



MUSEUM MUSINGS...



News of interest from the Camp Gordon Johnston Museum and the Camp Gordon Johnston Association

Camp Gordon Johnston Museum Update.

For the first quarter, 2009, ending this March 31st, there was an increase in the number of visitors to the museum compared to first quarter 2008. According to the sign in sheet, we had 750 visitors compared to 700 last years during the same time period (*realizing that when large numbers come in together some visitors neglect to sign in.*) This increase is even more important when one considers the fact that we were closed for the first two weeks of January for moving. On Saturday the 18th we expect a tour bus coming up from Tampa.

The increase, we believe, can be attributed to better signage and a much larger parking area, as well as cleaner and larger facilities. The number of visitors coming into the museum during the next three quarters will be critical in our planning for fiscal years 2010 and 2011.

The Camp Gordon Johnston Days events held the second weekend in March drew many new visitors to both Carrabelle and the Museum. The parade was one highlight because we were able to have two of our own military vehicles included in the lineup. Unfortunately our DUKW was still being repaired and unable to be displayed.

We will soon post photos from that weekend on the web page at: www.campgordonjohnston.com. The dinner-dance was an outstanding success. This year the decorations, arrangements and food was a true community effort and our thanks go to the Franklin County Consolidated School's Girls Softball Team who served the meals and to the Shriner's who cooked the excellent meals!

Even with a down economy, the John W. Stallman Memorial Golf Tournament held at the Country Club at Summer Brook in Tallahassee was a financial success and has added more money to the building fund. The museum will also take part, again, in the Smithsonian Museum's national "Museum Day" event being held on September 26, 2009. Visit their website at museumday@si.edu and print out tickets for this event. Please take time to bring the family in the see the new displays and listen to some great live music.

Look for the Museum to show one of our vehicles in this year's Carrabelle Riverfront Festival. Our intent is to have either the Jeep or Leiferwagen on display Saturday the 25th only. OR MAYBE BOTH!



VIEWING THEIR HISTORY
Members of the 332nd pose before breakfast admiring our WWII Jeep.



ALL BROTHERS AND SISTERS
WWII veterans and all who have served pose with active duty vets at the Dinner/Dance during CGJ Days, 2009.

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Museum**
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**1001 Gray Avenue,
Carrabelle City Complex**

The Camp Gordon Johnston Association is a not for profit 501 c (3) Florida corporation whose purpose is to preserve the history and memories of the Amphibious soldiers of WW II. Museum hours are Monday through Thursday 1300 to 1600 hours, Friday 12200 to 1600 hours and Saturdays 1000 till 1400 hours. Mail address: P.O. Box 1334, Carrabelle, FL 32322. Phone: (850) 697-8575. e-mail through the web site at: www.campgordonjohnston.com

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