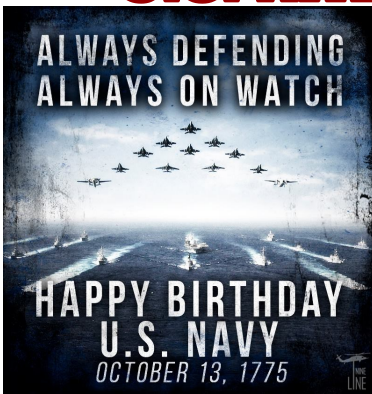


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DNAS Museum News - OCTOBER, 2020 U.S. NAVY CELEBRATES 245TH BIRTHDAY



On October 13, 2020 the United States Navy will celebrate the 245th year of service. We recognize the many brave men and women who have served our country — past and present. Established during the Revolutionary War, the original Continental Navy was formed, disbanded, and then reestablished nearly 10 years later. Today it's the largest and most capable navy in the world, with the highest combined battle fleet tonnage. The Navy also boasts the world's largest aircraft carrier fleet, over 300,000 active personnel, and nearly 100,000 in the Ready Reserve.

NAVY BIRTHDAY TIMELINE & FIRSTS

March 27, 1794

The Navy became permanent. Congress passed the Naval Act of 1794 — establishing a permanent standing navy. In 1800 the Navy built its armada. Three ships were commissioned and pressed into service. These were the USS Constitution, the USS United States and the USS Constellation.

First use of submarines: While the Navy's first commissioned designs for a submarine were handed over in 1875, it wasn't until 1898 that the first Holland submarine launched successfully. In 1953, the first nuclear submarine was deployed—the USS Nautilus.

First use of modern battleships: While America had battleships before the 1908 South Carolina class dreadnought, which started with the USS Michigan and was based on British ships, these were the first in the new era of battleships.

First use of Naval aircraft: In 1911, the U.S. Navy bought its first airplane, the Curtiss A-1 Triad.

First aircraft carrier: The first flight from the deck of a U.S. Navy cruiser in 1910 led to the 1927 Lexington-class aircraft carriers, the first operational aircraft carriers in the U.S. Navy.

First use of Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat: Introduced in 1992, these rubber boats were originally meant for life boats in the 1960s, but the Navy now uses them for SEALs due to their lightweight, high speed, all-weather specifications.

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!



DNAS Museum Student Volunteers

Embry Riddle "Riddle Redeemers" New President

The DeLand Naval Air Station Museum has been so fortunate to host many student volunteers who have donated their time and skills to work on restoration projects and fundraiser events. Working side by side with experienced Veterans and Volunteers, the students benefit from a unique opportunity to learn new skills and history.

Matthew Robinson is the new President for the Riddle Redeemers. He is in the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Honors Program, Class of 2023. He is also a Librarian and in the ERAU Pep Band. Matthew will be coordinating the student volunteer schedule. DNAS Museum Mentors will be Captain Greg Gerard with TBF Avenger Restoration projects and Lee Huffman with the F-14 Tomcat Jet maintenance projects. The students will be working on a list of project assignments and building replica parts offsite during the Covid19 pandemic. We look forward to having all of the students on site when it is safe to do so.



Mathhew Robinson
New Riddle Redeemer President

WWII TBF-AVenger RESTORATION CONTINUES. CAPTAIN GREG WAS NOT ABLE TO FIND REPLACEMENT BOMBAY DOORS SO HE IS RESTORING THE BADLY DAMAGED ORIGINAL DOORS THAT WERE RECOVERED FROM THE BOTTOM OF LAKE MICHIGAN AFTER 50 YEARS.



Thank You Capt. Greg & Volunteers For
Continuing This Historic & Educational Restoration Project



DeLand Naval Sea Cadet Unit Training

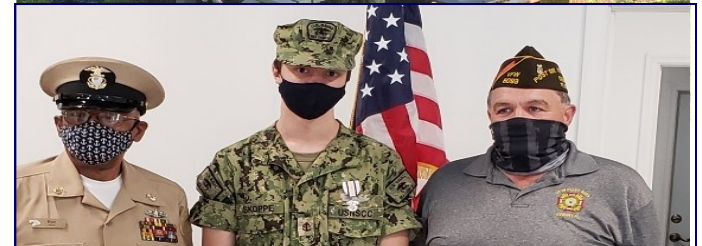
The Naval Sea Cadet DeLand Excellence Squadron have resumed a modified training schedule combining a virtual and in person schedule while following Covid19 guidelines. Ensign Andrew Osteen coordinates the student's training under the direction of LCMD Dennis Dickerson.

New students age 10-high school who are interested in joining can get more information at dennisdickerson2@msn.com.



President Al Conducts An Educational History Tour of

PTF-3 Patrol Boat & WWII TBF Avenger



Chief Petty Officer Alexander Skoppe was awarded the VFW Citation and Medal, in special recognition of **OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT & EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP ABILITY**, from Senior Vice CJ McDivitt (Right) on behalf of the VFW Post 8093 in DeBary FL.

Historic DeLand Sun News Project

DeLand Sun News



For those who were born in DeLand, Florida or who lived here for many years, the DeLand Sun News was a daily resource of local and worldwide news, including the social columns that were our early "Social Media". For many years the West Volusia Historical Society (WVHS) has been storing a vast collection of approximately 1000 vintage newspapers ranging from the early

1920's to the 1960's. Most of the collection was found in the attic of a local historic home. Volunteers organized the papers by date and location with the bulk of the collection being DeLand Sun News and the Daytona Beach News Journal. A few were from other state and national cities. **The bad news** is that the newspapers are deteriorating and before too long will not be able to be saved. **The good news** is that many of the vintage papers are now available through the Volusia Library Services website, www.volusialibrary.org, powered by Newsbank. The cost for digitizing the Sun News and other old newspapers was \$210,000, according to Volusia County documents.

Barbara Dunn Storz, WVHS Past President, Lifetime Member and DeLand Native, offered to take the lead in coordinating a workable solution to what should happen to the deteriorating paper collection before they were lost forever.



**15 Bins of Vintage Newspapers
From 1920's-1960's**

Barbara has a particular passion for this project as her mother, Elizabeth Larweth Dunn, DeLand High School Class of 1933, worked for the DeLand Sun News for many years right out of high school. She was the proof reader responsible for editing each edition for grammar, spelling and content before the final print. As an active lifetime member of the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum, Barbara will search for articles about the Naval Air Station during WWII related to weddings, base activities and plane crashes that took place during flight training that could be added to the current educational displays offered to the public.

Another DeLand Native, Dan Friend, President of the DeLand Historic Trust, Inc., and Military Curator for the Veterans Museum at Bill Dreggors Park is also assisting. Dan completed a search of the library on-line data base and has identified the editions that were not available online by date. Many missing editions have been found in the WVHS collection and have been set aside to coordinate scanning and adding them to the online date base.

Over 400 Daytona Beach News Journals were pulled from the collection ranging from 1930's-1960's. Barbara called Fayn LeVeille, Executive Director of the Halifax Historical Society Museum. Fayn is a Daytona Beach native and she was excited to accept the vintage newspapers as part of the extensive collection of Volusia County History.

Visit This Great Museum at 252 S. Beach Street Daytona Beach, FL



Halifax Historical Museum Accepts
400 Vintage Local Newspaper Collection

www.halifaxhistorical.org

Barbara has found this project the best kind of history lesson. Searching in a data base on-line is one thing, but being able to handle the actual newspapers and read the articles as they were originally printed is well worth the time this project will take. She plans to organize her discoveries by category for a future educational program as well as a great walk down memory lane.



**Sarah Gets Her
Bins Back
EMPTY !!**

A special thanks to our community partners Dan Friend and Fayn LeVeille for their assistance with this special project.

We are glad to assist the West Volusia Historical Society. WVHS Executive Director Sarah Thorncroft (left) is thrilled to get back her empty bins and to have a solution to the extensive storage space required and the preservation of this local history in print.

Let us know if you have old DeLand Sun Newspapers by date and we can let you know if they are included in the missing editions on-line.

Navy F-14 Tomcat Jet Poses For Painting



A local artists recently stopped by the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum and set up his easel to capture a painting of our Navy F-14 Tomcat Jet.

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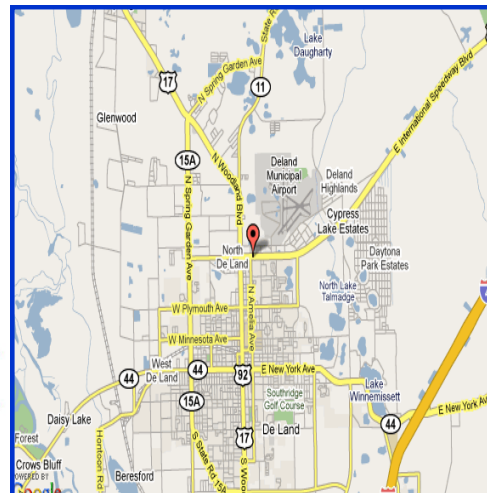
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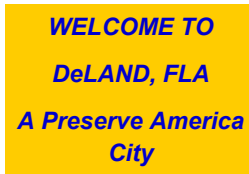
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