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Naval Air Station Fort Lauderdale Museum

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Media Mail

WE'RE STILL HERE! LIFE IS HETIC FOR VOLUNTEERS, BUT WE'RE BACK WITH OUR PRINT NEWSLETTER
We update our "Events" Blog frequently: you can go to NASFLMUSEUM.COM

The NASFL Museum sends our thoughts, prayers, and condolences to the family
of Senator John McCain: August 29th, 1936 - August 25th, 2018



Senator McCain, signing our First Approach Mural on October, 2012

In Memoriam

Our deepest condolences to the families of the following NASFL Museum Members: Buddy Galvin, November 2018, Ralph “Ray” & Alice Rivera, January 2018, Minerva Bloom, February 2018 and Capitan Dares Wirt, April 2018



Buddy Galvin



Ralph “Ray” and Alice Rivera



Minerva Bloom



Captain Dares Wirt

Welcome New Members

Individual Members: Henry J. Albanese Jr., Craig Davis, Glenn Kirke, Dennis Petreiti, Russell Setti

Family Members: Kathy Duffy and Joseph Kalohi, Ken and Donna Kotrady, Arlander and Jacqueline Barker,

Life Members: Allan Wackerling, Bob Alden, and Taddeus Hamilton

Our Projects

On November 11, 2017, Ray Rivera’s Zen Garden was officially completed and had its Inauguration Ceremony. Thank you to Artist John Bowen for the beautiful masterpiece on the canoe (that was saved from someone’s backyard).



Our Projects (Continued)

On May 3rd, 2018, the museum hosted 30 sailors from the USS Detroit, USS Kearsarge, US Coast Guard and NOSC Miami. The weather was beautiful and they came ready to work! The sailors performed many tasks including landscape work, painting our torpedoes and overall general maintenance of the facility. They were rewarded with a tour of the museum and pizza for lunch.



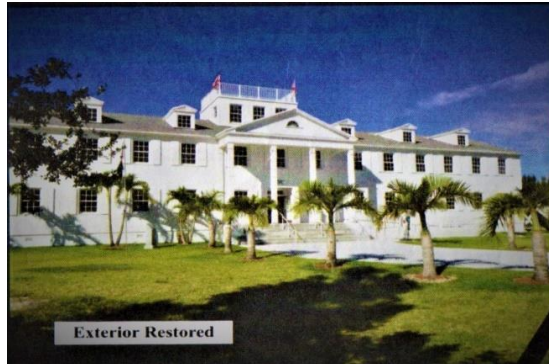
Veterans Featured

Recently on September 15 and 17, 2017, Vietnam War Veterans and NASFL museum members, Brendan Doyle, Phil Jordan, and Buddy Galvin, were featured on a documentary on WPBT about the veterans of Vietnam and how they use creative ways to cope with PTSD.



A Soft Opening

The Miami Military Museum and Memorial had its soft opening ceremony on September 1, 2018. There was approx. 200 people in attendance.



Flight 19

On December 5, 2017, the NASFL museum honored its 72nd Flight 19 memorial. Flight 19 in an annual memorial ceremony held to honor the six aircraft and 27 men vanishing on December 5, 1945. Flight 19 was the founder of the legend of the Bermuda Triangle. This ceremony also commemorates the 95 service members who died while training at Naval Air Station Fort Lauderdale during 1942- 1946. The memorial celebrates and honors the heroes and heroines of World War II, while sharing and educating the public about Florida's vital role in training for the battlefield, being on the Homefront, and sacrificing everything for our country's freedom.



Flight 19 Volunteers

Thank you to Gary Adams, Anthony Atwood, John & Minerva Bloom, George Counts, Brendan Doyle, Gary and Bobbie Kilbride, Debbie McElhiney- Hamilton, Murray Morton, Angela Piraino, Sgt. Don Prichard, Dorothy Riser, Ray and Larry Rivera, Tom Sheridan, and Marvo Taitt for volunteering your time to help make our Flight 19 memorial what it is today.

May And August Luncheon

On May 26th, Major Bill Harvey, USMC Retired, was our guest speaker for our May luncheon. He shared about his time as a F-18 pilot and how he spent his time in service.

On August 4th, Bob Alden, LCDR, USN Retired shared about his time serving his country. We also received a small comedy show from Woody Woodbury, leaving us with bright smiles and light laughs. The luncheon was held at Lauderdale Yacht Club. We all had a great time enjoying food, reminiscing about American history and enjoying the company of veterans and their family. (all pictures are from August luncheon)



Bob Alden- Guest Speaker



Angela Piraino- Opening Prayer



Tom and Elane Sheridan, Dennis Petreiti



Guest, Marvo Taitt, Bob Morris, Virginia Montalvo



Woody Woodbury- Entertainment



Dr. John Bloom- Master of Ceremony



Joni and Woody Woodbury, Ron Lowther, Carolyn Burns, Don Pritchard and Skylar



Dr. Leonard Erdman, Anne Bloom, George Counts and Brooke



Woody and Bob



Guests



Louis Riggio, Brendan Doyle, Bobbie Kilbride, Charles Wirt, Tom Melville



The Food

Next Luncheon

Our next luncheon will be November 17, 2018 at the Lauderdale Yacht club.

Benefactors and Donations

Thank you to David Bass of Merrill Lynch, Bank of America, Fashion Cleaners, and the Estate of Buddy Galvin for helping the NASFL museum stay up and running. Many thanks to Dennis Petretti, Alexander Plant Farm, Edward Nammond, Dr. Michael Pipoly and Mr. Martinez for your donations.

We appreciate the time, money, and effort given to assist our museum.

Docents

Thanks to Gary Adams, Gary Kilbride, Tom Sheridan, George Counts, John Bloom, Murray Morton, and our newest docent Bob Alden for the wonderful tours and war stories.



Volunteers

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers Craig Davis, Dr. James Perry, Bobbie Kilbride, Beth Sheehan, Angela Piriano, Diane and Isabella Ramirez, and Dorothy Riser. Debbie McElhiney-Hamilton. We appreciate you so much for everything you do in the museum.

The Wrecking Crew

Thanks to Brendan Doyle, Nunzio Galli, Phil Jordan, Rolf Ekelund, John Bowen, Don Rieth and Larry Rivera for coming out almost every day to keep the post in prime condition

The Garden Crew

Thank you to our wonderful garden crew: Janice Malkoff, Lee Layman, Taddeus Hamilton, and Diane Gray. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Our Cookouts

The NASFL has had multiple cookouts since our last newsletter. We've had our Memorial Day cookout, our Fourth of July cookout, and our Labor Day cookout. They were all a huge success!

Many thanks to Brendan and Renee Doyle, Linda Reinfeld, Shirley Jordan, and Pat Riggio, for food preparation. Thank you to our amazing grillers, Rolf Ekelund, and Phil Jordan for making hamburgers and hot dogs. Thanks also to the people who donated to the museum!



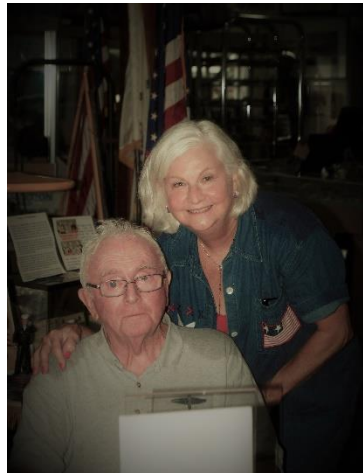
Larry and Shirley Rivera



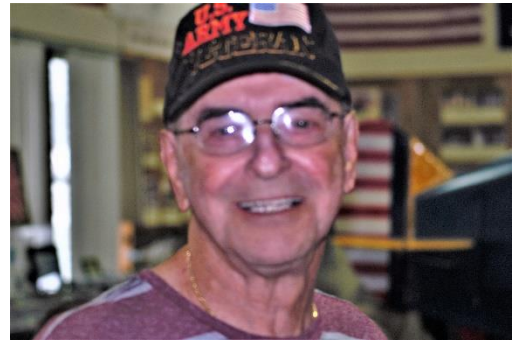
Rolf Ekelund and Phil Jordan



Guests



Brendan and Renee Doyle



Nunzio Galli

Veterans Gardening Class

In August, we had our first Veterans Gardening Class held by Fort Lauderdale Master Gardeners and Dr. Michael Pipoly. This event will be held every third Wednesday from 1:30-2:30. Hope to see you there!

Special Thanks !

Special thanks to John Bowen for the amazing work he's done around the NASFL Museum. His beautiful artwork can be seen almost everywhere in and around our museum. His talents are greatly appreciated.



REMINDER !

Please remember that dues are due January of 2019.