

# DNASM Newsletter

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## New Officers Elected



**Pete Lowenstein, second from right, President, is shown with other officers from the Museum. From left: Ed Carson, Treasurer; Greg Makris, Vice President, and Jack Fortes, secretary.**

In addition to the officers, new directors were named. Elected for three year terms were Patrick Lancaster, Gene Storz, and Fred Clark. Two year directors are Ellwood Titcomb, El Pegram, and Al Schweizer. Directors for one year are Bob McCray, David Yocum, and Cal Lancaster.

Nominating Committee members were Schweizer, Pegram, and Lancaster. Other 2010 business was conducted at the Annual General Membership meeting held at the Community Club House of the Cascades in DeLand.

It was a successful, positive Annual Meeting. Many good ideas were laid upon the table. We have already started acting on many of them.

## DNAS Annex Opens

A building known as the Museum Annex has been made available by the City of DeLand to house additional Navy and other World War II memorabilia.

Located on an unnamed street, possibly to be called Annex Drive, the building is across from the Airport Restaurant at the corner of Airport Terminal Dr.

Charles Linder is docent/guide, and Paul Richter serves at the original Museum, 910 Biscayne Blvd. Both facilities are open from noon to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

Material in the new section, arranged by Museum members Scott and Barbara Storz, includes items of local interest, such as a 6-ft. wooden propeller from a plane known as the Babcock Airmaster manufactured in DeLand in 1939-1940. Uniforms from all branches of service are on display with other memorabilia.

A rare, homemade model of a Civil War ship, the USS Cairo, built in 1882 and sunk the same year, has been donated to the Museum. A World War II parachute also is shown.



**East Side view of New DNAS Museum Annex  
Why don't you stop in & see us sometime?  
We are there because of our Veterans.**

## Group Tours are available

With advanced booking Group tours are available outside of regular hours Tuesday through Friday, except for Holidays. Educational and other groups are invited to take advantage of these tours. The staff is willing and able to be flexible in designing these special tours to meet desires or needs of each individual group.

Whether a group of Veterans, an Educational Group, Scout troop, or interested citizens we at DNAS Museum are there for your interest and enjoyment while visiting our facilities. DNAS Museum is Donation Based. There is no fixed price of admission. That's all left up to you.



Museum Staff Member explains restoration to a group

## DNAS Museum is Working On 2010 Veteran's Day Parade

Plans and ground work for our production and presentation of the 2010 Volusia County Veterans Day Parade in Downtown DeLand, as well as our 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Hangar Dance, and "Air Jams" style open house weekend held at DeLand Municipal Airport Complex November 12 thru 14<sup>th</sup> are now in progress. We hope to include as many members of Volusia County, DeLand Airport Complex and Any and All other who would like to join us in this extravagant and exciting group of events planned for the weekend following Veteran's Day, 2010.

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Watch The DNAS Museum News Bulletin to find updates and info on our 2010 Vet's Day Events.

## Heavy Weather Damage

We experienced serious damage to structures as a result of unusually severe spring weather at 910 Biscayne Blvd. The winds came often & very strong which twice brought down our shelter over the TBF Restoration Project. The good news is the Aircraft which could have damaged was not, but for a few scuff marks & scratches. However our shelter succumbed to localized tornadic activity in a torrential two day event in a 2nd round of bad weather. We are very fortunate it was not worse.



It is a shock to come in to find destruction of this nature occurred over night. It took place evening of February 09, 2010. Several Tornadoes + 6 inches of rain came.

**A similar event happened 2 weeks previous. Only fasteners failed. We were able to realign the frame & replace fasteners. Not so this time. Steel pipes failed in fatal catastrophic collapse.**



Frame was cut to relieve tension in twisted wreckage as shelter was removed from the aircraft.

**A temporary tarp covers TBF now. Aircraft is to be set on a new support cradle by 01 April. Work continues in spite of problems.**



# GROUP TOURS

## Educational & Informative



Steering gear on an F-14 Tomcat is being discussed



**Three positive, important results from WW II, are:**  
 The entire world organized defeating common foes.  
 Americans showed the world, Women are equal. They did work of men. Rosie the Riveter & Engineer Emily And Pauline the Pilot helped win. V got a GI Bill, 85% used it to get better or a college education.



A sailor stationed at NAS DeLand wrote the date in the fresh concrete he poured over a half century ago.

**You Will Never Know until You come and see for yourself !**

*DNAS Museum staff & Members*

To be able to read this thank a teacher, and to be free to look at and enjoy it . . . **Thank A Veteran**



Aircraft engine off Lake Michigan's bottom after 50 yrs.



Tomcats can fly at over 2X the speed of sound. Anybody know how fast is that in miles per hour ?

750 X 2 = 1500 mph