

DeLand, Florida—USA



DNAS Museum News - OCTOBER, 2021

ERAU RIDDLE REDEEMERS RETURN



Matthew & Rick Welcome
New Riddle Redeemers



The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU) *Riddle Redeemers* have been cleared to resume on-site visits to assist the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum. During Covid-19 restrictions on campus, the student restoration club volunteers have been working off-site on various projects to benefit the museum.

Matthew Robinson, President of the Redeemers and a DNASM Board Director, continues to do an excellent job of coordinating the planning and completion of tasks. The ongoing support of the students is greatly appreciated and we are so proud to mentor our future leaders.

Student Volunteers Support DNAS Museum

ERAU Riddle Redeemers Recruit New Members



Student Career Day On Campus Is Successful



Lee Huffman Guides Existing & New Members

Learning F-14 Tomcat Maintenance



While Students participating in the Riddle Redeemers Restoration Club are learning the latest technologies at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, they are presented with a unique opportunity at the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum to learn history and work on vintage aircraft and vehicles. 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.

Hoonah, Alaska Tribute to Veterans **Totem Pole "Holding Up Warriors"**



DNASM President, Al traveled West this summer for vacation. During a stop in Hoonah, Alaska he met a tribal elder who told him about a totem pole dedicated to all branches of the armed forces.

The totem, carved by Artist Gordon Greenwald, prominently features the "battlefield cross," incorporating Gulf War-style boots, a Vietnam-era M-16 service rifle, and a World War II-style helmet to recognize veterans of all eras. Five services recognized are the Marine Corps, Navy, Coast Guard, Army, Air Force and the Alaska Territorial Guard. Just above the battlefield cross is a traditional Tlingit warrior in their war regalia. Crowning the totem are an eagle and a raven, canted out from each other. The raven and the eagle are turned back to back, not as the cold shoulder but a message to all veterans 'I've got your back, Buddy.'"

Al Visits West Coast

Veterans Carry Totem Pole



Toward the middle are carved dog tags representing each branch of the service, including the Alaska Territorial Guard, and a Tlingit warrior dressed in armor. The project is a collaboration between the City of Hoonah, the Huna Heritage Foundation, the Hoonah Veterans Committee and Hoonah clan representatives.

There are many veterans in Hoonah. At least 10% of the population has served in the military — one of the highest numbers per capita in the country. Even before Alaska was a state, many Alaska Natives stepped up to fight for the United States. Huna Heritage Foundation placed the totem pole as just the first piece of what will eventually be Huna Veteran's Memorial Park.

Future Veterans Park Will Be Dedicated

FORTY YEAR PATCH COLLECTION DONATED TO DeLAND NAS Museum



Tod Heckerman
Sanford, Florida

Our thanks to Tod Heckerman, Sanford, Florida for donating his military patch collection. The artifact patches include Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and NASA. Also included is a collection of military pins from all four branches and NASA. Tod has been collecting for forty years and wanted to share his collection with the public. Museum volunteers will work on a proper display for the collection that will be available for future public tours.



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.



JOIN THE DeLAND EXCELLENCE SQUADRON

New Love & War Display Has Special Visitor



Special Patriotic Quilt Donated

for DeLand NAS Museum
to honor CW. (Jack) Jarvis
World War II Veteran
& Edyth Larweth Jarvis
Wife and Mother
made by Jill Jarvis Rogers 2015



Denver, North Carolina resident and former DeLandite, Jill Jarvis Rogers recently visited the DNAS Museum. Her parents, WWII Veteran Navy Chief Jack Jarvis and Edyth Larweth Jarvis are featured in the new Love and War display along with a patriotic flag quilt she made to honor her late parents. The intricate quilt was originally donated as a 2015 Big Band Dance auction item, however the personal embroidery made this beautiful quilt the perfect backdrop to feature in our new public display featuring WWII weddings. Personnel stationed in DeLand from 1942-46 often met and married their spouse while here leaving generations of families still in this area.

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 for orders. Any amount is appreciated!



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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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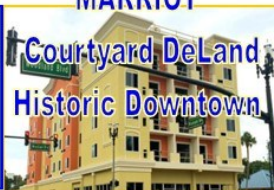
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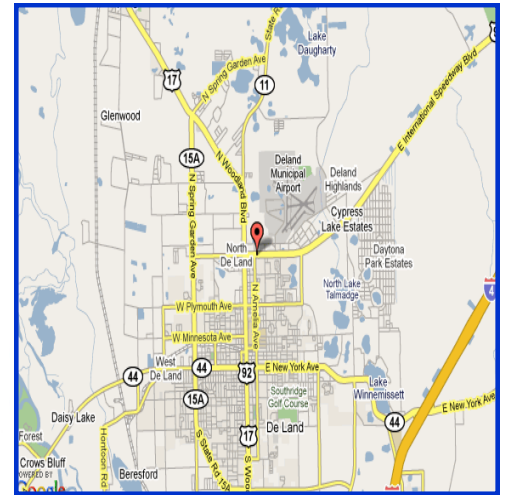


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