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## The AMPHIBIAN Nov 2023

November is the beginning of the holiday season, and when celebrate the service of Native Americans during National Native American Heritage month. The Forgotten Coast is transitioning from the fall season to winter, and it shows in the shorter days and cooler temperatures, as well as the end to Hurricane Season on Nov 30<sup>th</sup>. The Museum had 250 visitors in November!



**Serviceman of the Month:** Col. Ralph P. Jenkins of Seattle WA May 14, 1919- May 10, 2017 Jenkins trained at Dale Mabry Field in Tallahassee. His first duty was flight commander, a position he held when the 405th Fighter Group arrived in England to serve in the European Theater. Ralph then became squadron commander, remaining in that position until war's end. He flew a total of 129 missions. A RC model of his P47-D fighter plane, the "Tallahassee Lassie", is on display at the Museum.

### Artifact of the Month: Commemorative Plate

After the December 7, 1941, bombing of the military base at Pearl Harbor, Americans rallied around the war effort with the patriotic cry, "Remember Pearl Harbor."

Thousands of buttons or lapel pins were distributed to remind Americans of the tragic event and to solidify the war efforts. (Smithsonian)



**This month's Exhibit:** The Attack on Pearl Harbor, and Christmas during WWII

**Coming up:** Jan 2-27: The 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in the Battle of Hürtgen Forest and the Battle of the Bulge  
Special exhibit developed with the help and support of the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Historian, Bob Babcock

**Did you know?** The Museum's beautiful location right on the waterfront makes it vulnerable to hurricane strikes. We have a hurricane plan just like other local residents and businesses to safeguard our collection and archives.

