



Cecil Field POW★MIA MEMORIAL

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CECIL FIELD POW/MIA MEMORIAL

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Mission:

HONOR all Former Prisoners of War;
REMEMBER and NEVER FORGET those
Missing in Action Heroes and the Families
who seek their return.

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CHAPEL OF THE HIGH-SPEED PASS

The Chapel has a brand-new roof, new paint on the interior, new exterior signage, exterior lighting, refurbished front doors, and just recently received the historical landmark designation from the City of Jacksonville. Thanks to the *A-7 Corsair II & Viking Associations*, the *Naval Aviator & Naval Flight Officer Wings* have been placed onto the exterior of the Chapel once again. A

ceremony held on July 10, 2018 dedicated the wings with over 200 people in attendance! Looking ahead to 2019, we will have the new carpet and pews installed in the 1st quarter. The *Rotary Foundation* and *Rotary District 6970* awarded a grant to purchase a large number of pews! The Chapel is scheduled to be opened for weddings, funerals and military ceremonies in early 2019. To date, the achievements for this objective include:

- New roof
- Refurbished entry doors
- Interior Painting
- Historic landmark designation
- Naval Aviator and Naval Flight Officer wings (exterior)
- Chapel signage (exterior)
- Exterior Lighting



None of this would have been possible without contributions from individuals and developing connections through corporate sponsorships. Thank you to so many of you that have purchased pews and donated to return this Chapel back to its original glory!

The items remaining to get this chapel re-opened include:

- New A/C units
- New pews (on order) – pews are still available for purchase!
- New carpet (on order)
- Stained glass window repairs
- New sound system
- New podium

Please consider donating (via attached form or online at our website listed above) to
HELP US RE-OPEN THE CHAPEL!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We still need your help and have multiple ways you can support us. We have a Purchase-A-Brick campaign ongoing and are taking orders now. We anticipate placing our 1st brick order in the summer of 2019, so there is still time to order! We also have an online store that includes apparel and POW/MIA items, with the proceeds going to support our mission. Please visit our website at www.powmiamemorial.org for more details.





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ROAD NAME CHANGE

Thanks to the City of Jacksonville, City Council Members, Mayor Lenny Curry, and many others who helped make this happen, we have officially renamed the entire length of "New World Ave." to "POW-MIA Memorial Parkway". 19 Council members sponsored the Bill. This will serve as a constant reminder for commuters to NEVER FORGET our POW's and MIA's!



POW/MIA MUSEUM ***COMING SOON***



A museum will be established to honor ALL former Prisoners of War and those who are still Missing in Action and unaccounted for; to share their stories; to feature the history of the POW/MIA symbol; to display the history of Naval Air Station Cecil Field as a Master Jet Base; and to serve as a facility for the U.S. military family. This center and museum will be used to educate the public on the POW/MIA issue through exhibits, videos, artifacts and memorabilia.

Included in our City lease is the prior base theatre (Bldg. 333), a 5,000 square foot facility which will be used as an initial museum. We are currently seeking donated items from NAS Cecil Field, POW/MIA artifacts and stories to display as exhibits. Our goal is to have the museum opened for the public in 2019.

Multiple items have been donated to the museum that include: new flags, display cases, and the original NAS Cecil Field base seal. If you are interested in donating or loaning items for display, please contact us at (904) 303-8907, or powmiamemorial@gmail.com.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

We kicked off the year by hosting our Inaugural Golf Tournament on April 9, 2018 at the St. Johns Country Club in St. Augustine, Florida. The event was held on National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day. We raised over \$20k for this event, thanks to many sponsors and participants! We will hold the Golf Tournament annually, so be on the lookout!

The Veterans Council of Duval County held a fundraising event "A Gathering in the Pines" on September 22, 2018. We raised over \$4k through donations and merchandise sales. The Council, led by VVA Chapter 1046, donated and dedicated new flags for the museum.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 2019

RE-OPENING CEREMONY FOR "CHAPEL OF THE HIGH-SPEED PASS"

APRIL 9, 2019

2ND ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT (ST. JOHNS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB)

SEPTEMBER 21, 2019

2ND ANNUAL GATHERING IN THE PINES

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2019

JAX ILLUMINATIONS LIGHT SHOW



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PHASE I, MASTER PLAN

Prosser, Inc., a significant supporter of the project and the site planning and engineering, has provided the master site plan as shown below. This site plan brings the vision of the National Memorial and Museum to life with advanced technology, while keeping the history of NAS Cecil Field and the area.

Land preparation for Phase I of the project is expected to begin in early 2019. This first phase will focus on honoring those who gave their lives while serving at NAS Cecil Field from 1941-1999. There will be a Jet Display area, a replica of the Cecil Field runways, reflection areas, and a brick area known as Benefactor Plaza where the donor bricks will be located. There will be memorials for the different conflicts and campaigns the base was involved in from World War II to Operation Desert Shield and Storm, including the USS Forrestal (CVA-59) incident, to honor and remember the heroes lost on that day.

We are now qualified to accept property on loan that includes static displays from the NNAM (National Naval Aviation Museum) in Pensacola, FL. We have an A-7 Corsair BuNo 153150 on loan to us. We are in the planning stages of having it brought to Cecil for display in 2019.



THE NATIONAL POW/MIA MEMORIAL & MUSEUM at CECIL FIELD

The POW/MIA Memorial and Museum, along with the other major projects at Cecil Field, are a direct result of the renewed military presence. The facility is a symbol of the POW/MIA issue, and the memorial is an integral part of the site. The memorial is a symbol of the military's commitment to the families of the missing and the families of the fallen.

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NATIONAL DESIGNATION

A team has been assembled to work with our Senators, Representatives, and other organizations in Washington, D.C. on legislation to recognize this property as The National POW/MIA Memorial for the Nation. Our goal is to have this completed in 2019! If you would like more information or would like to become involved, please visit our website at www.powmiamemorial.org for updates or email us at powmiamemorial@gmail.com to request to be added to the email (or mail) distribution list for our upcoming newsletter!