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NAVY SHIP MODELS DONATED



In Memory Of Edward A. Singer



Tamera Singer Donates Ship Models



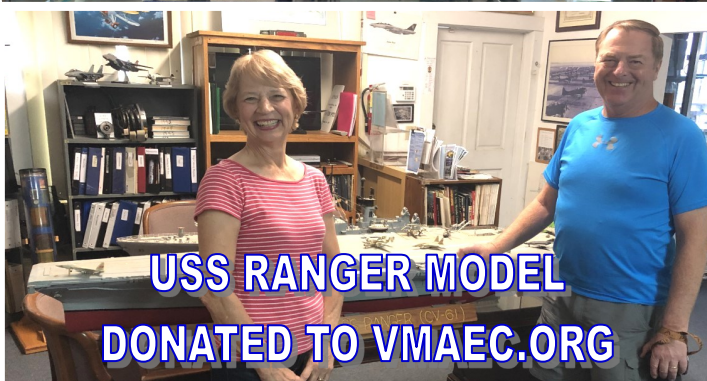
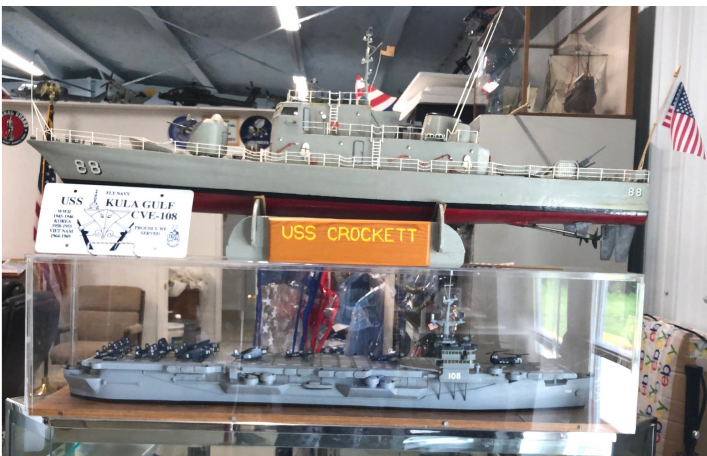
Navy Veteran Edward A. Singer

Model Ship Collection Shared With The Public



The late Edward A. Singer proudly served his country with honor in the Submarine Service for 22 years as RMCS (SS). He retired from General Dynamics Electric Boat Nuclear Submarine Division and was active in the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. He was a very talented man from his woodworking skills, to his artistry. His one true hobby was building model wooden boats to scale from a photo, sketch, or from blueprints. He was a proud member of the Suncoast Ship Model Society. He built mostly Navy fighter ships, aircraft carriers, and U.S. Coast Guard boats. He designed and built leisure boats, a 17th century Tall ship, and a steam powered paddle boat Creole Queen.

Tamara Singer of Akron, Ohio, coordinated the donation and display of some of the collection of ships to several museums. The DeLand Naval Air Station Museum was proud to accept models of the USS Florida, the USS Crockett and the USS Halsey CG23. The USS Ranger model was accepted by the Veterans Museum and Education Center (VMAEC.org) for their new location inside the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Building, 605 Eighth Street in Holly Hill, Florida. We appreciate the donation to our great museum collection and look forward to sharing them with our visitors very soon.



Claudia & Raymond Parker
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Holly Hill, Florida

COMMUNITY PARTNER EVENT

WEST VOLUSIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HOLDS LOCAL HISTORY TALK



The DeLand Naval Air Station Museum welcomed the West Volusia Historical Society members and guests back to the open air Ronald Herman Assembly Pavilion for one of their first in-person local history talk programs since Covid-19 closures.

Special Projects Manager, Scott Storz and DNASM members presented the program “Past, Present and Future of the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum”, followed by tours of the museum displays. We enjoyed hosting the event and look forward to coordinating more programs and events in the future with our great Community Partner.



DNASM & WVHS PRESERVE LOCAL HISTORY



DNAS Museum Will Open June 2, 2021

Public Tours To Resume

The DNAS Museum will re-open for public tours starting June 2, 2021. The schedule will be Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:00AM—1:00PM (if Volunteers are available) with the last tour starting at 12:30 PM.

DNASM Volunteers are looking forward to sharing our progress with visitors soon. Tour guides and greeters are needed. Individuals and couples are welcome to apply and a training script is available. We appreciate the assistance and ongoing support of all our Volunteers.

The DNAS Museum remains 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. Use AmazonSmile for orders. Any amount is appreciated!

Restoration Projects, Maintenance & Reorganization Continues

Volunteers Working Behind The Scene



DeLand Naval Air Station Museum Supports VOLUSIA COUNTY ECHO RANGERS FOR YOUTH



The DeLand Naval Air Station Museum is proud to support the Volusia County ECHO Rangers and their 2021-2022 “*Passport to Adventure*” program with items and educational information that will be included in the “goodie bags” distributed to participating youth. Our thanks to our Community Partner, Lisa Perez, Educational Coordinator at DeBary Hall, who is coordinating the ECHO

Rangers Program. Contact Lisa at (386) 668-3840, ext 21136, lperez@volusia.org to register students.

Recent ECHO RANGER Students

Complete Their Passport To Adventure

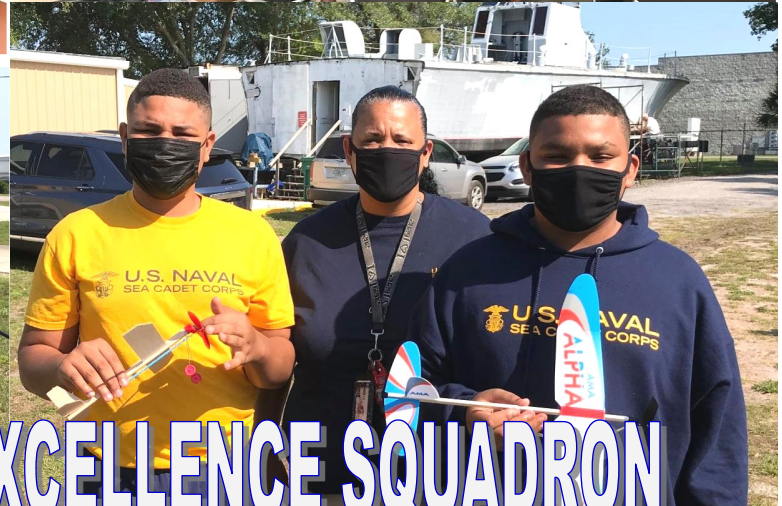




DeLand Naval Sea Cadet Training

The DNAS Museum hosts the Naval Sea Cadet DeLand Excellence Squadron members as they continue a modified training schedule combining a virtual and in-person schedule while following Covid-19 guidelines.

Ensign Andrew Osteen coordinates the students' training program. New students age 10 through high school who are interested in joining the DeLand Excellence Squadron can get more information about the program at aosteen@delandseacadets.org, www.delandseacadets.org, Facebook or Andrew Osteen (386) 675-5995. Sponsorships and volunteer staff needed.



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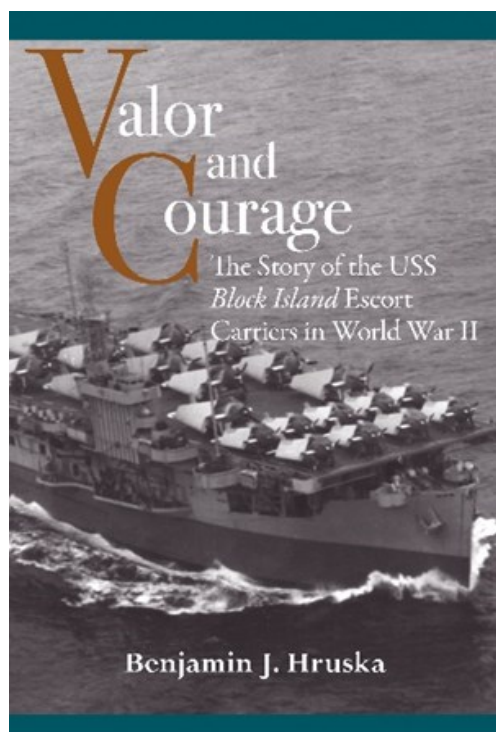
Dr. Ben Hruska Releases New Book *In Valor and Courage*



DNAS Museum technical advisor and supporter, Dr. Benjamin Hruska, PhD, has announced the release of his new book, *In Valor and Courage*.

In this new book, Dr. Benjamin Hruska tackles a daunting task--the full story of two WWII escort aircraft carriers bearing the same name. Thus, "Fighting Block Island" became a byword for the 'baby flattops' that fought Germany in the Atlantic and Japan in the Pacific.

"But far more than ships and aircraft, *Valor and Courage* properly focuses on the men of both vessels who remain an inspiration for their current heirs operating nuclear-powered descendants and supersonic jets." —Barrett Tillman, author of *On Wave and Wing: The 100-Year Quest to Perfect the Aircraft Carrier*.



The new book is available on-line or take advantage of a special discount. The Press is giving the membership of the USS Block Island Association 30% off the list price. Instead of the list price of \$54.95 your price will be just \$39.00. This can be done using the following directions:

Step 1. Call in your phone order to 1 (800) 621 2736. Step 2. In speaking with a representative use the promotional code below to receive your 30% discount on 1 or more books. ISBN: 978-0-8173-2099-7 Book Code: BLOCKISLAND.

Also available is Dr. Hruska's previous publication *Interpreting Naval History at Museums and Historic Sites*.

Dr. Ben Hruska

In His Own Words

In Valor and Courage: The Story of the USS Block Island Escort Carriers in World War II by Benjamin J. Hruska. Published by the University of Alabama.

"I still remember back in the summer of 2003 when I served as the summer intern at the Block Island Historical Society (BIHS) on Block Island, Rhode Island. It was here on the third floor of the museum, surrounded by the local history of this small New England island, where I began to find random boxes containing World War II naval history. These boxes, with postmarks from such states as Utah and Kentucky, held donated items from veterans on the history of the two escort carriers both named USS Block Island. My interest was stirred."

"At the BIHS I produced an exhibition on the ships. This was soon followed by my traveling New England states interviewing veterans. In 2005 and 2006 I attended USSBIA reunions and met more people connected to the vessels. In 2007 USSBIA held their meeting in Providence, Rhode Island which allowed for a day trip to Block Island to see the bell of CVE 106 proudly on display in Legion Park."

"From this point on history of the carriers, and how veterans remembered their service, was the basis of my dissertation at Arizona State University, and finally this monograph published by the University of Alabama Press."

"This book would not have been possible without veterans seeking to remember their experiences via personal memoirs, the publication of Chips over the decades, and veterans sharing their experience via oral interviews. I wish to express my thanks to all those veterans and family members who helped in ways large and small. Happy reading!!"

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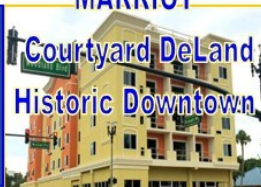


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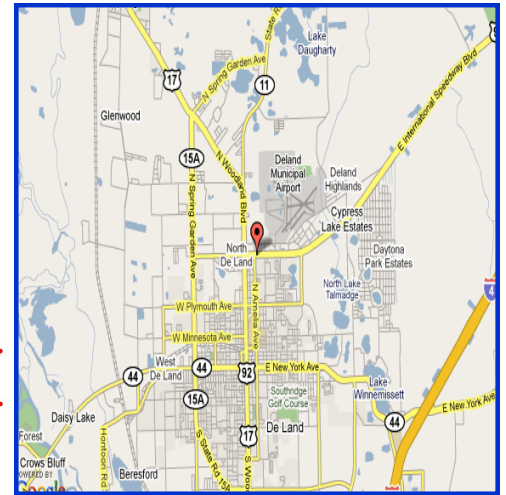
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at 12:30PM. (If Volunteers Are
Available)

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