

DID YOU KNOW?

Topsail Island was seized by the Government in 1945 for use as a missile testing site

Camera towers, roads, buildings, a pontoon bridge were built by the Navy Bureau of Ordnances and Johns Hopkins University for Topsail's missiles testing facility

Today's jet engines are based upon the Ramjet Engines born and proven successful during Operation Bumblebee on Topsail Island

Ten of the twenty most notorious Pirates sailed Carolina waters

The average length of a pirate's career was only two years

Authors, Edgar A Poe, Daniel Defoe and Robert Louis Stevenson based their classic works upon the lives of Carolina Pirates

In 1940 the War Department authorized construction of Camp Davis which housed over 20,000 troops

Between 1940-1945 Camp Davis served as an antiaircraft artillery school, Barrage and balloon training center and a P.O.W. camp

The WASPS were the first women pilots flying military aircraft here between 1942-1944

WASPS serving at Camp Davis flew towing target for anti-aircraft gunnery practice

The Osprey V-22 aircraft is capable of vertical and short distance landings and take-offs. Flown by Marine, Navy and Air Force pilots, they perform transport, anti-submarine, rescue and humanitarian missions in Iraq, Afghanistan, Mexico, Honduras and wherever else they are needed. Osprey flew the body of Osama Bin Laden to the ship that delivered his body to the depths of the sea

Topsail is a 26 mile long, barrier island made up of marshes, barrier flats, dunes and beach

Topsail Island is a fragile and constantly changing ecosystem important to coastal ecology and geology

Topsail Island is constantly moving and changing itself, influenced by waves, currents, tides, winds, storms, change in sea-level and the hands of man