

New board members welcomed

JAXPORT's newest board members – James P. Citrano and Joe York – were introduced at JAXPORT's January board meeting.

Mr. Citrano has enjoyed a distinguished career of more than 30 years in real estate development, management and brokerage. He is currently Managing Director with the Jacksonville office of CB Richard Ellis.

Currently Vice President of Legislative Affairs with AT&T Telecommunications, Mr. York brings to the JAXPORT Board of Directors considerable experience and knowledge working with government and a deep appreciation for economic development concerns.



Joe York



James P. Citrano

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The community is invited to the next meeting of the State of the Port, set for Thursday, February 18 at 11:30 am. Rick Ferrin, CEO of JAXPORT, will discuss JAXPORT: The Next Decade.

The luncheon meeting will be held at the JAXPORT Cruise Terminal (9810 August Drive) and the cost is \$30 per person.

Please make your event reservations by Wednesday, February 10 online at www.propellerclubjax.com, by email at Brook-Propclub@comcast.net or by calling (904) 334-5028.

Haitian Aid Continues Around the Clock

In less than a week of Haiti relief operations, Blount Island's 832nd Transportation Battalion with the assistance of SSA and other Blount Island tenants has already moved more than one million packaged meals and half a million bottles of water to Port-au-Prince.

They are working 24 hours a day moving FEMA and Department of Defense cargo sent from Dallas, Maryland and Georgia. In addition, they are handling naval construction cargo, equipment and fuel. The 832nd's Major Frank Ras reports the group has been told their operation will be dedicated to humanitarian aid to Haiti for the foreseeable future.



Cargo in SSA warehouse awaiting a barge to Port-au-Prince, Haiti



Fred Schloth

JAXPORT Opens Art Gallery to Public

The JAXPORT Gallery, an exhibit area dedicated to visual arts, has opened on the first floor of JAXPORT Headquarters (2831 Talleyrand Avenue). The first featured artist, Fred Schloth, is Vice President of Sales for Sea Star Lines, LLC. A onetime student of the gifted Chinese watercolorist Mun Quan, Fred now creates nature- and water-themed works.

Meredith Fordham Hughes, JAXPORT's Manager of Creative Design, curates the gallery and promotes its mission to showcase local visual artists. "By creating this gallery, we are not only providing cultural enrichment to those who enter our building, but also continuing JAXPORT's important outreach mission in a new and exciting way," she says.

The JAXPORT Gallery is open during normal JAXPORT Headquarters hours and admission is free.