October-November full of Activities!

**SPECIAL EDITION**
The Camp Gordon Johnston Association
Oct-Nov, 2015

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**Addition is by donation, and appreciated. This film is one in a series shown monthly to educate our visitors on the sacrifices made, for us, by our WWII generation. Free popcorn will be served.**

**This film portrays the actions of an American soldier, David Manning (Ron Eldard), during the World War II Battle of Hürtgen Forest, a battle between the United States Army’s 28th division and German Wehrmacht which took place from September 14, 1944 to February 10, 1945 on the Western Front. The Hürtgen Forest battle was the longest single battle fought by American Forces in Europe during WWII. As a testament to the ferocious fighting the Germans appropriately nicknamed the red 28th shoulder patch the “Bloody Bucket.”**

**Note:** From January through March 1943, the 28th received special training in amphibious warfare at Camp Gordon Johnston in Carrabelle, FL and was assigned to the VII Corps of the Second Army. Many of the young soldiers shown in the training videos at the museum are with the 28th.

**Still Time to donate for the 03’ Springfield Rifle Raffle! You can get your ticket(s) at the Museum on National Museum Day this Saturday the 27th!**
CGJ Executive Secretary Michael Horvath was contacted by the Florida Park Service in early September about the possibility of coming to the Wakulla Springs Lodge for a Veteran’s Day Event. The previous function hosted by the St. George Island Park Service in August and the response from visitors to the Island gave the idea to have an event during Veteran’s Day.

The Park Rangers at the Wakulla Springs Lodge will have set up displays of photographs, artifacts and videos on short-term loan from the museum showing the training activities of the soldiers from Camp Gordon Johnston.

Most of these soldiers in the WWII film footage being shown were from the 28th Infantry Division under the command of General Omar Bradley, who billeted at the Lodge.

Other photographs show Amphibians from the camp relaxing at the lodge grounds as well as young ladies from The Florida State college for Women playing outdoor activities in bathing suits (one piece) while being watched, from a distance, by young men from the camp.

It is anticipated that this event will further educate the visitors of the scope and importance of Camp Gordon Johnston during the war.

**Events Calendar for October/November**

**September 26th:** National Museum Day Sponsored by the Smithsonian Magazine. 10-4 at CGJ WWII Museum. Free finger food, live music, all vehicles on display.

**October 1st:** CGJA Board meets at Museum, 1 P.M.

**October 31st:** Movie at the Museum: “When Trumpets Fade” 28th division at Hurtgen forest.

**November 11th:** Veterans Day remembrance. Museum will be open on this national holiday.

**November 11th:** At 11 A.M., when the guns were silenced during WWI and flags were lowered and raised, the drawing for the 03” Springfield rifle will be held at Talon Range in Midway, FL

**November 11th:** CGJ Display set up at Wakulla Springs, Florida Lodge.

**November 13-14:** Silent Auction and Golf Tournament at Port St. Joe, Florida

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