

DELANDINGS



DeLand Naval Air Station Museum, DeLand, Florida

JUNE 2016

REMEMBERING----

D-DAY

JUNE 6, 1944



D-DAY IN NUMBERS



During World War II (1939-1945), the Battle of Normandy lasted from June 1944 to August 1944, and resulted in the Allied liberation of Western Europe from Nazi Germany's control. The battle, known as D-Day, began on June 6, 1944. 156,000 American, British and Canadian forces landed on five beaches along a 50-mile stretch of the heavily fortified coast of France's Normandy region. The invasion was one of the largest amphibious military assaults in history and required extensive planning. Prior to D-Day, the Allies conducted a large-scale deception campaign designed to mislead the Germans about the intended invasion target. By late August 1944, all of northern France had been liberated, and by the following spring the Allies had defeated the Germans. The Normandy landings have been called the beginning of the end of war in Europe.

FLAG DAY

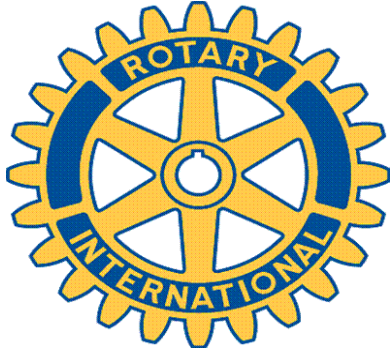
JUNE 14, 2016



The anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 was officially established by the proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30th, 1916. While Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years after Wilson's proclamation, it was not until August 3rd, 1949, that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14th of each year as National Flag Day.

COMMUNITY EVENT

DeLand Breakfast Rotary Club



25th Year 2016 Wild Game Feast A Success!



DNASM VOLUNTEERS ASSISTED THE DeLAND BREAKFAST ROTARY CLUB WITH THE CLEAN UP AND TEAR DOWN AFTER THE 2016 WILD GAME FEAST. MANY HOURS OF PLANNING AND ORGANIZING GOES INTO THIS ANNUAL EVENT WHICH BENEFITS MORE THAN 40 LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS EACH YEAR. www.wildgamefeast.org

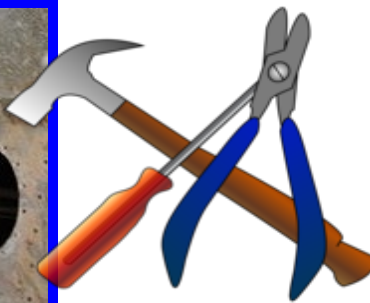


Greg, Scott (above) & Al and Harold (not seen) lift and tote to help pack up the event



El helps with kitchen duty

RESTORATION UPDATES



Volunteer Don Rowley, left, shows off the new stairs and railing he built leading into the stern of the PTF-3 Vietnam era boat under restoration. Right, Frank, Greg and Steve prepare a new mounting ring base for the PTF-3 50 caliber machine gun.



Right: The ship anchor in front of the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum has a fresh coat of paint on the anchor and chain.

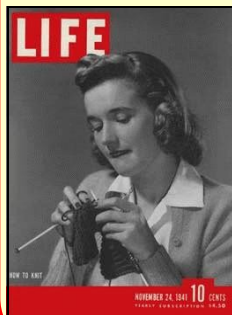
The anchor has the year 1942 stamped into the metal, the same year the DeLand Naval Air Base was opened during WWII.



HOME FRONT HISTORY



After the Civil War, the home front support of knitting sox for the troops continued during WWI. The American Red Cross provided yarn and instructions to knitters all over the United States, to encourage them to knit gloves, hats, vests, socks, etc, for the men and women in the military. It was estimated that one million pair of socks were handmade in the United States for the troops.



During World War II, knitting served as one of the more prevalent ways individuals on the home front could support the war effort. Life Magazine featured a cover story about the initiative entitled "How To Knit." Thousands of Americans and other citizens around the world picked up their needles to make socks, mufflers and sweaters to help keep soldiers warm and to provide them with a handcrafted reminder of home. Knitting for the troops continued for all other conflicts that followed and volunteers continue to produce knitted items for the military today.





KNITTING SUPPORTS OUR TROOPS



The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan had created a surge of former service members whose numbers and needs were causing a significant strain on the resources of government programs. Since the Red Cross was well-known for having provided knitted items for active duty troops, veterans, and war refugees in decades past, the Veterans' Administration turned to the organization for help in aiding this new generation of veterans in need. It is the objective of the Red Cross Service to Armed Forces (SAF) office to mobilize and organize individuals, groups, and clubs across the region in order to meet this need in the community. **KNIT YOUR BIT!**



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT.....

We are saddened to hear of the passing of DeLand Naval Air Station Museum members Jerry Fifield who was a key member of the original PTF-3 Boat Restoration Crew, and Leona Paige, Past Commander of American Legion Post 6 in DeLand who was 100 years old.

The DeLand Breakfast Rotary Club 25th Annual Wild Game Feast was held on May 5, 2016, and was a great success. Thanks to our DNASM volunteers who helped with the event clean-up at the Volusia County Fairgrounds the next day.

Harold Bradeen, President

**"In Memory of
All Who Served"**



UNITED STATES VETERAN

On May 6, 2016 Jerry Keith Fifield, a United States Navy Veteran, passed away at the age of 77. Jerry was one of the original volunteers who assisted with acquiring and bringing the PTF-3 Vietnam era boat to DeLand for restoration. Jerry was described as "All Navy". He was dedicated to the PTF-3 Project and when he became ill, the PTF-3 Restoration Crew assisted him as his participation became limited. Jerry's sister donated his photos, notes and books which are valuable documentation for PTF-3, and are available for view at the museum. Jerry Fifield will be missed.



UNITED STATES VETERAN

Leona Elenore Paige,

100, of DeLand passed away May 18,

2016. She was born July 13, 1915 in Lunenburg, MA and served in the United States Navy for 23 years as Commander of Companies 10 and 22. She was a past Commander of the DeLand American Legion Post 6, past financial officer and held every office in the WOTL Post 6. Her many volunteer services included Meals on Wheels, ROTC, Boys State and Girls State. In 2015, the DNASM presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation for her service to her country and her community.



NEEDS LIST

WATER:

We need on-going supplies of bottled water to keep our Veterans and Volunteers hydrated. Any quantity will be greatly appreciated.

CAMERA/VIDEO:

Our Museum Tour Guides need a small camera and small video camera.

DISPLAY CASES:

Uniform display cases are needed to preserve military memorabilia.

**A SPECIAL THANKS
TO THE
CITY OF DeLAND**

**WE APPRECIATE THEIR
ON-GOING SUPPORT OF
THE DeLAND NAVAL AIR
STATION MUSEUM**



Tour Guides Needed

IF YOU HAVE A FEW HOURS A WEEK TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US AS A TOUR GUIDE AT THE DeLAND NAVAL AIR STATION MUSEUM. INDIVIDUALS OR COUPLES ARE WELCOME. MUSEUM HOURS ARE WEDNESDAYS-SUNDAYS FROM NOON TO 4:00PM. FOR INFORMATION, CONTACT HAROLD BRADEEN TO APPLY. (386) 873-4689 OR (386) 738-4149.



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