



DNAS Museum News - September, 2017

★ *In Memory of All Who Served* ★

WWII Veteran Dr. Harry Price & Wife Artis Price

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**USA Water Ski Foundation
Hall of Fame Induction**

DeLAND, FLORIDA

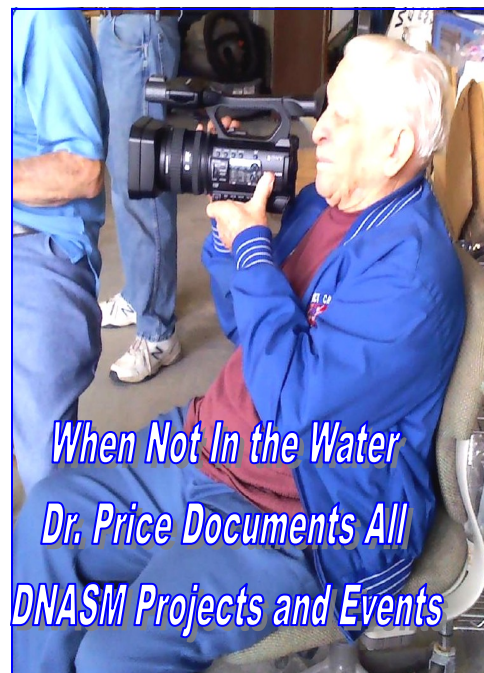
The DeLand Naval Air Station Museum Volunteers congratulate WWII Veteran Dr. Harry Price and his wife Artis Price for their induction into the USA Water Ski Foundation Hall of Fame. The award recognizes longevity in the sport and goes to those individuals who have been actively involved in water ski sports disciplines for a minimum of 50 years. Visit the museum at 1251 Holy Cow Road, Polk City, FL 33868 (863) 324-2472.

Dr. Price, a long time member of DNAS Museum, has spent many hours filming our activities and projects to document our progress. In addition to his military service and career as a Dentist, he and Artis have been performing and competing at water ski shows continually. They knew and performed with Esther Williams. Dr. Price performed for the troops during WWII. If you remember visiting Cypress Gardens years ago and remember the water ski shows, Dr. Price was the one diving from the high platform into the ring of fire! View a great video and story on <https://www.growingbolder.com/harry-price>.



Harry has competed since 1955, while Artis began serious training for competitive skiing in 1959. In 1999 Harry and Artis relocated to DeLand, Florida from Libertyville, Illinois. They founded the Lamb's Show Tournament in 1965 and supported it for 33 years. They have given over 100 water ski clinics to organizations in their communities. The Prices were chosen to have their biographies published in the "Who's Who of America" for their outstanding community service and water skiing awards.

By 2012, they had competed in more national competitions than any other man and woman – 53 for Harry and 52 for Artis, together they have won over 130 gold medals. They are pioneers in recording water skiing history. Together they have completely documented water skiing in film and video interviews starting with the inventor Ralph Samuelson to the present year which includes all of the Hall of Fame and Award of Distinction interviews since 1982. Water Skiing is probably the only sport to have this recorded history.



Summer At The Museum

Youth History Education Continues



Despite the hot weather, the DNASM has scheduled many youth group tours this summer for educational history lessons about military service to our country and how our Veterans serve to protect our freedom. The students have been enthusiastic and ask so many great questions about the TBF Avenger, F14, PTF3 Patrol Boat and other museum memorabilia.



*Harold Bradeen, Historian/Curator
Shows a film of DNAS History*



*WWII Veteran Gene Storz
Explains Details of
the TBF Restoration*



*Students Are Not Allowed Inside
For Safety, But Take Turns
Looking Inside
the TBF Avenger*



Youth groups taking the tour of DNAS Museum range from large summer camp groups to smaller home school or family groups. Harold Bradeen and other Volunteers often travel to other organizations and events to make a presentation about our history.

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The PTF3 Vietnam Era Patrol Boat is always a Big Hit with the Kids



*Harold Bradeen travelled to
Barberville to make a
presentation to students*

Our thanks to Georgia Turner, Executive Director of the West Volusia Tourism Advertising Authority and Staff, 116 W. New York Avenue in DeLand, for hosting Jim and Betsi Turner Hill, Travel Bloggers, for a tour of the DNAS Museum. They plan to post a future article about the museum at www.betsiworld.com and <http://www.livecosyle.com>. Be sure to stop by the Tourism Authority in DeLand for information and brochures on hundreds of destinations to visit in West Volusia. Or call (386) 734-0162 or (800) 749-4350. We appreciate their ongoing support and the great work they are doing to promote West Volusia County.



The DNASM Volunteers were so pleased to have a visit from additional members of WWII TBF Avenger Robert Banta's family. Lt. Banta's son Robert Banta, Jr. and Grandson, Robert Banta III stopped by the museum on their way back from a visit with Lt. Banta. They viewed for the first time the Lt. Robert Banta display and the restored WWII TBF Avenger flown by Lt. Banta. They also donated additional WWII memorabilia items from Lt. Banta for display at the museum. Last month Lt. Banta's son Bruce Banta made a visit to the museum. We appreciate the ongoing support of the entire Banta family. We send out our best to Lt. Bob Banta and his wife.



Recent Visitor Review of DNAS Museum

August 19, 2017

Dear CBS News Sunday Morning,

My wife Sue and I were recently returning from a mini-vacation at Ormond Beach on the northeast coast of Florida. On a whim, we decided to take a detour on our drive home to Ocala to visit the town of DeLand which is about 30 minutes west from Daytona. The DeLand web site featured a Reptile Farm and a Naval Air Station Museum. Since I am very interested in aviation history and not that fond of reptiles (!), we opted to visit the museum and arrived there just as the place was opening for visitors. The building looked to be about 1500 sq. ft. and I was wondering what they could possibly have inside that would be of much interest. Perhaps we should have gone to the reptile museum.

As we pulled into the grassy parking area we noticed an old timer putting up a sign that read "Museum Open". This turned out to be Harold Bradeen age 83, a former US Navy officer and, since retirement, manager of this facility. Along with another family that just arrived, we followed Harold inside. Any doubts we had quickly evaporated. There were hundreds and hundreds of various exhibits, weapons, uniforms, letters, war souvenirs, historic documents, and hundreds of models of ships, tanks, planes dating back to WWII. We also learned from Harold that behind the building there was a hangar that contained a fully restored Grumman Avenger torpedo bomber from WWII along with a helicopter from the Korean War. On the grounds outside there was a Vietnam Patrol Boat, a jet fighter from the Korean War and a Jet Fighter from the Gulf War era.

Harold conducted a tour of the Museum. He may be slowed down by time, but his super sharp brain is a store-house of an incredible amount of information. With computer-like speed and precision he answered countless questions as we followed him like puppy dogs, around the facility. When we went outside we were joined by some of Harold's long time military buddies who helped with touring the hangar and the outside exhibits. All of these men have devoted many hours over the years helping Harold with the restorations and maintenance of the exhibits. They kept us enthralled with wonderful stories of their military experiences and the history of the museum itself.

After returning to the air-conditioned comfort of the main building, Harold explained how he has sorted, labeled and cataloged every single one of the huge number of exhibits from the smallest bullet to the restored aircrafts and PT boat.

All of this information has been placed in a library of three ring binders, sorted by category. Harold has performed this herculean task over the years and knows the location of every binder and all the information in each one. One of his biggest concerns is that there will be enough younger veterans willing to donate the time and effort to keeping this almost magical place alive. The museum is entirely dependent on volunteers and donations.

Sue and I are well traveled. We have seen museums like the Smithsonian and the Air Force Museum at Wright Paterson Field. Obviously the DeLand museum cannot compete in scope and size to these wonderful places. But, I can honestly say that I have never enjoyed myself or learned so much as I did in the time spent with Harold and his wonderful 'crew'. These people and what they have accomplished in this little town in Northern Florida personify what Tom Brokaw calls the "Greatest American Generation".

Sue and I respectfully and enthusiastically urge you to send one of your staff (perhaps for Mo Rocka's On-The-Road segment) to DeLand to check out the museum and spend some time with Harold and his crew. We are confident that he or she will be as impressed as we were.

Thank You To All Our Great Tour Guides & Museum Volunteers !

Volusia County ECHO Rangers Program

DeLand Naval Air Station Museum is proud to participate in the ECHO Rangers Program.

ECHO Ranger Program kicks off in September—www.volusia.org for program forms.

ECHO Rangers will be accepting registrations in August for the 2017-2018 program. To register, download a registration form. Those signing up at DeBary Hall will receive their ECHO Ranger materials onsite; others may pick up their materials at the DeBary Hall Visitors Center. Volusia County's ECHO Ranger program educates youth, their families and scout troops about the many Ecological, Cultural, Heritage and Outdoors offerings.

The program is for children in grades one through five (as of Aug. 15, 2017). The cost is \$20 per child. Entry fees to all sites for the ECHO Ranger candidate and one adult are included in the \$20 fee. ECHO Rangers programs are at parks, museums, historical sites and libraries throughout Volusia County. Activities are scheduled on weekends from September through May. Each activity lasts one to three hours, and reservations should be made for each program at least one week in advance. The ECHO Rangers program is coordinated by the staff of DeBary Hall Historic Site, 198 Sunrise Blvd., DeBary.

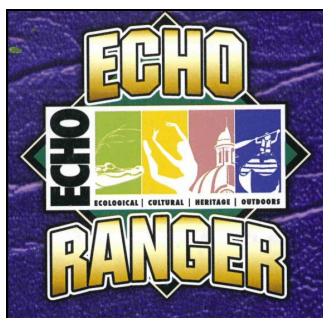
How does the program work?

The guidebook explains the many different sites in the program. ECHO Rangers must participate in specially designed ECHO Ranger activities at a minimum of eight sites. Participants take their guidebook to each site and receive an ECHO Ranger stamp when they complete that site's activity or program.

What materials does an ECHO Ranger receive?

In addition to the guidebook, students will receive:

- An ECHO Ranger badge and lanyard
 - An invitation to the graduation celebration
- Graduates will receive a T-shirt and certificate.



Cookout and Graduation Celebration

Children completing the program will be invited to the graduation celebration where they will be promoted to official ECHO Rangers – an elite group of students who have educated themselves about the many great quality-of-life offerings in our community.

2017 kick-off meetings

Attendance is not required.

- 6 p.m. **Thursday, Sept. 7**
DeBary Hall Historic Site
- 10 a.m. **Saturday, Sept. 9**
Port Orange Regional Library
- 10 a.m. **Saturday, Sept. 16**
DeBary Hall Historic Site
- 10 a.m. **Saturday, Sept. 23**
DeBary Hall Historic Site

ECHO Ranger guidelines

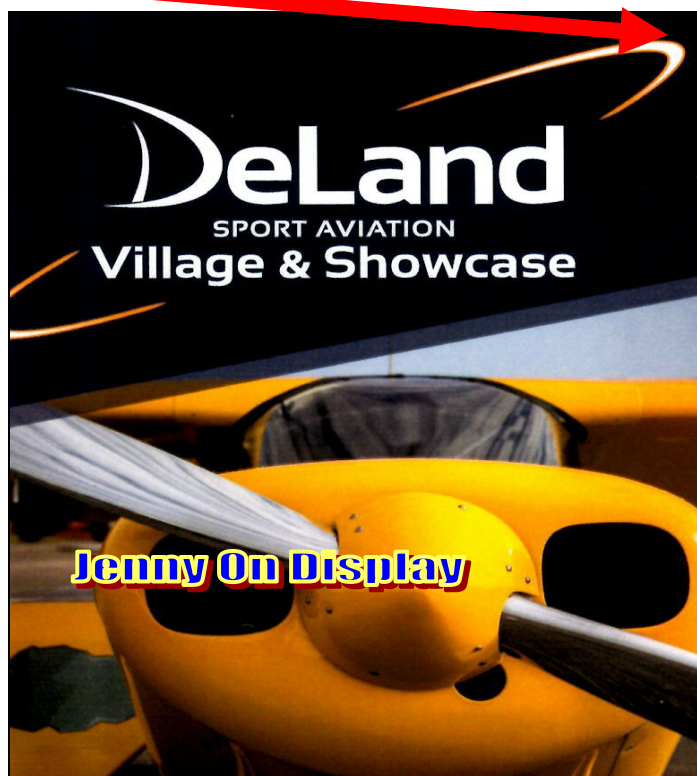
- RSVP directly to the site at least one week before each activity.
- If there is inclement weather, contact the site that morning to see if the activity will be offered.
- Show your ECHO Ranger badge and guidebook to gain entry to the sites on the days you have RSVP'd.
- Have an adult accompany you throughout the entire activity.
- Earn stamps from at least eight sites. You must visit at least two sites under each category (Ecological, Cultural, Heritage and Outdoors). Have your guidebook stamped at each site after completing the activity.

Safety tips

- Always walk trails with a buddy.
- Stay on existing trails and follow the instructor, especially when you're in the woods.
- Wear a life jacket when you're in a canoe, kayak or boat.
- Carry bug spray and water for deep-woods adventures.
- Wear appropriate, comfortable clothing and shoes.
- Leave only your footprints; use litter or recycling receptacles.

Children and a parent are encouraged to complete the registration form in August. For more information about the ECHO Ranger program, please contact Tracy Mestre at tmestre@volusia.org or 386-668-3840.

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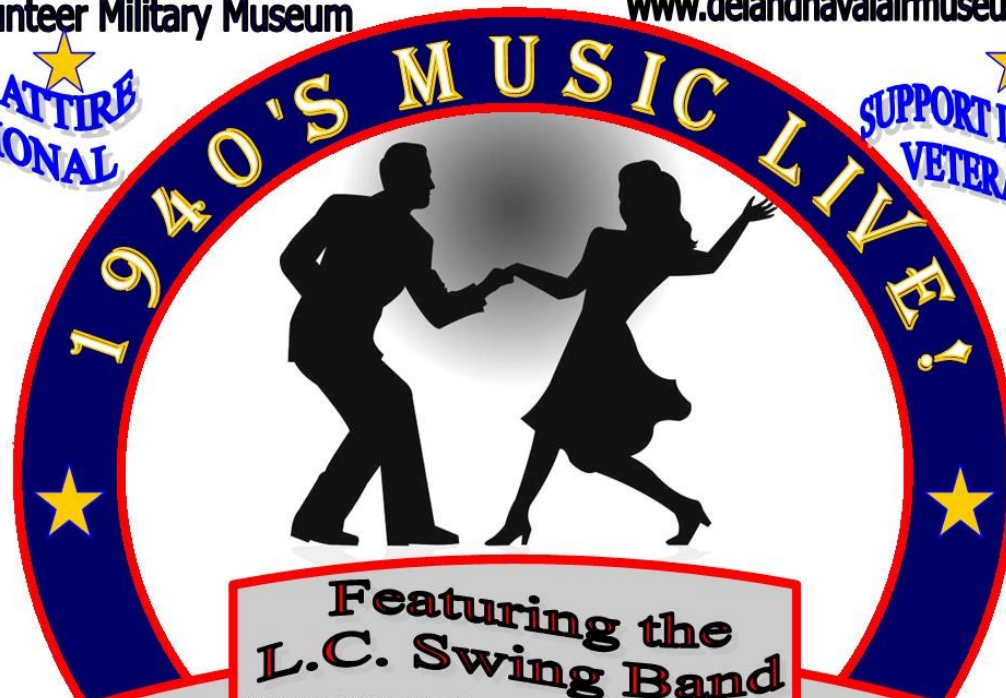
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