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Restoration Project

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PROGRESS

FLORIDA GOVERNOR JEB BUSHED HAS SIGNED THE STATE BUDGET MAKING FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAMS, PTF 3 WILL RECEIVE FUNDS AFTER START OF THE FISCAL YEAR, 1 JULY 2006. ALISSA SLADE WITH HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANTS STATED THAT WE SHOULD RECEIVE FUNDS FOR THE PTF 3 RESTORATION PROJECT BETWEEN 1 JULY AND 1 AUGUST. LETTERS OF COMMITMENT AND RELATED PAPERWORK WILL BE SIGNED IN THE COMING WEEKS, THE TOTAL GRANT IS FOR \$ 350,000.00.

ONE OF OUR STAFF, JACK WAPLES WILL BE TAKING ON THE RESPONSIBILITY OF KEEPING THE BOOKS UP TO DATE AND KEEPING US ON TRACK AND WITHIN STATE GUIDELINES. MR. WAPLES HAS EXPERIENCE WITH STATE GRANT FUNDING THROUGH THE CITY OF DELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT. OUR BOOKS HAVE TO BE MAINTAINED IN SUCH A MANNER SO THAT THEY CAN BE INSPECTED AND AUDITED AT ANYTIME BY STATE OFFICIALS. WHEN THE GRANT IS OFFICIAL, WE CAN APPLY FOR MATCHING FUND GRANTS FROM FEDERAL AND CORPORATE SOURCES, MOST GRANTS THAT ARE AVAILABLE FOR PRESERVATION REQUIRE THAT YOU HAVE MONEY IN THE BANK IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR THEIR GRANTS, IT IS A CATCH 22, YOU HAVE TO HAVE MONEY BEFORE YOU CAN ASK FOR MONEY.

THE CITY OF DELAND HAS BEGUN MOVING LOADS OF DIRT TO THE NEW WORK SITE TO LEVEL AND REGRADE . WE ARE TRYING TO LOCATE A COUPLE OF OLD QUONSET HUTS TO USE AS WORK SHOPS AND AS A TEMPORARY MUSEUM AND BUILD A SHED TO GO OVER THE BOAT HULL TO PROTECT IT FROM THE WEATHER DURING THE REPLANKING OF THE HULL. WE HOPE TO WORK OUT A PLAN WITH THE CITY OF DELAND TO KEEP THE SITE AFTER THE BOAT IS LAUNCHED FOR USE AS A SEA SCOUT TRAINING CENTER.

COLUMNIST DAVID BARRY IS WRITING A BOOK ON THE TONKIN GULF INCIDENT AND IS IN NEED OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE PTF BOATS AND HOW THEY OPERATED THROUGH OUT THE WAR. I BELIEVE THAT DAVID BARRY IS TRYING TO CREATE A SERIOUS PIECE OF WORK THAT WILL SHED LIGHT ON THE PTF BOAT OPERATIONS. HE CAN BE REACHED AT HIS E MAIL davidsbarry@earthlink.net .

NAVAL ARCHITECT AND PTF VETERAN, JOE LOMBARDI IS WORKING ON THE PTF 3 DESIGN DRAWINGS. WE HAVE TO UPDATE THE BOAT TO MODERN STANDARDS TO DECLARE THE BOAT SEA WORTHY AND CAPABLE OF CARRYING PASSENGERS AND CREW. JOE SERVED AS NAVAL ARCHITECT ON THE U-BOAT 505 AND THE U.S.S. SULLIVANS AND WE GREATLY APPRECIATE HIS ASSISTANCE WITH THE PROJECT.

LOOKING AHEAD

WE WILL BE HOSTING A VIST BY A MODEL BUILDING CLUB BASED OUT OF SOUTH DAYTONA BEACH IN JUNE, THE CLUB HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN BUILDING A COUPLE OF TABLE TOP MODELS OF THE PTF BOATS.

HISTORICAL

WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BUILDING A HISTORICAL RECORD OF THE BOAT AND WE ARE SEEKING PHOTOS OF THE BOAT OR OF THE FIRST SERIES OF NASTY CLASS BOATS # 3 – 8 THAT HAVE THE EARLY BELOW DECK CONFIGURATION. THIS WILL ASSIST IN RECREATING FEATURES OF THE BOAT THAT WILL BE HISTORICALLY ACCURATE. WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR ANY HISTORICAL ITEMS RELATED TO THE BOAT, THEY WILL BE COME PART OF THE MUSEUM FOR THE BOAT.

MONEY TREE

GERRY (BOATS) MILLHOLEN IS THE HEAD OF THE FUND RAISING EFFORT AND CAN BE REACHED AT PHONE 407/ 402-0190 AND AT E MAIL: fl1husker@695online.com OR I CAN BE REACHED AT 800/ 694-7161 AND AT E MAIL: redbarn2@earthlink.net .

DONATION CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO THE **PTF 3 FUND** AND MAILED TO

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IF ANYONE HAS A LINE ON A GRANT PROGRAM, WE FALL UNDER MUSEUMS, YOUTH PROGRAM AND YOUTH EDUCATION. I NEED PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACTS.

_FOR ANY PARTY WISHING TO DONATE, PTF 3 RESTORATION PROJECT IS A FLORIDA NON-PROFIT 501 C3 ORGANIZATION, DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTABLE.

TOOLS – TALK TO HARDWARE STORES, WE NEED BELT SANDERS, COMPOUND POWER MITERS, HEAVY ROUTERS, 4 ½ INCH RIGHT ANGLE GRINDERS, ½ INCH DRILLS AND BITS, A SOURCE FOR FIBERGLASS AND RESIN, AND CLEAR PENETRATING EPOXY SYSTEM (CPES).

ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL INFORMATION AND CURRENT PHOTOS OF RECENT EFFORTS CAN BE FOUND AT www.ptfnasty.com

FEEDBACK - PLEASE SEND SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS TO BOB MCCRAY AT redbarn2@earthlink.net

SINCERELY,



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