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Restoration Project

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PROGRESS

THE GARAGE SALE AND GRILL WAS A SUCCESS, EXCELLENT FOOD AND ENTERTAINMENT, WE WANT TO THANK ALL WHO PARTICIPATED, VOLUNTEERS SPENT MANY HOURS IN THE DAYS LEADING UP TO THE SHOW PREPARING THE SITE AND SETTING UP EQUIPMENT. THE SCOUTS WERE PROPERLY ATTIRED IN UTILITY AND DRESS BLUE UNIFORMS AND WERE ON THEIR BEST BEHAVIOR, REPRESENTING THE RESTORATION PROJECT TO THE VISITING PUBLIC.

FLORIDA STATE SENATOR BURT SAUNDERS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FLORIDA VETERANS AFFAIRS - CHARLIE PRICE WERE ON HAND TO MEET WITH THE RESTORATION CREW, AND VETERAN CREWMEMBERS DON GROENEWALD AND BILL MOREO. SENATOR BURT SAUNDERS AND CHARLIE PRICE HAVE BEEN HEAVILY INVOLVED IN OUR EFFORT TO SECURE STATE GRANTS FOR PTF 3 AND THIS WAS THEIR FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK OVER THE WORK THAT HAS GONE INTO RESTORING THE BOAT.

DON GROENEWALD, SERVED AS A GUNNERS MATE ON PTF 3 FROM FEBRUARY 1963 AT THE PHILADELPHIA NAVY YARD THROUGH HER SEA TRIALS AT LITTLE CREEK, VA. THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME HE HAD SEEN THE BOAT IN 43 YEARS AND HE WASTED NO TIME GETTING UP THE LADDER TO THE BRIDGE. THERE HE RECOUNTED HIS TIME THAT HE SPENT ABOARD THE BOAT TO FLORIDA SENATOR BURT SAUNDERS AND RESTORATION CREWMEMBERS. DON PRESENTED TO US A SHOULDER TAB MARKED 'U.S.S. PTF 3' THAT HE HAD WORN ON HIS DRESS BLUE UNIFORM IN 1963, WE WILL MAKE COPIES OF THIS SHOULDER TAB FOR THE SEA SCOUT UNIFORMS.

MASTER CHIEF BILL MOREO SERVED ABOARD PTF 3 IN 1965-66 AS MACHINIST MATE AND WAS INVOLVED IN THE PARADISE ISLAND OPERATION OF CAPTURING NORTH VIETNAMESE TO REINDOCTRINATED AND LATER RETURNED TO NORTH VIETNAM AS PART OF THE COVERT PROGRAM TO KEEP NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS BUSY LOOKING FOR A COUNTER INSERGENCY UNIT.

LLOYD MARCUS AND COMPANY PROVIDED THE ENTERTAINMENT TO OUR VISITORS, A RENDITION OF PATRIOTIC SONGS AND RECOGNITION FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE U.S. ARMED FORCES WAS THE THEME OF THE SHOW. A SHORT HISTORY OF PTF 3 WAS PRESENTED TO THE CROWD WITH INTRODUCTIONS OF THE FORMER CREWMEMBERS WHO HAD SERVED ABOARD PTF 3. THOSE WHO HAVE WORKED ON THE RESTORATION PROJECT OF THE BOAT WERE ALSO RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR EFFORTS AND THE MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE WHO HAVE ASSISTED IN THE PRESERVATION OF THIS HISTORIC VESSEL WERE THANKED FOR ALL OF THEIR HARD WORK. OUR 'CHEF' PAUL MCCRAY AND SCOUTS COOKED UP BBQ PORK AND CHICKEN WITH ALL OF THE FIX'N, FOR EVERYONE TO CHOW DOWN ON, THERE WASN'T MUCH LEFT, THEY ALL CAME HUNGRY AND LEFT STUFFED.

SHIPWRIGHT BOB JUNKINS AND AL SCHWIEZER HAD THE NEW COMPLETED BULLNOSE AND NEARLY COMPLETED BOW STEM ON DISPLAY AT THE GARAGE SALE AND GRILL. BOTH PIECES ARE MADE UP OF LAMINATED LAYERS OF OAK AND THEN SHAPED TO REPLICATED THE ORIGINAL PIECES AND ARE FURNITURE QUALITY IN WORKMANSHIP.

IN SOME OF THE PHOTOS YOU WILL SEE THAT THE BRIDGE IS RECEIVING ADDITIONAL SURFACE WORK, WE HAD SHOT THE LAST COAT OF PRIMER A FEW WEEKS AGO AND WERE NOT HAPPY WITH THE PORT SIDE OF THE BRIDGE. THE OTHER SURFACES OF THE BRIDGE HAVE THE PROPER FINISH AND ARE READY FOR US TO SHOOT THE OLIVE DRAB PAINT. IT WAS DECIDED TO RESURFACE THAT AREA ONE MORE TIME AND THEN SHOOT A FINAL COAT OF PRIMER. WE ARE NOT TRYING TO GIVE THE BRIDGE THE APPEARANCE THAT YOU SEE WITH A GEL-COAT MOLD FINSH, WE ARE REPLICATING THE ORIGINAL MAT FINSH. WE HAD HOPED TO HAVE THIS COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE GARAGE SALE AND GRILL, BUT WERE DELAYED BY COLD WEATHER AND RAIN. THESE ARE SOME OF THE PROBLEMS THAT YOU RUN INTO WORKING OUTSIDE.

LOOKING AHEAD

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE RESTORATION PROJECT HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND THE FLORIDA HISTORIC PRESERVATION DAY 2006. THIS IS A RECEPTION AT THE GOVERNOR'S CLUB IN TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA ON THE 28 MARCH 2006. WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO INVITED MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA HOUSE AND SENATE THAT HAVE ASSISTED WITH OUR PROJECT TO THE EVENT. SECRETARY OF STATE SUE COBB WILL BE PRESENTING AWARDS, FOLLOWED BY A LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING SESSION WITH FLORIDA TRUST LOBBIST, MALINDA HORTON. THIS WILL GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT WITH MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND DISCUSS THE PROJECT.

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: f11husker@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

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