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“To Honor, Support, Protect, and Remember the Heritage”

SPECIAL OPERATIONS PIONEER YARBOROUGH DIES

The following is taken from an article by Henry Cunningham, Military editor, Fayetteville Observer

Retired LTG William P. Yarborough, who helped develop Army parachuting and prompted **President Kennedy** to approve the Green Beret for Special Forces, died 6 December in Pinehurst. He was 93.

Yarborough lived in Southern Pines and died of natural causes at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital. The airborne and special operations community marked **Yarborough’s** passing. On the morning of 7 December, the bronze bust of Yarborough, which was dedicated Sept. 30, was moved to a prominent place in the main lobby of the Airborne & Special Operations Museum.

Gen. Doug Brown, who oversees U.S. military special operations forces from his headquarters at Tampa, Fla., hailed Yarborough’s contributions. “The passing of **General Yarborough** marks a truly sad day for the entire special operations community,” Brown said in a statement released through the Army. “He worked diligently to increase the professional and academic standards of the JFK School, resulting in the development of courses that are still relevant today. His foresight was instrumental in the success of today’s special operations forces. Our heartfelt condolences go out to the entire **Yarborough** family.”

“It’s really a great loss,” said **Mel Smith**, administrator at the headquarters of the Special Forces in Fayetteville. “He is well-known and loved by the association.” “**Colonel Bank** was the father of Special Forces. A lot of people look on **General Yarborough** as father of the modern-day Green Berets. He was the one that really nailed down the right with **President Kennedy** for us to be able to wear the Green Beret officially.” **Yarborough** endeared himself to Special Forces soldiers in 1961 by fighting to make the Green Beret their official headgear.

BERET APPEARANCE: As a one-star general, **Yarborough** had his men appear before Kennedy in the forbidden green berets on Oct. 12, 1961, at Mackellar’s Pond on Fort Bragg. The president endorsed the headgear for Special Forces soldiers. In a 1995 interview, **Yarborough** said, “I felt if the president was with me, who could stand against me? But I was repeatedly, in sometimes veiled terms, warned about the fact that someday I would have to come back to the Army, and I would be held to account for the excesses that I had presided over here.” In the following decades, berets were authorized for airborne soldiers and Rangers. Forty years later, the Army adopted the beret as its standard headgear.

Yarborough’s death comes less than two years after the passing of retired **Col. Aaron Bank**, who activated the original Special Forces group at Fort Bragg in 1952 as a potential behind-the-lines force in the Cold War against the Soviet Union. A decade later, Yarborough led the resurgence of Special Forces for use in small wars and counterinsurgency in the Third World. Bank died April 1, 2004, at age 101 in California.

“He was the original All American hero in my book,” retired **Gen. James J. Lindsay** said. “He was a pioneer in the airborne community, designed the jump wings, the jump boots and the original jump uniform. He demonstrated his moral courage many, many times. He was willing to stand up and be counted on any issue. **Yarborough** was an old-school gentleman but spoke his mind with intelligence and candor. “He always said exactly what he thought in very precise terms. He was just a great American.”

Yarborough also was a risk-taker and innovator who made four combat parachute jumps during World War II and bucked the Army hierarchy. **Yarborough** was involved in the development of the Airborne & Special Operations Museum in downtown Fayetteville, “The guy who really played the key role in the design was **Bill Yarborough**,” **Lindsay** said.

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Bill Palmer

The JFKSWC Museum Gift Shop WEB Site is going to be improved in short order. This will allow people away from Ft. Bragg to purchase the items they want. The board also authorized funds to increase advertising for the JFSWC Museum, which will help increase visitors. We even looked into the use of billboards to increase the number of visitors,

but the cost was far beyond our budget (about \$10,000.00 per year). At our January Board Meeting, there were discussions on ways to increase parking and the possibility of having Pavers approved in time for the June 2006 Special Forces Association Convention, which will be held in the Fayetteville/Ft Bragg area



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THE SECRETARY'S SECTION

By George Heib

We are still being kept busy in processing donations from our repeat contributors. We handled 203 last year and 50 since the last Musings went out. Every donation of at least \$5.00 results in a letter of thanks to the donor. At the current cost of postage, we would prefer to send an e-mail response, if they provide an e-mail address. **A FEW THOUGHTS:**, we have one donor (who remains anonymous) who is rapidly buying plates to honor all SF KIA's in the War on Terrorism. So far we have one member, who sponsoring the Special Operations Aviation Regt (SOAR) KIA's. We have had one sponsor for

one of the 15 Ranger KIA's and one sponsor for two of the 20 CA/PYSOPS KIA's. If you wish to sponsor an IMO plate let us know when you send in a contribution (of at least \$50.00). If you don't have a name, we will pick one who has not been sponsored, and let you know who it is. We will then get Mike Simpson busy doing his expert installing work



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George D. Heib

GRADUATES AWARDED MEMBERSHIPS THIS QUARTER

	NAME	COURSE	MONTH	STATUS
1.	SPC JASON V. FEDERMACK	PSYOPS SPECIALIST COURSE	SEP 05	HONOR GRADUATE
2.	PFC JEREMY L HANCOCK	CA SPECIALIST COURSE	SEP 05	HONOR GRADUATE
3.	SPC SHY RAHAMIM	CA SPECIALIST COURSE	SEP 05	DISTINGUISHED HONOR GRADUATE
4.	PVT BENJAMIN J. WHIPPIE	PSYOPS SPECIALIST COURSE	SEP 05	DISTINGUISHED HONOR GRADUATE

Although we had a loss in membership this year, the reasons are far too many due to lost addresses. Each time we mail out the Musings we get a lot back with no forwarding address. We have also lost a large group of the Honor and Distinguished Graduates whose one year free memberships expired.. Unfortunately we are not picking up many new memberships. We have membership applications on display in the Gift Shop and in the lobby but I feel that you, the current members are our largest hope. We don't have to convince you of our goals. Unlike a lot of associations, we don't nickel and dime you by sending out mailing labels, note pads, calendars, and other items to make you feel guilty enough to make a donation. If you want an application just let me know, (We are also working on the website, which will have an application) Hopefully by the time this goes to press it will be up and running again. Actually, you don't even need an application, just a sheet of paper, with the name, address (to include e-mail if possible). Phone number, and a check made out to JFK Museum. Good Luck!! Let's see how you do this year. Another way you current members can help can help is by sending us your e-mail addresses. That way we can save on postage when we send you a thanks letter.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	\$ LEVEL	MUSINGS-05-1	CURRENT MEMBERSHIP
ANNUAL	\$ 10.00	149	109
DONOR	\$ 10.00	43	29
LIFE	\$ 100.00	440	429
CENTURY	\$ 100.00	181	177
CENTURY & LIFE	\$ 200.00	195	193
BENEFACTORS	\$ 1,000.00	44	42
PATRONS	\$ 2,000.00	19	21
LEADERSHIP MEMBERS	\$ 5,000.00	5	7
HONOR MEMBERS	\$ 10,000.00	3	3
DISTINGUISHED DONORS	\$ 20,000.00	1	1
PACESETTERS	\$ 50,000.00	0	0
SPECIAL DONORS	\$ 100,000.00	1	1
HONORARY MEMBERS	-0-	68	72
SUB TOTAL (ACTIVE MEMBERS)		1149	1084
LOST ADDRESSES		225	243
	TOTAL	1373	1327

THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2005

Bennie Pokemire

I would like to thank all the SOF Brothers and their families for all the contributions and support through letters and cards to the JFK Museum Association this past year and years past. I remember coming to Special Forces Training Group in 1964 and realizing then that the men who were training and teaching me were very special and would do things that would become a very rich history, and that somehow I would be one of them one day. But, without men and families like you of our "Special Breed" of people this history

would only be in the minds of a few and eventually disappear. You have kept the history and the spirit of all those before us and those present and the future alive and an eternal part of our military history, units and our families. You are not only warriors and keepers of freedom, but a culture as well. Thank you for all that you do for the SOF community and its place in history. Also, thank you for your support of our Museum Gift Shop through out the years. Without your contributions "our" fallen hero's would not be remembered. **YOU ARE SPECIAL !!**



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Bennie

FIRST CITIZENS BANK (GIFT SHOP)	\$	8,348.16
FIRST CITIZENS BANK (GENERAL FUND)	\$	27,754.58
TOTAL ENDING CASH ASSETS	\$	36,102.74
A. G. EDWARDS BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT	\$	45,438.25
A. G. EDWARDS RENOVATION FUND ACCOUNT	\$	256,710.83
CONSOLIDATION OF A. G. EDWARDS ACCOUNTS	\$	302,149.08
PLUS APPROXIMATELY IN STOCK/MERCHANDISE FOR GIFT SHOP/BOOK STORE	\$	93,000.00
PLUS A CARGO VAN VALUED AT	\$	18,300.00
TOTAL CASH, STOCK, AND OTHER ASSETS	\$	449,551.82

RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS SINCE LAST MUSINGS

(\$2,000,00 PLUS) NEW PATRONS

MAJ (R) JOHN PLASTER (# 27)

(\$1,000,00 PLUS) NEW BENEFACTORS

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NORM BULD (NEW CENTURY MEMBER)	SGM (R) JAMES W. LEWIS (PATRON) (4- DONATIONS)
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SFC (R) DANIEL & CPT YVONNE HEIB (CENTURY AND LIFE)	** SGT KENNETH F. WEGNER, JR., (NEW LIFE MEMBER)
LTC (R) GEORGE D. HEIB (HONOR MEMBER) (3-DONATIONS)	WERNER WENDT (CENTURY AND LIFE)
WADE Y. ISHIMOTO (CENTURY AND LIFE)	

* **In error we did not publish this name last January, when he became a Life Member. We apologize for our mistake.**

** This is one of our of our members who received a complimentary membership as an Honor Graduate. He then sent us an annual membership, and now has sent in his Life membership application. He has also just been promoted to sergeant.

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS (\$20.00 TO \$99.00)

SFC (R) MILAN GLUMAC (CENTURY AND LIFE)	CALVIN PARRISH (CENTURY AND LIFE) (THREE DONATIONS)
RICHARD "ROCKY" LEWIS	JOE W. SANDIFER (LIFE MEMBER)
LILLIAN C. MORTON (CENTURY AND LIFE)	MSG (R) MILFORD J. ROGERS (CENTURY AND LIFE) (2-DONATIONS)

ANNUAL AND ANNUAL RENEWALS

LTC (R) PAUL P AGOSTA JR	JOSEPH R JULIANO	JOHN A. WILLIAMS
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CONTRIBUTIONS MADE IN MEMORY OF OR IN HONOR OF

These contributions were made in the memory of departed comrades, friends, or loved ones or in honor of living friends or loved ones whom we wish to recognize



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THE CURATOR'S CORNER

By Roxanne Merritt

Happy New Year!

Although we welcome the New Year with much anticipation, we also do so with sadness. **LTG (R) William P. Yarborough**, the museum's founder, passing is very difficult for us. Speaking for myself, **General Yarborough** epitomized the word "mentor" and was always supportive of what he would refer to as "his" museum. He often would call to offer suggestions, ask for copies of



Some of the displays in Bank Hall,



Mrs. Bank in the hall of Honor.



Gen Singlaub and an unidentified OSS Jedburgh.

material he had donated, or let us know that he had referred someone to us for whatever reason. He was anxious for us to expand and show off. Over the last three years, he sent much of his military documentation to the Archives here at USAJFKSWCS and was pleased when we would tell him about its use. It has already proved a gold mine to researchers. Over the years, I have met many of the soldiers and NCOs that were part of the original effort to start the museum in 1961. They talked about his unwavering belief that the museum was important as a multi-media teaching tool. He is right and we will continue to aspire to his standards. I have heard the phrase "father of the

modern day Special Forces.” I would offer that it was more than that – he was the architect – the master planner as it were.

Another loss to us was that of **Rich Ryan**. If you remember in the last issue, we praised his assistance with the reopening of the museum; however, he also helped in various other projects over the years. His smile and easy manner will be missed.

The most challenging of the most recent museum projects was the dedication of the **COL Bank Hall**. The museum was, and, is still involved in all aspects of the renovation of the atrium and entrances and the dedication itself. The dedication was on 21 November 2005. **Gen Singlaub**, a former OSS Jedburgh, was the keynote speaker. The presence of several OSS Jedburghs added a special flavor to the celebrations. **Mrs. Bank** addressed the crowd in three languages, expressing her thanks.

We are now transferring what we learned in this Bank Hall project to the efforts of decorating Bryant Hall now that everyone has moved in. Although there is still construction ongoing in the main lobby, scheduled for completion in April or May 2006, we will be putting up photo montages on the various floors. Also underway is the conversion of the JFK Center into the NCO Academy. None of the exhibits in the JFK Hall have been lost however. The Hall of Heroes is now in Bank Hall as a Wall of Honor while most of the other artwork will grace the walls of Bryant Hall. Where possible, artifacts have been assimilated into exhibits in the museum.

For the first half of the year, we will be concentrating on preparations for the SF Convention in June, upgrading exhibits in the museum with graphics and other means. Visitors have already commented favorably on the improvements they are seeing in the facility.

We are in search of a recruiting poster – “Your Mind is your Most Powerful Weapon” published in the 1970s or 1980s. If anyone has it or knows of it, please let us know so that we can get it reproduced.

Over the last year, the Museum has been highlighted in two professional journals – ARTNews and Exhibit Builder’s magazine. In the February, March or April issue (we’re not sure which) of Small Arms Digest, the JFK Museum’s weapon collection will be spotlighted. Robert Bruce spent two days at our facility and the draft of the article appears is very positive. In the Sept 12, 2005 issue of SOTECH magazine, **MG Parker** was asked pointedly about the museum.

Q: Why is the museum under your wing and does it serve a purpose for you?

A: The history, culture, and traditions of Special Forces, civil affairs, and psychological operations is an important part of who we are and what makes us special. I can’t imagine a more appropriate place to immerse the future generations of ARSOF than right from the start here at the SWCS. The JFK Special Warfare Museum serves as the institutional repository for the history, evolution and execution of those disciplines. It also bolsters the esprit de corps of the ARSOF warrior, ensuring the legacy and standards are passed down from previous generations.

This is what **MG Yarborough** had in mind all long.



We hope to see you visit soon ... Until next time,

Roxanne

SERIAL NUMBER YARBOROUGH KNIFE RETAIL SALES COMING TO A CLOSE

In 2002, **LTG Brown** instituted the Yarborough Knife program in which students were presented a “Yarborough Knife” upon graduation of the SF Qualification Program. As an adjunct of this program, 887 knives (serial numbers 13 – 1000) were allocated to the JFK Special Warfare Museum gift shop for sale. The retail portion of the Yarborough Knife program has now ended. This does not impact the issuance of knives at graduation.

Currently, all 887 authorization letters have been issued and there is an extensive waiting list. Persons holding authorization letters allowing purchase of the knives are being contacted advising them that if they do not purchase their knives by 1 April 2006, they will forfeit their authorization. Some people have had authorization letters since 2002 and have yet to purchase their knives. Authorization letters equal to the numbers forfeited will then be issued to those on the waiting list.

The “Yarborough Knife” is a serialized number version of the Special Forces Knife manufactured by Chris Reeve Knives. The Special Forces Knife is available for purchase commercially through either Chris Reeves Knives or Tactical and Survival Specialties, Inc.



NEWS FROM THE GIFT SHOP MANAGER

By Betty Amaker

Happy "New" Year!!! I am sooo glad 2005 is over with. The Gift Shop had some ups and downs during 2005 because of the Museums closures for various renovations. This year, the Special Forces Association Reunion will be in Fayetteville. There is no schedule of closings for the Museum this year at this time. The new Gift Shop location, in the front of the Museum entrance, has proven to be a success with our customers. We still have the same employees. Lois has been with us for 7 ½ years, Heather has been here 2 years off and on while attending college, Holly has been here for 1 ½ years, and I have been here for 16 years. And as always, we the Gift

Shop staff would like to thank all of you who have been so patient during this trying time. We have been down; we can only go up this year! Let’s make it happen.



FYI: Federal Holiday schedule for Museum closures and openings

Federal Holidays JFK Museum is CLOSED

Martin Luther King's Birthday- 16 January

President's Day – 20 February

Labor Day – September - Gift Shop closed

Columbus Day -9 October
Thanksgiving Day -23 November
Christmas Day – 25 December
New Year's Day – 1 January

Memorial Day – 29 May - Gift Shop closed
Independence Day – 4 July
Veteran's Day –11 November
Easter is not a Federal Holiday so the Museum is open

Federal Holidays JFK Museum is OPEN

Thanks for your support! *Betty*

MEMBER TAPS

MSG (R) Danny Gagich (D-306), 75, of Dunn, died. 20 January 2006, at Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital in Durham. He was born in Wheelwright, Ky., to **Petar and Mary S. Gagich**. He was preceded in death by a brother, **Mike Gagich**.

Danny retired after serving 20 years in the Army, but not before two tours in the Korean War and two tours in the Vietnam War. He also served with Special Forces and the 82nd Airborne, where he made numerous jumps. During one of his tours at Fort Bragg, he served as an instructor in the John F. Kennedy Center for Special Warfare. In preparation for one of his tours in Vietnam, he completed 1,410 hours of instruction in the Saigon dialect of the Vietnamese language from the Academy of Language Studies in El Paso, Texas. His awards included six Good Conduct medals, Army of Occupation medal, National Defense medal, Korean Service medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary medal and two Presidential Unit Citations. After retirement, **Danny** spent much of his time in the woods hunting. He was a member of Chapter 1-18 of the SFA and a Life and Century Member of the Museum Association.

A funeral service was conducted 23 Jan 2006, at First Baptist Church by **Dr. Len Keever**. Burial with full military honors was in Greenwood Cemetery. **Danny** is survived by his wife, **Louise M. Gagich** of Dunn; six brothers, **Alex Gagich, Joe Gagich, George Gagich, Paul Gagich Sam Gagich, and Nick Gagich.**; and five sisters, **Milly Scelza, Helen Gagich, Jo Ann Leff, Patty Noto, and Gwin Lyon**. Online condolences may be sent to www.skinnerandsmith.com.

MSG (R) Robert (Bob) M. Hines, Sr. (D-2613-L) age 69, suffered a heart attack and passed away on the evening of November 28, 2005. **Bob** was recovering from recent knee replacement surgery. On October 15, 2005 he was installed as Chapter 33 Vice-President. His list of SF assignments were: 7th SFG (A), 5th SFG (A), 8th SFG (A), MACV Recondo School. He is survived by his wife **Judy**, and four sons. Condolences should be addressed to: Mrs. **Judy Hines**, 104 N. Elm Street, Benson, NC 27504. Tele: (919) 820-1241 or e-mail : hinesciarlo@earthlink.net. Memorial service was held 5 December at JFK Memorial Chapel, Ft Bragg, NC. **Bob** was a Life member of the SFA and Century Member of the Museum Association.

Maj (R) Robert Everett Holbrook (D-1048-L), 76, of Fayetteville, died Oct. 21, 2005, in Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. The son of a career military officer, **Bob** was born on Corregidor Island in the Philippines and graduated from Fork Union Military Academy in 1948. He enlisted in the Army that year, becoming a commissioned officer in 1950. He served 20 years in the Army, about 10 years of which were with the Army Special Forces as one of the original members of that organization. He was a veteran of the Korean War, where he served as an artillery officer, and the Vietnam War, where he served as a Green Beret. He was the recipient of numerous military awards. **Bob** was an early Life Member of the Museum Association and a Life Member of the SFA. Surviving are his loving wife of 50 years, **Joyce** of Fayetteville; two sons, **Gary** of Jacksonville; and **Steven** of Greensboro; a daughter, **Peggy Roberts**, of Wilmington; a brother, **Arthur** of Pa; and four grandchildren. The funeral was Monday, Oct. 24, 2005, in Jernigan-Warren Funeral Home chapel by **Dr. Mark Olson** and the **Rev. Sandy Saunders**. Burial was in Lafayette Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 11 S. Boylan Ave., Raleigh, NC 27603.

SFC (R) John Morris Lumpkins (D-683-L), 70, of 5639 Dodge Drive, Fayetteville, died Monday, Sept. 19, 2005, in Highsmith-Rainey Memorial Hospital. The funeral was conducted 23 September in Jernigan-Warren Funeral Home chapel with Chaplain **Roy Hill** officiating. Burial with full military honors was in Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery in Spring Lake.

Mr. Lumpkins is survived by his wife, **Ilse Gross Lumpkins** of the home; two sons, John **Michael Lumpkins** and **Timothy Wade Lumpkins**; a daughter, **Heidi Kristine Bolinder**; a sister, **Martha Houchens**; a brother, **Glen Lumpkins**; and five grandchildren, **Ron, Shane, Amber, Katrina and Connor**. John was a Life Member of the Museum Association and a Life Member of the SFA.

SGM (R) James David Newsome Sr. (D-1768-L), 79, of Fletcher, formerly of Varnamtown, passed away 21 Dec 2005.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 54 years, **Edith Tice Newsome**. They were both natives of Winston-Salem.

He is survived by his three children and their families, **James D. Newsome Jr.** of Varnamtown, **Karen Ann Beaty** of Danville, Ind., and **David F. Newsome** of Fletcher; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He is also survived by two sisters, **Catherine Newsome** and **Janette Black**; and two brothers, **Kenneth** and **Jerry Newsome**.

He was a member of Dixon Chapel United Methodist Church in Varnamtown, a member of Creasy Proctor Masonic Lodge, a lifetime member of Special Forces Association Chapter I-18 and a member of numerous other civic and service organizations. Both he and his wife were Life and Century members of the Museum Association.

He devoted his professional life to being a career soldier in the Army, serving in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Early on in his military service, he became a paratrooper and served with the 82nd Airborne Division. In 1952, he volunteered for Special Forces on the Original Manifest of the first 100 men to form this special warfare unit and wore the Green Beret. He specialized in the Far East and toured in all four Corps of the Vietnam Conflict, as well as several other Southeast Asian countries.

Known affectionately to his team mates as **"Wardaddy,"** he was well known for his attention to detail and devotion to the unit's mission at hand and his men. He remained affiliated with Special Forces for over 20 years. He served meritoriously in 10 campaigns over his military career. Upon retirement, he served as a Cumberland County deputy sheriff. Subsequent to a second retirement, he

and Edith moved from Fayetteville to the coast of North Carolina and enjoyed family, friends and neighbors in the Brunswick County fishing village of Varnamtown. Services were held at Dixon Chapel United Methodist Church in Varnamtown on 26 Dec 2005.

Richard Connor Ryan (D-2992), 64, of Hope Mills, died Monday, Oct. 31, 2005, in UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill. He was a retired sergeant first class and served in the Army for 20 years. He was a cable ad salesman with Time-Warner Cable and a sales consultant for Rhudy's Jewelry Showroom and was a member of Chapter 1-18. of the Special Forces Association (D-2992).. In recent years, he was very involved in supporting the Montagnard people in North Carolina and elsewhere who have immigrated to the US from Vietnam. .He was preceded in death by a son, **Michael Ryan**. A memorial service with full military honors was held at the Special Forces Association on Doc Bennett Road. Survivors include his wife, **Debra Ryan** of the home; a son, **James Ryan**; a daughter, **Robbie Strickland**; two granddaughters, two sisters, and two brothers. He was a member of the SFA and although he was not a member of the Museum Association he was a long time Museum Volunteer who will be sorely missed.

MSG (R) Richard Simenton (D-1375-L), 80, died 20 September 2005, in Highsmith-Rainey Memorial Hospital. He was a member of SFA Chapter 1-18 and was a Life and Century member of the Museum Association. **Richard** was an Army veteran of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. He retired as a Master Sergeant. He was an Original joining Special Forces in 1952.

Richard served with the 10th, 77th, 7th, 5th, and 6th SFGs. He is Survived by: Son, **Karl**. He was a Life Member of the SFA and a Life and Century Member of the Museum Association.

LTC (R) William P. Yarborough (D-3507-L), 93 died 6 December 2005 in Pinehurst, NC. .Memorial services were held, 10 December in Emmanuel Episcopal Church and 13 December in JFK Chapel on Fort Bragg. Burial with full military honors at a later date in Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia has not been announced. Grave site location is: **SECTION 4 SITE 3099-D**. He is survived by: Son, **William**; daughter, **Patricia Reed**; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild. **General Yarborough** was a member of the SFA and both he and his and his wife **Norma** (who pre-deceased him) were early Life and Century Members of the Museum Association.

MSG (R) Wylee D. Zimmerman died 5 February 05. He became a Museum Association Life member in 1985. No further information is known at this time.



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President Bill Palmer presents Christmas bonus to Heather, also a great worker for the 2 years with us.



President Bill Palmer presents Christmas bonus to Lois. She has been a great help for over 7 ½ years of dedicated service



President Bill Palmer presents Christmas bonus to Betty Amaker, Gift Shop manager (16 years). (The gal who makes it all happen).

LOST SOULS

Our thanks to **Dallas Cox**. We received an e-mail from him right after the received the Musings. He gave us information on one of our “Lost Souls”.



NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

By George Heib

Another year has gone by and we reached several new milestones. First we finished our eleventh year on the Executive Board and we start our tenth year of the Musings. But the best news of all is that Life and Century Member **LTC Dolores M. Heib** has left Iraq and will be home by the time that you read this. While there she was awarded the Bronze Star M.



The Editor

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