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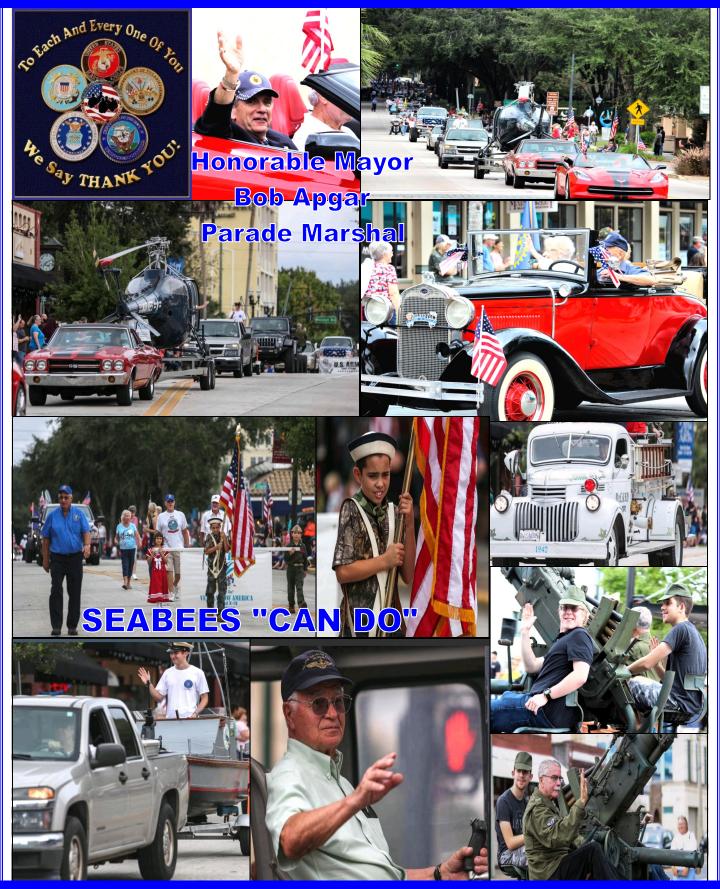








## 2018 Veteran's Day Parade—Downtown DeLand



WE THANK ALL VETERANS

## 2018 CYCLE FOR LIFE - DNAS MUSEUM HOSTS CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION

On 11/11/2018 DeLand Naval Air Station Museum Volunteers served as hosts for the 6th Annual CYCLE FOR LIFE bicycle fundraiser event for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Starting in DeLand on Georgia Avenue, cyclers enjoyed the ride through some of the most picturesque and scenic terrain in Volusia County. Sponsors from Walgreens set up their hospitality tent in front of the museum for cyclers who stopped to rest and take some quick photos before continuing their ride with options of 28, 65 and 100 miles. This unique event empowers participants to take action and demonstrate their fight in finding a cure for cystic fibrosis in a tangible, emotional and powerful way.



## **2018 DeLand Fall Festival of the Arts KID ZONE**

On 11/17/2018 DeLand Naval Air Station Museum Volunteers served as hosts for the 26TH Annual DeLand Fall Festival of the Arts Kids Zone in our beautiful and historic Downtown DeLand. The event provides fine art exhibits, great music, and youth activities, with more than 50,000 patrons attending. DNAS Museum provided educational coloring pages for youth with a choice of the American Flag, The Star Spangled Banner, American Eagle, Military Men & Women and military planes, ships and vehicles. A special thanks to our Community Partner, Mary Allen, African American Museum of the Arts and Festival Committee for her great work coordinating a very popular Kid Zone.





# RESTORATION UPDATES





SEABEES "CAN DO!"

If you are going to square off your site and you need to move a fifteen thousand

pound PT boat engine one foot to do it, you are going to need four things: A come along, a bottle jack, a 3 1/2 ton floor jack and one very determined Navy Seabee. We had all four and now know what "Seabee Can Do" really means. Thank you Don for a job well done, against all odds.

## **HAPPY 95TH BIRTHDAY**



**WWII Veteran Gene Storz** 

## STUDENT PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST



The Victoria Park Men's Club invited the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum to participate in their Student Patriotic Art Contest.

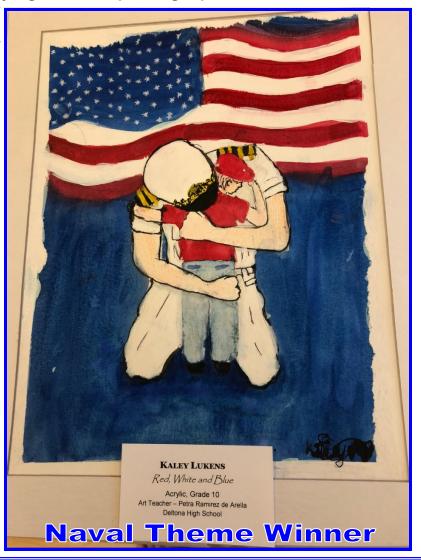
Students from across Volusia County submitted their art work in a variety of mediums including acrylic, pencil and digital art. The categories included Best of Show, three honorable mentions, Coast Guard Theme, and Naval Aviation Theme.

The DeLand Naval Air Station

Museum judges chose Kaley Lukens, a 10th Grade student at Deltona High School for her "Red White and Blue" painting. The judges felt the painting represents an emotion that all

Veterans have experienced either the sadness of leaving for an extended deployment or the joy of finally coming home after a long separation from their family.





## The Berlin Candy Bomber



In 1948, three years after WWII, pilot Gail "Hal" Halvorsen took part in "Operation Vittles" which was the United States' and Britain's effort to feed starving West Berliners by transporting food and other basic supplies by air. One day as Hal stood at the end of the Tempelhof runway taking movies of planes, he caught sight of a group of children watching him through a barbed wire fence. The 27-year-old American pilot spoke with them and offered them the only candy he had, two sticks of gum, which he made them promise to share. Their immense gratitude for something so small melted his heart. While he wished

he had more to give, he remembered how his father always told him that "from little things come big things." Wishing he could do more for the children, he got an idea to drop candy from the air. He would give the children his rations of gum and candy and ask his buddies to do the same.

He told the children his plan and that they would recognize his plane when he wiggled his wings. The next day, Hal secretly enlisted the help of his crew to donate their candy and to make parachutes from handkerchiefs. They pushed the candy out a chute and the "white canopies" floated to the children. Eventually the press caught on and reports went out. Mail for "Uncle Wiggly Wings" began to pile up at Base Operations and his superiors soon caught word. Fortunately for Hal, the General thought "it was a good idea." Soon hundreds of airmen were donating their rations and candy and handkerchiefs were sent from around the world. Hal became known as "The Candy Bomber" and "The Chocolate Pilot." By December, Hal's Operation Little Vittles had been operating for six months and had accumulated 18 tons of candy from American candy makers and three tons from private donors. It was then that he felt the real spirit of Christmas—"to give whatever we have no matter what."















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