

DeLand, Florida—USA



DNAS Museum News - DECEMBER, 2020



Remembering Our Troops Who Won't Be Home For The Holidays



DNAS Museum Remains Closed During Pandemic

Volunteers Working Behind The Scene

The DNAS Museum remains closed to the public until we determine it is safe to re-open. Our great volunteers are still working behind the scene at the museum or from home. We appreciate their assistance and ongoing support. 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, become 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!



Takes Many Hands !





DNAS Museum Student Volunteers

Embry-Riddle "Riddle Redeemers"



Riddle Redeemers Work on DNASM Projects



Riddle Redeemer Alumni Update

CORYN PORTER CHASING HER DREAMS



The DeLand Naval Air Station Museum volunteers were thrilled to hear from Coryn Porter, an Embry-Riddle Aeronautical "Riddle Redeemer" alumni from our first team of student volunteers. Here is her update **"IN HER OWN WORDS".....**

"From 2015-2018, I had the privilege of serving as a volunteer at DNASM through the Riddle Redeemers Club at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Being involved with the museum gave me an amazing and unique opportunity to participate in the F-14 Tomcat and TBM-Avenger restoration projects. Not only was I getting hands-on experience while studying for my A&P certificate, but I was surrounded by volunteers who shared the same passion for aviation as I do. Their dedication to supporting the museum and its cause to preserve aviation history is inspiring. It was an absolute pleasure working side by side with everyone involved."

"After graduation, I moved back to my hometown in Westchester County, NY and began working for Flexjet as an avionics technician. I have been working for two years now, and my duties include troubleshooting communication and navigation systems, as well as installing in-flight entertainment systems on Gulfstream, Challenger, Legacy and Phenom aircraft. I am also chasing after my dream of becoming a private

pilot and will be soloing very soon! I look forward to when I can visit the museum again and I am eager to see the progress that has been made on the restoration projects!"

Congratulations Coryn, We Are Proud of You !!



Community Partner - African American Museum of the Arts



Our volunteers stopped by the [African American Museum of the Arts—DeLand](#) to visit with Executive Director Mary Allen and deliver some surplus chairs for future events to be scheduled. The AAMA in DeLand also remains closed during the Covid-19 Pandemic, however Mary continues to organize museum displays and plan future events.



On display, we noted a framed photo honoring the Tuskegee Airman that was autographed by Veterans of the WWII Unit.

A current fundraiser is a limited series of 1000 2"X2" unique hearts on canvas. The original artwork by Sarah Matthaël each have a positive message tucked inside and you can also add your own message. Great gift or stocking stuffer. Visit their website, facebook or call the museum and leave a message for more info. (386) 736-4004.



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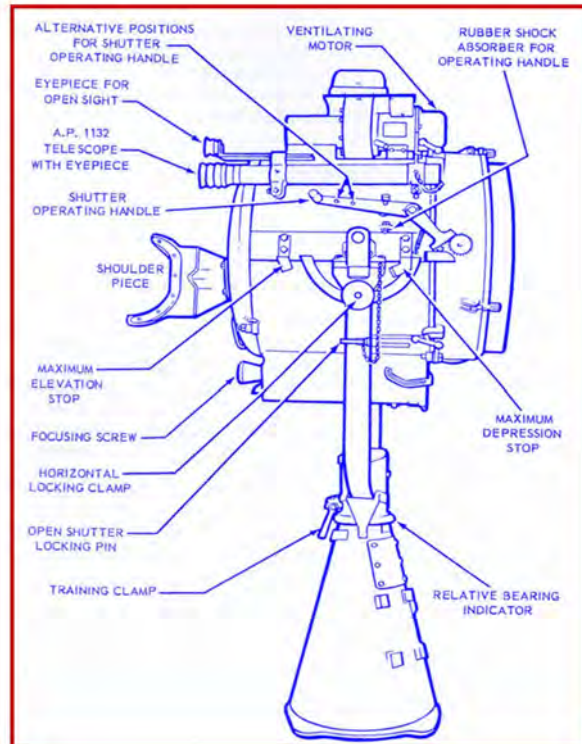
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DeLAND NAVAL AIR STATION MUSEUM



USS RANKIN NAVAL SHIP SIGNAL LIGHT



This ship signal light is from the USS Rankin, (AKA-103/LKA-103), a Navy *Tolland* class attack cargo ship in service with the United States Navy from 1945 to 1947 and re-commissioned between 1952 and 1971. The Rankin saw action in the late stages of World War II and was later retrofitted and used in the Mediterranean Sea during the 1950's. It was in Cuban waters during the 1962 missile crisis. The USS Rankin was decommissioned in May, 1971.

The starboard side 20" signal projector could also double as a searchlight. The two signal lights donated to the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum were salvaged in July, 1988, when the ship was sunk six miles off the coast of Florida near Stuart to create an artificial fishing and diving reef. The USS Rankin now rests on her starboard side at a depth of 130 feet and the site remains popular among fisherman and advanced scuba divers.



**USS RANKIN
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The DeLand Naval Air Station Museum has a great selection of shirts, hats and other patriotic items that make great gifts for the holidays. Also available are our patriotic lighted umbrellas, a variety of patriotic tote bags and patriotic 2ply face masks. Call or email soon to purchase these great items.

DeLand Naval Air Station Museum

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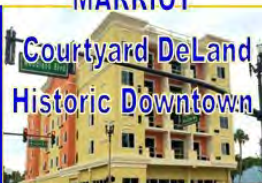
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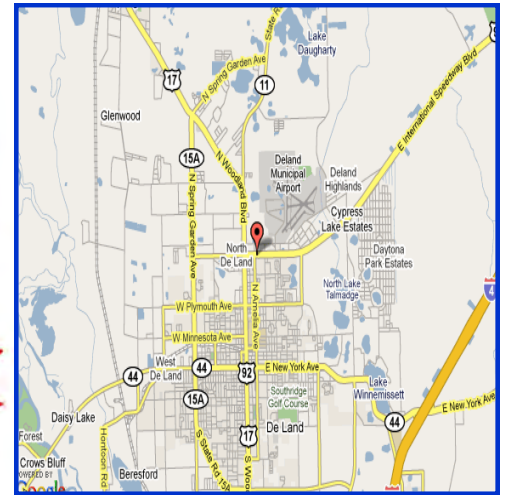
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