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### The AMPHIBIAN Apr 2024

Here in North Florida, it is starting to feel like summer! Days are quite warm, and the beach is busy. April is also the time when things are rather quiet; snowbirds are headed home, but school is still in session. Mowing of the lot begins anew, and we must finalize our hurricane plans for the start of the 2024 Hurricane Season.

We had 420 visitors in the month of April.

#### Serviceman of the Month:

Danny Wambolt (Jan 22, 1918 - Mar 22, 2008)

A native of Massachusetts, Wambolt was in the HQ Company of the 534<sup>th</sup> Engineer Boat and Shore Regiment. Here he is at the training ground known as Harbison City at Camp Gordon Johnston in the winter of 1943-44.

Harbison City was used to train soldiers in urban warfare and commando tactics.



**Artifact of the Month:** Donated by Danny Wambolt, this pack of playing cards was issued to soldiers by the American Red Cross. It is currently on display in the Museum.

**This month's Exhibit:** (until Apr 27): Remembering the Holocaust

**April 30- Jun 1:** Battle of Okinawa. This was the last great battle of the Pacific War that set the stage for the invasion of Mainland Japan. before.

**Looking forward to June:** The 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the D Day Landings in Normandy

**Did you know?** There were 172 WWII facilities in Florida. The largest at 180,000 acres was Camp Blanding, which oversaw the training of nine Infantry Divisions and served as an enlistment center. At 165,000 acres, Camp Gordon Johnston was number two in size.

