

Early History of Naval Aviation

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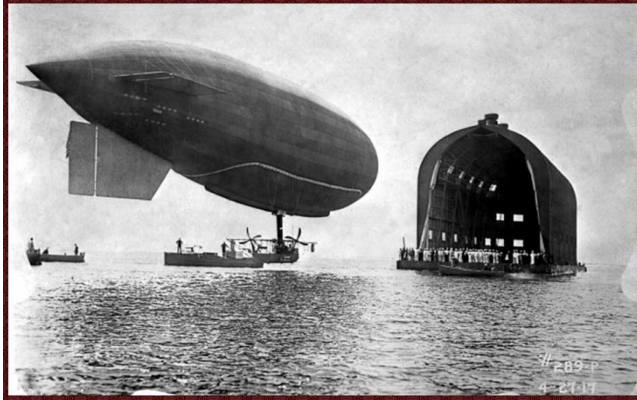
February 3, 2024 @ 10:00 am

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

Presented By: **Leo Murphy, Ph.D.**

Event Type: In-Person

Free Admission: (Open to the Public)



In January 1914, an old battleship and a sea-sworn collier arrived at the abandoned Pensacola Navy Yard in western Florida. Embarked were the entire US Navy Flying Corps and their fragile flying boats, and their mission was to establish the first Naval Air Station and advance the development of Naval aviation. Dr. Murphy's program will discuss the many mysteries, tragedies, adventures, and record-breaking achievements associated with the early history of Naval Aviation in Pensacola.

Leo Murphy, Ph.D. had a 30-year Naval aviation career which began with flying P-3 Orion's from NAS Barbers Point and ended with his final assignment as Director of the Aviation Training School at NAS Pensacola. Currently, he is a Professor of Aeronautical Science employed at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. In 2008 he was selected as the 23rd recipient of the prestigious Christa McAuliffe Award as the National Aerospace Teacher of the Year and he is

a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society. He is the author of four books on aviation history, including his most recent, the biography of a Tuskegee Airman, which was awarded the George Washington Honor Medal in formal recognition of its contributions to American history. He also authored and staged a play on the Battle of Midway and wrote and narrated a television documentary on the early history of Naval aviation.

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