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### The AMPHIBIAN Dec 2023

December on the forgotten coast is a busy time, with Christmas events and festivals bringing plenty of visitors to Carrabelle. The Museum put up its traditional exhibit commemorating the attack on Pearl Harbor and the entry of the United States in WWII. The Museum had 263 visitors who added us to their holiday plans.



**Serviceman of the Month:** PVT Pedro Cano of Edinberg TX (June 19, 1920 – Jun 24, 1952) was born in Nuevo Leon, Mexico and came to the US with his family at two months of age. Cano entered military service in 1943 and was assigned to the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. He participated in the Normandy Landings and fought at Hürtgen Forest where his actions and extraordinary courage were recognized with the Medal of Honor. He also was awarded the Purple Heart, two Bronze Stars. He worked for years to become an American Citizen and finally achieved this in 1946.

#### Artifact of the Month: Sammy Rhea's Flag.

We have many flags but this one was probably the first captured by ground forces in Germany. Sammy Rhea of the 377<sup>th</sup> AAA (AW) Bn of the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division crossed the Sigfried Line on September 13, 1944, near St. Vith, Belgium and brought this flag back.



#### This month's Exhibit:

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

**In Feb:** Commemorating the service of African American Troops at CGJ

**Did you know?** The Camp Gordon Johnston Museum is located west of town on property that was NOT part of the main base at Camp Gordon Johnston. However, we are right across the beach where some of the training took place!

