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NAVAL AIR STATION FORT LAUDERDALE MUSEUM

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Newsletter



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Important Information:

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Sweet Donations!!

(Courtesy of Sweet Tomatoes)

Sweet Tomatoes has an offer whereby an organization (that would be us) sets up a specific date to dine at their restaurant. For each paid meal, Sweet Tomatoes will donate a specific amount back to the non-profit organization. We are taking a poll to see what **day of the week and which location** would accommodate you the best. Only one day of the week is available. If we spread the word we can really earn a good profit for the museum. Please send us your **day of the week and location preference**. Flyers will be given or sent to you to take to Sweet Tomatoes on the designated date. They will take it from there. The only request is that you send us note or call to inform us of your having dined there on that date so we can keep track of

our earnings. The location choices are: **Cypress Creek Road/Andrews or I-95 between Sterling and Sheridan.** Please forward your choice and we will inform you of the decided date and location. **You may write your preference on the back of the Newsletter Form or e-mail.**

Additional Ways to Support the Museum:

Hats Off to Ya!! John Casey and Julian Harper have made available to us Naval TBM caps. They are available to you now for just 15.00 each. We will have one on display at the luncheon. Please submit a check along with your current address to: John Casey c/o Naval Air Station. You may pick up your hats at the museum or include 3.00 mailing charge with your check. They are limited; get your check in quickly!!!

Badges:

We will be ordering badges (per your requests) soon! The badge will have “Naval Air Station Historical Association” along with your name and the Torpedo Duck insignia. The cost is \$10.00. Please mail us a check with a note stating the printed spelling of your name. Look for a displayed tag and order form at the luncheon.

MUSEUM NEWS: *“Thank ya, Thank ya, Thank ya” (Gomer Pyle)*

Many thanks to the following people who gave of their time, items and monetary donations.

- **Admiral and Mrs. Bill Moffett**, for not only the new lighting but for the refinishing supplies for both torpedoes and the stairways.
- **CDR Ray Rivera** for his continuing commitment to the work of the Bush Room and painting of the torpedoes, stairs and all other duties he takes on.
- **John Casey** for keeping machinery in good operating condition and fixing the carpet so Mac will stop trippin’!!
- **Mike McGee and Tony Atwood** for time spent on the museum.



There will be a **Volunteer Day** where all volunteers will gather here to work on the museum together. A list will be prepared in which individuals can sign up to work in the areas that best fit their talents. Please hang on to the volunteer list even if you do not attend. Pass it on to a friend. Get INVOLVED!!! To volunteer for light duty, please contact Gail at 954-253-7096. To volunteer for physical renovations or heavy duty, please contact John at 954-359-4400.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

We are asking for each and every member to recruit and add three new people to our membership list. If you will send in their name and address, we will be happy to send them a newsletter and a membership form. We thank all members who have supported us and will continue to support our museum. *Dues are necessary in order to continue the building and*

maintenance of the museum. If you want to be notified via e-mail of the upcoming events please call to confirm that we have your e-mail address.



Please send in your donations and membership dues using the enclosed envelope.

Note: Corrections, news or comments: Please send information along with your name, address, phone number and e-mail address to nasft.lauderdalemuseum@netscape.com, You may also use the mailing address on the top of this newsletter. Attention: Allen or Gail



THE PHOTO GALLERY



Wanted: Mug

shots!

Please bring in or mail some of your military photos for our portfolio. If you served or had pictures made with movie stars or famous people, those are also welcomed. All originals will be returned.

FLIGHT 19

LT Dave White purchased for the museum five model TBM Avenger planes depicting Flight 19. The planes, with a wing span of 36 inches, bear their flight numbers as they were when they were lost and . These planes will be hung in formation from the ceiling in the museum by John Casey.



PAST EVENTS:

15 Dec. 2007 Wreaths Across America sponsored by the civil air patrol took place at noon at the Veterans cemetery in Lake Worth and was well attended. Attendees David Flynn USN (former prisoner of the Japanese) and Tuskegee Airman LtCol Leo Gray, USAF, were the MIA and POW wreath ceremony presenters. LtCol Virginia Montalvo of the Civil Air Patrol also attended and reports on how well the ceremony went.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: (by Allan McElhiney, President)

I am still alive and kicking. Even though I have had major ear surgery, I can still hear perfectly, so be careful what you say... Keep me in your thoughts and prayers as I am recuperating from surgery. Thank you for your thoughts during my wife's hospital stay. I am very thankful for the support of all the local Navy League Councils. Without you we would not be where we are today. Great contributors such as John Casey and Ray Rivera have given many physical hours of blood, sweat and tears.

IN LOVING MEMORY:

Our condolences to CAC Mitch Lipshultz for the loss of his spouse, Harriette who passed away on November 29, 2007. Harriet was a member of the Dania Historical Society and the travel coordinator for the USS FORESTEL. Their grandson is currently serving in the Army on the Chung Hung destroyer in Iraq. Mitch was a Gunner on a TBM Avenger aircraft during WWII and with the Casu 21 and Fasron 3. **Our prayers are with you and your entire family.**

Please remember the family members and friends of those who have recently passed on and equally important those men and women who have served and are serving in the Armed Services to protect our country and its freedoms. It is not our intention to leave any one out. Please inform us if we have forgotten anyone or if you know of anyone who needs our thoughts and prayers!

WELL WISHES AND A SPEEDY RECOVERY!

Jane Orben and George Thorne: a speedy recovery from a broken hip. We wish you both a quick recovery! Carolyn McElhiney is recuperating from a heart attack and is doing well. Jane Baker has been under the weather these past few months. Please remember these in your prayers. For all those who are under the weather.....**GET WELL SOON!!!**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Please keep us informed of any Armed Services Events that you hear or know of as we can inform our members by e-mail or phone.