



Press Release

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DeLand, Florida

The DeLand Naval Air Station Museum has been returned to the hands of the duly and lawfully elected Officers and Board of Directors of the Museum. Locks on the Museum Building and gates have been changed. The Museum will re-open for normal hours of visitation 26 January 2008.

Read Pete Webster's account of the DNASM Annual Membership Meeting to see what precipitated today's re-taking of the Museum.

The legally elected Board of Directors and Officers of DNASM proceeded to the Museum property today accompanied by a DeLand Police Department sworn Officer. The Officer's job was to keep the peace.

Filing and distribution of appropriate documents with the State of Florida and City of DeLand had been accomplished prior to today's event. These are all legal documents in accordance with local, State and Federal laws.

The duly elected DNAS Officers arrived at the Museum property at 1200 accompanied by several concerned DNAS Members who were keenly interested in the outcome.

The Museum Docent was informed as to what was about to occur. He immediately called the illegally appointed Executive Director and informed him as to what was happening. The former ED told the Docent to call the Police and have us arrested. When the former ED was informed that there was not 1 Policeman but 2 on the property, the former ED demanded that he speak with one of the Officers. When the Officer answered the phone, the former ED went into a tirade, shouting and cursing at the Officer and after a very short time the Officer terminated the phone connection and made a comment that he did not have to listen to the verbal garbage being spewed by the former ED

From there on designated personnel (Members of DNASM) set about the tasks of changing locks and generally policing the grounds. We departed without further incident at 1300.

Later on in the afternoon, Bob McCray, Project Manager of PTF 3, was contacted by one of the ILLEGALLY self-appointed Board Members to inform McCray that DNASM was having a Fund Raiser by selling sandwiches and soft drinks at a regularly scheduled automobile event held at the Deland Airport on Sunday and that the 2 groups could work together and share the raised funds equally. McCray informed the individual that PTF 3 Crew would not be interested this time or any other time and hung up.

Still later in the evening, after dark, this same self-appointed Board Member was on Museum property and telephoned DeLand PD in an attempt to gain entrance to the building and grounds. Duly and Lawfully elected DNASM President Pete Lowenstein and 2 Members who live nearby were contacted and proceeded to the Museum with the appropriate

documents. When the documents were displayed to the Officers and were determined to be bona fide, it was determined by the Officers that the document presented to them, obtained this day from the SunBiz site by the illegal Board Member, was also true and correct in the fact that the document had the names of the legally and duly elected Officers from the 14 January Meeting which were filed with the State of Florida on 16 January, 2008 as part of the legal process for Florida Corporations. Apparently our hero did not read the document prior to presenting it to the Officers. OOPS. At this juncture, our hero who had attempted illegal access to the building on a pretext, made his departure.

As to the future

We, the Crew of PTF 3, are extremely delighted to see the legally elected Officers and Board of Directors take their positions and we are indeed proud to have been of assistance. We are very much looking forward to getting back to work on our Boat without legal distractions concocted by a group of miscreants. The DNASM folks will once again be able to focus on displaying memorabilia from ALL conflicts on the property, complete restoration of their TBF and properly maintain their F-14 and other artifacts. We stand ready to help them and they us in both of our endeavors.

Suffice it to say that the aforementioned miscreants have a plethora of legal issues with which they will have to contend in the very near future.

Submitted by Boats,
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PTF 3 Restoration Crew