Station Museum, DeLand, Florida

February, 2017

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Vice Adm. Michelle Janine Howard has been a trail-blazer throughout her entire career. At 17 years old she was accepted into the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., as part of only the third class to accept women. At the time, women made up only five percent of the Navy. Change is inevitable, and Howard rode a wave of it as she moved through her career. In 1980, the Navy opened logistics ships to women, allowing a lot of opportunities for women to serve at sea. Soon women were serving on combat ships and flying combat aircraft. In 1999 Howard fulfilled a dream. She took command of the amphibious dock landing ship USS Rushmore (LSD 47), becoming the first African-American woman in such a role.



Master Chief Carl Brashear, the Navy's first African American master diver, taught people world-wide that you can achieve your goals and can be held accountable by your characteristics as a person, and not by the color of your skin. Brashear joined the Navy in 1948. His unwavering determination to serve as a Navy diver paid off in 1954 when he was accepted and graduated from the diving program. In 1967, a year after an injury aboard the salvage ship USS Hoist (ARS 40) cost him his left leg, Brashear became the first Navy diver to be restored to full active duty as an amputee. He was the first black man to ever become a master diver in the Navy, a position he held from 1970 to 1979.



Ensign Jesse LeRoy Brown, the Navy's first black aviator, wanted not only to fly, but to be of service to mankind. On Dec. 4, 1950, Ensign Jesse Brown's aircraft was hit while making a strafing run against the enemy during the Korean War. With tremendous skill, he managed to crash land on a rough, boulder-strewn slope. He survived the crash, only to remain stuck in the cockpit as smoke began to billow from the wreckage. He risked his life to help a Marine regiment without any race considerations, knowing only that Americans were in trouble. Although his career was met from start to tragic finish with immeasurable odds, his courage and devotion live on throughout our Navy's history.



Samuel Lee Gravely, Jr., enlisted in the Naval Reserve in September 1942. Gravely was called to active duty in 1949. Over the next decade Gravely served at sea and ashore, including Korean War service. In 1955, he transferred from the Reserve to the active duty, where he served aboard USS Falgout (DE 324). In 1971, while serving as commanding officer of USS Jouett (CG 29), he was promoted to rear admiral. He was the first African-American to achieve flag rank in the Navy.



EN2 Fred Morrison. As part of the U.S. Navy's underwater demolition teams, which were a precursor to the current U.S. Navy SEAL Teams, Fred "Tiz" Morrison was the first African-American Navy SEAL/Frogman. Morrison was awarded the Bronze Star for his heroics in the Korean War as part of UDT Team 12. Morrison was known as an expert in underwater demolitions. He was a veteran of the World War II and was part of UDT Team 1 in 1948. His official rank is U.S. Navy Engineman 2nd Class. Nicknamed "The Real Tarzan," there is little information on the life of Tiz Morrison. He has since passed on, but will always be remembered as the Navy's first African American Navy SEAL.



For Harriet Ida Pickens and Frances Wills Thorpe, Dec. 21, 1944 was one of the most exciting days of their lives. It was the day they were commissioned as officers in the United States Navy. It was also the day they stepped into history as the first African American women ever to receive such commissions. These two accomplished and well-educated women were more than qualified to serve their country as military officers in a time of war, with only their race standing in their way. However, the remarkable pair would help to tear that barrier down. The two were forever linked when together they were sworn into the U.S. Navy as apprentice seamen, then went on to join the last class of the Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School at Smith College in Northampton, Mass.



John Henry Turpin enlisted in the Navy on Nov. 4, 1896 at just 19 years old. He was a surviving member of USS Maine's (ACR 1) crew when she was destroyed by an explosion in February 1898. He also survived the boiler explosion on USS Bennington (PG 4) in July 1905. He served on several other ships and left active duty in 1916. He was recalled in April of 1917, when the U.S. entered World War I. On June 1 of that year, aboard the USS Marblehead (C 11), Turbin became a chief gunner's mate; one of the Navy's first African American chief petty officers. He served actively in that rank until he transferred to the Fleet Reserve on March 8, 1919. John Henry Turpin retired as a chief gunner's mate on Oct. 5, 1925.



Capt. Winston E. Scott's journey to the stars started in Miami. His largely segregated education provided little access to resources, but his own determination combined with the dedication of his teachers, set him on an inspiring path of achievement. Scott entered Naval Aviation Officer Candidate School in 1973 and was designated a naval aviator in 1974. As a naval aviator, Scott piloted the F-14 Tomcat, F/A-18 Hornet, and the A-7 Corsair. All together he has flown more than 5,000 flight hours on 20 different aircraft. He was selected by NASA for the astronaut program and reported to the Johnson Space Center in August 1992. He served as a mission specialist on STS-72 in 1996, and STS-87 in 1997, and has logged a total of 24 days, 14 hours and 34 minutes in space, including three spacewalks totaling 19 hours and 26 minutes.





# WWII TUSKEGEE AIRMEN

The DeLand Naval Air Station Museum continues to honor the WWII Tuskegee Airmen everyday with a display of a bronze bust of the former DeLandite and WWII Tuskegee Airman, Lt. Charles P. Bailey, Sr. The bust of Charles Bailey was made by DeLand Artist Ralph Batten and donated to the museum by Jim and Beverly Outlaw.



BEVERLY OUTLAW & RALPH BATTEN

Lt. Charles Bailey in his flying gear with his boot on the wheel of the P-51 Mustang named for his father. He shot down a German fighter flying this plane while serving in the all-black 99th Fighter Squadron in Europe during World War II.



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## Visit the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum Soon



We are saddened for the loss of our long-time DNASM member, Greg Makris who passed away on January 15, 2017. Greg made so many valuable contributions to the museum and the PTF3 Boat over many years and he will be greatly missed. Our sincere condolences to the Makris Family.

# Remembering Greg Makris





# DNASM PAVILION UPDATES

Our Volunteers pushed through a few more days of hard labor to assist with the final metal roof installation on our new pavilion. Our thanks to the City of DeLand and Ron Herman of All Quality Products for their ongoing assistance with this project. The new multipurpose pavilion will be used for military memorabilia display, educational programs, fundraisers and other public events. Thank you to all our many volunteers who worked so hard to finish this project. But, there is no time to rest....we will be announcing our next big project very soon!



★ **Thank You**  
**Volunteers !**

**Thanks Don, ★**  
**Project Manager**





# COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Harold Bradeen and Fred Clark display DNASM and PTF-3 photos, information and brochures in the back of Fred Clark's immaculately restored 1932 Ford Truck.

**DNASM Historian Harold Bradeen and Board Member Fred Clark, vintage car expert, attended the DeLeon Springs History Day and set up a public educational display featuring the DNASM Museum and the PTF-3 Vietnam era boat restoration project.**  
[www.ptf3restoration.org](http://www.ptf3restoration.org)



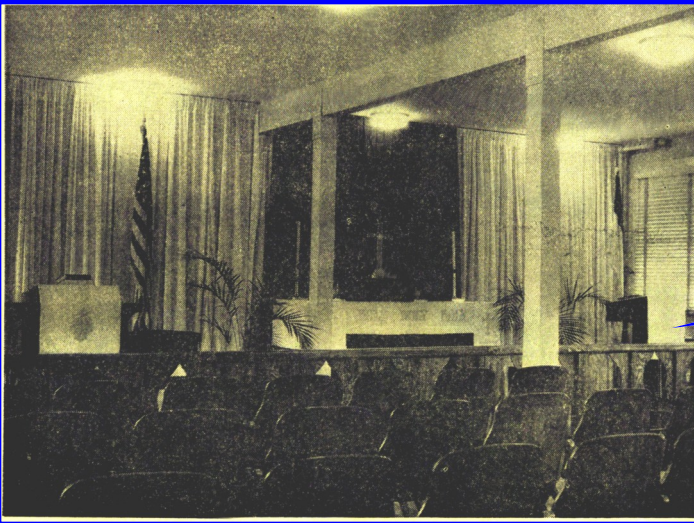
## University High School Military/EMS Expo 27

**DNAS Museum Volunteers also attended the University High School Military/EMS Expo 27 to promote the museum and our mission. As a result of our outreach to youth and adults, 10 High School Students signed up that day to volunteer at the museum in the future.**





# DNAS HISTORY - LOVE & WAR



**SGT HANK CLARK & FREDIA HUTCHINS CLARK  
WEDDING DINNER PARTY—WWII**



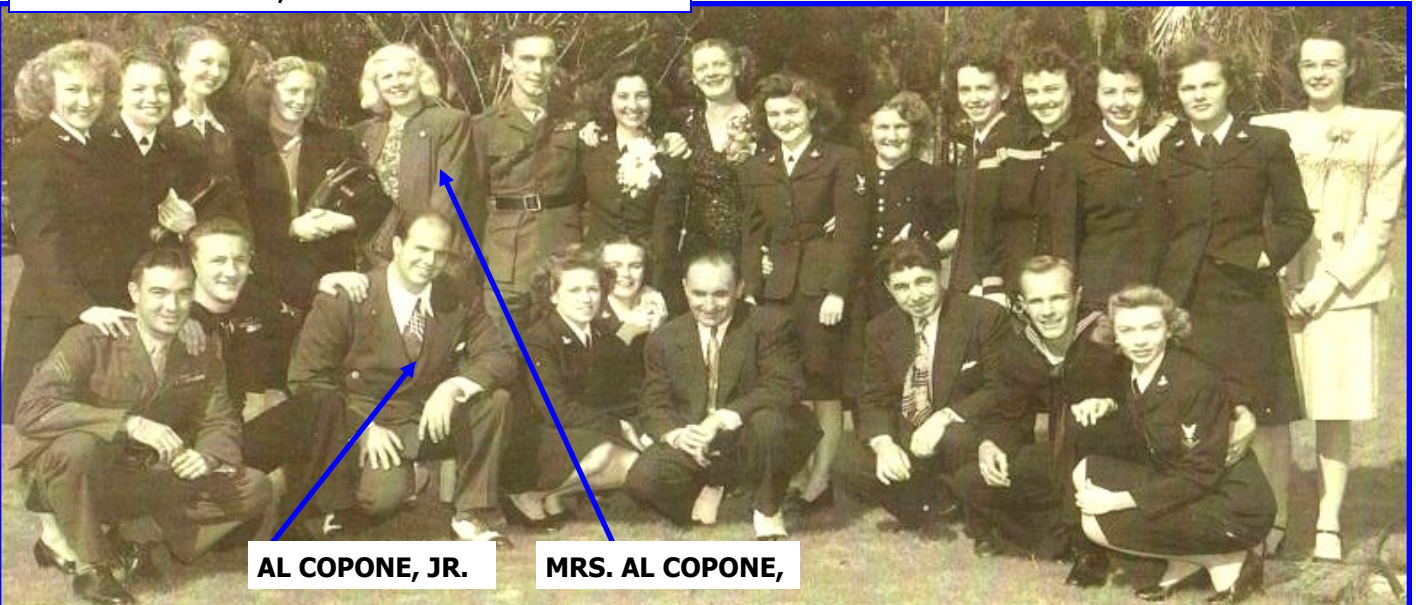
**SGT. & MRS. HANK CLARK WEDDING PARTY  
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**SGT. HANK CLARK & FREDIA HUTCHINS CLARK**



Our thanks to DNASM Member Katherine Burlin who was stationed at the DeLand NAS during WWII, for these vintage wedding photos of the nephew of Mrs. Al Capone, Sgt. Hank Clark who was married at the DNAS Chapel. The Bridesmaid was Kay Nolan. Al Capone Sr. was one of the most notorious gangsters of the 20th Century. Mrs. Al Capone and Al Capone Jr. and other friends and relatives attended the wedding held at the DeLand Naval Air Station Chapel and the reception party afterwards.



**AL COPONE, JR.**

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