

# Okaloosa County News Release

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**Photo cutlines: (site1)** Construction has begun on the site where a WWII ship's bell, named for Okaloosa County, will permanently acknowledge our U.S. Navy veterans and our part of that history – the USS Okaloosa APA 219 Attack Transport.

**(Bell construction photo)** Airport Senior Maintenance Tech Craig Purvis, discusses how the hidden lights will look like those on a ship – when you visit the USS Okaloosa ship bell site, you will feel as if you have stepped on a ship.

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## **Okaloosa's Latest National Treasure is the Topic on Talk Radio 1260 *Learn More About the USS Okaloosa Ship Bell Ceremony***

Project Manager Tracy Stage, Northwest Florida Regional Airports, will inform audiences about the celebrated USS Okaloosa Navy ship bell, soon to be dedicated at the airport. Tune into WFTW Talk Radio 1260 on Thursday, April 19, at 7 a.m. Call (850) 664-1260 with questions.

Learn about the WWII ship named after Okaloosa County, about discovery of the ship's bell in Alabama, its return to its namesake and how it will be celebrated on April 26, 2012, the same day the ship arrived off-shore in Okinawa in 1945.

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