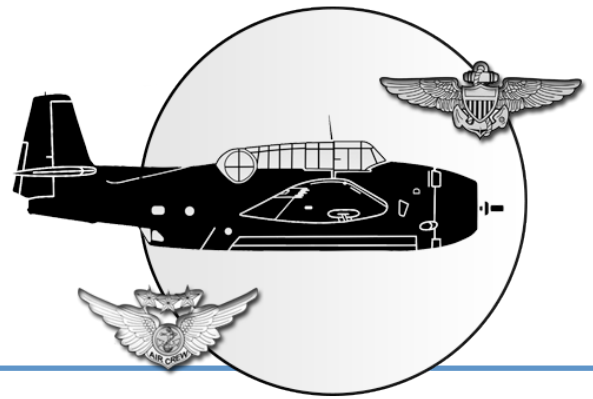


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IN MEMORIAM

Our deepest condolences to the family of the following NASFL Museum members: George Herbert McElhiney, 89 (Allan's brother); Helen Landers, 93, Historian; and Lt. Col. Leo R. Gray, USAC. Col Gray was one of the original Tuskegee Airmen who fought in the skies over Europe during World War II.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Individual Members: Robert Banks, Ron Brandenburg, Kenneth Cohan, George Counts, Frank Esposito, Kathleen Halloran, Thomas Inghima, Randy L. Laser, Les Lofquist, Joost Starreveld (Netherlands), Roger N. Thomas, Michael Thomas, Rodney Wade.

Family Members: Robert G. Donigian Family, Helen & Jay Eichler, Jerry & Claudette Klein, Ken & Donna Kotrady, Frank Sellers & Kim Parker, Robert & Patty Warrington.

Lifetime Members: Beverly Babcock, Bob Cole, Mr. & Mrs. George Lord, John Ray III, & Catherine "Kitty" Weidman.

THE EDGAR "BUDDY" GALVIN BUTTERFLY GARDEN & FLIGHT 19 MEMORIAL UPDATE



The NASFL Museum will be featuring a Butterfly Garden in honor of WWII veteran and Museum member Edgar "Buddy" Galvin. Thanks to the initiative of member and Master Gardener Brendan Doyle, a veteran who lives in Dania Beach, who has assembled a team of Master Gardeners from Broward County, and working on finalizing the plans for the garden.

This garden will be an all-volunteer conservation effort. The garden will feature an assortment of plants surrounding an area of poured concrete that will represent a TBM/TBF Avenger torpedo bomber. The area will also have four picnic tables and a legend commemorating Flight 19, which will be set in the direction, in which Flight 19 took off on the fateful day of December 5, 1945.

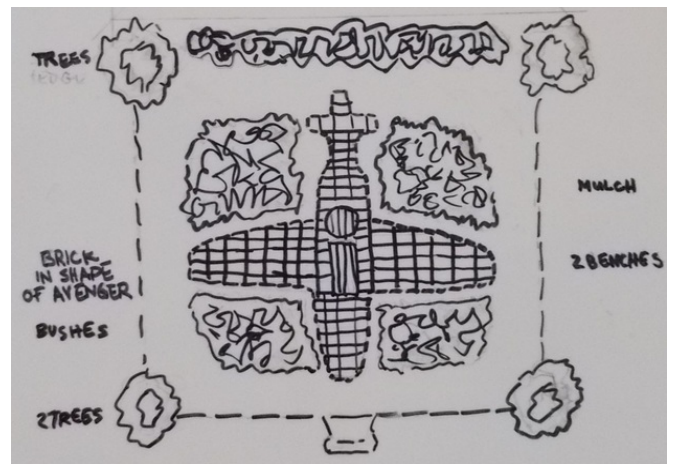
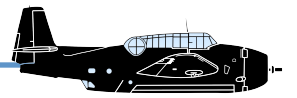
A special thank you to the following contributors:

John Bowen author & illustrator; John & Minerva Bloom; Brendan Doyle, Errol Simmons, & Michael Thomas Master Gardeners of Broward County; The Home Depot at Sterling Rd & University location; Phillip Jordan; Kiwanis Club of Hollywood Mr. Saied Tale-Tehrani, President; Kiwanis Club of Hallandale Beach; David Nelson; South Florida Wood Guild; Heidi M. O'Sheehan; George & Yvonne Sterr, & Gary Tepper.

We would also like to thank the following volunteers for all their continued help:

Rebeca Copeland, Teri Goldsmith (*President of Broward Master Gardeners*), Norene Keyser, Janice Malkoff (*past president of the Butterfly Garden Society of Broward County*), and veterans Nunzio Galli, Phillip Jordan, and Conrad Multon.





NEW EXHIBIT DONATIONS

Thank you for all the generous donations we have received:

- **Michael Breyll:** Historical Binoculars Stamped LZ127 from Graf Zeppelin, 1928-1937.
- **Sandra M. Secord** (in memory of **Eugene H. Secord, Sr.**, United States Navy): Boeing B- 377 Model, 2 Framed Pan Am Menus and Historic Prints, Classic Fighters' Book, Civil Aircraft Book, and A Week in the Life of an Aircraft Pilot (Book).
- **George A. Trask**, an extensive collection of Military Books.
- **Ken Kaye:** author, "The Wrong Hanger " (30 copies).
- **Andrew Marocco:** author, "Flight 19: Naval Report Volume 1 and 2 —The Testimony.
- **Donna K. Lackman** (in memory of **Gilbert F. Lackman**): extensive collection of German and USA – WWII, Korean, and Vietnam military artifacts, uniforms, medals, documents, manuals, and books.
- **Steve Peterson** (in memory of **Sylvio Cote**): Anti-Radar Chaffe Material and Sample Mortar Round.
- **Deborah Hamilton** (in memory of **Allan F. McElhiney**, NASFL Museum Founder): military plaques and books.
- **Andy Baranowski**, a 53" Submarine model of the USS Bonefish (SS-223), with its protective cover.

Please visit our page
www.nasflmuseum.com for the
 most up to date event
 information

UPCOMING EVENTS

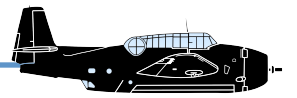
The **NAS Fort Lauderdale Museum** will be hosting a luncheon with guest Speaker **Ron Lowther**.

Mr. Lowther is a Producer and Director of Photography for Flying Lobster Productions, and the in-house producer for the Broward Sheriff's Office. Ron worked for Steven Spielberg as director of photography for over 50 Holocaust survivor interviews for the SHOAH project. When that project was finished, Ron was line producer and production coordinator for the "Last Days" documentary, a Spielberg production, which won the Oscar for long version documentary

He will discuss his current production, a documentary about the World War II 765th Tank Battalion and their journey from North Africa into Germany.

The event will be held on **Sunday, November 13th at 11:30 AM in the Lauderdale Yacht Club** (1725 S.E. 12th St, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316) and there will be a \$25.00 donation per person to attend.





PREVIOUS EVENTS

In June 25th of 2016, the **NAS Fort Lauderdale Museum** hosted a luncheon with Retired Rear Admiral Samuel J. Cox, Director of Naval History and Heritage Command, Washington DC.



Below is the impression of the luncheon that was submitted by John K. Schwarz, Director of USS Houston CA-30 Survivor's Association & Next Generations:

"I had the pleasure of attending this luncheon along with our own Donna Flynn and son Dennis Flynn. We were witnesses to Mr. Cox's brilliant speech, which was outstanding in every way. He was thorough, interesting and offered insight into not only his re-collections of 'Flight 19', but other air missions as well. He spoke about our ship (USS Houston), and the ongoing effort to preserve its sanctity of that 'sacred burial ground', and then proceeded to respond to a whole host of questions from the audience. A great experience and compliments to Admiral Cox and the leaders at NASFL including John & Minerva Bloom as well as Debbie McElhiney."



Thank you to all that were able to attend and look forward to seeing you in our next gathering in November.

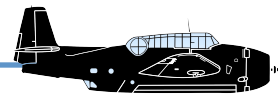
MEMORIAL BRICKS

Remember you can play an important role in preserving the spirit of naval aviation, by purchasing a personally engraved brick paver to be showcased in the outdoor walkways of the Naval Air Station Fort Lauderdale Museum, where it will be displayed for all who pass through to see. Each 4" by 8" personally engraved brick costs \$60.00 and all funds raised from Memorial Bricks sales will directly go to support the Museum. Your personal message becomes a lasting gift and a piece of history. Keep the Spirit of Naval Aviation



Please go to www.nasflmuseum.com/brick-form.html or contact the museum directly to order your Memorial Brick.

KEEP THE SPIRIT OF NAVAL AVIATION ALIVE WITH YOUR MEMORIAL BRICK PAVER!



NEW ONLINE EXHIBITS

Wolhynische Fluchtlinge

Original Photos by F.J. Marik, Smichow, 1916

Exhibit Created by Lani Day and Curated by Sebastian Carreras & Minerva Bloom



The full collection can be found in our Museum blog:
<http://blog.nasflmuseum.com/events-blog/world-war-one-germany>

Volhynia: Germans from Ukraine - Exhibit 3 (Part 3 of 3)

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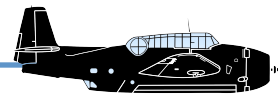
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RECENT MUSEUM VISTIORS

Below are a few of the groups that have visited the museum over the last couple of months. Thank you all for visiting with us and sharing your stories!



In October we enjoyed a visit from twin sisters Doris & Dorothy Brown, from Brooklyn, New York. Doris was **George Devlin's** (Flight 19 crewman) girlfriend before he joined the US Navy. They both lived in the same neighborhood in Brooklyn.

George was a gunner on FT-28. He was seventeen years old when Flight 19 disappeared.



Sue Presley, along with a group of Eastern Airlines retirees, visited the museum in September. Sue, a stewardess with the former airline, donated the Eastern Airlines Exhibit to the Museum and recently received a recognition award from the Museum, for her 10 years as a volunteer. Thank you Sue!!!

NASFL MUSEUM BENEFACTORS

- Mr. & Mrs. Robert Banks
- Kenneth C. Berner
- John & Minerva Bloom
- The Kevin Bolender Family
- Broward County Aviation Department
- Brendan Doyle
- Don & Helen Fallon
- Edgar "Buddy" Galvin
- Richard Haddad & Jordan Morgan
- Chip LaMarca
- Mr. & Mrs. Oetting
- Lewis C. Panozzo
- Dr. & Mrs. Jim Perry
- Ray & Larry Rivera
- Woody Woodbury
- Lloyd Estates
- Winston Park Elementary Schools
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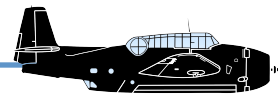


71st Anniversary Flight 19 Memorial Ceremony

Please come join us on **Monday, December 5, 2016, at 1:00 pm in Museum building** for our Flight 19 Memorial Ceremony featuring:

- Showcase of WWII vehicles
- 1942 Pirsch Fire Engine Truck
- Period re-enactors
- Color Guard
- Radio Broadcast by the Gold Coast Amateur Radio Association
- Ceremonial and WWII Period Music
- Refreshments





OPEN HOUSE & BUTTERFLY GARDEN PARTY!

Come and join us for a Holiday Party on **Saturday, December 17, from 3 to 7pm in the museum.** We will be showcasing our new Garden and Picnic areas!

Refreshments will be available, but we appreciate a warm dish or a dessert plate!



THANK YOU!!

To Broward County Commissioner CHIP LaMARCA for requesting Storm Shutters to protect the historic NAS Fort Lauderdale Museum Building! A big thank you to Airport Director Mark Gale, PIO Gregory Meyer, and the entire Ft. Lauderdale - Hollywood International Airport (FLL) staff for graciously accepting Commissioner LaMarca's request to secure our WWII military history at the Museum.

You are a great team!



New Volunteers

Welcome our new volunteers:

- Isabela Bandrich
- Sebastian Carreras
- Benjamin Walter-Range

Newsletter Editor

Isabela Bandrich