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Restoration Project

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NEWS LETTER 30 NOV 2005

PROGRESS

OUR VISIT TO TALLAHASSEE WAS A SUCCESS, THE PTF 3 RESTORATION PROJECT WAS PLACED NUMBER 39 ON THE FUNDING LIST OUT 110 COMPETING PROJECTS. THIS IS THE BIG HURDLE THAT HAD TO BE JUMPED, THE LEGISLATURE WILL VOTE ON THE FINAL BUDGET FOR THE STATE IN MAY-JUNE 2006. PROVIDED, THERE ARE NO ALTERATIONS TO THE STATE BUDGET FOR HISTORICAL PROGRAMS, PTF 3 SHOULD SEE FUNDING IN JULY-AUGUST 2006. ONCE THE DOCUMENTATION AND COMMITMENT LETTERS ARE SIGNED, \$ 350,000.00 WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE BOAT.

THIS WAS A BIG TURN AROUND FROM LAST YEAR, THE LETTERS OF SUPPORT SENT TO THE STATE AND PARTICIPATION BY THOSE WHO WERE ABLE TO MAKE IT TO TALLAHASSEE MADE THE DIFFERENCE. WE OWE A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE POLITICIANS THAT MADE THIS HAPPEN BY THEIR INPUT AND PRESENCE BEFORE THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION IN TALLAHASSEE,

U.S. CONGRESSMAN JOHN MICA AND STAFF
U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN KATHERINE HARRIS AND STAFF
STATE SENATOR BURT SAUNDERS
STATE SENATOR CAREY BAKER
REP. RICHARD MACHEK
REP. PAT PATTERSON
REP. LARRY CRETUL
REP. LARRY KESTER
REP. AARON BEAN
REP. DWIGHT STANSEL
REP. GERALDINE JORDON
COL. CHARLEY PRICE, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, FDVA.
ROCKY MCPHERSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FDVA.
COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS OF VOLUSIA COUNTY
CITY OF DELAND, FL
CITY OF SANFORD, FL.

THIS SUPPORT CAME FROM ALL OVER THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND BOTH POLITICAL PARTIES FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF PRESERVING THIS HISTORIC PT BOAT. IT IS VERY RARE TO HAVE STATE OFFICIALS TO SUPPORT A PROJECT IN ANOTHER REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT. THIS IS MY 5th TRIP TO TALLAHASSEE FOR PTF 3 AND THIS IS FIRST TIME I HAVE SEEN THIS TAKE PLACE. IF YOU GET TIME, YOU CAN FIND THE PHONE NUMBERS AND E – MAIL ADDRESSES AT www.MYFLORIDA.COM. A THANK YOU NOTE IS IN ORDER.

REPRESENTING THE PTF 3 RESTORATION PROJECT BEFORE THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION WERE,

ROBERT JUNKINS	USCG
GERRY 'BOATS' MILLHOLEN	USN
JAMES VOUGH	US ARMY
AL SCHWIEZER	USN
MIKE BRADLEY	USN
ROBERT WILKINSON	USN
WILLIAM MOREO	USN MC PTF 3 CREW 1966
ROBERT MCCRAY	US ARMY

THE REVIEW PROCESS IS SIMILAR TO MOST TOWN MEETINGS WITH 5 MINUTES PER PROJECT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD. OUR TEAM MANAGE TO GET IN 15 MINUTES EXTOLLING THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICATES OF PTF 3, STATE OFFICIALS CAN SPEAK AT ANY TIME DURING THE DAY AND AS FOR AS LONG AS THEY WANT, AND THEY DID. THIS EFFORT MOVED THE PTF 3 PROJECT FROM LAST YEARS, DEAD LAST POSITION OF # 114, TO # 39. WE APPREICATE THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANTS OF THE PTF 3 RESTORATION PROJECT, THERE ARE MANY WORTHY RESTORATION PROJECTS THAT WE HAVE COMPETED WITH, BACKED BY EQUALLY CONCERNED AND DEDICATED PEOPLE. YOU MOVE UP IN THE GRANT PROCESS BY DEMONSTRATING THAT YOU CAN KEEP YOUR PROJECT MOVING OVER A LONG PERIOD TIME, THAT YOU HAVE THE COMMITMENT TO SEE THE PROJECT TO COMPLETION.

MIKE GALE AND HIS FILM CREW FROM GREEN DOOR PRODUCTIONS FOLLOWED OUR PROGRESS THROUGH OUT THE DAY, FILMING INTERVIEWS WITH SENATOR BURT SAUNDERS, REP. RICHARD MACHEK AND ASST. DIRECTOR OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION FRED GASKE. THIS WILL BE COMPILED AS PART OF THE DOCUMENTARY ABOUT PTF 3 AND HER RESTORATION.

DNAS, THE DELAND NAVAL AIR MUSEUM, THE TEMPORARY HOME FOR PTF 3 HAS CONTINUED TO UPGRADE THEIR FACILITY. THE PTF 3 CREW WAS ABLE TO ASSIST THE MUSEUM ON 10 NOVEMBER 2005 WITH THE PLACEMENT OF AN 8,000 lbs. ANCHOR AND THE MOUNTING OF THE F-14 TOMCAT. THE WORLD WAR 2 ANCHOR WAS POSITIONED IN FRONT OF THE MUSEUM AND PAINTED HAZE GREY. THE F-14 TOMCAT, OF VF-101 OCEANA NAVAL AIR STATION, NORFOLK, VA. WAS MOVED FROM THE AIRFIELD, RIGGED AND LIFTED ONTO A HARD STAND FOR PERMANENT DISPLAY NEXT THE MUSEUM.

THIS WAS ALL PART OF THE MAD RUSH TO READY THE MUSEUM FOR THE 14th ANNUAL AIRFLEET WEEKEND CELEBRATING VETERANS DAY WITH A PARADE DOWN TOWN DELAND, A FLY OVER BY VINTAGE AIRCRAFT, HANGER DANCE AND OPEN HOUSE AT THE MUSEUM AND HANGER. THIS COINCIDED WITH THE DEDICATION OF THE BRONZE BUST OF LT. CHARLES BAILEY, 99th FIGHTER SQUADRON – TUSKEGEE AIRMAN. LT. BAILEY A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF DELAND PASSED AWAY IN 2002, HE WAS REPRESENTED BY FAMILY MEMBERS AND SURVIVING TUSKEGEE VETERANS.

LOOKING AHEAD

WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADD TO OUR STOCK OF TOOLS, THE ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT PURGED THEIR EVIDENCE LOCKER AND DONATED MUCH NEED TOOLS TO THE PROJECT. A PROFESSIONAL GRADE MATCO DOUBLE STACK TOOL CABINET STOCKED WITH TOOLS, ACETYLENE GAS WELDING SET, COMPUTER MONITORS AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS, ALL WERE EITHER FROM AN AUTO CHOP SHOP OR RECOVERED STOLEN MERCHANDISE. MATERIAL THAT WE CAN'T USE WILL BE SOLD TO RAISE FUNDS, MUCH OF THIS WILL BE PLACED ON EBAY OR PLACED ON CONSIGNMENT. THE SHERIFFS OFFICE HAS OUR WISH LIST

OF TOOLS NEED FOR THE PROJECT AND WILL TRY TO SET ASIDE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE BEFORE THE NEXT PURGE OF THE EVIDENCE LOCKER.

WE EXPECT TO HAVE THE BRIDGE PAINTED IN CAMOUFLAGE BEFORE CHRISTMAS, WEATHER PERMITTING. THE CONSTANT RAIN THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED RESULTING FROM THE LARGE AMOUNT OF HURRICANE ACTIVITY HAS CAUSED DELAYS IN PAINTING THE BRIDGE. THE MAIN ENGINE HATCH SHOULD BE COMPLETELY STRIPPED AND PAINTED BY THE FIRST OF THE YEAR.

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.

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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