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

## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Bill Palmer

The new JFKSWC Museum Gift Shop web site is up at: [store@jfkwebstore.com](mailto:store@jfkwebstore.com). I hope to see many visitors to the site. Betty Amaker is doing a great job at running the Gift Store. The store phone is 910-436-1724. I hope many will visit Betty Amaker and Roxanne Merritt, the Museum Director during the Special Forces Association Convention. 

**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND SUGGESTIONS!!**

**De Oppresso Liber**


## THE SECRETARY'S SECTION

By George Heib

Since the last Musings we have received 48 donations, and have had 16 address changes. We have also unfortunately had four more lost souls (one benefactor and three Life Members). Please let us know when you move!!! Mike is being kept busy with the IMO Board. The status of memorialization plates for those Special Operations soldiers who have died in the Global War on Terrorism is as follows:

BRANCH	NUMBER KIA	IMO PLATES ADOPTED	NUMBER LEFT
CIVIL AFFAIRS	19	1	18
PSYOPS	8	2	6
RANGER	17	1	16
SF	59	51	8
SOAR	21	21	0
TOTALS	124	76	48

We have one member who is adopting SF members at a rate of 3-4 per month. Another (one of our early SF Aviation members) has adopted all the SOAR folks. I also got several e-mail from the land of the big sandbox (Iraq) saying that the Civil Affairs folks over there were planning on doing something about the memorialization of Civil Affairs soldiers. What we need now is to hear from our Rangers and Psyops comrades. At this time we would like to thank SFC Patrick McDonald for his many e-mails to help me get our Civil Affairs casualty roster up-to-date. Our original list was done by the Museum Staff. We then kept it up to date from newspaper releases. We also got the casualty list on the internet which lists all casualties, to include units. We found a few errors, but have been able to resolve them. As of this date the above figures are all from our list of casualties which is organized by branch, place of death, date, and unit. A copy is available by e-mail ([sfeditor@nc.rr.com](mailto:sfeditor@nc.rr.com)). If you want it by snail mail send a self addressed, stamped envelope (.63¢) to 6412 Whitehall Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28303.


A note on the membership figures listed below. Our membership has dropped due to the loss of non-renewal of Annual Members and small donors. Most of the annuals were the one year awards to Honor and Distinguished Graduates. Only a very few have decided to stay with us. You members out there can be a big help in signing up your friends. Membership applications can be had from our new website at: <http://www.jfkwebstore.com>. 

**De Oppresso Liber!**

MEMBERSHIP REPORT			
MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	\$ LEVEL	MUSINGS-05-2	CURRENT MEMBERSHIP
ANNUAL	\$ 10.00	121	27
DONOR	\$ 10.00	31	19
LIFE	\$ 100.00	444	424
CENTURY	\$ 100.00	180	178
CENTURY & LIFE	\$ 200.00	192	199
BENEFACTORS	\$ 1,000.00	45	42
PATRONS	\$ 2,000.00	19	22
LEADERSHIP MEMBERS	\$ 5,000.00	5	8
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-	69	74
<b>SUB TOTAL (ACTIVE MEMBERS)</b>		1111	998
LOST ADDRESSES		224	247
	<b>TOTAL</b>	1335	1245

## THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF 31 March 2006

Bennie Pokemire

Again, I want to tip my beret to all of the steady donors who are sending in donations on a continuous basis. Instead of just sending flowers to a funeral, they make a donation for an IMO Plate which lasts forever. The 19 donors listed in this issue have made a total of 224 donations to the Museum. One member donates \$20.00 each month. Another donates \$10.00. We also have several authors who donate some or all of their royalty checks to the Association. **THANKS - YOU ARE SPECIAL !!** 

**De Oppresso Liber**

*Bennie*

FIRST CITIZENS BANK (GIFT SHOP)	\$	9,872.93
FIRST CITIZENS BANK (GENERAL FUND)	\$	27,114.45
<b>TOTAL ENDING CASH ASSETS</b>	\$	36,987.38
A. G. EDWARDS BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT	\$	45,803.11
A. G. EDWARDS RENOVATION FUND ACCOUNT	\$	258,844.65
<b>CONSOLIDATION OF A. G. EDWARDS ACCOUNTS</b>	\$	304,647.76
PLUS APPROXIMATELY IN STOCK/MERCHANDISE FOR GIFT SHOP/BOOK STORE	\$	93,000.00
PLUS A CARGO VAN VALUED AT	\$	14,475.00
<b>TOTAL CASH, STOCK, AND OTHER ASSETS</b>	\$	449,110.14

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Col (P) Al Aycock, Ft Bragg Garrison Commander and Ex-Officio Member of the Advisory Council presented a long overdue Benefactor Plaque to Assistant Secretary, Mike Simpson during the April meeting in the Canopy Lounge.

## THE CURATOR'S CORNER

By Roxanne Merritt

The Museum has been humming along into the spring, working to get ready for the SF Convention in June. Additional projects have revolved around the various renovations and construction projects of USAJFKSWCS including Bryant Hall, the new Armament Facility, and the Dining Facility at Camp Mackall. MG Parker is intent on the immersion of the student in his/her history and heritage; consequently, we are continually culling our photo archives for images that can be utilized in the various projects. Our goal is to visually illustrate that no matter how much time has passed, how much technology has advanced, or that geography of the battlefield has shifted, the constants of SOF remain, linking today's candidate with the one – possibly you – that went many months, years or decades before.

Spring is also that time for a lot of our preservation projects. Over the last twenty years, we have a professional statuary conservator come annually and inspect all the statuary at the JFK and USASOC plazas, and now also, the World Trade Center beam. The inspection includes checking for deterioration, active rust of the statue and bases. The entire pieces are then re-waxed, the gold leaf repaired and the corner of veneer bases re-pointed. Many may remember when the Special Warfare soldier, fondly known as "Bruce," in the 1980s was green. When we were finally able to have it conserved, the entire statue had to be sandblasted with glass and pecan shell hulls, repaired, re-patinated the original warm brown and heavily waxed. This was a very costly process and one that is somewhat caustic to the statuary itself. By instituting a cyclical inspection and re-waxing, we are able to keep the maintenance of the statues to a minimum and ensure their longevity. Other preservation projects ongoing are of two flags: one from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ranger Battalion's ascension to Pointe du Hoc during World War II, and, the other from JSOTF-A in Afghanistan given to us by COL Herd a year and a half ago. The inspection, analysis, cleaning, blocking and framing of the pieces will take between a year and 18 months to complete. The JFK Museum has one of the most aggressive preservation programs in the US Army museum system, ensuring compliance with USC Title 10 and Title 16 of preserving our national patrimony. 

**That is all for now. As they say on the billboards – keep watching this space!**

*Roxanne*

## NEWS FROM THE GIFT SHOP MANAGER

By Betty Amaker


Hello Folks,

The Gift Shop is having its ups and downs during these financial challenges. Our sales are steady. The 1st Regimental Formations and Q-course graduations have brought many families to celebrate their loved one's graduation into the Special Forces community. February, March, and April have been very successful during the graduation ceremonies.

We are preparing for the SFA Convention this June from 12-17, 2006 busy now and evaluating our stock, so we will have the most wanted items on hand for this big event.

Hopefully, by the time you receive this, we will have some of our merchandise on the new website and you can make payments by using our PayPal account. The new address is [www.jfkwebstore.com](http://www.jfkwebstore.com) and you may reach me on our new e-mail address at [store@jfkwebstore.com](mailto:store@jfkwebstore.com).

Looking forward to seeing you in June or hearing from you at our new e-mail address. From all the Gift Shop staff, thank you for considering our Museum Gift Shop for your purchases. We are here for you.

I would like to take this time to share with you the Museum Gift Shop's loss. During the 16 years I have been the manager of the Museum Gift Shop, I had the pleasure of knowing **Mrs. Frank "Speedy" Gonsalves**, and I called her **Ms. Judy**. After "**Speedy**" died on January 2005, **Ms Judy** was told in April of 2005; by her doctor, that she had cancer in her lungs with only 12 months to live. She bravely battled the cancer and by December 2005, the battle had taken its toll on her body. Every mishap took her strength away. She had some good days and then some really bad days. I watched her slowly go down hill until her death on March 7, 2006. I wanted you all to know what a wonderful friend and volunteer she was to this Museum Gift Shops success. I miss her terribly as a friend and as a part of our family at the Museum Gift Shop. Her only wish was that she be remembered as a friend to the Museum Association Gift Shop. She will be in my heart for the rest of my life, I miss her 

Thanks for your support! *Betty*

## MEMBER TAPS

**Mrs. Judith (Judy) Gonsalves** (W-333) Age 61, widow of Frank "Speedy" Gonsalves, (D-4272) Chapter 1-18 passed away March 7, 2006 in Harnett Manor, Lillington, NC after a bout with cancer. Judy was cremated, and the majority of her ashes will be scattered in the state of Hawaii. At a date TBD a small amount of Judy ashes will be put in the pond, located on site of the SFA Headquarters, and were Speedy ashes were put. She is survived by two brothers, and several nieces and nephews. Judy was a Stalwart volunteer of the Museum and along with her husband **Frank "Speedy"** was a Life and Century Member.

**Claude C. Harribey**, who became a Life Member in September 1996 has passed away. He was also a member (D-1529) of Chapter 21 of the SFA. No other information is known at this time.

## KUDOS

We have a lot of Kudos to pass out this month. First of all **Col (P) Al Aycock**, now serving as Ft Bragg Garrison Commander has been selected for promotion to BG. **Al** was a hard working member of the Advisory Council and is now an Ex-Officio Member. Even when he was at the War College he always made the trip back to Fort Bragg to attend and contribute to our meetings.

Advisory Council Member, **Jack Kaplan** has been selected for promotion the Colonel, effective on 25 April. **Jack's** next assignment is the Horn of Africa area. For the past several years he has been tooling around in Afghanistan, Kuwait and Iraq.

Our President, **Bill Palmer** has been inducted as a Distinguished Member of the Ranger Training Brigade. Last year he was inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame. While at Ft Benning he was also able to observe the Ranger Challenge take place.

Vice President, **Pete Morakon**, was selected to participate in the interment of LTC (R) William P. Yarbrough in Arlington.

**Mike Simpson** finally received his Benefactor plaque, after making a large contribution to the IMO Fund earlier this year.

**Col "Hawk" Holloway**, is in Iraq helping to train the Special Police Force (called Commandos) He will be there until January 07. Any good words to The Big Airborne Trooper in the Sky are greatly appreciated.

**CW2 (R) Charles W. Smith, Sr.** is congratulated for being the first member who joined by using our new website.

## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

By George Heib

We have a lot of irons in the fire and projects that need to be addressed.

First, we are in the process of replacing our old outdated engraving machine and the Gift Shop's cash register system. Both systems are so old that we can no longer buy parts for them. We can probably get by on the engraving, by farming it out to a local vender. This would cost more, take more time and we would lose a lot of flexibility. The cash register system is another matter, because a good system also gives us an inventory and stock control

We are still looking for a logo. Sometime back, we were told that we had to avoid the use of insignia that might imply that we are a government agency. One of our members is looking further into this area. Once we get the final guidance we will then address the logo issue.

At the last (January) Board meeting we voted to award Life memberships to the USASOC NCO and Soldier of the year. We also extended this to the SWC Instructors of the year, to include Officer NCO, and Civilian Instructors. If the person selected is already a Life Member then we will update their membership to Life and Century. The next awards will be in August, so we will have more information in our next issue.

Board Meetings have been traditionally been set for 1000 hours the third Saturday of January, April, July, and October. Starting next year we will meet on the second Saturday of those months. Because SFA Chapter 1-18 also meets on the second Saturday of each month at 1300 hours, the Board will meet at 0900 hours, which will give members time to make both meetings. (it will also give us an inspiration to keep our meeting on tract and short.) Another benefit is that it will free up one more Saturday for members to spend doing other things. Meetings for 2007 will be held at the Canopy Lounge, in Hardy Hall on the following dates

13 January 2007

14 April 2007

14 July 2007

13 October 2007

At their request, we need to have some replacements for several Advisory Council Members, whose terms expire in December 2007. They live out of state and gas prices being what they are, it is an increasing financial burden to make it to the meetings. Several also are having some health problems (at my age I can relate to that) Send us the names by e-mail, snail mail, or pigeon. Those replacements will also go on the ballot next year for the term 2008 -2010. FYI: The current Executive Board's term runs through this year. The board for 2007-2008 will be selected and appointed by the Advisory Council at the 21 October 2006 meeting

Although the website was not complete, we did get one new member so far, who printed out the application and sent it in. (see Kudos above)



**The Editor**

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