

DELANDINGS

DeLand Naval Air Station Museum, DeLand, Florida

MAY 2015

DeLand Naval Air Station Museum Announces 24th Annual Big Band Hangar Dance!! 11/6/15

A NIGHT IN THE 1940'S



**JACK FORTES—DNAS VETERAN &
BIG BAND MUSIC HISTORIAN**

The DeLand Naval Air Station Museum is excited to announce the **2015 Big Band Hangar Dance** which will be the 24th year of the event. The location remains the same, TimeBuild, Inc. Hangar located at 955 Singleton Drive, DeLand Municipal Airport (Southwest End).
(www.timebuildinc.com)

The date is **Friday, November 6, 2015 from 7:00pm-10:30pm.** The L.C. Swing Band will be joining us again this year, under the Direction of Larry Lutte. L.C. Swing has been one of Central Florida's premiere Big Bands for over three Decades.

Jack Fortes, a DNASM Veteran stationed in DeLand 1945-46, continues to share his extensive knowledge of Big Band Era music which has been his hobby since WWII. He has seen many big band leaders and performances through the years and frequently

visits local organizations to present the history and sounds of this exciting music era. It is great fun to listen to the music which, especially for senior citizens, brings back many wonderful memories of "good times" that came often during a very difficult war experience for the country. This music was key in keeping a positive outlook for better times as our men and women served to protect our freedom. We still enjoy it today and folks of all ages still enjoy the great sound which makes you want to dance!

So, put on your dancing shoes and join us for this important annual fundraising event to support our all volunteer efforts to keep the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum open to the public.

Early reservations for tables and tickets are available now. Tickets are \$25.00 each for open seating or \$200 for a reserved table for 8 and \$250.00 for a reserved table for 10. Advanced tickets

will soon be available at the following locations:

Individual Tickets:

Family Book Shop - (386) 736-6501

Muse Book Shop - (386) 734-0278

Stetson Flower & Wedding Boutique -
(386) 734-0796

Information, Individual Tickets or Full Table Reservations

DeLand Naval Air Station Museum
(386) 738-4149, email
dnas.museum.org@gmail.com or call
Barbara at (386) 717-1492 for table
reservations, sponsorships or information. We are in need of sponsors for the event. If you can donate cash, underwrite an event expense, donate a raffle prizes or donate your time to help with the details of the event, your assistance will be greatly appreciated.



**JOIN US FOR THIS GREAT
COMMUNITY EVENT!!**

**DeLAND NAVAL AIR STATION MUSEUM
RESTORATION CREWS ARE HARD AT WORK ON MULTIPLE PROJECTS
(STOP BY ON WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS AND WATCH THE PROGRESS)**



Don Rowley, Greg Gerard and Bill Blanke work on the nose cone of the T-33 Restoration Project.



Greg Gerard, left and Gene Storz, top continue the TBF Avenger Restoration.



DNASM Restoration Crew members mentor students and give them a hands on experience restoring vintage aircraft. Restoring TBF wing with sheet metal donated by Rodney Thomas, Osteen



Visitors both local and from around the world tour the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum. Below, visitors view the TBF Avenger Restoration Crews working on the Project in the new Ronald Herman Restoration Hangar.



EMBRY RIDDLE UNIVERSITY HOSTS 7TH ANNUAL VETERANS RECOGNITION DAY 4/14/2015



Front row, left to right, are Museum members Elmer Pegram, Chuck Downey, and Greg Makris. Back row, left to right, are Harold Bradeen, Museum President; Frank Weiter, Al Schweizer, Isaiah Carlton (Embry Riddle), Oscar Carl (Embry Riddle ROTCF) Bill Blanke, and Jack Fortes. Embry-Riddle University hosted local veterans at the [7th Annual Veterans Recognition Day - April 14 2015.](#)



DNASM President Harold Bradeen, left, instructs Embry Riddle University Student Volunteers on how to complete maintenance on an F-14 Jet on display at the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum. The students are members of the newly formed [Riddle Redeemer Club](#), a student group who volunteer to assist DNASM as a Community Outreach project.

Also volunteering at the museum are high school student volunteers from University High School and Sea Scouts.

Members of the DNASM have been out in the community to showcase our great museum. They participated in several recent Career Days at Embry Riddle University and interacted with students. Left & right, Harold Bradeen gives a tour of the DNASM Korean War MASH Helicopter.





PTF 3 BOAT RESTORATION PROJECT

(Visit www.ptf3restoration.org)

PTF 3 BOAT RETORATION CONTINUES:

Since 2003, a group of US Military Veterans and Volunteers have been restoring an 80 ft., 70 ton Vietnam era Patrol Boat at Deland Naval Air Station Museum, creating a living tribute to the veterans who lived, and the many thousands who died serving our country. Restoration of PTF 3 is a labor of love, drawing worldwide attention.

Dedicated volunteers work tirelessly every Wednesday and Saturday on the restoration efforts. They have expertly rebuilt the hull, literally from stem to stern and continue to renovate the interior and exterior.

If you can assist with cash donations or in-kind supplies/services please contact Al Schweizer at (863) 605-0374.



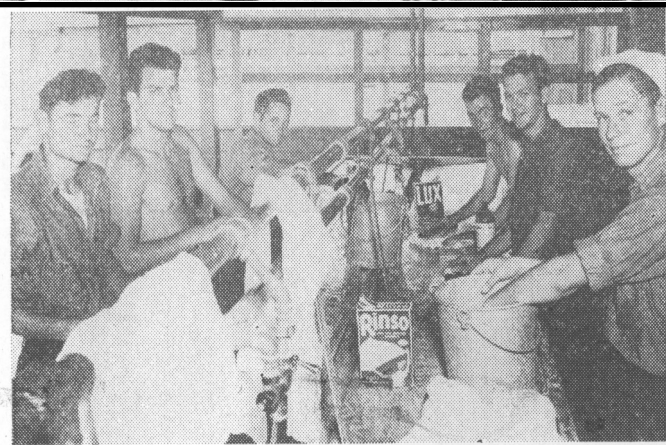
A tour of the PT-3 Boat is a must when you visit the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum. Stop by soon and see the hands on restoration project in progress and learn more about the history of this boat and it's great service to our country.

Visit their website and facebook page soon for updates on their progress.

Student Volunteers from [Sea Scouts](#) get hands on experience assisting with the PT-3 Boat Restoration and other projects. DNASM is proud to sponsor and mentor youth groups to ensure future generations remain aware of the sacrifices made on their behalf by so many in the past and those currently serving to protect our freedom.



Pictures from the Past....



Shown here in the clutches of the torture rack and cursing the length of time and cost of laundry service are on the right side front to back R. J. Sumner S1c, W. E. Gossett S2c, R. D. Via S2c. On the left we have H. W. Thompson S2c, G. R. Niles AMMH2c and J. A. Worsham S1c.

Wash Day at the DeLand Naval Air Station (DeLandings, June 15, '44)



STATION'S PRIZE JITTERBUGS GET AWARDS



Here are winners of the Dance champion jitterbugs, and Harrie Contest at the last enlisted men's Church, PhM3c, and Francis J. dance. Left to right they are John Kiholm, ARM3c, winners of the 1st prize, and Shirley Grubb, waltz contest.

Dancing the Night Away at the DeLand Naval Air Station (DeLandings, November 30, 1944)



SPONSORSHIPS NEEDED:

We need raffle prizes, door prizes for upcoming fundraiser events. If you can donate gift certificates, food, drinks, wine, beer, supplies or other items that can be used to make up gift baskets, prize packages or food/drink sales please let us know.

Underwriting Opportunities for the 24th Annual Big Band Hanger Dance include:

- ☐ Swing Band Cost—\$2,500
- ☐ Table/Chair Rental—\$1,000
- ☐ Food/Drink for resale—\$500.00.

If you can assist us, please contact Scott Storz, Promotions Chair (386) 822-2809 for more information. **THANK YOU!!**

A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE CITY OF DeLAND

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



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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The DeLand Naval Air Station Museum is a 501 (c) (3), all Volunteer organization. Community support is vital to the continued success of our efforts. All donations benefit the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum's educational programs and vintage aircraft/vehicle restoration projects. In 2015, we will celebrate the 73rd year of the opening of the DeLand Naval Air Base in 1942 during WWII and we will continue to serve our community and preserve our local history "In Memory of All Who Served" to protect our freedom.

We are supported by our membership, local business and public support of fundraising functions and volunteers. We rely on cash contributions and in-kind services from the Community to fund our operational expenses, restoration projects, supplies, public educational programs and displays of military memorabilia.

Please consider joining us as a member. We have opportunities as tour guides and many other volunteer tasks. Even if you can't actively participate, your annual membership will help us keep the museum open to the public and continue our mission.

"IN MEMORY OF ALL WHO SERVED"

Harold Bradeen, President

NEEDS LIST

The following list of items are needed to assist with on-going restoration projects and office administration. If you can help with a cash or in-kind donation for any of the following items please contact Scott Storz, Promotion Chair (386) 822-2809 or storzdeland@hotmail.com:

1954 US Army Jeep Maintenance -Parts Needed

Emergency Brake Cable
Spare Tire Carrier
Spare Tire
Spare Tire Wheel
Driver Side Rear View Mirror

TBF Avenger Aircraft Restoration

Aluminum Sheet Metal
Pop-rivets
Restoration Disposables - Sandpaper, Scotch Guard, Tac-Cloths, Grinding Discs, Drill Bits
Paint
Paint Stencils / Decals
Cal Machine Gun Replica
Cal Machine Gun Replica (2)

T2V Aircraft Restoration

Paint
Paint Stencils / Decals

Tools

Battery Powered Drill/Impact Drill (2)

Office

Office Chairs
Locking File Cabinets
Office Supplies, Archival Supplies, Postage Stamps



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(DONATE WITH CREDIT CARD ON WEBSITE LINK)

www.delandnavalairmuseum.org

Phone: 386-738-4149

Hours of Operation: 12 Noon—4 p.m.

Wednesday through Sunday

(When Volunteers Are Available)

Annex at 1050 Terminal Drive/Airport also open

Wednesday 12 Noon—4pm

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK!!