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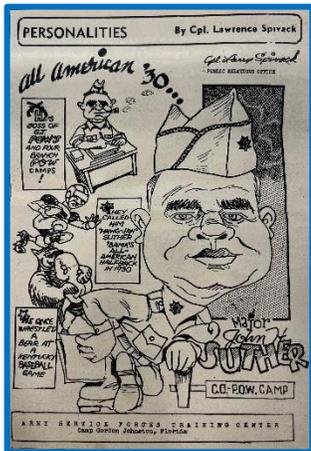
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February is a lovely time to be on the Forgotten Coast of Florida! It is the unofficial start of Festival Season, and almost every weekend there is a themed festival, many of which we try to attend. Taking the museum on the road is a fantastic way to introduce this history to the area, and to get young people excited about learning. The Museum had 412 visitors in February.

Service(dog) of the Month: Smoky, (1943-1957), a Yorkshire Terrier found by Pvt. William Wynne in New Guinea. Smoky went on to serve as a dog of war and as a therapy dog on arrival in the US. Smoky lived in foxholes with her master, was carried in battle, and even saved men from exposing themselves to gunfire in Luzon by running a signal corps wire through a culvert!



Artifact of the Month: A cartoon by artist Larry Spivak which was featured in the Camp Gordon Johnston newspaper *The Amphibian*.

Mr. Spivak was an artist that served on the newspaper staff from 1943 until the closure of the camp in 1946.

We are trying to learn more about the talented Mr. Spivak.

This month's Exhibit: Celebrating the service of African Americans in both WWI and WWII

March Exhibit (Mar 2-30): *Cartoonists and Canines in Wartime*. One of our more popular repeating exhibits, we showcase both Dogs of War and the works of Bill Mauldin, Dr. Seuss, the Warner Brothers and Walt Disney as well as the cartoonists that contributed to camp newspapers and military publications.

Coming in April: *The Holocaust*



Did you know? You can still see evidence of the camp in the forests of Tate's Hell. It is subtle, but the Forestry Service can identify the signs of Camp Activities.

