

DeLand, Florida—USA



DNAS Museum News - NOVEMBER, 2021 SPECIAL GUEST VISITS DNAS MUSEUM



DeLand Native Ms. Flora Finch, age 97, visited the museum recently and donated some rare photos of DeLand Naval Air Station during WWII. Flora worked as a civilian secretary in the Ships Services Department from 1944 through 1946. She shared her recollections of working at the base and living in DeLand with great detail. When the Navy Base closed after WWII, she went on to attend Stetson University and became a CPA in DeLand. We enjoyed her visit and look forward to seeing her again soon. Her photos will become a permanent part of the DNASM memorabilia collection.



Ms. Flora Finch Shares Her Recollections



WWII DNAS SHIP SERVICES

Rare View Inside WWII Building In 1945



Left to right: Tommy Boykin, Jeff Manry, Virgil Espey, Ralph Macarelli, Irene Wade, Flora Finch, Frances Grey



1945: Flora Finch, Frances Shadburn Gray, Irene Wade (uniform fitter) and active duty Navy Sailors stand ready to sell a great variety of personal items, supplies and gifts in the DeLand Naval Air Station Ships Services Department during WWII. What a great glimpse of the layout of the building inside and the items for sale from uniforms, supplies, suitcases, golf clubs, baby gifts, perfume and Elizabeth Arden handbags. Not a bad assignment!

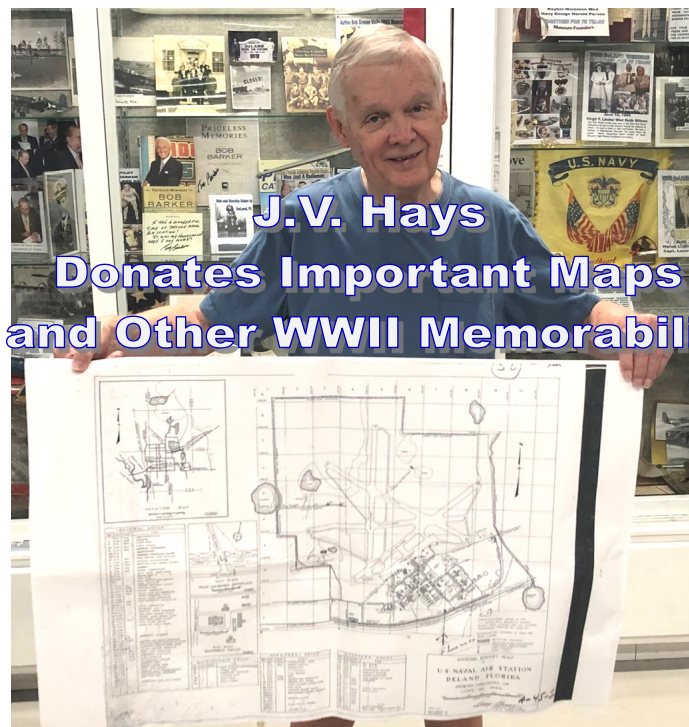
WWII HISTORY - DeLAND NAVAL AIR STATION



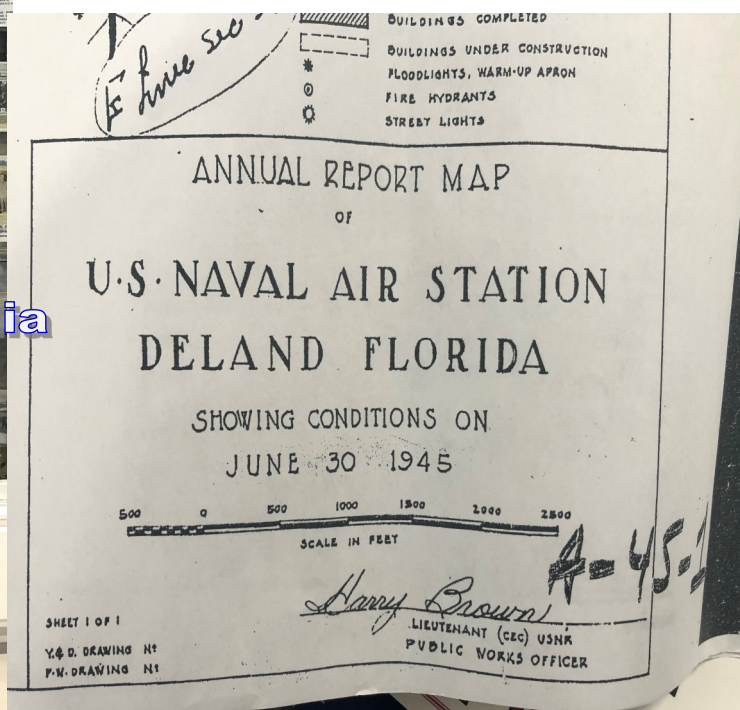
WWII Veteran Gene Storz, Age 98 Shares Recollections With Flora Finch, Age 97

We thank Flora for sharing her memories and photographs that will now be available for the public to view in our educational history displays.

VINTAGE WWII DeLAND NAS MAPS DONATED



J.V. Hays Donates Important Maps and Other WWII Memorabilia



J. V. Hayes, longtime DNAS member who assisted the City of DeLand with the founding activities of the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum in 1995, recently donated vintage maps of the actual layout of the Naval Air Station in 1945. His timing was perfect with the visit of Flora Finch who was able to view the maps and talk about the location of various buildings and activities. The map was signed by Lt. Harry Brown who was recently featured in a DeLandings Newsletter about his plane crash near DeLand in 1943. The NAS layout maps are now on display in the museum for public view.



ERAU Riddle Redeemers

Student Volunteers Continue Multiple Projects



F-14 Replica Building Project



Keeping the F-14
Clean Is A Chore



Student Christopher O'Neill Shares
Grandfather's WWII B-24 Info With
WWII Veteran Gene Storz
Who Also Worked on B-24 Aircraft



Lee Huffman Continues Mentoring ERAU Students
Learning F-14 Tomcat Maintenance

We appreciate the volunteer hours donated by student members of the Riddle Redeemers Restoration Club from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Under the direction of their President, Matthew Robinson, they have a work plan to complete various projects and maintenance tasks to benefit the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum. Being mentored by our experienced Veterans and Volunteers teaches them new skills and often assists them in deciding the direction of their future career path.



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.

Volusia Sheriff Deputy Cliff Williams Trains Naval Sea Cadets



During a recent drill, the Naval Sea Cadets hosted a special guest. Volusia Sheriff Deputy Cliff Williams spoke at the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum about his life leading up to the Sheriff's Office. He was a Marine, jumped out of aircraft, worked for the Department of Corrections and then joined the Volusia Sheriff's Office. He shared what it is like to be a deputy. His message for the cadets was that life is all about choices, some are good and some are bad but you make them and no one else. He told the cadets to focus on the good choices and to go the extra mile in school and in life. Work hard because nothing is given, it's earned. He showed the new cruiser and all of the bells and whistles in it. The training day was completed at the American Legion Adam Quinn Post 6 with a STEM class about how to use a telescope, sky watching basics, and a SOCOM para commandos video because the cadets were inspired by Deputy Williams' stories of jumping from aircraft.



When Baseball Went To War

Research Project Seeking Local Connections



**MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PLAYERS
KILLED OR MIA DURING
WORLD WAR II, KOREA, VIETNAM,
DESERT STORM, AFGHANISTAN.**

DNASM Board Member Raquel Julich, New York Yankee Media and owner of Raquel & Talents Foreign Radio, is conducting research of the young men signed to Minor League Baseball (MiLB) who did not realize their dream of being called up to the Majors (MLB). Instead of playing for a team on baseball fields, they lost their lives fighting for their country in battlefields.

Raquel is seeking local information and photos from family members of a Veteran killed or MIA in WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Afghanistan or other conflict who interrupted a minor league baseball career to serve in the military. She can be contacted at foreignradio@icloud.com.

OUR MILITARY MEN AND WOMEN ARE NEVER FAR FROM OUR THOUGHTS. WE REMEMBER THEM AND THEIR LOVED ONES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, BUT NEVER WITH MORE APPRECIATION FOR THEIR SACRIFICE THAN DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON WHEN DUTY SEPARATES THEM FROM FAMILY AND FRIENDS.



Remembering Those Who Can't Go Home

DNAS Museum Volunteers Continue Projects

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, 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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The Many Hours You Spend Keeping
The Museum Grounds Well Groomed



Team Work Solves Problems



Al and Frank Repair
PTF-3 Patrol Boat Wood



More Assembly Needed
Gene Trains "The Kids"



Thank You Volunteers For The Many
Hours You Donate To Our Community

Community Support Needed to Save WWII Tug Built on Lake Beresford in DeLand, FL 1944

Dan Friend, President of the DeLand Historic Trust, Inc., is working on an opportunity to return a 1944 WWII Tug Boat built in Volusia County from Stockholm, Sweden back to DeLand for a public static educational display. His quest to raise the funds for the project needs community support and donations. Call Dan at (386) 943-9537 for more information or to schedule a presentation to your group. Dan has a short window of time to secure the tug and will greatly appreciate assistance to bring the US Army tug ST 479 "Tiger" back.



Save Our Last WW2 Tug!

** A Special Fund For **

The West Volusia WW2 Memorial Project

We are asking for financial support from West Volusia to take advantage of an incredible opportunity. John and Margareta Higgins, who have moved to London, **will donate ST 479 "Tiger",** our last known highly original Lake Beresford WW2 built tug, if we can pay to have it returned! They will lose their berth in Stockholm, Sweden so the best time to act is right now. Our goal is **\$300,000** as we feel confident that is enough to return US Army ST 479 from Europe to Jacksonville and then to West Volusia on the St. Johns...just as it went out! We will try to get it home for less, and any overage then would go for other costs of the tug's return or towards the needed site preparations or other charitable purposes. **Once at Jax we WILL get this tug, reputed to have served at Normandy, home!** **Our Board of Directors will decide no later than Oct 15, 2021, to proceed with Phase One or to stop the effort. If the project is halted all donations over \$100 to the fund would then be returned to the donor.**

Please mail checks \$100 or over to: DHT, Inc.-Special Fund, 2232 Holly Lane, DeLand, Florida, 32724

DeLand Historic Trust, Inc., is a section 501C3 tax exempt charitable non-profit Florida corporation. Among other projects, we curate the military portions of the DeLand Memorial Hospital and Veterans Museum in cooperation with the City of DeLand Parks and Recreation Department.

Dan Friend, President danieljosephfriend@gmail.com 386 943-9537

A copy of the official registration and financial information of DHT, Inc., may be obtained from the Division of Consumer Services by calling toll-free 800-435-7352 within the State of Florida. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval, or recommendation by the state.

CHECK OUT ALL THE LOCAL WW2 TUGBOAT HISTORY AT USARMYSTTUGS.COM



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DeLand Naval Air Station Museum

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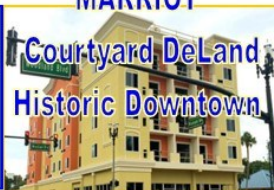
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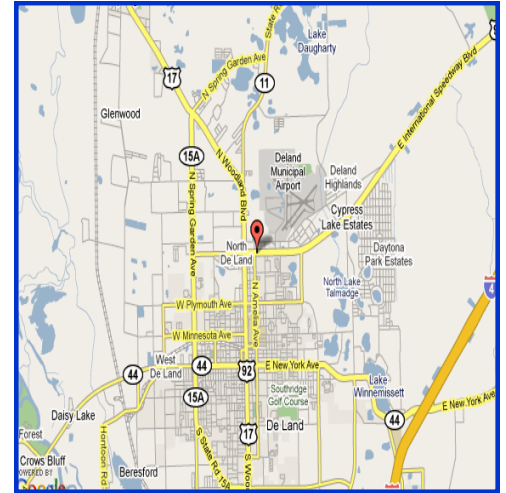


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