

# DeLand, Florida—USA



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## DNAS Museum News - JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH 2022 DNAS MUSEUM 27TH YEAR Public Tours Available

As we started our 27th Year in 2022, the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum Volunteers left 2021 behind with another great sense of accomplishment. In spite of the many challenges the pandemic presented, we continued to adjust our plan for museum operations. Even with the cancellation of our public tours, our fundraisers and participation in so many other scheduled community events, our great volunteers have continued working on building new displays and reorganizing our vast collection of military memorabilia. **We have resumed public tours for youth and adults on Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 8:00 AM to Noon. For large groups and ECHO Ranger tours please call or email for appointment to ensure we have volunteers available.** We are an all Volunteer Staff museum and rely 100% on public donations and in-kinds services. New Volunteers are needed for tour guides, all areas of museum operations and restoration projects. Join Us Today !!

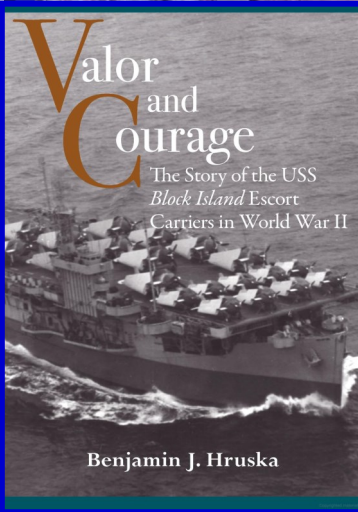
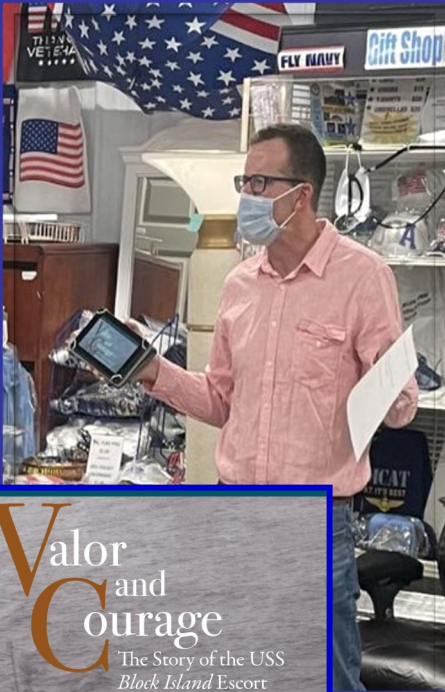


Our Volunteers Invite You To Visit Soon





# SPEAKER'S BUREAU - DR. BEN HRUSKA, PhD



**Dr. Hruska Presents Program**

**Our thanks to Dr. Ben Hruska, PhD for the presentation on his new book, *Valor and Courage, the Story of the USS Block Island Escort Carriers in WWII*. The book is available on-line along with his previous book *Interpreting Naval History at Museums*. Thank you Dr. Hruska for the presentation and for your ongoing support of the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum.**



**ENS Andrew Osteen Updates  
Sea Cadet Program Progress**

**DeLand Squadron is one of the only groups to train in a live military history museum**



**DeLand Excellence Squadron  
Naval Sea Cadets  
Pass Annual Inspection**

**Students Ages 10-18  
Welcome To Join**





# WWII MEMORABILIA DONATED



**Navy Veteran Charles K. O'Hair**  
**U.S.S. Bellatrix**



Rick and Terry Hervey and their granddaughter recently stopped by the museum to donate WWII memorabilia in honor of Terry's father, Navy Veteran Charles K. O'Hair who served in WWII on the U.S.S. Bellatrix as a Radioman. The collection donated included photos and a WWII Navy Uniform. All memorabilia items on display at the museum are donated by the public.

## U.S. Navy Commander Promotion Ceremony DNASM Ronald Herman Assembly Pavilion



**New Navy Commander & Family**



**Future Aviator?**



**Sea Cadet Osteen  
Meets Navy Brass**



# DNAS Museum Volunteers Continue Projects

The DNAS Museum is an all volunteer museum and we rely 100% on Community Support. You can support the museum during the pandemic by renewing your membership. Even if you can't participate, please consider becoming a supporting member, make a donation through our website [www.delandnavalairmuseum.org](http://www.delandnavalairmuseum.org) or mail a donation to DNAS Museum, 910 Biscayne Boulevard, DeLand, FL 32724. **CONSIDER END OF YEAR TAX DEDUCTION.** Use AmazonSmile orders and choose DNASM for Cash Award.



Greg & Rick Install  
New Light for TBF Avenger



Thank You City Staff  
For Moving the Torpedo Under the TBF



Gene Tends His Plants  
Dr. Ben Checks Displays



Thank You Volunteers For The Many  
Hours You Donate To Our Community





# DNAS Museum Volunteers Stay Busy



## Seabees - Can Do

Thank You Don, Seabees & Volunteers For  
Handling Permits & Construction For The New Pavilion End Closure



Rick Gets The 1953  
Army Jeep Started Again



Preparing the PTF-3 & Equipment for Painting



Thank You City Staff  
For Repairing Building Lights



Vietnam PTF-3 Navy Patrol Boat  
Gets Repairs and New Paint

## ★Volunteers Needed - Couples Welcome

Share Your Skills on Wednesday and Saturday Mornings as a Tour Guide,  
Landscaping, Maintenance, Office Duties and Restoration Projects



# Navy Seabee Veterans of America Florida Island X-19 of Daytona Beach HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY SEABEES



**Don  
Rowley**

The DeLand Naval Air Station Museum welcomed our Community Partner, the Navy Seabee Veterans of America—Florida Island X-19 of Daytona Beach, in the Ronald Herman Assembly Pavilion. Our own Seabee, DNASM Vice President Don Rowley coordinated the Seabees and their spouses to celebrate the 80th Birthday of the Navy Seabees. They enjoyed a great lunch catered by Brian's BBQ ([www.briansbbq.com](http://www.briansbbq.com)). Our thanks to the Navy Seabees for their military service and for all they continue to do to give back to our community with their "Seabee—Can Do" mission.



**Honeybee Shirley Rowley**

**Cuts Seabee Cake**



## "SEABEES - CAN DO"





# ERAU Riddle Redeemers

## Student Volunteers Continue Multiple Projects



**Sanding F-14 for Paint Prep**



**Rick Mentors Our Future Engineers & Aviators**



**Marine Veteran Bill Blanke Conducts Educational Training**



**Lee Huffman With ERAU Students Learning F-14 Tomcat Maintenance**



**Multi-Generations Working Together WWII - College Age**

We appreciate the volunteer hours donated by student members of the Riddle Redeemers Restoration Club from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Under the direction of their President, Matthew Robinson, they have a work plan to complete various projects and maintenance tasks to benefit the DNAS Museum. Being mentored by our experienced Veterans and Volunteers teaches them history, new skills and often assists them in deciding the direction of their future career path.

**WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS !!**





# FUNDRAISER 2022

## DELAND NAVAL AIR STATION MUSEUM



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**COMING SOON**  
**SALE ITEMS NEEDED**  
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*DeLand Naval Air Station Museum Pavilion*

910 Biscayne Boulevard, DeLand, Florida—Airport

[www.delandnavalairmuseum.org](http://www.delandnavalairmuseum.org)—[dnas.museum.org@gmail.com](mailto:dnas.museum.org@gmail.com)

Call Scott (386) 822-2809 or Leave Message (386) 738-4149

All Volunteer Museum. Proceeds benefit DNASM Educational Programs & Restoration Projects

**Please donate usable sale items, including cars, trailers or boats**  
**Please, No Mattresses, Clothing or Books**



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IN MEMORY OF WWII COMMANDER HARRY K. STUBBS

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IN MEMORY OF KENNETH S. TORBETT, WWII DNAS LINE CHIEF

**SANDRA TITCOMB & FAMILY** IN MEMORY OF  
ELLWOOD TITCOMB, 1ST DNAS MUSEUM PRESIDENT



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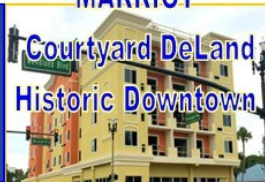
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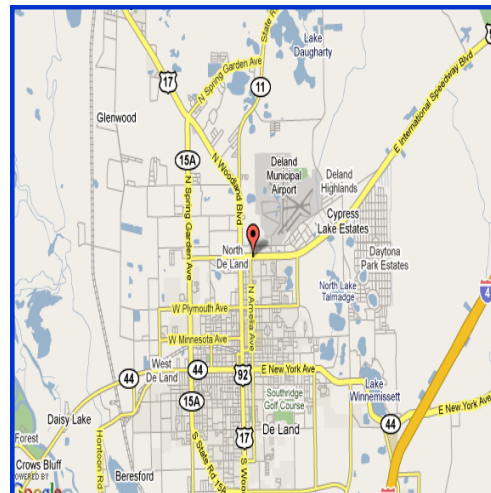
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**Museum public tours continue on  
Wednesday and Saturday  
mornings from 8:00 AM—Noon  
(Last Tour at 11:00 AM. Large  
Groups & ECHO Ranger please call  
or email for appointment to  
schedule volunteer tour guides.**

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