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Camp Gordon Johnston Days 2016

The Camp Gordon Johnston Association

Welcome to the 2016 Camp Gordon Johnston Days, March 11-12, 2016

As Mayor of Carrabelle, Florida I would like to invite all veterans and their families and everyone, young and old alike, to the 2016 Camp Gordon Johnston Days Reunion and Celebration. . You must visit the Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum to take a walk in the past and discover the WWII History that took place right here in our local community. Also while in Carrabelle you can visit the Carrabelle History Museum, climb the Crooked River Lighthouse, enjoy the Carrabelle Riverwalk, fish from any of the several public piers, take a drive along the Big Bend Scenic Byway, walk our pet-friendly sandy beaches, and even bring your kayak to enjoy our picturesque river vistas. Please come and experience all that beautiful Carrabelle has to offer while attending the 2016 Camp Gordon Johnston Days.

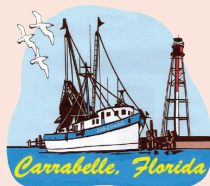
Sincerely, Brenda La Paz, Mayor

The Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce welcomes everyone to the 2016 Camp Gordon Johnston Days celebration. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy good food, fun, and to honor all our veterans, family, friends, and supporters. The community and our visitors look forward every year to this weekend Celebration, especially the parade! See you there.

*Lisa Munson,
Executive Director*

Parade Line-up, Vendors, returning WWII Veterans and veteran organizations have grown larger for the 21st annual Camp Gordon Johnston Days event!

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You can still register for Camp Gordon Johnston Days Event

There is still time to register your group or organization or yourself individually to join in the 2016 Camp Gordon Johnston Days Celebration parade. We have a great line-up of vintage military vehicles, marching groups, civic organizations, patriot guards, veterans ranging from WWII to present, public officials, law enforcement and more. All showing their patriotic pride in America and its veterans.

We have a wider group of vendors this year, in addition to the Military Vehicle Preservation Association there will be local restaurants featuring their specialties, veteran organizations both state and federal listing the services and opportunities available to veterans. Also vendors offering, for sale, military souvenirs ranging from patches, shirts, uniforms and items found in the area of the old camp such as bottles, insignias, civic and church groups will also be in attendance with bakery items and refreshments to offer.

As we did last year, vendors will be arrayed in front of Gulf Unmanned Systems on HWY 98 in the center of Carrabelle.

Ya'll come and visit the "friendliest small town in Florida!"

Item of interest:

*Did you know that HWY 98 is designated as the "Florida Historic Military Trail" by the State of Florida. This is because of the number of Military Installations in its vicinity during and after WWII? Also, **Camp Gordon Johnston** which was the largest Amphibious Training Center in the South.*



February 15th Wind Storm Damages Museum's Higgins Boat

An exceptionally strong storm came through Carrabelle on the night of Monday, February 15th. There was substantial damage in the area with downed trees and heavy rain downpours. The Museum's replica Higgins Boat was lifted off its rails and flipped over keel up, causing damage to the hull.

The next morning, a crew from Ace Hardware, along with Martin Benbaruch and Michael Horvath, lifted the craft back onto the rails and transported on a trailer back to the Gulf Unmanned warehouse for repairs.

When next moved it will be to the Museum permanent location on HWY 98 and will be properly tied down.





First Florida Division **Military Vehicle Preservation Association**



ESTABLISHED IN 1976, THE NON-PROFIT MVPA IS DEDICATED TO PROVIDING AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MILITARY VEHICLE ENTHUSIASTS, HISTORIANS, PRESERVATIONISTS AND COLLECTORS INTERESTED IN THE ACQUISITION, RESTORATION, PRESERVATION, SAFE OPERATION AND PUBLIC EDUCATION OF HISTORIC MILITARY TRANSPORT.

Helicopter restoration proceeding at Lively Airframe



Kevin Vislocky, pictured above stands beside the restored airframe of the OH-6 helicopter destined to be loaned as a static display at the Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum in Carrabelle, Florida. At right are the students at Lively Tech Aviation School tasked with the restoration project. A proposed completion date has yet to be determined. Mr. Vislocky bought the helicopter to be restored and displayed.

Upcoming 1st Florida MVPA Events

The MVPA has the following area events occurring which would be nice to publish if you have available space in the Amphibian. Greatly appreciate your help. I can be used as the contact person.

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21st Annual Camp Gordon Johnston Days (Swap and Parade) Carrabelle, Florida

Friday March 11 and Saturday March 12

(Vendors can set up Friday March 11 and Saturday March 12th. Parade at 10:45, Saturday March 12th)

2016 Springtime Tallahassee Parade (Tallahassee, Florida)

Saturday, April 2nd, 2016

10:30 a.m.

Application Fee Paid for By Military Machines of American Freedom

Florida Forest Festival Parade (Perry, Florida)

Saturday, October 22nd, 2016

10:00 a.m.