

DeLand, Florida—USA



DNAS Museum News - MAY, 2020

**A TIME TO HONOR AMERICAN HEROS
IN MEMORY OF ALL WHO SERVED**



*Veterans
We Will Not Forget You*

The Poppy - A Sybol of Memorial Day



The wearing of poppies in honor of America's war dead is traditionally done on Memorial Day. In war-torn battlefields, the red field poppy was one of the first plants to grow. ... The practice of wearing poppies was inspired by the poem In Flanders Fields, written in 1915 by Canadian soldier John McCrae.



In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

John McCrae (1872-1918)



DeLand Naval Air Station Museum Honored 50 Florida Organizations Showcased



CULTURE **BUILDS** FLORIDA
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50 STORIES FOR



YEARS

A Celebration of 50 Years of the Florida Department of State Division of Cultural Affairs





FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of STATE

RON DESANTIS
Governor

LAUREL M. LEE
Secretary of State

Dear Friends,

In 1969, the Florida Legislature created the Division of Cultural Affairs under the Department of State. Since then, the Division's mission to advance, support and promote arts and culture to strengthen the economy and quality of life for all Floridians has guided us in everything that we do.

This publication, *50 Stories for 50 Years*, tells the stories of arts and culture across Florida over the past five decades. While the anniversary of the Division of Cultural Affairs is worth noting, what is more remarkable is the work of Florida's vibrant arts and culture community. Grand opera lives side by side with experimental soundscapes. World-renowned paintings by Great Masters share the spotlight with children picking up their first paintbrushes. The great traditions of classical ballet and tango mingle in Florida's performance spaces. The breadth and diversity of arts and culture in Florida cannot be overstated, and *50 Stories for 50 Years* aims to celebrate some of the organizations and artists the division has been fortunate enough to call our partners.

50 Stories for 50 Years would not have been possible without the support and leadership of Governor Ron DeSantis, Secretary of State Laurel M. Lee, the Florida Legislature, the members of the Florida Council on Arts and Culture and the National Endowment for the Arts. In addition, I must express my appreciation for the organizations and individuals who took the time to contribute to *50 Stories* by putting into words how funding from the Division of Cultural Affairs has impacted their own work and communities. Thanks as well to all our partners and grantees over the years and especially to Division staff, both past and present, for their dedication to Florida's arts and culture community.

As you read, I hope that you will be inspired to see the difference that arts and culture have made in your own life. Arts and culture are the heart and soul of a community. *50 Stories for 50 Years* shows just how exciting and innovative Florida's heart and soul have always been.

Here's to another 50 years!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sandy Shaughnessy".

Sandy Shaughnessy
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DELAND NAVAL AIR STATION MUSEUM

Volusia County · Barbara Storz, Volunteer

The DeLand Naval Air Station Museum (DNASM) preserves local and state military history for the education of the public. Located at the DeLand Municipal Airport, the all-volunteer museum is housed in one of the last remaining WWII buildings on the former DeLand Naval Air Station 1942-1946 site and is recognized on the Local and National Registers of Historic Places.



Because of DCA...

DNASM continues to preserve our military heritage in a way that respects those who came before us to protect our freedom.

By presenting vintage artifacts, documents, photographs, books, videos and other memorabilia, we ensure that future generations honor the service and sacrifice of all veterans who protect our freedom.

DNASM welcomes thousands of local, state, national and international visitors each year for educational tours, programs

and fundraising events. Admission is free to the public. Volunteers rely entirely on public donations, grant awards and in-kind contributions from community partners.

Funding from the Division of Cultural Affairs has increased the public interest and impact of our small, volunteer museum by enabling



the purchase of refreshed marketing materials and new educational displays. DCA's funding is a key part of the museum's success, and thanks to their support we are proud to continue representing the great state of Florida through our work.

The DeLand Naval Air Station Museum Board of Directors and Volunteer Members thank the State of Florida, Division of Cultural Affairs for the honor of being a part of their 50th Anniversary publication "50 Stories for 50 Years". We are proud to be a part of the statewide cultural and heritage community and greatly appreciate being chosen as one of the 50 organizations showcased in this 2020 publication. Hundreds of organizations and many volunteers throughout the state are providing cultural and heritage services in every community, every day. They all contribute to the mission of the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs to advance, support and promote arts and culture to strengthen the economy and quality of life for all Floridians. We recognize and salute all of them.

A full copy of the entire publication can be downloaded at <https://dos.myflorida.com/cultural/about-us/50th-anniversary-celebration/50-stories-for-50-years/>

Author Pamela Ackerson Donates Books



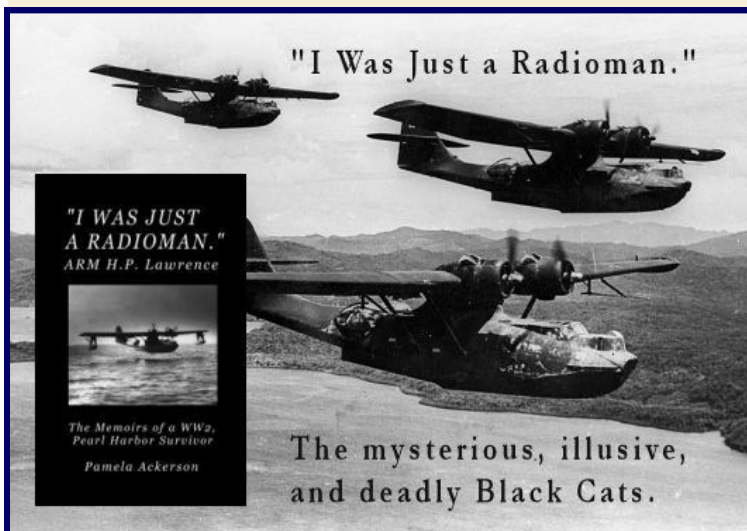
The DeLand Naval Air Station Museum recently received a donation of two books from Author Pamela Ackerson. The books titled "I Was Just A Radioman" includes the memoirs of a WWII Pearl Harbor Survivor, Chief ARM Henry P. Lawrence.

One of only a handful of non-Native American code-talkers, H. P. Lawrence became a member of an elite fighting force, the Black Cats. Flying in their nocturnal missions, the Cats claws were sharp and their aim deadly.

Chief Lawrence was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, three Air

Medals, the Navy Unit Citation, the Philippine Liberation Medal, and Air Crew wings with three stars. He was authorized a total of seven stars on his Asian Pacific Ribbon. He returned home in 1945 as Chief ARM. He was also recommended for the Silver Star, but that was not awarded. After the war, he spent another eighteen years in the Navy Reserves, leaving the service as a Master Chief Petty Officer.

This #1 Best Seller is available in print, EBook, and Audio on Amazon.com or Amazonsmile.com. For more information visit pamelaackerson.com.



Their hearts were strong, and their courage endless. Pearl Harbor survivor, Black Cat radioman, and decorated WWII veteran. ARM H. P. Lawrence, tells the true story of the fight against the Japanese in this compilation of his memoirs.

From devastation to victory, the story of these brave men—the deadly, mysterious, and illusive Black Cats is a journey into the past where nightmares came true and hatred reigned. A time in history we should never, ever forget. The day which will live in infamy...was just the beginning.

"I WAS JUST A RADIOMAN".

"We heard those words for years growing up. None of us understood, never really got the impact of what he was saying...until we were adults. Being the why child, I tended to ask a lot of questions. It didn't change when I got older. Actually, to be honest, it probably got worse."

"However, his answers changed. They weren't as vague or non-descriptive as they were when I was younger. My father started opening up, just a little, about the war. He started talking about WW II, being a Pearl Harbor survivor, and his experiences during that time. When he'd asked me to help him with his memoirs, I readily agreed. I would help him put it all in writing, so the world could hear his story. He worried that people would forget the horrors. He didn't want people to forget... It's been over 75 years since the attack on Pearl Harbor. It's time to remind people of those times, so we won't ever make the same mistakes again. It's time to introduce you to my hero." Our thanks to Pamela Ackerson for donating the books during Memorial Day. They will become a part of our library collection at the DNAS Museum.

DNAS Museum Remains Closed During Pandemic

Volunteers Working Behind The Scene

Even though the DNAS Museum is closed to the public until we determine it is safe to re-open, many of our great volunteers (while keeping our social distance) are still working behind the scene at the museum or from home to complete the Annex building project, restoration projects, routine house and yard maintenance, administration, office duties, newsletters and social media. A special thanks to the Annex Building volunteers who are working so hard as well as the City of DeLand crew who stopped by to trim the trees on the museum complex. We appreciate their assistance and ongoing support.



Thank You City of DeLand



WWII Veteran
Gene Storz
Restores Uniform Rack



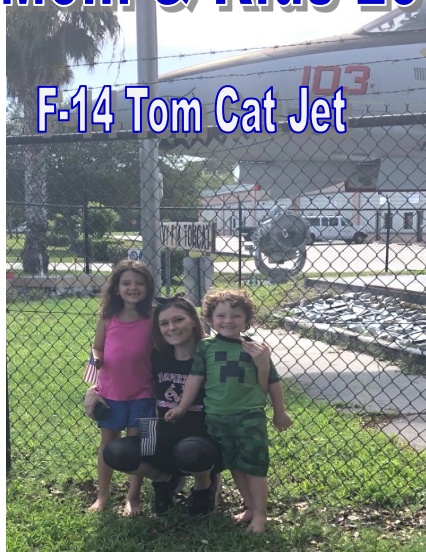
Our Volunteers Donate Thousands
of Hours Each Year

SUPPORT DNAS MUSEUM

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, be 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!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Ronald Herman, All Quality Products, the PERSIMMON HOLLOW WOMEN'S CLUB, Richard Dolan and the CocaCola Company for their recent donations.

Mom & Kids Look Forward To A Museum Visit Soon



F-14 Tom Cat Jet

Recently a Mom and her two small kids drove by and stopped outside the museum fence for a brief minute because the kids wanted to see the "big plane"! After being at home for so long, keeping the kids entertained is a challenge. We were able to give them some U.S. flags and educational coloring pages to take home. They plan to visit again when the museum is open for tours.

We have a series of coloring pages with history info for kids that include the Bald Eagle, the US Flag, the Star Spangled Banner, Military Branches, F14 Tom Cat Jet, TBF Avenger, PTF3 Vietnam Patrol Boat and others. If you would like copies for the kids in your family, send an email request to dnas.museum.org@gmail.com and we can send them to you.



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DeLand Naval Air Station Museum Membership Application/Renewal Form



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_____ SINGLE \$25 _____ FAMILY \$40

_____ STUDENT (OVER AGE 18) \$20

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****PLEASE TELL US YOUR AREA OF INTEREST**

AS A VOLUNTEER: (Restoration Crew, Museum Guide,
Office, Museum Maintenance, Special Events, Other)

***OR** _____ (I can't actively participate but join as a supporting member)

PLEASE MAIL OR DROP OFF:

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ANNEX BUILDING PROJECT

DeLand Naval Air Station Museum

ANNEX BUILDING PROJECT

26'x60' RECYCLED METAL BUILDING WILL BE BUILT BY VOLUNTEERS WITH DONATED MATERIALS AND IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE COMMUNITY



FRONT ELEVATION

SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

DONATION FORM

With the support of Volunteers, donations and in-kind services from our Community Partners, our new building ANNEX will enable us to further preserve our history. Campaign Coordinator Scott Storz, (386) 822-2809.

DATE: _____ I/WE WISH TO SUPPORT THE DNAS MUSEUM

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We continue to work on the completion of our new building in 2020. Cash and in-kind donations of services and supplies are needed to finalize the project. A special need for labor to install tile flooring is needed in this phase. Consider donations in honor or memory of a Veteran or special family member. Thank you for your ongoing support of our efforts to preserve our history and honor our Veterans.

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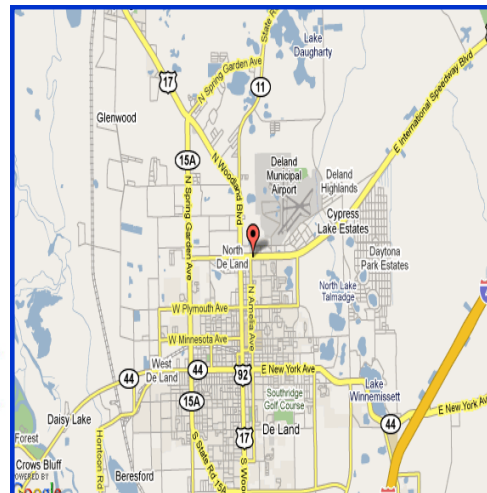


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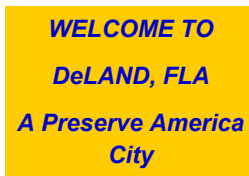
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