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

## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Bill Palmer

The Museum Association has awarded 4 scholarships from the **Jimmy Dean Scholarship Fund**. Dot Dean (wife of Jimmy Dean) and Joe Kilgore (Chairman of the Scholarship Board) made the presentations. It was a great day! Many thanks for a job well done to Joe Kilgore, Joe Lupyak, Jerry Levee, Bart Brown and "Bear" Martin who made up the Scholarship Board. More scholarships will be given next year and we expect many more applications. Scholarship Applications are on our website: [www.jfkwebstore.com](http://www.jfkwebstore.com).

The recently established Special Forces Hall of Fame is in Bank Hall. To submit names for the Hall of Fame contact Roxanne Merritt for the information required for nomination. I know there are many deserving Special Forces soldiers out there who should be considered.



**De Oppresso Liber**

## A FIRST JIMMY DEAN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

On 12 July during the Executive Board/Advisory Council meeting, The Scholarship Chair, Joe Kilgore assisted by Dot Dean presented four deserving youngsters with the first Jimmy Dean Scholarships. Three of them received scholarships of \$3,000.00 and one of \$1,500.00. The lucky recipients were: Krystine Elizabeth Craven, Trevor L .McCan, Justin Makar, and Erika L. Rybczyk, Ms Craven could not attend due to a death in the family, so her award was accepted by her step father Ron Shaw. Erika “Rika” Rybczyk came all the way from Tallahassee to attend the ceremony.



L-R rear Ron Shaw, Joe Lupyak, Jerry Levee, Bart Brown, “Bear” Martin, Joe Kilgore  
L-R Front Justin Makar, Trevor McCann, Erika Rybczyk.



Justin Makar receives his Scholarship Plaque from Dot Dean.



Trevor McCann Makar receives his Scholarship Plaque from Dot Dean.



Erika Rybczyk receives her Scholarship Plaque from Dot Dean.



Krystine Elizbeth Craven, proudly holds her Scholarship Plaque.

## A WORD FROM THE SECRETARY'S SECTION

By George Heib

Thanks to several of our members we have now adopted all of our departed comrades from the GWOTon IMO plates, to include three casualties since our last issue. (See chart below).

BRANCH	NUMBER KIA OR DNH	IMO PLATES ADOPTED	NUMBER LEFT
<b>CIVIL AFFAIRS</b>	39	39	0
<b>PSYOPS</b>	13	13	0
<b>RANGER</b>	32	32	0
<b>SF</b>	124	124	0
<b>SOAR</b>	35	35	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>0</b>

**On another note:** We now have 292 names sponsored from the 891 SF guys, (and Australian Army Training Team soldiers attached to SF) who were KIA or DNH (died non-hostile) in VN. We have several members who are working hard to get all of these guys sponsored with a plate on the IMO Board. If you wish to join them and sponsor one of these soldiers, but don't have a name, don't let that stop you. **All you have to do is send in a check for at least \$50.00 per name and ask us to pick a name for you. We will then send you a letter with the name of the soldier that you have sponsored.**



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*George D. Heit*

<b>MEMBERSHIP REPORT 08-1</b>			
<b>MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY</b>	<b>\$ LEVEL</b>	<b>MUSINGS-07-1</b>	<b>CURRENT MEMBERSHIP</b>
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DONOR	\$ 10.00	40	47
LIFE	\$ 100.00	432	440
CENTURY	\$ 100.00	194	194
CENTURY & LIFE	\$ 200.00	215	220
BENEFACTORS	\$ 1,000.00	39	45
PATRONS	\$ 2,000.00	14	8
LEADERSHIP MEMBERS	\$ 5,000.00	11	13
HONOR MEMBERS	\$ 10,000.00	3	3
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<b>SUB TOTAL (ACTIVE MEMBERS)</b>		1049	106
LOST ADDRESSES		264	264
	<b>TOTAL</b>	1313	1326

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

## **THE TREASURER'S REPORT**

Bennie Pokemire

As you can see, we have had a lot of donations this quarter and a lot of IMO recognitions. There has been 116 contributions since the last Musings went out and if you count them below there has been IMO 113 sponsorships. And one IHO sponsorship. 

<b>THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF MARCH 2008</b>	
TOTAL ENDING CASH ASSETS	\$ 44,682.52
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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>	<b>\$ 487,392.79</b>

**THANKS - YOU ARE SPECIAL !!**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE GIFT SHOP

By Betty Amaker

Hello members and customers,

What a hot summer we are having this year. I think it was about 100 degrees today. Well here it is again, another half of the year has come and is leaving us. I don't think the hot weather will be gone soon enough though. This year for our annual SFA re-union, I took the Gift Shop merchandise, with my husband JB's assistance, to Harrisburg, PA. We did very well in sells, made plenty of contacts, made new friends and members, shared some stories and enjoyed old friends and customers. The folks in that chapter did a wonderful job of making the Gift Shop welcome. Our summer hours have changed. Your early visits are encouraged. New operating hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday thru Sunday. Our sells are steady, some days it's slow and some days its very busy. I am preparing to attend the SFA's 5th group re-union in Fort Campbell, KY. Every month we have a 1st Regimental Formation and the Q-course graduation that we prepare for. During the 1st Regimental Formation, the Gift shop is open late in the evening to 7:00 p.m. On the day of the Q-course graduation, the Gift Shop is open to 5:30 p.m. So all in all, the Gift Shop staff and I stay pretty busy throughout the year. Thank you always for being so supportive. Several manufactures have raised their prices for our re-ordered items and so unfortunately we will have to raise the price of our items. The price increase may only be 50 cent to dollar per item. Some of the items have been increased since last year, but we did not raise them yet, but in order to keep the business going, the Gift Shop will have to increase accordingly. I am sorry about that though. In spite of everything else going up, please enjoy life, for it's a gift every day you wake up and see your loved ones still here.



**Thanks for your  
support!**

*Betty*

## THE SPECIAL FORCES HALL OF FAME

(This article written by Henry Cunningham, was originally in the 12 June 2008, Fayetteville Observer.)

**Jack Joplin**, who was on the unsuccessful raid to rescue U.S. prisoners of war in North Vietnam and hostages in Iran, is the newest living member of the Special Forces Hall of Fame.

**Joplin** who lives in Alabama, and the late **Walter Shumate** have been selected as Distinguished Members of the Special Forces Regiment.

The retired command sergeant majors spent careers in the Army and then worked training Special Forces and special operations soldiers as Army civilians. **Shumate** died in 1993.

**Joplin** was recognized May 30 at the graduation of the most recent Special Forces Qualification Course. So far, 20 people out of the thousands who received the Special Forces tab have been inducted into the Hall of Fame. Their portraits hang in a corridor in the **Aaron Bank** classroom building on Fort Bragg.

Other organizations in the Army have the halls of fame. The John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School has a hall of heroes for its Medal of Honor recipients, but **MG James Parker** thought it was time to recognize others.

"The concept of the regimental hall of fame for Special Forces is recognize those Special Forces soldiers who have gone before us that have made a significant and lasting contribution to the regiment but did not have the opportunity to earn the Medal of Honor," Parker said.

**Parker** is commander of Fort Bragg's John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, which has the twin jobs of bringing Green Berets into the Army and preserving the legacy and lessons of those who went before.

The 20 members include a mix of senior officers and enlisted soldiers. At the top of the list is the late **Col. Aaron Bank**, who activated the original Special Forces group at Fort Bragg in 1952 and is often referred to as the "father of Special Forces". Only two – **Sid Shachnow** and **John Singlaub** – are generals. Two – **Harry Rider** and **Thomas Edinger** – were senior warrant officers. Only one, **Roger Donlon**, is a Medal of Honor recipient. He was the first person to receive the nation's highest award during the Vietnam War.

Others – such as **Richmond Nail** and **Ernest Tabata** – have worked as civilians training Special Forces soldiers.

"We want to recognize people like that," **Parker** said. "We want the soldiers who train in this building every day to be able to see them and hold them up as worthy examples to emulate."

The regiment is asking for suggestions for Distinguished Members.

“We have Special Forces associations in different cities all over the United States, some around the world as well,” Parker said. “In many cases, they know of people who have made significant contributions that we may not be aware of here. We are trying to solicit their input.”

“To be considered, you don’t have to have served a 20-year career in the military and retired,” **Parker** said. “You must have been a Special Forces soldier at one time and made significant contributions on active duty or subsequent to active duty that’s worthy of note.”



### MEMBERS

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 SGM ERNEST K. TABATA  
 CSM CALVIN THOMAS  
 SGM WILLIAM WAYGH

### THE MUSEUM BOARD IN ACTION



President, Bill Palmer swears In the Advisory Council for 2008—2010. Seated are Bennie Pokemire, Treasurer and Pete Morakon, VP.



Council members enjoy a little fellowship while waiting for the meeting to start.



Gathering for the swearing in ceremony.



Tommie Gilbreath receives his Life membership certificate from Bill Palmer

### THE CURATOR’S CORNER

By Roxanne Merritt

Many of us “baby boomers” are facing retirement and, consequently, planning for retirement, especially how to ensure a steady stream of monthly income. As part of the process, many feel that ancillary outlays such as charitable donations, let’s say to the JFK Special Warfare Museum, will have to be curtailed. Not so fast “kimo sabi.” With good planning, you CAN do both and it doesn’t have to be an outright gift of cash, stocks or insurance policies which although is wonderful for us, may leave a void in your portfolio, since it deprives you of any future use of that money, or, in the case of this article, a steady income stream. Sound too good to be true? Now, I know that many are thinking – “I’m not rich, I don’t have that type of money,” but you may be surprised on how little is a lot when it comes to tax law and charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts and pooled income funds are avenues that can prove beneficial to explore. The following is condensed from an article in *Better Investing* ([www.betterinvesting.org](http://www.betterinvesting.org)) by Alexandra Armstrong, CFP and Karen Preysner, CFP in the February 2008 issue.

Let’s say you have stock, but want to get rid of it. If you sell it for a profit, you’ll owe Uncle Sam a capital gains tax. If you leave it in your estate, then, depending on its worth, your inheritors may have to pay not only capital gains taxes, but also estate taxes. If, however, you establish a trust based on this money, then you’ll not only receive a lifetime income from this gift, but you will also receive a tax deduction. True, the deduction will not be as great as if you donated the money outright, but you receive a deduction none the less. The amount is determined by your age and the income you will receive from the interest off of the donation to the charity. The best part is there are no capital gains taxes. There are three types of trusts: Charitable Gift Annuities (CGA); Charitable Remainder Trusts (CRT); and Pooled Trusts. Think of it in terms of car shopping: standard, luxury, and sport.

For a CGA, a trust often used by universities and colleges, the amount of income is based on actuarial tables. The older you are, the higher the deduction. This trust can usually be established for as little as \$5,000 in stock or cash. Very simple to set up and manage.

The CRT, a bit more complex, allows you use of the monies for either specific purposes or as an income stream on the condition that the charity, or charities receive remainder of the money upon either your death, generating an income stream for you and another for the rest of your life/lives, or at the end of a specific term of time not to exceed 20 years. This is a way many grandparents help pay for their grandchildren’s college. There are two types of CRTs: the unitrust (CRUT), paying a percentage of the annual appraised percentage of the annual appraised value of the asset; or, an annuity trust (CRAT) which pays a fixed dollar amount based on a fixed percentage of the trust. The latter – a CRAT - provides a steady and predictable income. The CRUT’s income stream, on the other hand, will fluctuate based on the market, giving you either a greater or lesser stream each year. Additionally, when established the projected charitable interest must equal in value to at least of 10 percent of the overall trust amount. What is also nice about a CRT is that you have the flexibility to help more than one charity, and, to even change who the charities are over time.

The final alternative is a pooled income trust where your donation is combined with others in a “pool” which is managed much like a mutual fund. Income is pro-rated to all those in the pool on either a monthly or quarterly schedule. Before entering such a pool, comparison shopping is advised. Many states have this type of pool set up. In Montana, for example, the First Special Service Force Association monument assets are maintained in such a manner, ensuring the maintenance of their cenotaph in perpetuity. Pooled income trusts are required to maintain historical data on their disbursements, so it is important you get copies of the data and compare various trusts to find the one you want. In some cases, friends/co-workers/relatives, have set something up for their collective group. This is very possible, but as with the other two options, it is very important to have a someone familiar in charitable tax planning (not just estate planning) to help you navigate and negotiate the “ins and outs.” Again, with so many of our generations retiring, many banks, insurance companies such as USAA, and law firms are beginning to offer such services.

When establishing a charitable trust, remember that although you are getting income from it, you no longer “own” it. You *are* establishing an irrevocable gift where you are realizing a tax deduction. It is imperative, therefore, when you talk to whomever will set up the trust that you are open and frank, discussing not only what you require as an income stream, but also how it is balanced against your other taxable income and other assets you may have which will affect the probate of your estate. When discussing the income stream, you may also designate where that goes. So, for example, although you get the income, that disbursement is automatically drafted against a lifetime care policy or “pay ahead” health care accounts.

The key most important rule is you must name a trustee for the trust when you set up the trust. It cannot be done after the fact. If you name yourself, you still *must* designate a successor or alternate in the charter document to ensure the disposition of your assets in case of untimely death or unexpected disability. **This isn’t automatically the executor of the estate!** This is, no pun intended, a fatal mistake!! You must specify both the primary and alternate trustees as well as naming your executor and alternate, even if the same persons are designated to do both jobs. It must be in the body of the trust as well as in your will. The trustee is responsible to ensure that all tax, state and federal laws and requirements are upheld as well as the conditions established by the charity itself. This, once again, sounds more complicated than it is in actuality, but it is one of those pieces that most people, especially those who are doing it themselves, forget or figure they’ll get back to, only to realize later that, now, indeed, it is complicated and they are in a very expensive mess.



*Roxanne*

## THE USASOC NCO AND SOLDIER OF THE YEAR

Although we did not get the word in time to present awards at the ceremony, we have mailed plaques to the NCO and Soldie of the Year. In addition we have sent Life Membership cards and certificates to them and the first runner-ups. Our congratulations are extended to these fine young soldiers:

**USASOC NCO OF THE YEAR WINNER 2008**

**USASOC SOLDIER OF THE YEAR WINNER 2008**



USASOC NCO OF THE YEAR RUNNER-UP 2008

USASOC SOLDIER OF THE YEAR RUNNER-UP 2008

SGT XIOVANI GUANILL  
SUSTAINMENT BRIGADE SPECIAL OPERATIONS AIRBORNE

SPC ELIZABETH A. BARKER  
USASFC

**TAPS**



**Master Sgt. Mitchell W. Young**, 39, was killed July 13 while conducting a combat reconnaissance Patrol in the vicinity of Kajaki Sofia, eastern Helmand province, Afghanistan, in support of combat operations while serving with Company B, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (Airborne). He deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in May 2008 as a member of the Combined Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan. This was his fourth deployment in support of the Global War on Terror and third deployment to Afghanistan. He was a Special Forces Operational Detachment Alpha team sergeant. **MSG Young**, a native of Jonesboro, Ga., volunteered for military service and entered the Army in January 1991 as an infantryman. After basic and advanced individual training at Ft Benning, GA, he was assigned to Co A, 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn, 27<sup>th</sup> Infantry at Ft Ord, CA. In 1993 he became a squad leader when he moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn., 502nd Inf. Regiment. at Fort Campbell, KY. In 1995 he moved to Germany and was assigned Co B, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 4<sup>th</sup> Inf Regt. **Young** began the Special Forces Qualification Course and he earned the coveted “Green Beret” in 1999 and was assigned to 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn, 3<sup>rd</sup> SFG (A) at Ft Bragg as a SF ODA communications sergeant. He left 3<sup>rd</sup> SFG (A) in 2004 to become team sergeant at the US Army Tactical Review Board, Ft Bragg, NC. He was assigned to his current position in 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 7<sup>th</sup>

SFG (A) in October 2007. **Young’s** military education includes; the Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Jumpmaster Course, Survival, Resistance, and Escape Course, Airborne Course, Air Assault Warrior Leader’s Course, Air Assault Course, Warrior Leaders Course and Special Forces Qualification Course.

His awards and decorations include two Bronze Star Medals, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, three Army Commendation Medals, two Army Achievement Medals, four Army Good Conduct Medals, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Nato Medal, Combat Expert Infantryman Badge, and the Special Forces Tab.

**MSG Young** is survived by his wife, **Robyn G. Young** of Fayetteville; daughter, **Chelly Burkett** and husband Michael of Fayetteville; his mother, **Jane Young** of Jonesboro; his sister, Cheryl Dumas, and his brother, Brent Young, both of Atlanta; and four granddaughters, **Breana Burkett, Allysa Burkett, Emilee Burkett** and **Taylor Burkett**. He is the son-in-law of Advisory Council member: **Bob Gilstrap**.

A memorial service was conducted July 25, 2008, at the John F. Kennedy Memorial Chapel on Fort Bragg with **Chaplain McCosh** officiating.

**JOHN J. “JACK” TUOHEY** died May 22, 2008, after a brief battle with cancer. He was born Nov. 6, 1932, in Boston to **John Sr.** and **Ann (Rogers) Tuohey**; Jack graduated from Boston College in 1956 and married Virginia Ann Williams in 1959. Together, they had four sons: **John Matthew, Kevin Michael, Robert Paul,** and **Patrick Eugene**.


**Jack** served the U.S. Department of State as a foreign service officer and raised his family in Frankfurt (1960-63), Vienna (1963-64), Moscow (1965-67), Bombay (1967-70), Berlin (1973-77), Tel Aviv (1977-79) and in Washington, D.C., before, between and following assignments overseas. While abroad, Jack served as press or cultural attaché for U.S. ambassadors. From his interesting career and life overseas, Jack loved to share stories about the Camp David accords, religious riots in Bombay, intrigue in Berlin and, of course, his beloved Bolshoi Ballet.

His last assignment was at Fort Bragg, where he was an adviser to Special Forces and taught psychological operations at the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center. Jack retired in Fayetteville in 1989 to care for Virginia as her health declined. After her death in 1996, **Jack** volunteered his time as an arbitrator for the Cumberland County courts, the speakers bureau at Fayetteville Technical Community College and as a liaison to the Cumberland County Sheriff’s Office for his neighborhood association. **Jack** was Life Member of the Museum Association and was also a member of the Special Forces Association (A-1626-L)

He is survived by his sons; their wives (**Pam, Shauna, Kristen,** and **Michelle**); his 12 grandchildren (**Shannon, Sarah, Ashley, Caroline, Jay, Savannah, Evan, Rebecca, Ryan, Caroline Rose, Maureen,** and **Madeline**); and longtime companion, Gladys Frankson, all of whom live in North Carolina, Massachusetts and Missouri.

Jack was preceded in death by his wife, **Virginia**; and his brother, **Paul Francis Tuohey**.

## THE LICKER STICKERS (MUSINGS MAILING CREW)

On Saturday, 1 March we again had a great crew (Wow! Twenty of them showed up) of well trained Licker-Stickers who managed to stuff the envelopes with the Musings, and then applied the labels. 

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## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

By George Heib

We have had a full quarter since the last Musings. It was great to see the good work put forth by Joe Kilgore and his Scholarship Committee. On very short notice they were able to get together and judge all the applicants and inform them about the presentation ceremony. Noteworthy was the fact that Dot Dean was able to also be present to give out the first of these scholarships honoring a true Special Forces Legend.

FYI: We have had 158 donors **IMO Jimmy Dean** and received a total of \$21,805.00. Much work was also done by **Joe Kilgore** and **Joe Lupyak**, in guiding the Constitutional Amendment through JAG. We received 304 votes to adopt the Amendment and only 5 who were opposed it. Joe Kilgore and his committee are already geared up for next year's applications, which must be received NLT 15 April. 



The Editor

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