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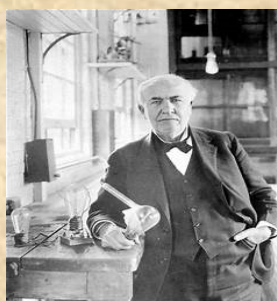
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022

9:00-10:00 AM

EDISON IN FLORIDA– One of the world’s greatest inventors, life in the Sunshine State



When Edison looked for a place to spend his winters in 1885, he chose Ft. Myers on the lower Southwest coast. His selection wasn't based on the weather or ease of access. It was based on practical reasons...reasons tied directly to his research projects. His selection had a major impact on those projects and an impact on the future of the area. Learn how SWF became a magnet for famous industrialists, financiers, and other famous individuals. Edison's unique personality and mind are important to understand what sparked his genius.

11:00-12:00 PM

FLORIDA HISTORIC PLACES AND MUSEUMS



Like to learn about Florida's history? Do it yourself with this program to help you! This presentation provides a way for the attendees to learn about or family can explore individually in three day adventures. Contact Florida's historic places... all 500 plus. The state is divided into five regions that a person information is provided along with some don't miss recommendations. The historic places are defined and information provided so individuals can select those venues in which they have the most interest.

1:00–2:00 PM

THE FLORIDA LEGACY OF JAKE SUMMERLIN-KING OF THE CATTLE BARONS



This presentation covers the life and times of the "King of the Crackers" Jake Summerlin. He was the most influential man in the state for the period that bridged from its last Spanish colonial days until the twilight of the 20th century. Summerlin pioneered and was the most prominent force in the cattle business which provided early Florida with the first plank in its economy. From fighting and negotiating with the Seminoles to settling family feuds to being a political "king maker" Jake was a man of many talents. He donated the state's first free public school, Orlando's first Court House and established the first international telegraph service. Summerlin was Florida's eighteen hundred's giant.

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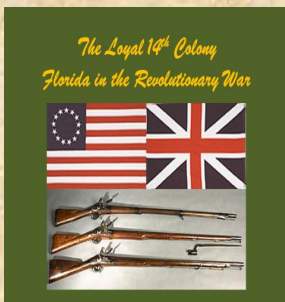
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022

9:00-10:00 AM

THE LOYAL 14TH COLONY – Florida in the Revolutionary War



When someone says, “The Revolutionary War!” did you think of Florida? This presentation covers the intrigues, chaos, and violence that Florida became in this period. Not many people know what happened in Florida, Britain’s 14th Colony during the war. It was the only colony to stay loyal to the Crown and its people paid dearly for their choice. During the Revolutionary War and thirty-five years after, were periods of bloody violence in the state that made Dodge City and Tombstone look like Quaker Sunday school picnics. This is the story of why this occurred.

11:00-12:00 PM

FLORIDA, THE FORGOTTEN YEARS



The years between the Civil War and WWII are hardly ever a part of major historical profiles of the state. It doesn't mean nothing was happening from 1865 until 1910. Battles between cattle barons replace battles with Indians. Diston drained the land and speculators destroyed Florida's reputation with crooked land deals. Hurricanes far more destructive and deadly than those heralded today stalked the land. Orange blossoms drenched the state's air with perfume and Edison perfected his light bulb here. This presentation covers forgotten events that affect us today.

1:00–2:00 PM

FLORIDA'S CONTRIBUTION TO WWII & WWII'S CONTRIBUTION TO FLORIDA



The presentation covers this little appreciated period of Florida's history. No event changed and shaped the Sunshine State as much as WWII. This explanation tells the where, what, when and how Florida's "military invasion" occurred. The D Day invasion force trained here as did the Doolittle raid. The story of how the least populated state east of the Mississippi, with a small economy and a bad "reputation" developed into today's modern prosperous state is fascinating. And ... did a lot to help win the war.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022

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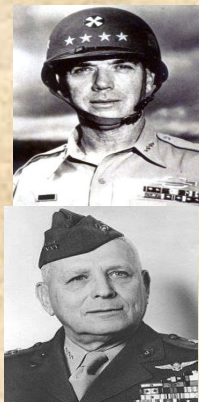
ABOVE AND BEYOND – TWO OF FLORIDA’S MEDAL OF HONOR WINNERS

Courage is where you find it...High in the skies over the Pacific...or...slogging in the muddy mountains of Italy.

Palm Beach graduate **Commander David McCampbell** was the US Navy’s most West famous “Ace” in the Pacific in WWII shooting down 34 Japanese planes and Commander of the Air Group on the carrier Essex. He set a record for shooting down 9 in one day.

James Henry Mills born near Mulberry Florida was often called the “Sargent York of WWII.” His single-handed exploits in a battle defy any movie writer’s duplication. When called to be decorated, his fear was he would be court-martialed for losing his rifle during the battle. His life of hardship is a sobering tale of how some of our bravest fare.

11:00-12:00 PM



HERE COME THE GENERALS – FLORIDA BOYS JAMES & ROY

General James Van Fleet commanded units in battle in the 1st and 2nd World Wars and in Korea. His career included being the head football coach at University of Florida. He commanded the 8th Infantry regiment on D-day at Utah beach....

Marine General Roy Stanley Geiger is best known as the only Marine General to command an army sized force in battle. That battle was one of the best known and famous for its ferocity, Okinawa. Few know he was the father of the Marine air arm during his 40 years of distinguished service.

1:00–2:00 PM



THE JACQUELINE COCHRAN STORY

This panhandle born girl rose from obscurity to be a giant in aviation and in business. Though not receiving the publicity that Amelia Earhart is accorded, she accomplished much, much more in a life filled with triumphs and heart break. At one point she held every woman’s aviation record, was instrumental in forming the WAAC (Woman’s Auxiliary Army Corps), the WASP (Woman’s Airforce Service Pilots), was an acclaimed test pilot, was the first woman pilot to break the sound barrier, and was the driving force in forming the first woman’s astronaut group.