



# CAMP GORDON JOHNSTON ASSOCIATION INC.

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## The AMPHIBIAN Mar 2023

The month of March is always an important time at the Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum! Due to travel schedule this newsletter is just squeaking by at the end of March. As of today, we have had 700 visitors for the month! Our annual Camp Gordon Johnston Days Celebration included our traditional Veteran's Parade, with Grand Marshall Bob Dietz (who is also an emeritus member of the Board of Directors) our Dice Run, which attracted over 100 participants, and many visitors to the Museum. Thanks goes out to the American Legion Post 82 for hosting veterans on March 10<sup>th</sup> for the traditional Low Country Boil and the Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce, who coordinated the activities before, during and after the parade in Downtown Carrabelle! We also want to thank our local businesses who sponsored these events and who donated wonderful door prizes for the dice run

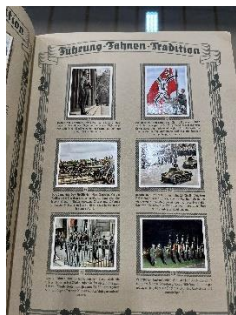


**Monthly Exhibit:** Our exhibit for April will be about the Holocaust. This sobering exhibit will include examples of artifacts from Germany's SS and Reichsbaun, as well as documents related to the notorious Nuremberg Laws. Exhibit opens April 4.

Looking ahead: The May Exhibit is Operation Husky

### Soldier of the month:

Albert Rittenhouse (7 May 1923-31 Mar 1994) of Pennsylvania was working with the CCC in Montana when he enlisted in the US Army. He did his basic training at Camp Edwards, MA, and was assigned to the 339<sup>th</sup> Harbor Craft Company which trained at CGJ. He participated in the invasion of Southern France. (photo courtesy of Linda Hagerty Walker)



**Featured artifact:** This complete album of collectable cigarette cards was brought back from Germany by CPL John M. King of the 508<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry. Smoking was frowned upon by the Nazi party, but they could not resist the propaganda value of such cards, and they were issued and traded throughout Germany during the third Reich. This artifact was finally given a permanent location in our exhibits

### Upcoming Events:

April 8 2023: Sopchoppy Worm Grunting Festival  
April 22 2023: Carrabelle Riverfront Festival

