



## **WWII Plane Crash Site To Receive Memorial Plaque In Christmas, Florida**



Over a year ago, Volunteers from the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum were contacted by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at the Tosohatchee Wildlife Management Area regarding the discovery of an old aircraft crash site, possibly from WWII. The site was discovered in a very remote area of the 30,100 acre area that was heavily damaged as a result of a wildfire. Debris from the crash site was revealed after heavy rains, when workers were conducting clearing and removal of damaged trees and brush as part of land management tasks and wildlife assessment.

With assistance from Naval History and Heritage Command in Washington, D.C. the crash details were confirmed. On June 19, 1943, WWII Navy Pilot Frederick L. Speiser was flying a PV-1 BuNo 33234 on a routine instrument training flight out of NAS Sanford, Florida. Shortly after takeoff, with a full load of fuel, the aircraft crashed and burned in a remote wooded area 35 miles SE of the base. The aircraft was totally destroyed and all seven of the crew members aboard were killed on impact.

With this information, it was determined that the crash site would be left untouched. A memorial plaque will be placed at the entrance of the Tosohatchee Wildlife Management Area in honor of the crew but the remote crash site will not be open to the public.

*In Memory of All Who Served*

# **Memorial Day MAY 27, 2019**



# IN MEMORY



**JUNE 19, 1943**  
**NAS SANFORD, FLORIDA**

**LT. FREDERICK L. SPEISER, USN**  
**MAJOR GEORGE H. BROCKWAY, USMC**  
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## EMBRY RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY VETERAN'S APPRECIATION DAY 2019



Every year, in April, Embry-Riddle honors those veterans who have served or are still serving our country through our armed forces around the world. This event is free and open to all veterans and their families. On April 15, 2019 DNASM Veterans Harold Bradeen, Dr. Harry Price and Al Schweizer were honored as part of the event. The guest speaker was Major General Alfred K. Flowers, USAF, (Ret.), the longest serving Airman in U.S. Air Force history. With more than 46 years of service, General Flowers' military recognitions include two Distinguished Service Medals, the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal plus seventeen others. He is the author of "Reflections of a Servant Leader: My Journey as the Longest Serving Airman in U.S. Air Force History."

## Dr. Leo Murphy Donates Navy Plaques & Photos



We look forward  
to future lectures  
From Dr. Murphy

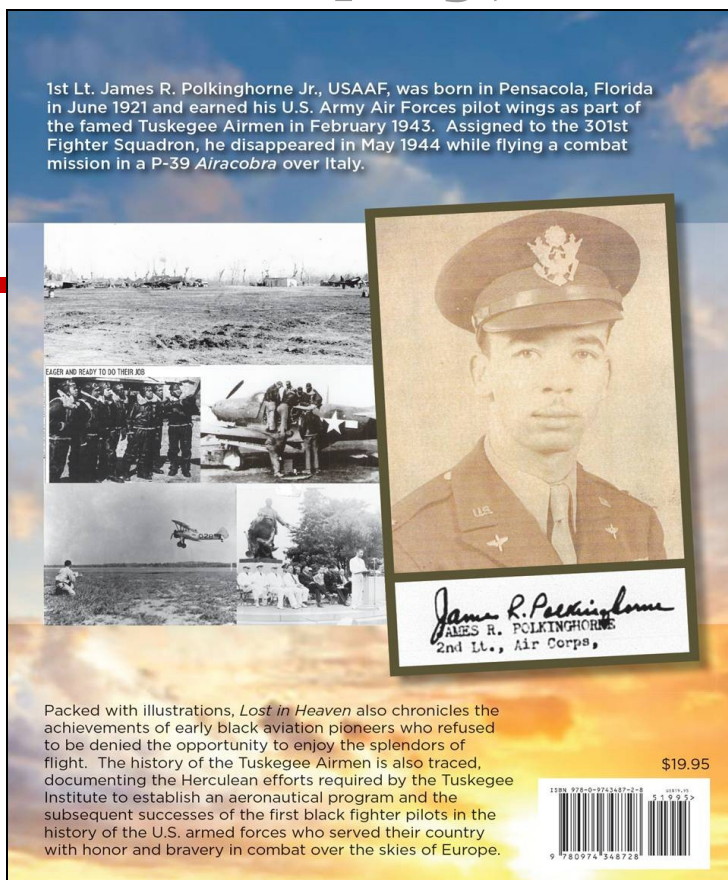
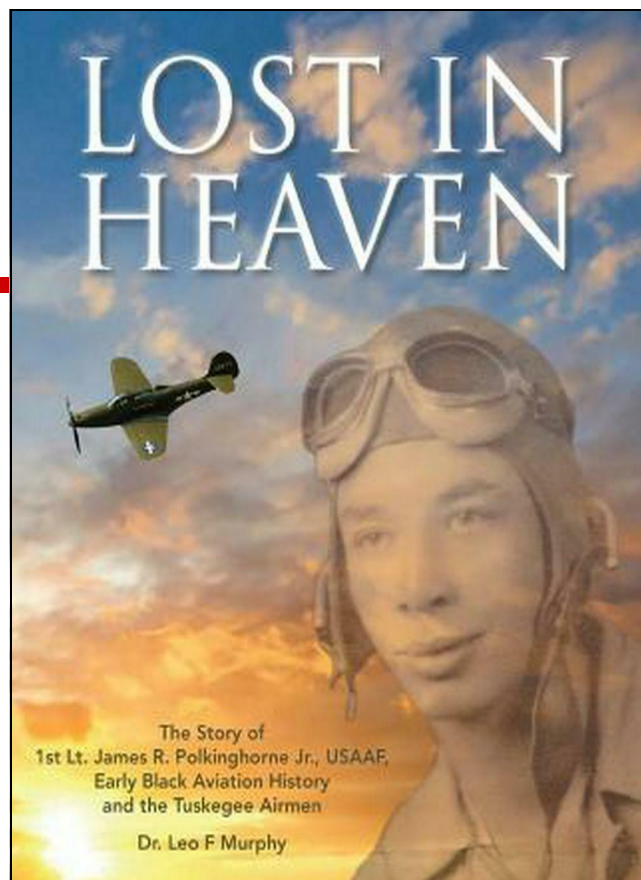
Our thanks to Dr. Leo Murphy, an Embry-Riddle Professor of Aeronautical Science and a 30-year U.S. Navy Veteran, for donating some of his many plaques, awards and Navy memorabilia for display at DeLand Naval Air Station Museum.

Dr. Murphy, an aviation history expert, recently published "[Lost in Heaven](#)," the story of World War II Tuskegee Airman 1st Lt. James Polkinghorne. The book recounts Polkinghorne's journey from his days as a bellhop at a Pensacola, Florida hotel, to his service taking enemy fire over the skies of Italy. Dr. Murphy calls the book his "passion project." Working on it over the course of years, he looked to hundreds of magazine clippings, personal diaries and books, as well as to the airman's sister, Maggie Polkinhorne, to unearth details.

Dr. Murphy was our guest speaker for the rollout of our TBF Avenger Restoration and we have invited him to speak on a variety of topics in the future.



# Author Dr. Leo F. Murphy, EdD



**Dr. Leo F. Murphy is an aeronautical science professor and a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society. He offers lectures on a variety of aviation-history topics, including most recently the enduring mystery of Amelia Earhart's final flight. Dr. Murphy has authored three other books:**

**\*\* *Flying Machines Over Pensacola: An Early Aviation History from 1909 to 1929***

**\*\* *Hagler Field: A History of Pensacola's Airport***

**\*\* *From Cropduster to Airline Captain, the Biography of Captain Leroy H. Brown***

**Buy a copy of Dr. Murphy's latest book from Blue Water Press.**

**\*\* <https://www.bluewaterpress.com/books-for-sale/lost-in-heaven>)**





**Student Volunteers From  
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University  
Delta Upsilon Fraternity**



Our thanks to Don Rowley and Greg Gerard for taking the lead on the recycle building construction and coordinating our many volunteers to assist with the rebuild of our Annex. A special thanks to Embry Riddle Delta Upsilon Fraternity and Riddle Redeemers for their volunteer hours assisting with metal siding and lighting prep. We Appreciate You!!

**Volunteers Age 16-96 Work As A  
Team To Complete The Building**



**Volunteers Continue Making Great Progress  
On Annex Recycle Building Project**



# Educational History Tours



**WWII Veteran Gene Storz  
Shares His Military Experiences  
With Younger Veterans & Students**



**Students Learn About  
TBF Avenger History**



**Harold Bradeen Shares History With  
Navy Veteran Dr. Dan Nielsen of  
Green Valley, Arizona**

Even with the Yard Sale Fundraiser and the Annex Recycle Building Project keeping our Volunteers busy, our educational history tours for youth and adults continue at the DNAS Museum.

Another busy month with visitors from local, state, national and international destinations touring the museum complex.

We invite new members and volunteers to join the museum and read our newsletters.

[www.delandnavalairmuseum.org](http://www.delandnavalairmuseum.org)

## Thank You Community Partners



**A Special Thanks to West Volusia Historical Society, Hidden Hills Homeowners Association, Atria Senior Living Orange City and everyone who donated sale items and assisted with the DNASM Yard Sale Fundraiser.**





# Another Successful Yard Sale In The Ronald Herman Assembly Pavilion



Fighting Over  
The Turkey



Thanks to our Community & our volunteers for another great fundraiser. We met new friends and continued educational museum tours.



Joe & Mary Lou  
Serve Delicious  
Hot Dogs



Even Our Canine Friends  
Found Treasures



A Hot Dog & Cold Drink



Mike Ready  
To Sell



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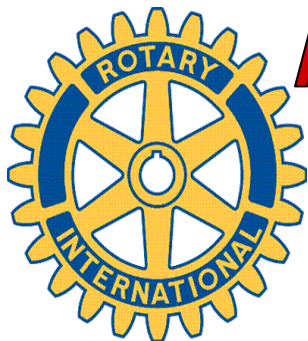
After the sale, we donated the items we had left to Habitat For Humanity and Journey's End Animal Sanctuary.

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Journey's End Animal Sanctuary  
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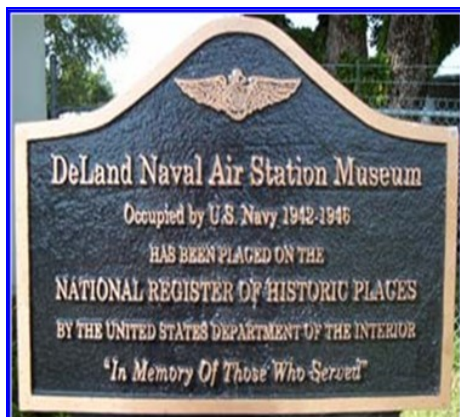
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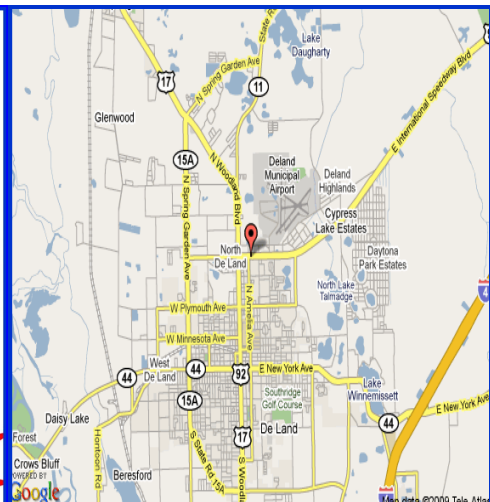


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