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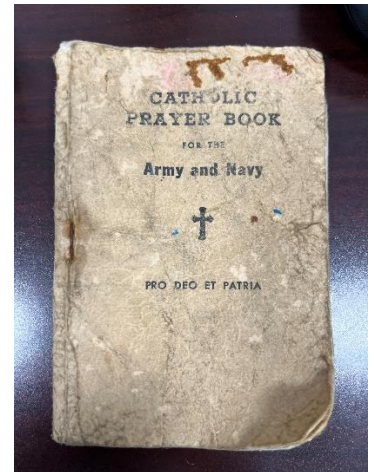
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The AMPHIBIAN Feb 2023

This has been a busy time at the Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum! As of this writing the museum has hosted over 600 visitors so far for the month of February! The Board of Directors welcomes two new members, Wanda Sumpter of Crawfordville and Mike Weiksner of St. George Island! We have begun the construction of our new M.P Guard Shack replica, an accurate (if not more sturdy) copy of the guard shacks that were originally located at the boundary of Camp Gordon Johnston. This will serve to define our parking lot during times the Museum is closed and make us more visible from Hwy 98. We have been featured by WMBB Channel 13 of Panama City and we took our museum road show to the Carrabelle Culture Crawl.

Featured artifact: Prayer Book belonging to PVT Albert John Lhota, of Pittsburgh PA, Battery C, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines, 5th Marine Division. WIA on Feb 19, 1945 at Iwo Jima, D Day. 31 Jan 1925 - 23 Mar 2002. Members of the Marine Corps did not train at Camp Gordon Johnston, but we try to honor their service in WWII. Did you know that almost all Marines served in the Pacific Theater?

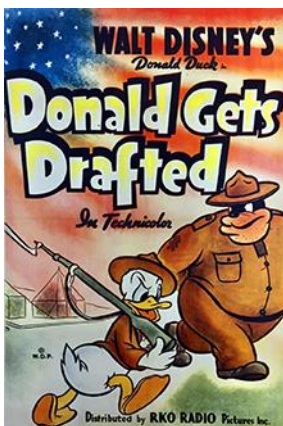


Soldier of the month: CPL Martin McCray, Baltimore MD, of the 818th Amphibious Truck Company.

The 818th trained at CGJ from September 1943 to March 1944 and participated in the Normandy Landings, Utah Beach, June 6, 1944.

Sep 4, 1919 - Jun 19, 2006

McCray's DUKW is on display at Dezerland in Orlando FL.



The Museum had 390 visitors in January!

Monthly Exhibit: In the month of February, we commemorated African-Americans in service in an exhibit that explained the history of segregation in the US Military in WWII. In March, we will feature canine service members and will showcase the work that cartoonists performed in documenting the life of soldiers in the field, preparing training films for the military, and developing public messaging and propaganda for the public at home. Works from Walt Disney, Charles Schultz, Bill Maudlin, and others will be featured. Exhibit opens Feb 28th.

Upcoming Events:

- March 11, 2023: Camp Gordon Johnston Days Parade and Dice Run
- March 25, 2023: History Fest, Tallahassee
- April 8, 2023: Sopchoppy Worm Grunting Festival

