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To assist Space Launch Delta 45 in preserving, protecting, promoting, and interpreting the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse and its historical significance to the Florida Space Coast, State of Florida, and our Nation

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Message from Our Foundation President



As summer winds down on the Space Coast, the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation is firing on all cylinders, and the progress we are making together is truly something to behold.

The cottage construction remains on time and on budget, and I cannot say enough about the outstanding work of Hal Row, Rocky Johnson, and the entire team at Kinley Construction. On the Education Building, framing, decking, windows, doors, roofing, exterior siding, and electrical rough-in are all complete. The front porch, ramps, and steps are nearly finished, and show and exhibit elements have been coordinated with

Becky Zingarelli and Ric Garwood. On the Replica Cottage, framing, interior partitions, stairs, roofing, siding, and windows are complete, with entry ramps nearing completion and electrical rough-in underway. Insulation work begins at both buildings imminently, and then it's on to drywall.

A special word of gratitude is owed to Becky, who has been working tirelessly alongside Hal and the Kinley team to ensure every detail is buttoned up before drywall installation begins. Becky, we are so grateful for everything you bring to this project, and we know you are eager to start outfitting these cottages. That day is coming soon. We remain optimistic for a ribbon-cutting this fall.

Our 4th Annual Christmas in July event was a tremendous success, and the credit goes to Jeanna Merrifield for her outstanding leadership, Laura Lee Walko for her invaluable support, and everyone who helped make the evening so memorable. Thank you to everyone who sold and bought tickets to insure we reached our fundraising goal.

Speaking of Laura Lee, she is already hard at work on our next event. On September 25th, join us for a private watch party of the Florida Road Trip Florida Lighthouse episode at the Sands Space History Center. This free event is expected to sell out, so reserve your seats now.

Finally, in late June we held our annual Strategy and Planning Meeting. I am deeply grateful to everyone who gave up a Saturday to help chart the Foundation's next chapter. Your investment of time speaks volumes about the dedication of this community.

The light is shining brighter than ever. Thank you for making it so.

Keep Shining,
Shane Smith
CCLF President

Museum Highlights

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It's thrilling to see the new cottages nearing completion. After years of imagining how these spaces could captivate and enrich our visitors, that vision is finally coming to life. The two-story Keeper's Cottage will be furnished with period antiques and will interpret the daily lives of the lighthouse keepers and their families at the turn of the 20th century. As the new Keeper's Cottage nears completion, we're preparing to furnish it with authentic pieces that will transport visitors back to the early 1900s. We've gathered many wonderful items already, but several key pieces are still missing — and this is where *you* can make a lasting impact. We are looking for items from **1900–1930** that are **plain, simple, and true to everyday coastal life**. Every donated item becomes part of the story we share with thousands of guests each year. You can see a [list of items we still need](#) here.

To contribute, please email photographs, dimensions, a brief description, and history of the item to museumdirector@canavarallight.org. All items must be donated outright (no loans, please). If selected, you will be asked to hold onto your item until the cottage is complete.



Thank you for helping us create an authentic space where visitors can step back in time and experience how the Keepers and their families lived. Your generosity preserves their legacy!



Did You Know?

The Cape Canaveral Lighthouse remains an active aid to navigation. Although the tower and grounds are owned by the U.S. Space Force, the light itself is maintained by the Coast Guard's Aids to Navigation Team at Ponce Inlet. The Coast Guard has overseen all U.S. lighthouses since 1939. In 1993, they removed our 1st Order Fresnel lens—damaged over time by rocket-launch vibrations—and installed a DCB-224 searchlight. When that unit's rotating mechanism failed in 2021, it was replaced with a dual Sealite-300 LED beacon designed for a ten-year service life. Despite operating reliably through the Blue Origin anomaly and well beyond, the LED recently failed and the lighthouse went dark for several weeks. The Coast Guard replaced the beacon in August. Through every change in equipment, the lighthouse's characteristic has remained constant: **two flashes in five seconds, followed by fifteen seconds of darkness.**



Becky Zingarelli
Museum Director
museumdirector@canavarallight.org.

Christmas in July 2026—Fun Success!

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Christmas in July Fun-raiser such a joyful success. The restaurant was absolutely brimming with holiday cheer, and our 26 silent auction items drew enthusiastic bidding all evening long. The live auction brought in record-breaking excitement for our premier “Climb to the Top of the Lighthouse for 20, plus Victorian Garden Party” proving once again how beloved that experience is. The food was wonderful, the company even better, and the spirit of community was felt in every corner. Whether you volunteered at the event or simply joined in the fun, your presence made this night memorable and contributed to a truly outstanding outcome for the Foundation. Thank you!



Phase 2 Cottage Construction Progress

The following is a synopsis of progress as reported by the CCLF Project Manager Mr. Hal Row. As you may recall, Hal was also our project manager for the first phase of construction and graciously donates his time, expertise and wisdom to bring about the vision of “What was Once...”

July 26 Report: Experiential Education Cottage. The framing and decking is complete. Windows and doors are installed. The first layer of the roof system is installed and the bundles of shingles for the top layer are stacked on the ridge and ready for installation. The front porch and ramps are nearing completion and are usable. The steps are currently being installed. The exterior siding is complete. Electrical rough in is complete. Show and exhibit elements were coordinated with Becky and Ric Garwood.

Replica Cottage. The replica cottage framing and decking is complete along with most of the interior partitions and stairs. Roofing system complete. The finish siding is approximately 50% complete. The entry ramps are nearing completion. The electrical subcontractor is on site and has started rough in installation.



Replica Cottage



Experiential Education Cottage

August 10 Report: Experiential Education Cottage. The framing and decking is complete. Windows and doors are installed. The roof system is complete. The front porch and ramps are nearing completion and are usable. The steps are currently being installed. The exterior siding is complete. Electrical rough in is complete. Show and exhibit elements were coordinated with Becky and Ric Garwood. The entry ramp is now complete, along with approximately 60 % of the handrails. The insulation contractor will be on site later this week to begin insulation work.

Replica Cottage. The replica cottage framing and decking is complete along with the interior partitions and stairs. Roofing system complete. The doors and windows are on site and are installed. The siding is approximately 95% installed and should complete this week. The entry ramps are nearing completion. The electrical subcontractor has started rough-in installation .



Replica Cottage

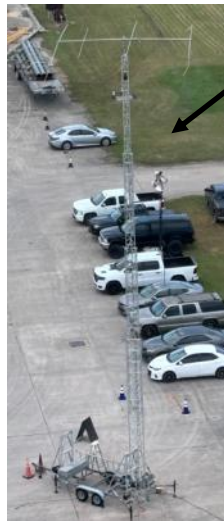


Experiential Education Cottage Back Porch and Front View



August Lighthouse Days

August brought plenty of excitement to the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse. On National Lighthouse Day, 7 August, more than 60 visitors braved the heat to join our free public caravan and celebrate with us. Just a week later, over 70 guests came out for International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend—and they enjoyed a special bonus. The KSC Amateur Radio Club operated from inside the museum during their annual event, connecting with more than 700 HAM radio operators and lighthouses around the world throughout Saturday and Sunday.





Join CCLF, WUCF, and Sands Space History Museum for **AN EXCLUSIVE PRIVATE WATCH PARTY** **Celebrating Our Own Lighthouse**

As a valued member of the **Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation**, you are at the heart of everything we do to keep our light shining. We are thrilled to invite you to an exclusive evening celebrating Florida's rich maritime and space history, featuring an advance premiere screening of the **WUCF PBS 2026 Florida Road Trip - Florida Lighthouses** episode.

This special gathering, presented in partnership with WUCF TV, AOTC, Wild Ocean Seafood, and the Sands Space History Center, offers our member community a first look at the episode before it airs to the general public. Guided by host Scott Fais, the show takes a deep dive into the engineering, stories, and preservation efforts behind Florida's coastal sentinels...with our very own Cape Canaveral Lighthouse being featured!

Event Details

- **Date & Time:** Friday, September 25, 2026 | 5:00 PM – 7:10 PM
- **Location:** Sands Space History Center, 100 Space Port Way, Cape Canaveral, FL 32920
- **Admission:** Free (*RSVP required due to limited seating*)
- **Suggested Donations:** \$10 – \$20 to support ongoing preservation & our **Cottages Outfitting Project**



Evening Schedule

- **5:00 PM – 6:00 PM | Welcome Reception:** Reconnect with fellow members, explore museum exhibits, and enjoy our special concession stand with gourmet hot dogs, fresh popcorn, and cold beer, wine & soft drinks
- **6:00 PM – 6:30 PM | Meet & Greet WUCF Team**
- **6:30 PM – 7:00 PM | Exclusive Premiere Screening:** Sit back and enjoy the big-screen preview of *Florida Road Trip - Florida Lighthouses* episode before it airs to the general public
- **7:00 PM – 7:10 PM | Raffle drawing** and closing remarks

CLICK HERE to Reserve Your Seat Today [CCLF WUCF Exclusive Private WATCH PARTY](#)

Because seating capacity at the Center is limited, we encourage our members to reserve early! Visit www.canaverallight.org or reach out to us at info@canaverallight.org for more info.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to preserving our beacon's history, we can't wait to celebrate with you!

Honor their Watch, Restore their Station!



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Events, Tours and Visitors



On 2 July, the lighthouse proved to be a draw not only for civilian visitors, but for the entire 5 SLS – Space Launch Squadron of the Space Launch Delta 45. They wanted the lighthouse as the backdrop for their group photo. The squadron provides launch site mission assurance for all National Security Space Launch mission and has supervised assembly, testing and launch of commercial space boosters from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station.



On July 11, a group of Blue Origin interns toured the lighthouse.



On August 1, The CCLF hosted Cub Scout Troop 343—a caravan of 8 cars and 28 people!



On August 8, the CCLF Outreach Committee manned a table at the Space Collectibles Show & Sale held at the Sands Space History Center. The fun group of the Outreach Committee included Patricia Lautner, Bev Merriplees, and Liz Gravuer.

Events, Tours and Visitors (Continued)



In honor of America's 250th birthday, NASA is hosting special events at centers across the country. Here at Kennedy Space Center, the celebration will take place **November 7–8** with an event called *MAX POWER*, featuring an air show headlined by the Thunderbirds. NASA is also exploring a partnership with the Space Force to offer limited secure tours on the Cape—potentially including the lighthouse. We'll share more details as they become available.

Below is additional information from NASA's website, where you can also find ticketing details for the MAX POWER events.

[MAX POWER - NASA](#)

Celebrate American Leadership in Air and Space Technology

Experience the best of American aeronautics and space technology! In honor of America's 250th birthday, MAX POWER will pay homage to our remarkable past, explore current missions, and lay a foundation for our nation's future endeavors: from Earth to the Moon, Mars, and beyond. The two-day event will feature immersive experiences for all ages to enjoy, including air shows, skydiving stunts, technology demonstrations, spaceflight hardware, military aircraft, and behind-the-scenes access to America's spaceport. Attend talks led by NASA experts and meet astronauts from some of agency's most famous missions!



Keeping the Light Shining -Membership Musings

We're in the midst of the dog days of summer – August, of course - hot hot hot! But one thing we have to look forward to is our upcoming convoy to the lighthouse on 12 September. Yes, the 3rd quarter convoy has been opened for registration but will have to close on 2 September when all information must be submitted to Security, so hopefully those who want to be part of it have already submitted their information on the secure form. We try to send at least one reminder (which has already been sent) because we know how easy it is to get distracted and forget to sign up. These quarterly convoys are important benefits to our members, and we know how much you appreciate them when you sign up.



A group of CCLF volunteers attending the Volunteers Family & Friends Tour, on July 11, 2026.

Have you ever wondered how these convoys got started, or did you think it was always what we did? From CCLF's inception in 2002 until 2017, Membership was not a committee but was overseen by one (1) person who for eleven (11) years was Yvonne Thornton. When she was ready to step down, a Committee was formed currently consisting of Bev Merrilees, Sharon Crockett, Patricia Lautner, Liz Gravuer, Michele Piechocki, Ron Ecker, and Christine Ecker. One of the first actions the Committee put before the Board was to enable our members to visit the lighthouse they supported with their membership dues by convoying in their own vehicles. What we were thinking at the time was to hire a bus at minimal cost, charging perhaps \$10 per passenger. Our AF Liaison at the time, Dr. Sonny Witt, asked why we wouldn't just convoy in. Could we do that? Bring unbadged members onto the Cape Canaveral Station to see the lighthouse via convoy? Turns out we could, and that was the beginning! The CCLF has come a long way since then, regularly opening the lighthouse 3-4 times a week for convoys, tours, and badged Cape employees during their lunch hours. This enables the CCLF to welcome many more visi-

tors to view our Light Station and learn about the early years at Cape Canaveral continuing through our current space endeavors. Which raises a question: Would we be launching rockets at the Cape if it were not for the lighthouse, which had been there since 1848? But that's a story for another day....OR....ask someone you know who volunteers at the lighthouse. I can say for a fact, we love to talk about "our" lighthouse.



On July 24, 1950, *Bumper 8* became the first rocket ever launched from Cape Canaveral. The two-stage test vehicle lifted off from a scrubby stretch of sand that would become America's gateway to space.



On 7 August and 15 August Cape Canaveral Lighthouse was open to visitors celebrating National Lighthouse Day and International Lighthouse Weekend. It was a great opportunity for people to come and enjoy our lighthouse, and three Membership committee members, Patricia Lautner (not pictured), Liz Gravuer, and Bev Merrilees were there to greet our visitors and to dispense information about the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation. Both were very successful weekends, and we sold bricks and memberships. A big thank you to our three Membership committee members who supported the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation at these two events. During those two weekends, a lot of information was dispensed, bricks were sold, and memberships were purchased. Your Membership committee is always representing our members at these events and activities.



Just to remind you, the Membership Committee serves you, our members. Is there something YOU would like to have the Committee consider? It's as easy as an email to clcf-membership@canaverallight.org. We would love to hear from you. Tell us what we are doing right, or what we are doing not quite right. It all helps.

***Welcoming the newest members of the
Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation Family!***

NEW MEMBERS 17 June 2026 - 20 August 2026

Assistant Keeper (\$35 - 1 Member)

Andrew Berube Rod O'Connor Debra Reitz

Lighthouse Keeper (\$50 - 2 Members)

Tim Dunn

Head Lighthouse Keeper (\$100 - 2 Members)

Stephanie Moretto

Student Membership (\$15 = 1 Member)

Lifetime individual Membership (\$1,000 = 1 Lifetime Member)

Lifetime Family Membership (\$1,500 = 2 Lifetime Members)

Chuck & Judy Wooderson

***...And celebrating our renewing members of the
Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation Family!***

RENEWALS 17 June 2026 - 20 August 2026

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Noel Sinchak Pamela Steele

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Student (\$15 = 1 Member)

Lifetime Individual Membership (\$1000 = 1 Lifetime Member)

Julie Gottsche

Becky Zingarelli

Lifetime Family Membership (\$1,500 = 2 Lifetime Members)



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Please select a membership level from the categories below:

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| ☐ Lighthouse Keeper (Family) | \$50 |
| ☐ Assistant Lighthouse Keeper (Individual) | \$35 |
| ☐ Student Lighthouse Keeper | \$15 |

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

- | | |
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| ☐ Life Membership (Family-2 member) | \$1,500 |
| ☐ Life Membership (Single) | \$1,000 |

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ _____

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To pay your membership dues online via PayPal, visit CanaveralLight.org

CCLF Member Benefits

- Admittance to annual membership appreciation meeting held at the lighthouse;
- Subscription to *The Canaveral Beacon*, CCLF's bi-monthly newsletter;
- Discounts at the Keeper's Closet Gift Shop, including 10% off commemorative brick orders;
- Volunteer opportunities to support & promote the lighthouse in its historical context; and, most importantly,
- Supporting CCLF's efforts to restore the lighthouse grounds and resurrect history!

**MEMBERS SAVE 10% AT
KEEPER'S CLOSET**

Stop by the Keeper's Closet gift shop during your next visit to the lighthouse. Browse our selection of souvenirs, books, apparel, jewelry, children's items and other lighthouse memorabilia. Proceeds support Foundation initiatives and community events. Members who present their membership card when shopping will receive a 10 percent discount on their purchase.

Volunteer Spotlight on Patti Dunn

Patti Dunn is a lifelong resident of the Space Coast who made her first visit to the Cape Canaveral Light house less than two years ago.

“I grew up here and didn’t even know it was there,” she said.

Growing up in Brevard County, Dunn attended Gulfview Elementary School, Kennedy Middle School in Rockledge and graduated from Rockledge High School in 1977.

Later, with a busy work schedule, she did not know that the lighthouse existed even though she was often not far from it. Although she worked at nearby Kennedy Space Center, she had never seen the lighthouse.

Now, Dunn has been a volunteer in the gift shop at the lighthouse for the past year and a half and enjoying it. She now wants others to know about the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse.

“We have to get the word out that there is a lighthouse,” she said.

Dunn finds her time volunteering in the gift shop to be very enjoyable. She meets people from across the United States.

“I love talking to people,” she said. “A lot of the people are lighthouse followers.”

Retired after more than 32 years, more than 28 at Kennedy Space Center, Dunn immediately followed the suggestion that she volunteer with the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation.

Dunn spends some of her spare time caring for animals. She has four dogs and will often do pet sitting for friends and acquaintances when they go on vacation.

She is an avid camper, who with her husband, often spends time camping with 14 friends at different locations across the state. They have camped in St. Augustine area as well as Jensen Beach and elsewhere.

“We go all over,” she said.



Museums of Brevard Spotlight—Warbird Museum



Walk Among the Aircraft That Made History

From legendary warbirds to Cold War icons and modern military aircraft, the Valiant Air Command collection at the Warbird Museum in Titusville brings aviation history within arm's reach. Explore the aircraft, discover the stories behind them, and learn about the men and women who flew, maintained, and supported these remarkable machines. They have 48 Aircraft Exhibits and 3 Display Hangars.

From their website: [Valiant Air Command Museum Homepage - Discover Aviation History](#)



Behind every rivet and propeller in our collection lies a story of courage. For over 45 years, the Valiant Air Command Warbird Air Museum has preserved the aircraft that defined America's most pivotal moments. From early aviation pioneers to WWII dogfighters, our nonprofit mission goes beyond display cases—we keep history alive to honor the pilots, crews, and mechanics who fought for our future. Discover rare classics, one-of-a-kind survivors, and the extraordinary human spirit that built aviation history.

Adult admission is \$25.00. Seniors \$23. Students ages 13–18 are \$10.00, while children ages 5–12 are just \$5.00. Open 7 days a week from 9:00–5:00. 6600 Tico Rd, Titusville, FL



Last and Final Chance to Enter Drawing!!

Don't miss your final chance this year to be entered in the drawing for a climb to the top of the lighthouse for you and nine guests. When you donate to [Honor Their Watch, Restore Their Station](#), you not only help bring the new cottages to life—you also earn the opportunity to see them from above. Each \$25 donation equals one entry in the drawing, which will take place at the Members and Volunteers Appreciation Picnic at Field Manor on 17 October. You do not need to be present to win, so be sure to make your donation by 15 October.



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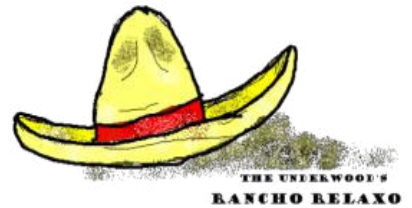
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