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DeLand Naval Air Station Museum, DeLand, Florida

JULY 2016

4th
of
July



Independence Day of the United States, also referred to as Fourth of July or July Fourth in the U.S., is a Federal holiday commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, by the Continental Congress declaring that the thirteen American colonies regarded themselves as a new nation, the United States of America.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

The Declaration of Independence 4 of July, 1776.

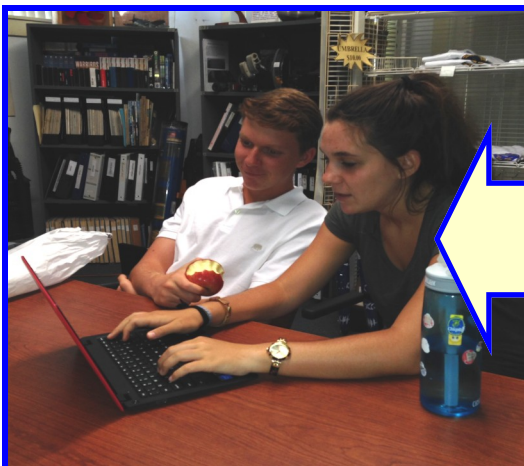
Summer At The Museum

With the heat of the summer in full swing, the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum continues to be a popular destination for visitors from local, statewide, national and international destinations. Youth and adults enjoy guided tours of the museum, learning history from viewing military memorabilia, vintage military aircraft, vehicles and restoration projects in progress.

Mike Schendel, DNASM Tour Guide (Center) with a self described “Mom’s Group”. The Moms and their children enjoyed a full tour of the museum complex. The kids really enjoyed seeing the “Big Planes” and the Victory Garden, and left with U.S. Flags and patriotic coloring pages with history lessons to enjoy later.

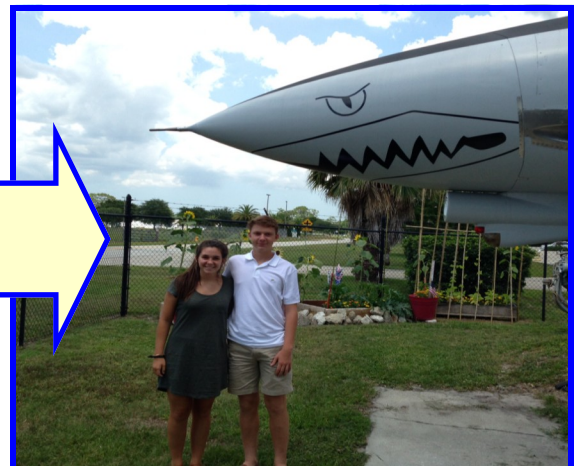


WELCOME TO SUMMER INTERNS: Katy Dickerson (17) and David Dickerson (15), recently began volunteering at the museum for the summer. Both are students at Hagerty High School, located in Oviedo, and heard about the museum through their uncle, Dennis Dickerson. This chance immediately intrigued them, as it gives them the opportunity to fulfill their volunteer requirements for school while simultaneously learning about the history of the DeLand Naval Air Station, as well as other artifacts the museum contains. Currently they are training to become tour guides for the museum, and are hoping to be able to lead tours in the immediate future. Katy and David are both particularly interested in the PTF-3 Vietnam era boat restoration of an actual boat used by the Navy.



(Left)
Katy &
David study
history.

(Right)
Learning
about the
F-14 Jet and
the Victory
Garden



DeLand Naval Air Station History

WWII NAS DeLAND "FLEET"

The Fleet Assignment at DeLand Naval Air Station during WWII was considered the best duty in the Navy. The crew of twelve operated training target boats and were on 24/7 rescue duty in the event that an aircraft went down in the water along the St. Johns River. Instead of the daily grind on base, they lived at the Orange Inn and ate their meals at a local restaurant.

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Here's Picture Story of NAS DeLand's "Fleet"

This collection of photographs tells the story of another of the NAS DeLand activities, that of the Crescent City Boat Facility, located about 31 miles north of the station in Crescent City, Fla.

"Best duty in the Navy" is the term applied to an assignment at Crescent City . . . take it from any one of the 12 enlisted men on duty there or from Lt. Andrew "Jim" Floyd, OINC.

One's first impressions of the activity are that things are always "ship shape" there. Lt. Floyd is always on the alert to see that every brass item has the proper shine and that the paint brush is never spared.

The enlisted men live at the Orange Inn and have chow in a local restaurant. Each man has the duty every third night.

The men have recently finished work on their recreation room, two Dallas huts that have been made into a classy "rec" room and an office. They operate their own miniature ships service.

You may have seen a number of Dallas huts in your time but few like these. Insides of the huts have been lined with plywood, properly placed to give the right kind of decorative effects and then highly polished.

Purpose of the boat facility is to maintain and operate the crash boats throughout any section of the St. John's river that may be reached by the boats in event of plane crashes.

Business in that line has been at a new low in recent months though, with the coming of the fighter planes to NAS DeLand.

While dive bombers were in operation here the boat facility also operated the target boat for use in practice bombing. The nearest thing to that type of duty at present is towing spars for glide bombing.

Pride of their "fleet" is the target boat, 63 feet long. Next in size is a 33 foot rearming boat, a 24 foot personnel boat, a whale boat and another rearming barge and a converted yacht.

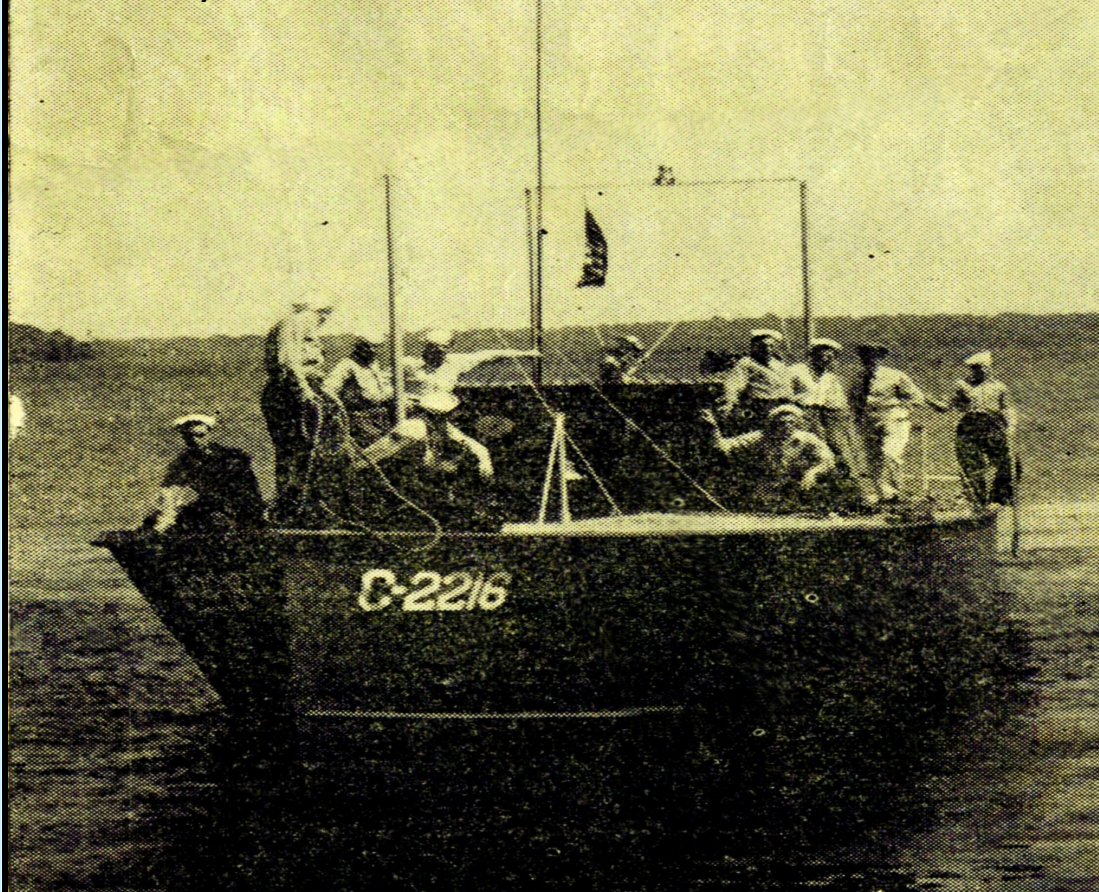
Right—Tommy Buckhalt demonstrates some ability on the surf-board.



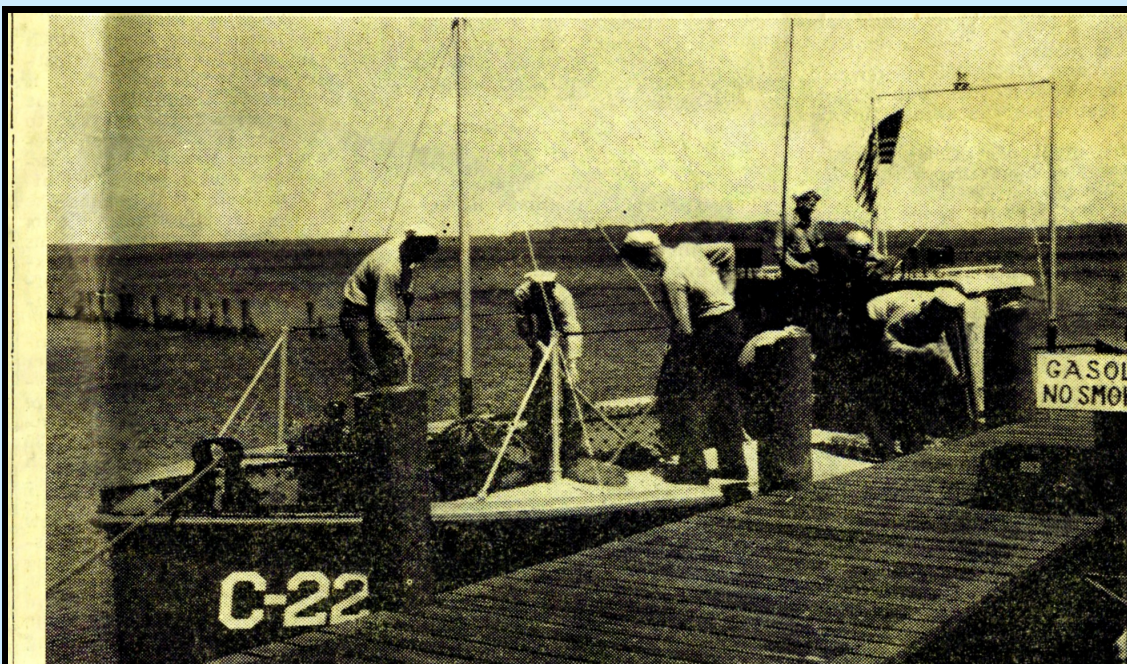
If you are interested in a job in the circus as a snake charmer after the war is over better consult Douglas Burry. Yes sir, a naturalist's paradise is this job!



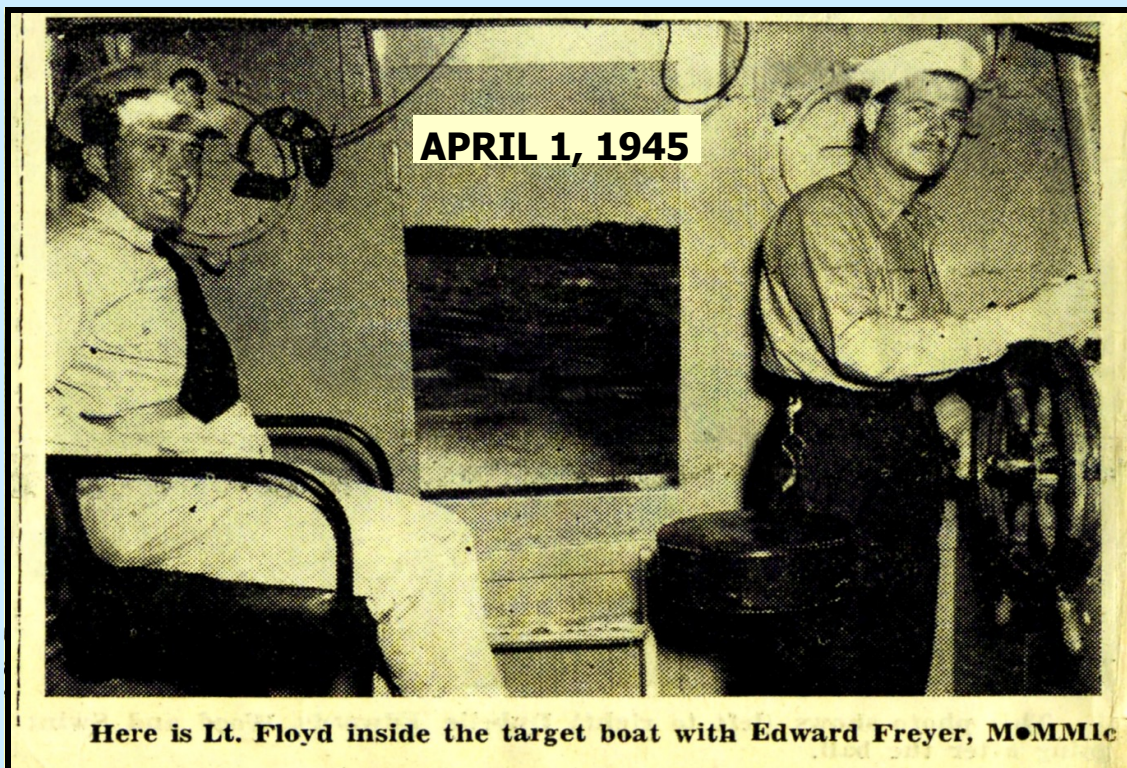
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This is the pride of the Crescent City fleet—the target boat as she gets ready to get underway.



All fun did you say? Just to prove it isn't, these men demonstrated their duty aboard the target boat. It's a regular practice after every run. Giving it the once over here are Burry, Rosenblatt, Brandon, Mettus, Compton and Lee. Incidentally anyone who likes to paint, and we do mean paint, would feel right at home here, as would any brightwork polishers.



Here is Lt. Floyd inside the target boat with Edward Freyer, MoMM1c



This is the "Crescent City 13". This shot was taken on the bow of the target boat. Standing, left to right: Neil Compton S2c; Elva O. Brandon S2c; H. Wilkenson, S2c; Lt. "Jim" Floyd; John O'Dwyer MoMM1c; Edward Freyer MoMM1c; William Shaw S1c. Seated in front are, left to right: "Tommy" Buckhalt F1c; Victor Mettus F1c; Frederick Smith EM3c; Herman Rozenblatt S1c; R. Lee S1c; Douglas L. Burry F1c.

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT.....

In spite of the heat, the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum has been a very popular destination to visit this summer. We welcome Mike Schendel as a tour guide as well as two of our summer high school interns, Katy Dickerson and David Dickerson.



The Silver Anniversary 25th Big Band Dance is scheduled for Veteran's Day, November 11, 2016. The new location for the dance this year is the historic DeLand National Guard Armory located at 401 South Alabama Avenue in DeLand. We are excited about the new location which is air conditioned and has good parking. We expect another sell-out so please call soon and reserve your tables and tickets. (386) 717-1492.

Harold Bradeen, President
"In Memory of All Who Served"



DNASM President Harold Bradeen with Dan Alred from Spartan Navigation and Exploration of DeLeon Springs. Our thanks to them for their donation of an AN/SSQ 53F DIFAR SONOBUOY that has been added to the DNASM collection and is currently on display.



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WATER:

We need on-going supplies of bottled water to keep our Veterans and Volunteers hydrated. Any quantity will be greatly appreciated.

RAFFLE/DOOR PRIZES:

Items needed for our Silver Anniversary 25th Big Band Dance fundraiser on 11/11/2016. Call if you can donate gift certificates, wine or other items that can be used to make up gift baskets or prize packages. (386) 717-1492.

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