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

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Bill Palmer

The JFK Special Warfare Museum Board has appointed Col.(R) Joe Kilgore and CSM(R) Lupyak to look into establishing a scholarship fund for the Museum Association, they will report back to the Board at the next meeting. Roxanne Merritt, the museum Curator is looking into building a solarium, which is support by the Museum Board. Both of which will be dedicated to MSG (R) James C. “Jimmy” Dean.



THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND SUGGESTIONS!!

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THE SECRETARY’S SECTION

By George Heib

Thanks to several of our members we had now adopted all of our departed comrades from the GWOTon IMO plates. This list now includes those who died in training accidents. (see chart below). We still have 745 names not sponsored from the 886 SF guys who were KIA in VN.

BRANCH	NUMBER KIA	IMO PLATES ADOPTED	NUMBER LEFT
CIVIL AFFAIRS	36	36	0
PSYOPS	12	12	0
RANGER	28	28	0
SF	103	103	0
SOAR	35	35	0
TOTALS	214	214	0

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MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	\$ LEVEL	MUSINGS-06-4	CURRENT MEMBERSHIP
ANNUAL	\$ 10.00	30	17
DONOR	\$ 10.00	17	51
LIFE	\$ 100.00	432	437
CENTURY	\$ 100.00	179	197

CENTURY & LIFE	\$ 200.00	199	217
BENEFACTORS	\$ 1,000.00	40	43
PATRONS	\$ 2,000.00	18	10
LEADERSHIP MEMBERS	\$ 5,000.00	9	11
HONOR MEMBERS	\$ 10,000.00	3	3
DISTINGUISHED DONORS	\$ 20,000.00	1	1
PACESETTERS	\$ 50,000.00	0	0
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* HONORARY MEMBERS	-0-	76	77
SUB TOTAL (ACTIVE MEMBERS)		1005	1065
LOST ADDRESSES		254	256
	TOTAL	1259	1321

* Widows, SOF Organizations, MOH recipients, some SFA Chapters, SOF Commanders and CSM's.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

Bennie Pokemire

We really appreciate all the donations from our repeat contributors. I believe this is the first time that we had one person make 17 separate donations during one quarter. It seemed that we barely acknowledged one donation when another one was received in the next mail delivery.

THANKS - YOU ARE SPECIAL !!

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Bennie

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FIRST CITIZENS BANK (GENERAL FUND)	\$ 43,222.87
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We had a small crew of stalwarts (see photo below) who showed up to get the last issue in the mail to you. Thanks to these guys we got it done in an expedient and accurate manner.

ROY BRADFORD
BOB FOLWELL
GEORGE HEIB

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By Betty Amaker

From March 2007 to end of September we have had some constructions surrounding the JFK Museum building.

- ◆ Parking was very limited,
- ◆ The directional signs to our Museum were confusing, and in spite of all the obstacles; our devoted customers found a way to the Gift Shop.

When the installations of the pipes were completed, the construction crew had to reconstruct the parking lot. The crew installed a sidewalk leading to our warehouse; instead of replacing the blocked walk way. To show our appreciation for their thoughtfulness, we bought them pizza and drinks during one of their lunch hour and I presented them each a coin. Their names are **Dennis McMillan; Floyd J. Stewart; Willis E. Rice Jr., Charles A. Brown, Hiram Resto, Pila Montawez, and Eliseo Resto.**

The Gift Shop merchandise sales used to average about \$30,000.00 per month, some months being more and other months being less. While the new pipe installation and construction around the museum was going on, May was the only month we experience a drastic drop in sales. When our customers figured out how to get to the Gift Shop, our sales increased. During September, we closed on Saturday and Sunday due to slow sales. We open back up on Saturday October 6. Again, the sales were so low that Saturday, the Gift Shop closed on Sunday. On October 11, the combined sales from the First Regimental formation at Seay Field and the OSS Re-union were tremendous. The Gift Shop has been setting up a table at Seay Field for the Regimental Formation during the

construction. We would also like to thank, those SFA chapters that purchase our merchandise from the Gift Shop, to sell during their monthly meetings. The Gift Shop continues to receive mail outs, phone orders, as well as internet sells. Lois and I are the only Gift Shop employees since April. We have not had any real issues that we could not handle. The two of us have been doing just fine so far with our work schedule. Having the Gift Shop closed on Saturday and Sunday in September has allowed for the both of us to be here during the week when we are the busiest. If we missed your visit in September during the weekend, please come and visit us again. We are open on Saturday and Sunday now. With the holidays coming, please call the Main Gift Shop at 910-436-2366 to find out what the holiday schedule will be.

Main Gift Shop hours: 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday - Sundays
Please call 910-436-2366 for any changes in our schedule.

Bank Hall Store hours: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Some Mondays and Fridays, Bank Hall closes due to Federal Training Holidays. Phone #910-436-7717



Some view of the sewer work that caused us so much problems for several months. In spite of the parking lot being all torn up, and the closing of Ardennes Street, our loyal customers were still able to get to the Museum and keep us running.

Thanks for your support! *Betty*

MEMBER TAPS

Harris R. Munck, Lieutenant Colonel U. S. Army Retired died on September 12, 2007 at his residence, Hawaii Kai Retirement Home. Born in upstate New York, October 5, 1926, He joined the U.S. Army in 1944, serving in the European Theatre until the end of hostilities there, and returning to CONUS for a brief tour before being commissioned in 1948. He was assigned to the Army of Occupation (Japan) in the late 40s'.

At the onset of hostilities resulting in the invasion of South Korea by the North Korean forces. His unit was the first to be sent from Japan to Korea to halt the advancing North Korean Army. This small element, numbering less than 600 was the lead element of the large forces later introduced in the battle. Needless to say, their casualties were high. Harry always spoke highly of these men who

had little advanced training or combat experience. After his initial tour in Korea ended He was assigned to the newly-forming unit that was to become the 10th Special Forces Group. After the unit completed its' initial organization and training phase, deployment to Europe followed with the establishment of Headquarters, 10th Special Forces Group in Bad Tolz, ,Germany. At the conclusion of his tour of duty with the 10th Special Forces Group. He returned to Ft Bragg, N.C. and was assigned to the 77th Special Forces Group. Assignments to Southeast Asia (both temporary duty and permanent change of station followed)

While assigned in South Vietnam, Harry, along with a few other select individuals established initial contact with the Montagnard Tribes in the Central Highlands of Vietnam. This contact blossomed over the years and resulted in the formation of the Civilian Irregular Defense Force. These forces were the fighting element associated with the many Special Forces "A" camps established throughout South Vietnam. Expansion of the CIDG forces resulted in the incorporation of the many other ethnic and religious groups present in the widely scattered areas throughout South Vietnam.

Harris R. Munck retired from the U.S. Army in 1965 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Among his numerous awards and decorations were: European Award of Military Excellence (EAME), APCM, ACM, WWII Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Army of Occupation Medal (Japan), Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Armed Forces Reserve Service w/hourglass device, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Medal w/1960 Device, National Defense Service Medal w oak leaf cluster, Purple Heart w/ 2 oak leaf clusters, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal w/ V device, Combat Infantry Badge 2nd Award, Master Parachutist Badge, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry w/ Regimental Device, Vietnam Medal of Merit 1st Class and 4 overseas bars.

Subsequent to his retirement from the U.S. Army He served with the U.S. State Department, mostly in Southeast Asia for a period of 10 years.

After moving to Hawaii in the late 70s' He served with the State of Hawaii for a 10 year period. During these two 10 year periods He received many letters of commendation and other accolades for his superior performances.

Harris R. Munck is survived by his loving wife of more than 60 years, Jeanne; Daughters, Cheryl Gray, Vicki Martin, Pamela Jones; Son Robert; 5 grandchildren; and 6 great grandchildren.

Military services were held October 1,2007, 11:30 AM at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl). Inurnment at a later date.

Donations may be made to your choice of charities in Harry's name. Cards and letters of Condolence may be sent to the home at: 428 Kawaihae Dr., Apt 262, Honolulu, HI 96825

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

By George Heib

Our biggest problem of all the sewer construction is now behind us and we are back to our regular schedules. The Museum Board also had the landscaping professionally done and paid to replace the tile floor in the Museum entrance. We were going to replace the carpeting but are now looking at other options such as wood flooring or tile. The Curator has had several companies in to make a survey on adding a solarium on the plaza side of the Museum. Once we get all the cost figures we will the attempt to get approval to carry out this project. Joe Kilgore and Joe Lupyak have also drafted up a scholarship packet, along with a change to the constitution so we can make sure we meet all the legal aspects. Once we get the constitution changes finalized we will mail it out to all members to get it approved by them. We will then go ahead with the scholarship which will be named in honor of Jimmy Dean.



The Editor

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