

# DELANDINGS

DeLand Naval Air Station Museum, DeLand, Florida

SEPTEMBER 2016

## Congressman Ron DeSantis Visits DNASM



Sixth District Congressman Ron DeSantis and Robert Mons, District Director recently stopped by the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum for an update and tour of the museum and restoration projects, including the WWII TBF Avenger and the PTF-3 Vietnam Patrol Boat. Our Veterans and Volunteers at DNASM appreciate the visit and his on-going support of our efforts to preserve our military history.







**SIXTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN RON DeSANTIS AND DISTRICT DIRECTOR ROBERT MONS TOUR THE MUSEUM WITH DNASM PRESIDENT HAROLD BRADEEN AND DNASM MEMBERS AL SCHWEIZER, EL PEGRAM (WWII) AND GENE STORZ (WWII)**





# Summer At The Museum



**COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** DNASM President Harold Bradeen visits The Florida Sheriffs Operation Purple Youth Camp with a history lesson. The Camp provides a wholesome atmosphere and positive camp experience for boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 17, and honors the youth of military families. Every day contains a healthy balance of activities and service, providing a valuable lesson for maturing youth. See more at: <http://www.militaryfamily.org/kidsoperation-purple/camps/>



DNASM Volunteers work in the Victory Garden and the SCCA Races at the DeLand Airport, selling food as a fundraiser for the museum. Gene Storz waters the garden (above). Harold Bradeen and Mike Schendel prepare for customers. "Grill Master" Greg Gerard prepares the food.



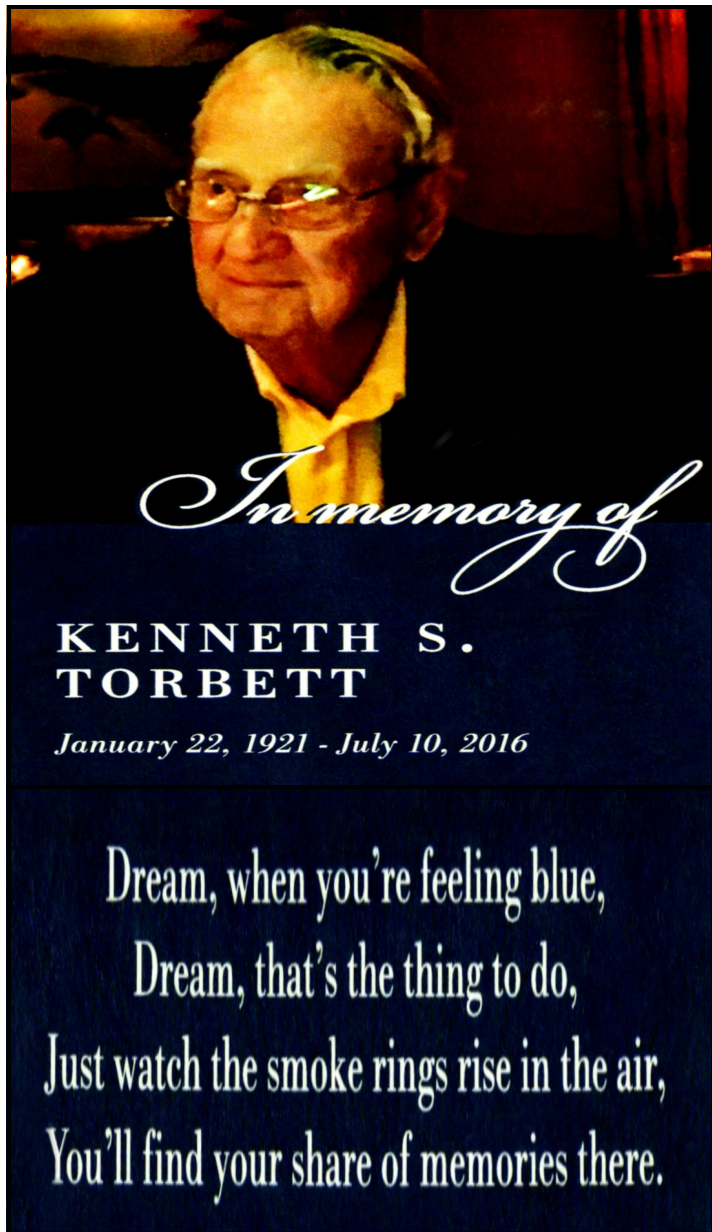
WWII Veterans Gene Storz (left) and El Pegram (right) take a break from their volunteer duties to share a laugh.

Scott Storz briefs Veteran El Pegram on a current recovery project.





# Ken Torbett - Celebration of Life



On July 23, 2016 members of the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum joined family and friends of WWII Veteran Ken Torbett for a celebration of his life. Per his request, Ken wanted to be remembered with music, laughter, dancing and good food with family and friends.

His loving wife, Marty, joined by his children and grandchildren gathered with his many friends at the Hammock Dunes Golf Club in Palm Coast to make his wish come true.

Ken's children, grandchildren and friends were able to share their memories of Ken, his impact on their lives and his legacy. Memories of our good times with him will live on each day, and as he wished.....in our dreams.

**Ken Torbett—A True Gentleman**



**KEN & MARTY  
TORBETT  
GREAT  
GRANDCHILDREN  
GEORGI & POPPY  
BECKER  
JACKSON &  
SAWYER TORBETT**





# Bill Dreggors Turns 90



Wayne's favorite image of his dad from Bill's last day with Florida Power.

## Bill Dreggors Celebrates His 90th Birthday

WVHS Executive Director, Emeritus Bill Dreggors enjoyed his birthday among family and friends on June 30th. For those of you who were not able to join in, these are the touching words spoken by his son Wayne Dreggors that day.

**YOU GREW UP DURING  
AMERICA'S GREAT  
DEPRESSION.**

**YOU STARTED WORKING AS A BOY TO HELP  
YOUR FAMILY.**

**YOU CAME OF AGE DURING WORLD WAR II AND  
SERVED OUR COUNTRY.**

**YOU MARRIED YOUR HIGH SCHOOL  
SWEETHEART.**

**YOU NOURISHED A LOVE FOR THE COMMUNITY  
YOU CALL HOME.**

**YOU HELPED DELAND HAVE NEW LIFE.**

**YOU GRIEVED THE LOSS OF YOUR SWEETHEART  
BUT YOU FOUND LOVE AGAIN.**

**YOU TREASURE THE SIMPLE THINGS IN LIFE:  
GOOD FRIENDS, GOOD FOOD, GOOD  
FELLOWSHIP.**

**YOU PRACTICE FAITH, HONESTY, AND INTEGRITY  
IN ALL YOU DO.**

**ON THIS BIRTHDAY, AND ALL OF THOSE TO  
COME, TAKE TIME TO REFLECT ON ALL YOU  
HAVE DONE FOR SO MANY PEOPLE,  
AND ON HOW MUCH WE ALL LOVE YOU!!!**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!**

## HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY TO BILL DREGGORS

WWII U.S. Navy Veteran William J. "Bill" Dreggors, a DeLand native who served on the USS Midway, was one of the original founders of the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum.

Upon his recent retirement, Bill was named the West Volusia Historical Society Executive Director Emeritus. The tribute to honor him for his 90th birthday (left) was written by his son Wayne Dreggors.

Congratulations Bill and Thank You for your great efforts and support of the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum. We appreciate all that you and Irene have done for the DNASM over the years!





## A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT.....

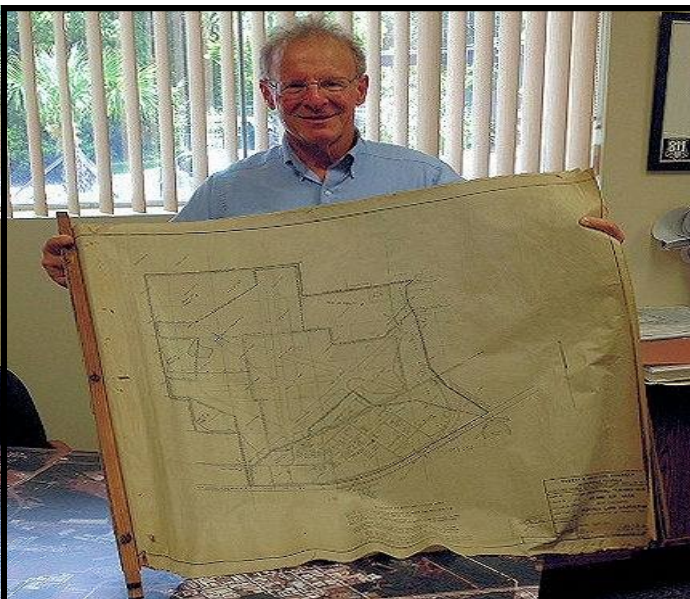


The DNASM recently received a World War II German Style Army gas mask canister with strap as a WWII memorabilia donation to the museum collection.

A second donation received was an original copy of the DeLand Naval Air Station plans drafted in 1942. This item is a valued artifact and the entire packet of engineering drawings, still on an original wood dowel, was given to City of DeLand Public Services Director Keith Riger (below) for care and safe storage.

The Silver Anniversary 25th Big Band Dance scheduled for Veteran's Day, November 11, 2016 is booking quickly. If you have already reserved a table, the tickets are now ready for pick-up. Contact Barbara at (386) 717-1492 to check on seating availability for the event or to finalize your reserved tickets. We need event sponsors and raffle/door prizes.

**Harold Bradeen, President**  
**"In Memory of All Who Served"**



## ISAIAH W. CARLTON

**C/CPT, Army ROTC Civil Affairs Officer**  
**Safety Technician, University Safety Office**



Congratulations to Isaiah Carlton, DNASM member and founder of the Embry Riddle "Riddle Redeemers" student volunteer program for being appointed as the new Civil Affairs Officer for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's Army ROTC program. His duties will include being the Liaison between Army ROTC and community organizations. This includes the coordination of volunteers for events between Army ROTC and local groups. If your organization needs volunteers for any events or would like to participate in an event with the ROTC program, contact Isaiah at [icarlton95@gmail.com](mailto:icarlton95@gmail.com) or his assistant Cadet Cupoli, at [rcupoli@stetson.edu](mailto:rcupoli@stetson.edu).

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# BIG BAND DANCE

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# 25th BIG BAND DANCE



## **DeLAND NAVAL AIR STATION MUSEUM** **2016 EVENT SPONSORSHIP/** **UNDERWRITING OPPORTUNITIES:**

Please join the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum (DNASM) in celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> Silver Anniversary of the Big Band Dance. 100% of the proceeds from this annual fundraiser are used to support the all Volunteer DNASM museum operations at 910 Biscayne Boulevard in DeLand, Florida.

**Underwriting Opportunities:** 25th Annual Big Band Dance on November 11, 2016 include:

- Swing Band Expense—\$2,500
- Table/Chair Rental Expense—\$500
- Venue Rental Expense—\$500
- Food and Drink Expense - \$500
- Raffle Items Expense - \$500

If you can assist us, please contact Barbara at (386) 717-1492 for more information.

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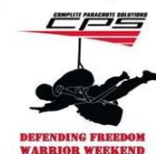
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