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MILITARY SEA SERVICES MUSEUM, INC.



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John Cecil

A Message from the President

The Museum wishes all a wonderful day with blessings for each of you. School is back in session, so, be ever watchful of students and those big yellow buses. The visitor numbers at the museum are up and group visits have increased. Our curator has planned a diorama showing contributions, sacrifices and support of our Afro-American service members. There is at present, no date when the display will be complete, but it will be announced with ample time to adjust your schedule. It will be a moving display.

Museum Happenings



Tim Cannon, former CYN3, USN has stepped up and accepted the position of Vice President on the Board of Directors, at the Museum. It will be Tim's responsibility to assist our president John Cecil, with the everyday operations of the museum and stand ready to assist in museum events. When not volunteering as a Docent at the museum, Tim enjoys woodworking, and WWII military history particularly General George Patton, who exercised his steeds and practiced his horsemanship. in nearby Hamilton Ma., not far from Tim's boyhood home of Marblehead. One of Patton's tanks from WWII sits in Patton Park, Hamilton. Tim and his wife are long time/full time Florida residents. From all members of museum, we offer Tim a well-deserved, thanks you.

June 14th **Army Birthday & Flag Day**



Cake & Ice Cream Served



Visitors astride an army scout motorcycle.

The pictured Harley Davidson motorcycle, built in the United States, was driven around the world. Impossible says they. Au contraire says I. Stop in and have one of our expert Docent's explain how it was accomplished. An interesting saga.

June 18
Martial Arts



John Cecil, MSSM president, had the pleasure of greeting 28 students, ages 5 – 11, from the Universal Center of Natural Martial Arts, Sebring FL., on 2 July 2021. The students, accompanied by Sensei Stephen Weeks, were divided into several groups, and given tours of the museum. Volunteer Docents' included Mike Borders, Fred Carino and Sam Sowers. A conversation with Sensei Stephen indicated that the student conversations, for several days, revolved around the visit and the students' thoughts regarding same. If you have a larger group who would like to have a tour of the museum, call (863) 385-0992 for a date. Advance notice is required for large groups to ensure enough volunteers are available to conduct tours.

August 4
USCG Birthday



Immediately following the official cake cutting ceremony, MSSM Curator, Fred Carino gave an in-depth, historical presentation of the USCG. The Coast Guard is one of the oldest organizations of the federal government. Established in 1790, the Coast Guard served as the nation's only armed force on the sea until Congress launched the Navy Department eight years later. Since then, the Coast Guard has protected the United States throughout its long history and served proudly in every one of the nation's conflicts. The Coast Guard is both a federal law enforcement agency and a military force, and therefore is a faithful protector of the United States in peacetime and war. In times of peace, the Coast Guard operates as part of the Department of Homeland Security, enforcing the nation's laws at sea, protecting the marine environment, guarding the nation's vast coastline and ports, and performing vital lifesaving missions. In times of war, or at the direction of the President, the Coast Guard serves under the Department of the Navy, defending the nation against terrorism and foreign threats.

Awards Ceremony



Former Navy Lieutenant Delbert M. Smith USN was recently honored at the Military Officers Association of America gala dinner in Sun N Lakes. Fred Carino, Museum Curator, is pictured getting ready to pin a new Distinguished Flying Cross medal on Del's service dress blues. The medal is a replacement for the original which is mounted in a shadow box in his daughter Cathy's home in Montana. Del, who turns 100 on September 15, 2021, was awarded the DFC for sinking an Imperial Japanese destroyer in the Gulf of Davao in the southeastern Philippine's on 14 September 1944. This occurred while serving in the USS Hornet CV-12, flying SB-2C Helldiver with Bombing Group Two. From there Del transferred to USS Bougainville CV-100 and returned stateside, eventually transitioning to the F4U Corsair fighter/bomber. The war ended while he was in Hawaii awaiting his next carrier deployment to the far Pacific. Del married after the war and remained on active duty until 1950 when his wife was tragically killed as a pedestrian in a hit and run near Sanford FL. He raised his daughter alone for a while but could not remain in the Navy for a full career as a single parent. As a civilian, he worked for Seimens Corporation, remarried, and raised 3 children. He is an avid golfer, a resident of Sebring, and is the most senior member of the Military Sea Services Museum. A true American patriot.



SB-2C Helldiver



F4U Corsair

Distinguished Flying Cross



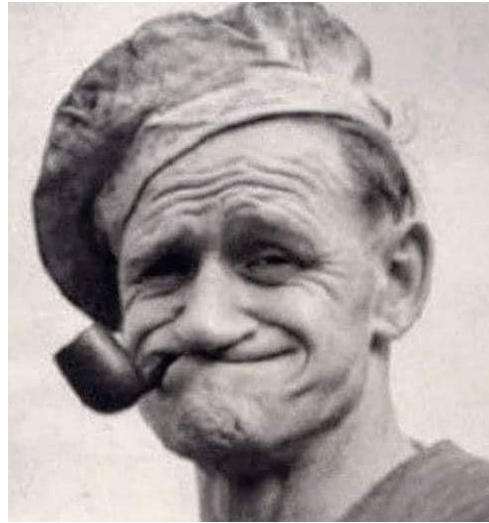
The Distinguished Flying Cross is a military decoration of the United States Armed Forces. The medal was established on July 2, 1926, and is currently awarded to any persons who, after April 6, 1917, distinguish themselves by single acts of heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight. Both heroism and extraordinary achievement are entirely distinctive, involving operations that are not routine. The medal may be awarded to friendly foreign military members in ranks equivalent to U.S. Pay Grade of O-6 and below, in actual combat in support operations. The first award of the Distinguished Flying Cross was made by President Calvin Coolidge on May 2, 1927, to ten aviators of the U.S. Army Air Corps who had participated in the Army Pan American Flight which took place from December 21, 1926, to May 2, 1927. Two of the airmen died in a mid-air collision trying to land at Buenos Aires on February 26, 1927 and received their awards posthumously. The award had only been authorized by Congress the previous year and no medals had yet been struck, so the Pan American airmen initially received only certificates. Among the ten airmen were Major Herbert Dargue, Captains Ira C. Eaker and Muir S. Fairchild, and 1st Lt. Ennis C. Whitehead.

Charles Lindbergh received the first presentation of the actual medal about a month later from Coolidge during the Washington, D.C., homecoming reception on June 11, 1927, from his trans-Atlantic flight. The medal had hurriedly been struck and readied just for that occasion. The 1927 War Department General Order (G.O. 8) authorizing Lindbergh's DFC states that it was awarded by the president, while the General Order (G.O. 6) for the Pan American Flyers' DFC citation notes that the War Department awarded it "by direction of the President." The first Distinguished Flying Cross to be awarded to a Naval aviator was received by Commander Richard E. Byrd, USN for his trans-Atlantic flight from June 29 to July 1, 1927, from New York City to the coast of France. Byrd and his pilot Machinist Floyd Bennett had already received the Medal of Honor for their historic flight to the North Pole on May 9, 1926.

Numerous recipients of the medal earned greater fame in other occupations; a number of astronauts, actors, and politicians have been Distinguished Flying Cross recipients, including President George H. W. Bush. DFC awards can be retroactive to cover notable achievements back to the beginning of World War I. On February 23, 1929, Congress passed special legislation to allow the award of the DFC to the Wright brothers for their December 17, 1903, flight. Other civilians who have received the award include Wiley Post, Jacqueline Cochran, Roscoe Turner, Amelia Earhart, Glenn H. Curtiss, and Eugene Ely. Eventually, it was limited to military personnel by an Executive Order. Amelia Earhart became the first woman to receive the DFC on July 29, 1932, when it was presented to her by Vice President Charles Curtis in Los Angeles for her solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean earlier that year.

The DFC is ranked #8 of the 69 Medals/Ribbons available to members of the U.S. Navy.

POPEYE the Sailor Man Really Existed !



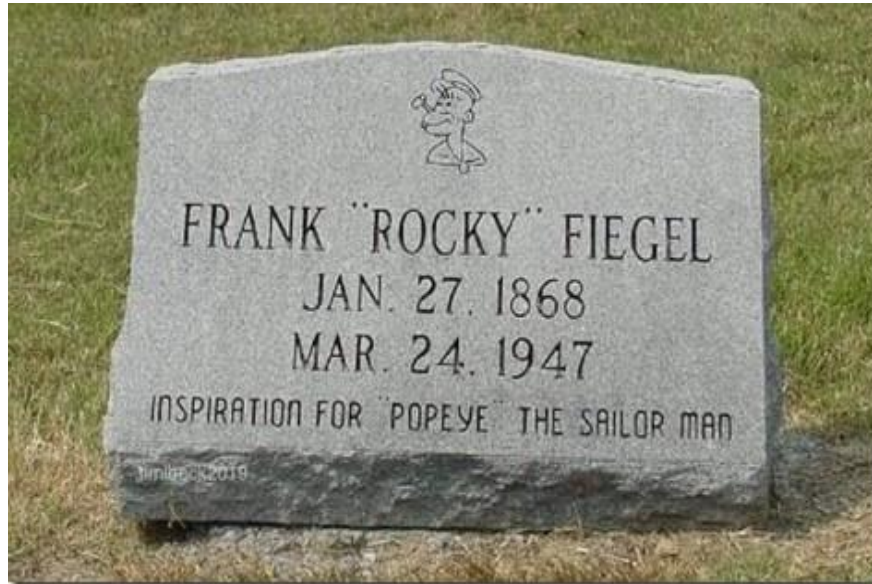
His real name was Frank “Rocky” Fiegel. He was born in 1868 in Poland and, as a child, immigrated to the United States with his parents, who settled down in a small town in Illinois. As a young man, Rocky went to sea. After a 20 year career as a sailor in the Merchant Marines, Fiegel retired. He was later hired by Wiebusch’s Tavern in the city of Chester, Illinois as a ‘Bouncer’ to maintain order in the rowdy bar.

Rocky quickly developed a reputation for always being involved in fighting (and usually winning). As a result, he had a deformed eye (“Pop-eye”). He also ‘always’ smoked his pipe, so he always spoke out of one side of his mouth. In his spare time as a Bouncer, Rocky would entertain the customers by regaling them with exciting stories of adventures he claimed to have had over his career as a sailor crossing the ‘Seven Seas.’

The creator of Popeye, Elzie Crisler Segar, grew up in Chester and, as a young man, met Rocky at the tavern and would sit for hours listening to the old sailor’s amazing ‘sea’ stories.’ Years later, Segar became a cartoonist and developed a comic strip called ‘Thimble Theater.’ He honored Fiegel by asking if he could model his new comic strip character, ‘Popeye the Sailor Man,’ after him. Naturally Fiegel was flattered and agreed.

Segar claimed that ‘Olive Oyl,’ along with other characters, was also loosely based on an actual person. She was Dora Paskel, owner of a small grocery store in Chester. She apparently actually looked much like the Olive Oyl character in his comics. He claimed she even dressed much the same way..

Through the years, Segar kept in touch with Rocky and always helped him with money; giving him a small percentage of what he earned from his 'Popeye' illustrations.



Who didn't love the cartoons??? We watched them religiously... so funny, so moral... each story had a good ending... wonder if kids these days even KNOW who Popeye is??? Who knew he was a real man????!

<https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/frank-rocky-fiegel-popeye/>



Bluto



Wimpy



Sweet Pea

Thanks Lou!

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MSSM Dinner						
<p>The original World Trade Center was a large complex of seven buildings in the Financial District of Lower Manhattan, New York City, United States. It opened on April 4, 1973, and was destroyed in 2001 during the September 11 attacks. At the time of their completion, the Twin Towers—the original 1 World Trade Center, at 1,368 feet, and 2 World Trade Center, at 1,362 feet—were the tallest buildings in the world.</p>						

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	 <p>USS Cole (DDG-67) Bombed by Al-Qaeda on 10/12/2000 17 KIA 39 WIA <i>Never Forget</i></p>  <p><i>Honor Them</i></p>		<p>The USS Cole bombing was a suicide attack by the terrorist group al Qaeda against USS Cole, a guided missile destroyer of the United States Navy, on 12 October 2000, while she was being refueled in Yemen's Aden harbor.</p>				

Un-quotable Quotes

Early to bed, early to rise, makes you healthy, wealthy and 1st in the shower.

I'm multitasking I can listen, ignore and forget at the same time.

Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day.

If you think nothing is impossible, try slamming a revolving door.

I have opinions of my own – strong opinions – but I don't always agree with them.

You should always go to other people's funerals, otherwise, they won't come to yours.

Doing nothing is hard, you never know when you're done.

Our enemies are innovative and resourceful, and so are we. They never stop thinking about new ways to harm our people and our country, and neither do we.

I'm going to open a new Facebook account named 'Anonymous' so all the cool quotes will be attributed to me.

Sleeping on my keyboard. If I answer, I'm talking in my sleep.

I did not trip and fall. I attacked the floor & I believe I'm winning.

Maybe if we tell people the brain is an app, they'll start using it.

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