

# History of Aviation in Florida

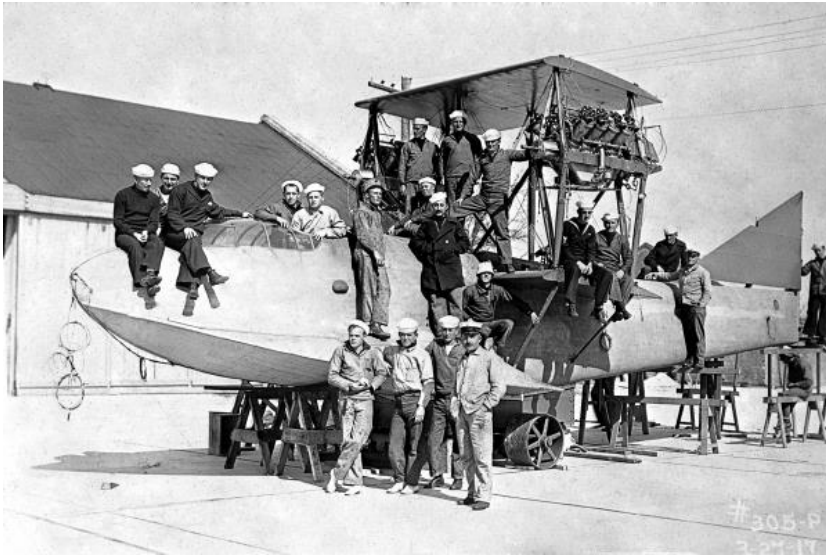
**Date/Time:** Saturday, April 8, 2023 @ 10:00 am

**Place:** Anderson-Price Building, 42 North Beach Street, Ormond Beach, FL 32174

**Presented By:** Stephen G. Craft

**Event Type:** In-Person

**Free Admission:** (Open to the Public)



This presentation will focus on the early development of aviation in Florida especially commercial airlines and military aviation in the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century before transitioning to discuss post-WWII rocket testing that laid a foundation for the space program of the 1950s and 1960s.

Stephen Craft was born and raised in Covington, Virginia. From 1987-1990, he attended Ohio University where he pursued an M.A. in History, with a focus on East Asian History and U.S.

History. In 1990, he began pursuing a Ph.D. in History at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where he focused on International History (European & US diplomatic history). From 1993-1998, Dr. Craft lived in Taiwan where he did dissertation research, and taught history and political science as well as English part-time at Tunghai University. In 1997, upon completion of the Ph.D., he taught for a year at Wen-Tsao University in Kaohsiung, Taiwan. In 1998-99, Dr. Craft taught East Asian history at Valparaiso University in northwest Indiana. Since January 2000, he has been a professor at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach and is a member of the Security Studies and International Affairs department. He is the author of three books including *Embry-Riddle at War: Aviation Training During World War II*.

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