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DeLand Naval Air Station Museum, DeLand, Florida

February, 2016



WWII TUSKEGEE AIRMEN

The DeLand Naval Air Station Museum continues to honor the WWII Tuskegee Airmen everyday with a display of a bronze bust of the former DeLandite and WWII Tuskegee Airman, Lt. Charles P. Bailey, Sr.



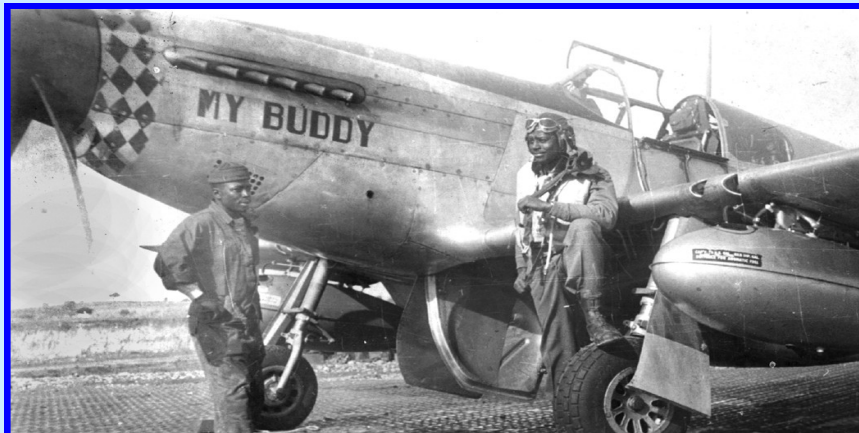
Lt. Charles P. Bailey, Sr. graduated as a Tuskegee Airman in 1943. He was one of Punta Gorda, Florida's "Fighting Bailey Brothers." The last of a family of seven sons and two daughters who distinguished themselves in war and in life during World War II, Korea and much of the 20th Century. His memorial bust and history can be viewed at 910 Biscayne Boulevard at the DeLand Airport.



BEVERLY OUTLAW & RALPH BATTEN



LT. COL. HIRAM E. MANN



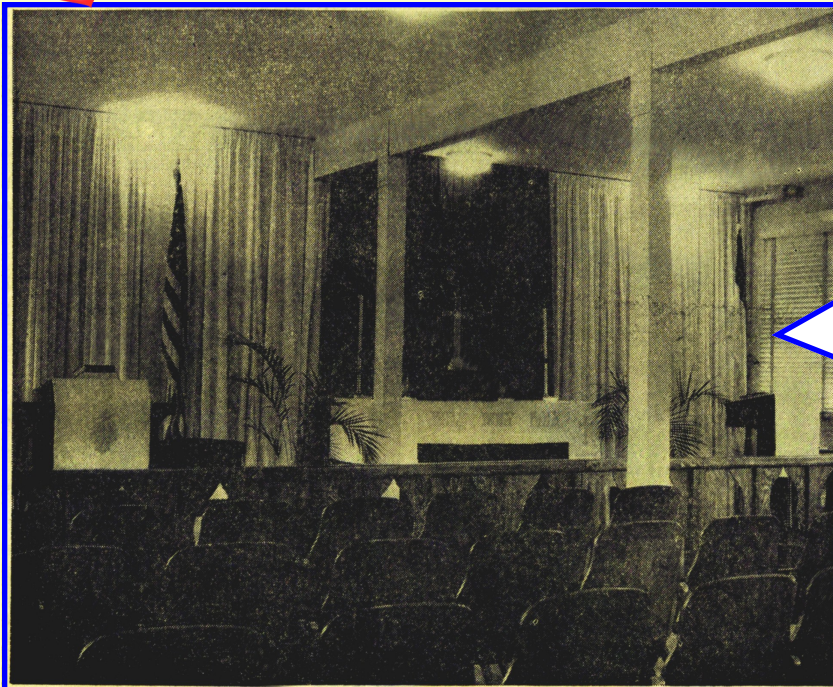
Lt. Charles Bailey in his flying gear with his boot on the wheel of the P-51 Mustang named for his father. He shot down a German fighter flying this plane while serving in the all-black 99th Fighter Squadron in Europe during World War II.

In 2007, a dedication ceremony was held at the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum. James Autry, a WWII Tuskegee Airman who served as a gunner and mechanic, led the pledge of allegiance. City of DeLand Mayor Bob Apgar presented a proclamation and a second proclamation was presented by Marilyn Smith-Mooney, a city council woman from Punta Gorda, where Charles Bailey was born and raised. Members of Bailey's family were in attendance, including his wife, the late Bessie Bailey. The memorial bronze bust of Tuskegee Airman Charles P. Bailey was made by Artist Ralph Batten and donated by Jim and Beverly Outlaw.

Lt. Col. Hiram E. Mann, who flew in the same fighter group as Bailey but in a different squadron, spoke to the crowd. Lt. Mann, a historian for the Central Florida organization of Tuskegee Airmen, said Bailey flew 133 missions on two tours of duty. During WWII, most white fighter pilots' tours were completed after 50 missions, while black pilots usually had to complete about 70. Hiram Mann, who passed away in 2014, was one of the few remaining pilots of the all black group of airmen. He flew 48 combat missions as a pilot during World War II in Europe and went on to serve more than 21 years in the Air Force, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel.



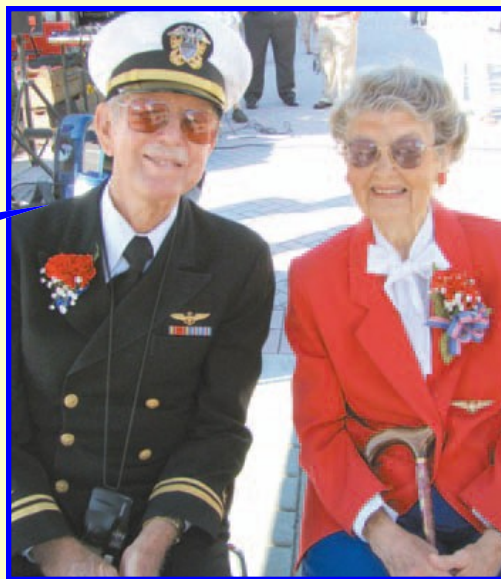
WWII HISTORY LOVE & WAR



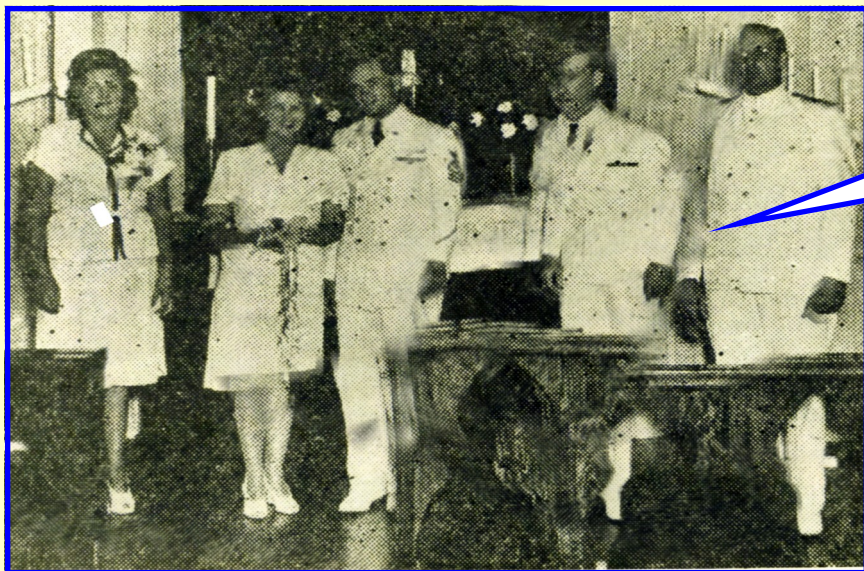
FROM 1942-1946, MANY WEDDINGS TOOK PLACE AT THE DeLAND NAVAL AIR STATION CHAPEL.

NAVY PERSONNEL STATIONED IN DeLAND OFTEN MET THEIR SPOUSE IN THE LOCAL AREA AND STAYED OR RETURNED TO VOLUSIA COUNTY AFTER WWII, RESULTING IN GENERATIONS OF FAMILIES STILL LIVING IN THE AREA TODAY.

LONGTIME DNASM MEMBERS AND SWEETHEARTS HAROLD AND RABEL MOREMEN PARSON WERE MARRIED IN A LOCAL DeLAND CHURCH AND WERE TOGETHER FOR 70 YEARS. RABEL, A DELANDITE, WAS OFTEN INVITED TO SING AT MOST OF THE WEDDING CEREMONIES THAT TOOK PLACE AT THE DNAS CHAPEL DURING WWII DUE TO HER BEAUTIFUL VOICE AND PIANO TALENT.



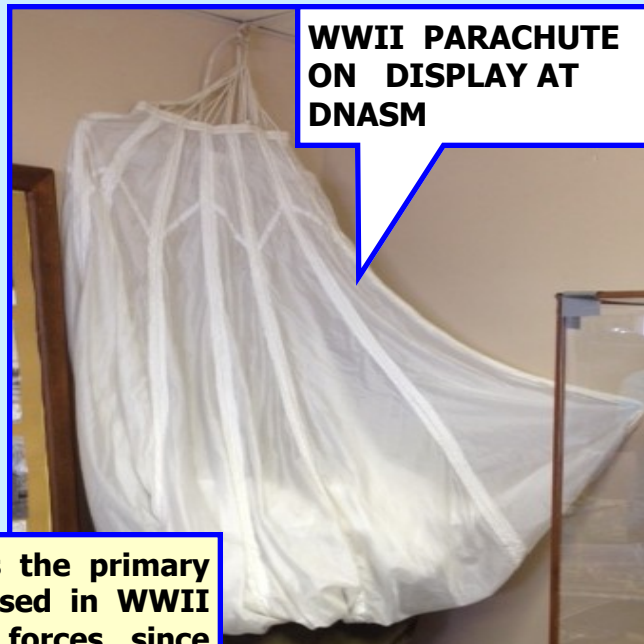
A DNAS NURSE AND NAVAL OFFICER GET MARRIED AT THE DNAS CHAPEL DURING WWII.



Happy
Valentine's
Day

WWII PARACHUTES

MANY WWII BRIDES MADE WEDDING DRESSES FROM PARACHUTES



WWII PARACHUTE
ON DISPLAY AT
DNASM



Nylon was the primary material used in WWII by allied forces since silk is a product of the Orient and imports were not available.

"Hitting the silk" was a phrase from the thirties. Nylon was introduced by DuPont in 1935 and it was effectively used as a replacement for not only parachute materials but for clothing and nylon stockings as well.



This wedding dress was made from a nylon parachute that saved the groom's life during World War II. Maj. Claude Hensinger, a B-29 pilot, and his crew, were returning from a bombing raid over Yowata, Japan, in August 1944 when their engine caught fire. The crew was forced to bail out. It was night and Major Hensinger landed on some rocks and suffered some minor injuries. During the night he used the parachute both as a pillow and a blanket. In the morning the crew was able to reassemble and were taken in by some friendly Chinese soldiers. He kept the parachute and used it as a way to propose to Ruth in 1947. He presented it to her and suggested she make a gown out of it for their wedding, which she did.

WWII—THE LAST KISS GOOD-BYE



THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES WERE IMPACTED DURING WWII BY LONG PERIODS OF SEPARATION, SOMETIMES YEARS. LIMITED METHODS OF COMMUNICATION SUCH AS MAIL OR TELEGRAM HAD LONG DELIVERY DELAYS. THIS ADDED STRESS AND WORRY ABOUT THE SAFETY OF LOVED ONES. MANY AT HOME SENT LETTERS BACK EACH DAY, NOT KNOWING IF THEY WOULD EVER BE RECEIVED.

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN.....





RESTORATION UPDATES

The DNASM volunteer restoration crew members continue to work on the 2nd Grumman TBF Avenger wing, making needed repairs and applying sheet metal donated by Rodney Thomas of Osteen. Restoration work continues on the PTF-3 Viet Nam era boat with painting crews working on the inside and outside.

(www.ptf3restoration.org).

Ongoing sanding and painting of the F-14 Fighter Jet also continues.



LEFT:

Lee Huffman works on the F-14 Tomcat



RIGHT:

Greg Gerard continues TBF Avenger wing work



LEFT:

Frank Weiter paints the top deck of the PTF-3 Viet Nam era boat

RIGHT:

Interior PTF-3 painting continues



DNASM VETERANS MEET GOVERNOR SCOTT



"It is exciting today to award more than 360 Florida Veterans for their courage and countless sacrifices in defense of our country," Scott stated. "We are incredibly grateful for their service and must take every possible opportunity to thank our American heroes."



Governor Rick Scott visited DeLand on Tuesday to honor local Veterans with the Governor's Veterans Service Award at the Florida National Guard Armory. The armory was filled to capacity with hundreds of Veterans who listened to his speech and received their award. The award honors all honorably discharged veterans and currently serving members of the military. There are more than 1.5 million honorably discharged Veterans in Florida, according to the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs.

In attendance were some of the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum Veterans who accepted their award from Governor Scott. *Left to right Al Schweizer (Viet Nam), El Pegram (WWII), Harold Bradeen (Korea), Governor Scott (Viet Nam), Don Rowley (Viet Nam) and Bill Blanke (Viet Nam).* We thank all our Veterans for their service to our country and protection of our freedom. "In Memory of All Who Served".



OSTEEN QUEST UPDATE



Plans to honor WWII SBD-5 Pilot Ensign William T. Bellmire continue. Rodney Thomas of Osteen (left) recently met with Tracy Horner of the Deltona Memorial Funeral Home to discuss the details of a memorial plaque that will be placed on the site of the plane crash that killed Ensign Bellmire in 1945. Plans for a memorial service will be announced soon. We appreciate the sponsorship and community partnership with the Deltona Memorial Funeral Home.

www.dignitymemorial.com



COMMUNITY EVENT



Harold Bradeen and Fred Clark display DNASM and PTF-3 photos, information and brochures. They set their display in the back of Fred Clark's immaculately restored 1932 Ford Truck.

DNASM President and Historian Harold Bradeen and member Fred Clark, vintage car expert, attended the DeLeon Springs History Day and set up a public educational display featuring the DNAS Museum and the PTF-3 Vietnam era boat restoration. www.ptf3restoration.org

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT.....

In January, 2016, the slate of DNASM Board of Directors was announced at our annual meeting on 1/20/2016. We welcome new board directors Walter Barry and Dennis Dickerson. Our many thanks to outgoing Board Director Jack Fortes for his service on the board.

The volume of visitors at the DNAS Museum complex increased this month, with visitors logging in from local, statewide and international destinations.

We have scheduled our annual garage sale fundraiser for March 25th & 26th, 2016 and need donations of items to sell. Call Scott at (386) 822-2809 or the museum at (386) 738-4149 if you have "treasures" to donate.

Join DNASM or renew your membership even if you are unable to actively participate. We are an all volunteer museum and rely on public support.

Harold Bradeen, President



WE ARE SAD TO ANNOUNCE THE LOSS OF ROSIE, OUR FAITHFUL DNASM MASCOTT AND CANINE COMPANION. WE WILL MISS HER "SMILE" AND SWEET DISPOSITION.



"IN MEMORY OF ALL WHO SERVED"

A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE CITY OF DeLAND

**WE APPRECIATE THEIR ON-GOING
SUPPORT OF THE DeLAND NAVAL AIR
STATION MUSEUM AND THEIR
DEDICATION TO THE
PRESERVATION OF LOCAL HISTORY**



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DELAND NAVAL AIR STATION MUSEUM



(IN MEMORY OF ALL WHO SERVED)



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VETERANS

HOT DOGS &
COLD DRINKS
FOR SALE

YARD SALE

TOUR
THE
MUSEUM

DONATED SALE
ITEMS
NEEDED

"Ronald Herman Restoration Hangar" (Behind Museum)

910 Biscayne Boulevard

DeLand, Florida—Municipal Airport

Friday, March 26TH & Saturday, March 27TH, 2016

8:00AM—1:00PM

All Volunteer Museum. Proceeds benefit DNASM Educational Programs & Restoration Projects

TO DONATE ITEMS Contact Scott at (386) 822-2809 OR (386) 738-4149

DeLAND NAVAL AIR STATION MUSEUM

www.delandnavalairmuseum.org—dnas.museum.org@gmail.com FACEBOOK

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Phone: 386-738-4149

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Wednesday through Sunday

(When Volunteers Are Available)

Annex at 1050 Terminal Drive/Airport also open

Wednesday 12 Noon—4pm

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