

## Chronology of Events

- *December 7, 1941:* The United States enters WWII.
- *October 1st 1942:* The Naval Air Station Fort Lauderdale is established in what is now the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport.
- *December 5, 1945: Flight 19 – The Lost Patrol.* A crew of 14 men in 5 TBM Avengers disappear over the Bermuda Triangle. A rescue mission PBM sea plane is sent from NAS Banana River in Melbourne and also disappears with a crew of 13 men.
- *1978:* While Allan McElhiney, USNR WWII is giving a tour of the Navy grounds with Chief Steve Sedilo USCG WWII to a Sun-Sentinel reporter, Allan forms the idea of starting a memorial service for Flight 19.
- *1979:* The Naval Air Station Fort Lauderdale Historical Association begins to take shape, with 4 founding members: Allan McElhiney, Steve Sedilo, Ben Langley a former US Navy seabee and Col. Robert Rawls, US Army.
- *1989:* Walter Houghton (Assistant Ft. Lauderdale Airport Director) gets permission to build the Navy Park to honor memory of Flight 19, on the east side of the FAA tower. It was completed in 1990.
- *1989:* Bob Jenny paints his mural “*On Final Approach*” at the US Naval Surface Warfare Center (formerly known as the Junior Officers Bachelor Quarters JOBQ or Building #15).
- *October 3, 1992:* President George H.W. Bush visits the US Naval Surface Warfare Center, to sign and date Jenny's mural.
- *1998:* The mural is dismantled and relocated to the Link Trainer Building #8.
- *May 20, 1998:* The Link Trainer Building #8 is added to the US National Register of Historic Places.
- *1999:* Broward County Commissioner Lori Nance Parrish locates a \$200,000 grant and is able to save the building from demolition.
- *1999 – 2000:* The Link Trainer Building #8 is moved (with Jenny's mural inside) to its current location at 4000 West Perimeter Rd.
- *October 15, 2005:* U.S Rep. Clay Shaw, R-Fort Lauderdale, sponsors *H. Resolution 500* Bill in Congress, honoring the 60th Anniversary of Flight 19.
- *2005:* A *Third Phase Plan of Action* is proposed by NASFLHA members to try to finalize plans to prepare the Link Trainer Building #8 as a museum that would be open to the public.
- *August 2007:* A preserved Link Trainer Flight Simulator from WWII is located in Long Island, New York. It was purchased, transported and donated to the Museum.
- *September 13, 2009:* A dedication ceremony takes place at the NASFLHA to unveil a plaque reading: “*The Allan F. McElhiney Museum*”. It is not the official name, but friends and supporters of Allan, wanted to honor his efforts of preservation.
- **Currently:** Volunteers have been instrumental in taking the building to its next stage of completion. Thank you to all the amazing volunteers who are helping make the dream come true!