



PATROL TORPEDO FAST 3

Restoration Project

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NEWS LETTER 30 JUNE 2006

PROGRESS

IT'S OFFICAL, WE HAVE RECEIVED OUR LETTER FROM FLORIDA SECRETARY OF STATE SUE COBB. STATING THAT THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE HAS APPROPRIATED \$ 350,000.00 IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANTS-IN-AID FUNDS FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE VIETNAM WAR PATROL TORPEDO FAST BOAT 3. LETTERS OF COMMITMENT AND RELATED PAPERWORK WILL BE SIGNED IN THE COMING WEEKS. WE HAVE MADE A TREMENDIOUS AMOUNT OF PROGRESS WITH THE RESTORATION, BUT IT HAS BEEN A SELECTIVE EFFORT WITH LITTLE FUNDING, PICKING AND CHOOSING EACH AREA OF WORK. NOW WE CAN MAKE BULK MATERIAL PURCHASES AND REPAIRS IN A TIMELY MANNER AND SET A WORKING BUILD SCHEDULE. THERE WAS A LOT OF EFFORT IN MAKING THIS GRANT HAPPEN AND WE WANT TO THANK ALL THAT WERE INVOLVED.

JACK WAPLES A LONG TIME STAFF MEMBER WITH BSA TROOP 544 HAS BEEN VOTED ON TO THE BOARD IN THE SECRETARY TREASURE POSITION AS THE GRANTS FUND COORDINATOR. JACK HAS EXPERIENCE WITH HANDLING GRANTS AND FUND ACCOUNTS WITH THE DELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT. ONCE THE GRANT IS OFFICAL, WE CAN APPLY FOR MATCHING FUND GRANTS FROM FEDERAL AND CORPORATE SOURCES, MOST GRANTS THAT ARE AVAILABLE FOR PRESERVATION REQUIRE THAT YOU HAVE MONEY IN THE BANK IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR THEIR GRANTS

WE MET WITH DELAND CITY ENGINEERS LAST WEEK TO DECIDE PLACEMENT OF STRUCTURES AT OUR NEW WORK SITE AND SET A TENTATIVE DATE OF THE 1ST WEEK OF NOVEMBER 2006 FOR MOVING PTF 3. ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION CENTERED ON LEASING THE SITE FROM THE CITY FOR A \$ 1.00 A YEAR FOR A PERIOD OF 10 OR MORE YEARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF USING THE SITE AS A BASE CAMP FOR SEA SCOUT ACTIVITY AFTER THE BOAT IS COMPLETED AND LAUNCHED. WE ARE LOOKING AT TWO TYPES OF STRUCTURES, A POLE BARN COVER AND A QUONSET HUT, COST IS GOING TO BE THE GOVERNING FACTOR. HEAVY CONSIDERATION TO BUILDING STRENGHT FOR HURRICANES IS A MAJOR CONCERN, WE HAVE HAD FOUR HURRICANES HIT OUR AREA OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS. THE STRUCTURE THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT HAS TO BE 110 Ft LONG BY 35 Ft. AND 24 Ft. TALL.

THE MODEL SHIP BUILDERS CLUB OF PORT ORANGE FLORIDA VISITED PTF 3 AND DISPLAYED A MODEL OF THE PT 109 BOAT WHICH MEASURED 4 Ft. IN LENGTH. SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE CLUB ARE PUTTING A COST SHEET TOGETHER TO ESTIMATE THE COST OF MATERIALS TO BUILD A PTF NASTY AT THE SAME LENGTH. MOST OF THE MODEL CLUB MEMBERS ARE VETERANS OF WW2 TO VIETNAM AND APPRECIATE THE IMPORTANTS OF BUILDING AN ACCURATE MODEL. THE DUMAS MODEL BOAT COMPANY MARKETS TWO VERSIONS OF THE PT 109 AT 33 INCH AND 48 INCH, THE HULL PROFILE OF THE PTF BOAT IS IDENTICAL TO THE ELCO PT BOATS OF THE PT 103 CLASS BOATS. THE PTF BOATS HAVE A WIDER BEAM BY 5 FEET AND

MANY PARTS IN THE KIT CAN BE ALTERED TO BE USED FOR A PTF MODEL. THE COST OF THE DUMAS WOOD MODEL IS \$ 110.00 TO \$ 170.00 DEPENDING ON THE MODEL AND RADIO CONTROL PARTS.

WE RECEIVED A VISIT TO THE BOAT FROM CONGRESSWOMAN KATHERINE HARRIS, HER OFFICE HELPED SUPPORT OUR EFFORT FOR FUNDS WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA. THIS WAS HER FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE BOAT, SHE WAS IMPRESSED WITH PROJECT AND THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN COMPLETED, SHE PLANS TO HELP WITH FUTURE EFFORTS FOR FUNDING.

LOOKING AHEAD

AT THE TOP OF THE FIRST PAGE YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED THAT OUR WEB SITE ADDRESS HAS CHANGED TO www.ptf3restoration.org FROM www.scout544ptf.com . BOTH WILL WORK, THE OLD ADDRESS WILL BE DROPPED AFTER A YEAR. THE CHANGE WAS MADE TO SIMPLIFY THE ADDRESS FOR THE PROJECT AND MAKE IT EASIER TO REMEMBER.

NAVAL ARCHITECT AND PTF VETERAN, JOE LOMBARDI IS WORKING ON THE PTF 3 DESIGN DRAWINGS. WE HAVE TO UPDATE THE BOAT TO MODERN STANDARDS TO DECLARE THE BOAT SEA WORTHY AND CAPABLE OF CARRYING PASSENGERS AND CREW. JOE SERVED AS NAVAL ARCHITECT ON THE U-BOAT 505 AND THE U.S.S. SULLIVANS AND WE GREATLY APPRECIATE HIS ASSISTANCE WITH THE PROJECT.

HISTORICAL

WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BUILDING A HISTORICAL RECORD OF THE BOAT AND WE ARE SEEKING PHOTOS OF THE BOAT OR OF THE FIRST SERIES OF NASTY CLASS BOATS # 3 – 8 THAT HAVE THE EARLY BELOW DECK CONFIGURATION. THIS WILL ASSIST IN RECREATING FEATURES OF THE BOAT THAT WILL BE HISTORICALLY ACCURATE. WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR ANY HISTORICAL ITEMS RELATED TO THE BOAT, THEY WILL BE COME PART OF THE MUSEUM FOR THE BOAT.

COLUMNIST DAVID BARRY IS WRITING A BOOK ON THE TONKIN GULF INCIDENT AND IS IN NEED OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE PTF BOATS AND HOW THEY OPERATED THROUGH OUT THE WAR. I BELIEVE THAT DAVID BARRY IS TRYING TO CREATE A SERIOUS PIECE OF WORK THAT WILL SHED LIGHT ON THE PTF BOAT OPERATIONS. HE CAN BE REACHED AT HIS E MAIL davidsbarry@earthlink.net .

MONEY TREE

GERRY (BOATS) MILLHOLEN IS THE HEAD OF THE FUND RAISING EFFORT AND CAN BE REACHED AT PHONE 407/ 402-0190 AND AT E MAIL: f11husker@695online.com OR I CAN BE REACHED AT 800/ 694-7161 AND AT E MAIL: redbarn2@earthlink.net .

DONATION CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO THE **PTF 3 FUND** AND MAILED TO

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IF ANYONE HAS A LINE ON A GRANT PROGRAM, WE FALL UNDER MUSEUMS, YOUTH PROGRAM AND YOUTH EDUCATION. I NEED PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACTS.

_FOR ANY PARTY WISHING TO DONATE, PTF 3 RESTORATION PROJECT IS A FLORIDA NON-PROFIT 501 C3 ORGANIZATION, DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTABLE.

TOOLS – TALK TO HARDWARE STORES, WE NEED BELT SANDERS, COMPOUND POWER MITERS, HEAVY ROUTERS, 4 ½ INCH RIGHT ANGLE GRINDERS, ½ INCH DRILLS AND BITS, A SOURCE FOR FIBERGLASS AND RESIN, AND CLEAR PENETRATING EPOXY SYSTEM (CPES).

ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL INFORMATION AND CURRENT PHOTOS OF RECENT EFFORTS CAN BE FOUND AT www.ptfnasty.com

FEEDBACK - PLEASE SEND SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS TO BOB MCCRAY AT redbarn2@earthlink.net

SINCERELY,



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