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DNAS MUSEUM MAKES ROYAL CONNECTION HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II



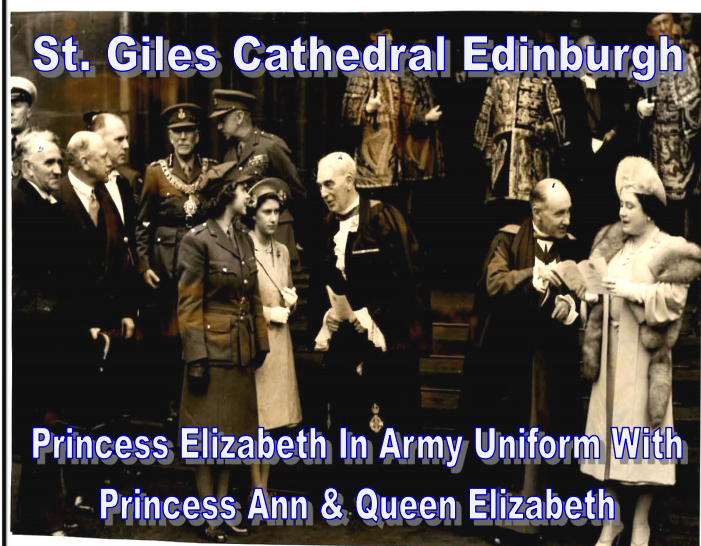
Recently, J.V. Hays, one of the original organizers of the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum, donated some WWII memorabilia that included some vintage WWII photos of the royal family, King George, Queen Elizabeth I, and Princess Elizabeth and Princess Ann.

The private photos belonged to J.V.'s Aunt and Uncle, Frances F. Hayes, who served in the England USO during WWII. They met the Royal family during various events. Museum volunteers sent a letter and a copy of the photos to Queen Elizabeth II and asked if she had recollections of that time. The Queen, who receives 300-500 letters per week, responded with a letter written by one of her ladies-in-waiting. Her letters are screened and the ladies-in-waiting decide which letters the Queen will personally read and respond to.



WWII PHOTOS OF ENGLAND'S ROYAL FAMILY

St. Giles Cathedral Edinburgh



Princess Elizabeth In Army Uniform With Princess Ann & Queen Elizabeth



Princess Elizabeth, King George & Queen Elizabeth I With General James Doolittle 1944



Princess Elizabeth Christening 306th Bomb Group Plane in 1944





WINDSOR CASTLE

15th June 2022

DeLand Naval Air Station Museum

The Queen wishes me to write and thank you for your letter, and for the copies of some old photographs which you thoughtfully enclosed.

Her Majesty was interested to learn about the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum, and The Queen greatly appreciated your message of support for her at this time.

I am to send Her Majesty's good wishes to you and all the volunteers who work at the museum, and I am to thank you once again for your kind thought in writing to The Queen.

Yours sincerely,
Richenda Elton

Lady-in-Waiting



Ladies-In-Waiting Queen's Correspondence Room

Queen Elizabeth II has 8 ladies-in-waiting that assist her with correspondence and may accompany her during state visits, and carry essential items. These positions are unpaid and personally selected by the Queen to be close companions. Lady-in-waiting Richenda Elton has volunteered to serve the Queen since 1987.

At age 19, then Princess Elizabeth, joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service (ATS) in 1945, becoming the first female member of the Royal Family to join the Armed Services as a full-time active member. After joining, she trained as a driver and mechanic with the rank of Second Subaltern. Five months later she was promoted to Junior Commander, which was the equivalent of Captain. She served until 1949. On February 6, 1952 Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary of Windsor, became Queen Elizabeth II upon the

death of her father King George VI. At age 96, her majesty is the second-longest reigning monarch in history, ruling the United Kingdom for more than 70 years. Her tenure on the throne is second only to French King Louis XIV. England celebrated the HM Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.





MEMORABILIA DONATED



**Vintage Sextant
Donated**

Our thanks to Karen Helton for donating a vintage sextant in memory of her late father, Raymond J. Skourn. Mr. Skourn served in the Coast Guard during the Korean Conflict. He was a retired inspector for the FAA, a lifetime member of the Angela Santos VFW Post 4781, Professional Pilots Association, and NARF. During his Coast Guard service he was as a radioman aboard two cutters.

His love of flying started at the young age of 15 and he often rented planes while stationed in California. After his service, he became a flight instructor and C-46 First Officer for Embry Riddle in Miami, Florida. He then was commissioned to fly charter military cargo and passenger flights, domestic and overseas. While based in Laos, he mainly performed air drops of cargo. After returning to the states, he continued his flying career and handled R.O.T.C. instructing at the U.S. Government airport, flew banners with his two aircraft, and was a flight instructor as well. He then became Chief pilot for Sheldon Magazine, a war hero and well known developer. In 1968, he became a FAA inspector and finished his flying career with the government.

DeLand NAS WWII Veteran Albert Seaburg



Albert Seaburg

**WWII C-45
Beechcraft Expeditor
Submarine Hunter
Training - DeLand**

Bobby Hanson recently shared a vintage photo of his late uncle, Albert Seaburg who was stationed at the DeLand Naval Air Station during WWII. He served as an aircraft mechanic and after the war he became a civil engineer for the Navy as a civilian. He was in charge of construction on Navy bases in San Diego, California, Yuma, Arizona and Great Lakes Illinois. He helped design Illinois' first nuclear reactor.

Sadly, on September 4, 1997, during a visit to Tallahassee, Florida, Albert Seaburg was a victim of a random murder during a botched gun robbery in his room at the Best Inn on North Monroe Street. The case was never solved and remains one of the cold case mysteries 25 years later. A \$25,000 reward

is still offered for information related to the Seaburg murder. Anyone with information can contact Leon County Sheriff's Office at (850) 606-3300.



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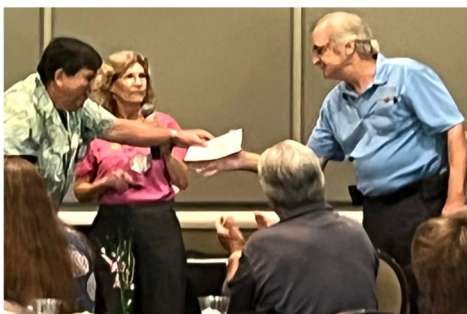
A movie set quality Grumman F-14 aircraft model was recently donated by Christian Pezalla of Daytona Beach. The model is mounted on a mirror in a glass and wood case. Christian, a current commercial airline pilot, obtained the model at a charity auction when he was living near Hollywood, California. The details of the model are so precise that it is believed to have been made as a movie prop. The mirror is signed by the artist "F-14 Tomcat built for OPN New Series 'Flawed Fighter', August 1997. Research for a series by that name was not found but it is possible the name was eventually changed.

DNASM Lifetime Member, Navy Captain Greg Gerard who served for 30 years and was an F-14 Pilot, accepted the model for the museum. It will be on public display soon.

Rotary Club of DeLand Support DNAS Museum



A special thanks to the Rotary Club of DeLand (Noon Rotary) for their generous donation to the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum. We greatly appreciate the ongoing support for DNASM and many other community organizations.



Support the annual Wild Game Feast fundraisers and all local Rotary Events sponsored by the Rotary Club of DeLand, DeLand Breakfast Rotary Club, the Rotary Club of Downtown DeLand, and the Sanford Rotary Club.

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Join us for an **ECHO Ranger** sign-up meeting!

AUGUST

3 **DEBARY**
DeBary Hall
Historic Site
6 to 7 p.m.

6 **PORT ORANGE**
Port Orange Library
Auditorium
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

13 **DEBARY**
DeBary Hall Historic Site
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Contact Lisa Perez for more info at
(386) 668-3840 or lperez@volusia.org

DNAS Museum Has Welcomed Many
ECHO Ranger Students & Families
This Summer



Young ECHO Ranger
Visits With His Dad

The DeLand Naval Air Station Museum is proud to support the Volusia County ECHO Rangers Program at DeBary Hall. Students, grades 1-5, are given a Passport to Adventure book with many community organizations listed they can visit with their family to learn about local history, art, science and culture. Information meetings are scheduled for DeBary and Port Orange in August or contact Lisa Perez for more info at (386) 668-3840 or lperez@volusia.org. Sign up for this great educational family program soon to learn about the great resources in Volusia County!

DNASM VOLUNTEERS REORGANIZE RESEARCH LIBRARY



Thank You
Dr. Murphy &
Denise Murphy

Our thanks to Dr. Leo Murphy, his wife Denise and Ron Chamblin of Chamblin Bookmine in Jacksonville for their volunteer assistance in reorganizing the DNAS Museum Research Library. We were able to identify duplicate and surplus books and reorganize the military books, scrapbooks, photographs and other vintage

materials. Additional memorabilia displays will be added for public tours. Our Volunteers are the BEST!!



Dr. Murphy With
Ron Chamblin

DNASM Volunteers Continue Projects & Public Educational Tours

The DNAS Museum is an all volunteer museum and we rely 100% on Community Support. You can support the museum 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 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.



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Couples Welcome**



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Special Visitors - Family of DNAS WWII Veteran

Jan Lawson & Family



Daughter, Granddaughter
and Great Grandson
of Moe Westberry



WWII Veteran AMM3C
Moe (Sooie) Westberry
In 2005



The family of DNAS Veteran, the late Moe Westberry stopped by the museum for a visit. AMM3C Westberry became famous on the base and was nicknamed "Sooie" in 1943 when his parachute caught on the back of a training plane and he had to be dropped off in a local pig pen to be rescued. Read the full story on museum website delandnavalairmuseum.org under the news/events tab, August 2020 DeLandings Newsletter.

DNASM WWII Veteran Patriot of the Year Award Gene Storz, Age 98, Honored



Gene Shares
WWII Recollections

WWII Veteran Gene Storz was recently honored during a Memorial Day Remembrance Concert held at the Performing Arts Center in Ormond Beach. Gene, a Lifetime member of the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum, served in the U.S. Navy as an Aircraft Mechanic Supervisor, working on B-24 aircraft. His assignments included Norman, Oklahoma, San Diego, California, Hutchinson, Kansas and Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Gene stays busy at the museum working on various restoration projects and he is always happy to share his recollections of military experiences with museum visitors.

Thank You Gene and Congratulations!

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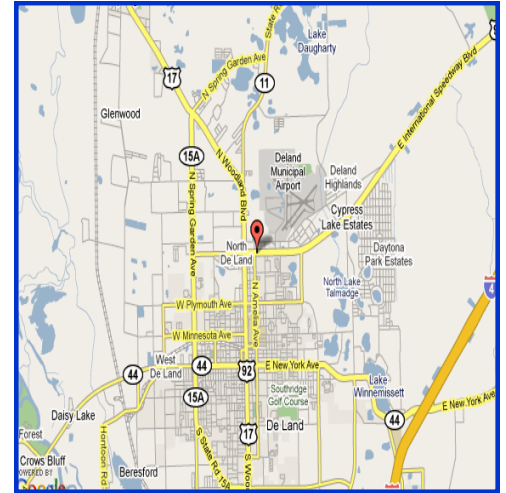
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