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To All Concerned,

The PTF-3 Restoration Project has been stalled by action of the Deland Naval Air Station Museum board. I am writing to express how appalled I am by the shameful behavior displayed, and associated action taken, by the board. This is an abominable act, and more that an expression of disrespect toward the many people involved in this project. It reeks of arrogance, aggression, and ignorance, all signs of a lack of sensible leadership and judgment.

The Boy Scouts of America have a long-standing and respected program geared toward teaching of self-sufficiency, leadership, and respect, among other worthy values, to our nation's youth. Much of this program is founded on "leadership by example", a model emulated by many similar organizations around the world. The action taken by the DNAS museum board is contrary in the extreme, and blatantly ignorant of the qualities of leadership expected of persons in positions such as those held by the DNAS board. Poor leadership, and judgment indeed, by any DNAS board member claiming to have been, or currently involved with the Boy Scouts should re-examine their own values and reflect on how poorly their actions represent the DNAS museum organization.

Further, after having approved the presence and activity of the PTF3 Restoration Project aboard the DNAS grounds, and having set a positive initial precedent by providing space and utilities to directly support the project, the DNAS board should seriously re-evaluate their action with regard to the immensely negative message it sends, and ultimately, the negative effect it may have on the long-term existence of its own institution, the Deland Naval Air Station Museum itself.

The cause of the PTF-3 Restoration Project is more than "worthy". It goes beyond the simple recall of an historic event. It is NOT a simple static display of a remnant of military conflict. It is more than a vehicle serving reminiscence of military veterans:

- It honors those who served aboard her.
- It serves as a tangible platform for teaching.
- It will serve numerous peacetime educational activities.
- Its purposes and uses are multiple.
- It is facilitated by one of the most respected organizations in the world, The Boy Scouts of America.
- It has already earned the respect and support of highly recognized organizations in the State of Florida and beyond.

The DNAS museum board should reconsider what it was established for, what it

stands for today, the example it sets, the relationships it establishes with similar groups in the community, and most importantly, whether its current leadership is capable of upholding the responsibilities it assumed when the DNAS Museum was established.