

Founding Members of NASFLHA: Allan McElhiney, USNR (†)
Ben Langley, USNR, Chief Steve Sedillo (†) Col. Bob Rawls USNR(†)

Contributors and Supporters 2016

Broward County Aviation Department

Director of Aviation, Mark Gale
Director of Administration, Celina Saucedo,
Public Information Officer, Gregory Meyer,
Community Outreach, Allan Siegel,
Law Enforcement, Chief Roy H. Liddicott

US Navy Reservist Unit VTU-0808G

World War II Veterans

William Ayton, USNR
Raymond Cunningham USNR
Jack Casey, USNR
Frank Dailey, USNR
John Dugan, USNR
Edgar "Buddy" Galvin, USNR
George Lord, USNR
Mitchell Lipschultz, USNR
Floyd Johnson, USN - USAF
Richard Pearce, USMC
Ray Rivera, USNR
Richard Taylor, USNR
Henry Torres, Sr. USNR
William C. Warneke, USNR
David White, USNR
Dares Wirt, USNR
Woody Woodbury, USMC
Allan Yoder, USN
William Zuendt USNR

Roger M. Allen
Helen Allen Quarles

Museum Volunteers:

Gary Adams
John & Minerva Bloom
Isabela Bandrich
Sebastian Carreras
Laelani Day & Jane Holmes
Edgar "Buddy" Galvin
Gary & Bobbie Kilbride
Debbie McElhiney-Hamilton
Murray Morton
Angela Piraino
Donald Prichard
Dorothy Riser
Ray & Larry Rivera
Tom Sheridan
Benjamin Walter-Range

Lori Nance Parrish
Broward County Property Appraiser
Jack Seiler, Mayor of Fort Lauderdale
Chip LaMarca, Broward Co. Commissioner
George R. Moraitis, Jr.
Florida House of Representatives
Jim Naugle, Real Estate Broker

Broward Navy Days
Broward County Master Gardeners
Everglades Council Navy League
Disabled American Veterans
Karl Kahn, Military Research Foundation
The Fort Lauderdale Fire Museum
Col. James A. Davidson
MCJROTC Stranahan High School

In Memory of:

LT COL Leo Gray,
USAC, WWII - Tuskegee Airman
George Herbert McElhiney, USNR WWII
Helen Landers, Historian

Mary Babcock
Mr & Mrs Robert Banks
Kenneth C. Berner
Steve, Cindy, & Brian Buckley
Bromley & Cook Engineering
Dayton-Granger, Christopher Maholm
Brendan D. Doyle
Don & Helen Fallon
G. Fredlund & R. Boy, National Jets
Richard Haddad & Jordan Morgan
Pat & Ben Langley
Hank Lansengkamp, Steel Fabricators LLC
Frank & Phyllis Loconto, County Line TV
Lloyd Estates & Winston Park
Elementary Schools
Ron Lowther, Producer
Merle Wood Yachts, Brad Wood
Mr & Mrs Rudy Oetting
Lewis C. Panozzo
Dr & Mrs Jim Perry
John Ray III, Sonitrol Security Company
R.J. Urbanek
Don Whittington, World Jet

Fort Lauderdale Florist Jay Walsh
(954)537.5510 for the beautiful wreath

Fort Lauderdale Daily News

AND EVENING SENTINEL

35th Year FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1945 PRICE 5CENTS

FOURTEEN NAS AIRMEN MISSING



Units of Navy, Army, Coast Guard Scour Sea For Lost NAS Aircraft

Combined units of the Navy, Army, Coast Guard, and even RAF planes based at Nassau joined today in the greatest air and sea search in this area's history as authorities pushed efforts to locate five missing torpedo bombers from the local Naval Air Station.

Scouring practically every mile of open water off the Florida coast were six planes from the Third Air Force 120 planes from the Navy Air Advanced Training Command and aircraft from the Air Transport Command, the Boca Raton Army Air Field, The Coast Guard and the RAF in Nassau. In addition dozens of Navy and Coast Guard surface craft joined in the hunt.

The search was being directed from the Coast Guard Headquarters of the Seventh Naval District in Miami. A reliable source from that office said at 1 p.m. no trace of the missing planes had been

found, but that the search would be continued until all hope had been abandoned of finding the 14 fliers in the planes

Late reports indicated that the bombers had made radio contact with shore stations shortly before they ran out of gas and were forced to land on the sea. The planes however were unable to give positions due to navigational difficulties. The most intensive search is being centered around the last known position of the craft, Coast Guard officials explained. Despite unfavorable ditching conditions at sea last night, officials were hopeful of locating survivors. The big torpedo bombers are considered the best ditching planes in the Navy although they will remain afloat only a few seconds. If uninjured, the survivors should have been able to take to rafts, officials declared.

US Navy Flight 19 Memorial Service
71st Anniversary—5 December 2016
Naval Air Station Fort Lauderdale Museum

71st Anniversary 5th of December 2016

US NAVY FLIGHT 19 MEMORIAL

Bugler Assembly

13:00 *Welcome by Deputy Director Mark Gale, of the Broward County Aviation Department.*

M.C. Sgt. Don Prichard, President of Naval Air Station Fort Lauderdale Historical Association: *Background History of Flight 19.*

Presentation of Colors by Stranahan High School Marine Corps JROTC Color Guard, with Col. James A. Davidson.

Pledge of Allegiance Trilogy performed by Frank Loonto, RCA recording artist, Host of County Line TV.

Invocation by Ron Perkins, Seafaring House Chaplain.

Acknowledgement of Veterans present.

Guest Speakers:

Jack Seiler, Mayor of Fort Lauderdale.

George R. Moraitis, Jr., Florida House of Representatives.

Chip LaMarca, Broward County Commissioner.

Jim Naugle, retired Mayor, City of Fort Lauderdale.

Edgar "Buddy" Galvin USNR WWII, Search for Flight 19.

In Recognition and tribute of Museum founder and namesake *Allan McElhiney, AMM 2/c USNR WWII & Korea*, and the 95 servicemen who died while training at NASFL, including the crew of Flight 19 and the Mariner rescue seaplane.

Reading of the names of Flight 19 and the PBM Mariner crewmen, by Dr. Anthony Atwood, Director of the Miami Military Museum.

Sounding of the bell, by VFW Commander Ray Rivera, USNR WWII & Korea.

Placement of Wreath by Stranahan High School Marine Corps JROTC Color Guard.

TAPS, performed by Dr. Anthony Atwood.

Thank you for coming here today in remembrance of the brave men and women who have served in the defense of our beloved United States of America. May their sacrifice be remembered always by free men and women in this great land. We strive to bring to our community, especially the young, this historic Museum as an education center, tourism site and tribute to our heritage as Americans.

Refreshments by Everglades Council Navy League

Thanks for attending!!

Flight 19 Commission: Gary Adams, Dr. Anthony Atwood, John & Minerva Bloom, Sebastian Carreras, Lani Day, Gary & Bobbie Kilbride, Debbie McElhiney-Hamilton, Murray Morton, Angela Piraino, Sgt. Don Prichard, Dorothy Riser, Tom Sheridan, Marvo Taitt, and Benjamin Walter-Range.

Naval Air Station Fort Lauderdale Museum
National Register of Historic Places . A Florida Heritage Site
Website: nasflmuseum.com

