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

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Bill Palmer

Many thanks for your ideas and support. Keep your suggestions coming!!



De Oppresso Liber

THE SECRETARY'S SECTION

By George Heib

Thanks to several of our members we have now adopted quite a few of our departed comrades from the GWOT on IMO plates, but still have a few to go. (See chart below).

BRANCH	NUMBER KIA OR DNH	IMO PLATES ADOPTED	NUMBER LEFT
CIVIL AFFAIRS	40	40	0
PSYOPS	13	13	0
RANGER	34	32	2
SF	132	132	0
SOAR	35	35	0
TOTALS	254	252	2

On another note: We now have 259 names sponsored from the 889 SF guys, (and Australian Army Training Team soldiers attached to SF) who were KIA or DNH (died non-hostile) in VN. We have one member who is working hard to get all of these guys sponsored with a plate on the IMO Board, and we appreciate those who have joined in after the last Musings went out. If you wish to sponsor one or more RVN KIA/DNH, and don't have a name, we can pick one for you off our list.



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MEMBERSHIP REPORT 08-1

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	\$ LEVEL	MUSINGS-07-4	CURRENT MEMBERSHIP
ANNUAL	\$ 10.00	17	21
DONOR	\$ 10.00	51	44
LIFE	\$ 100.00	437	445
CENTURY	\$ 100.00	197	192
CENTURY & LIFE	\$ 200.00	217	217
BENEFACTORS	\$ 1,000.00	43	45
PATRONS	\$ 2,000.00	10	8

LEADERSHIP MEMBERS	\$ 5,000.00	11	0
HONOR MEMBERS	\$ 10,000.00	3	1
DISTINGUISHED DONORS	\$ 20,000.00	1	2
PACESETTERS	\$ 50,000.00	0	0
SPECIAL DONORS	\$ 100,000.00	1	1
* HONORARY MEMBERS	-0-	77	78
SUB TOTAL (ACTIVE MEMBERS)		1065	1054
LOST ADDRESSES		256	281
	TOTAL	1321	1335

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

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

Bennie Pokemire

As you can see by reading the lists below, most of our contributions are from a small dedicated group of members, along with a very few new joiners and some members, who are upgrading their membership status.



THANKS - YOU ARE SPECIAL !!

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Liber
Bennie

THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF SEPTEMBER 2008	
TOTAL ENDING CASH ASSETS	\$ 50,184.94
A. G. EDWARDS ACCOUNTS	\$ 335,988.33
PLUS APPROXIMATELY IN STOCK/MERCHANDISE FOR GIFT SHOP/BOOK STORE	\$ 93,000.00
PLUS A CARGO VAN VALUED AT	\$ 14,475.00
TOTAL CASH, STOCK, AND OTHER ASSETS	\$ 486,445.43

CONTRIBUTIONS/MEMBERSHIPS (SINCE LAST MUSINGS)

PFC CHALSEE BULMER (ANNUAL MEMBER)
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SSG MICHAEL DAWDY (NEW LIFE MEMBER)
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CPT TIMOTHY P. DORION (ANNUAL MEMBER)
CPT JOEL D. ENG (ANNUAL MEMBER)
AUBREY & JOANN GADDIS (TWO DONATIONS) (LEADERSHIP MEMBERS)
MSG (R) JOHN A. GOMES (THREE DONATIONS) (LEADERSHIP MEMBER)
JIM & KAELE FLYNN (LIFE AND CENTURY MEMBERS)
COL (R) JIM "HAWK" HOLLOWAY (CENTURY AND LIFE MEMBER)
SGM (R) VLADIMIR (JAKE) JAKOVENKO (2 DONATIONS) (LEADERSHIP MEMBER)
SPC NICOLAS A. JELINSKI (NEW LIFE MEMBER)
DON KING (CENTURY AND LIFE MEMBER)
PV2 TRAVIS A. KOSIR (NEW LIFE MEMBER)
ROY M. KUNIMURA (CENTURY AND LIFE MEMBER)
SGM (R) JAMES W. LEWIS (LEADERSHIP MEMBER)
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MIKE MACNEIL (NEW CENTURY MEMBER)
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SGT NATHAN VANDENBERG (ANNUAL MEMBER)

The numbers of donations listed above are those that have been received since the last Musings.



CONTRIBUTIONS MADE IN MEMORY OF

These contributions were made in the memory of departed comrades, friends, or relatives.

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DALE E. WORLEY	MSG (R) JOHN A. GOMES

THE CURATOR'S CORNER

By Roxanne Merritt

Over the last six months, we have been involved with new initiatives. In June, the John F. Kennedy Hall, formerly the headquarters of the US Army JFK Special Warfare Center, or, to many of you, that of USAJFKCMA/USAIMA, reopened as the new home of the NCO Academy and the SF Warrant Officer Institute. For the grand opening which was also the retirement ceremony for MG Parker, we placed exhibits focusing on President Kennedy's visit to Fort Bragg in 1963 and the original dedication of the JFK Hall by Senator Robert F. Kennedy. These exhibits will permanently reside in the lobby of the JFK Hall. Later next year, we will be mounting photos and panels within the NCO Academy and Institute itself. We also continued to work on the Hall of Fame area in Bank Hall, adding inductees to the wall. In the museum itself, several new and updated exhibits have been mounted. When President Bush visited Fort Bragg, we put up a temporary display at Mackellar's Lodge as a backdrop for a presentation to him by SF Command and USAJFKSWCS. CNN followed the footsteps of 60 Minutes in January and again used the museum to stage an interview of members of 7th SFG(A).

Over the course of the coming year, we will be working on two kiosks: one for the museum association to best spotlight their donors and the other will be placed in Bank Hall emphasizing the brave deeds of the Distinguished Service Cross recipients. The kiosk in the museum will replace the donor boards with integrated graphics and search engines allowing visitors to see who donated to the museum association, when, and, if for a memorial, in whose name. There will also be sections on the Jimmy Dean scholarship highlighting not only those who donated to it, but also giving bio sketches of the recipients. Planned Legacy is the company who has been contracted for the work. They specialize in this type of development tool and have a stellar reputation with those companies that have used their services. This process is just in the beginning stage, so I will keep you posted on developments in the upcoming Musings. If you would like to see the type of work the company does, please check out www.plannedlegacy.com.

The response to my earlier plea for submittals to the Special Forces Regimental Hall of Fame has been very good. Please note that once a submittal is made, the name and packet go in front of a board who actually vote for induction. Currently, only two people (16 per year) are inducted per Regimental Formation when the SFQC graduates receive their berets. Since April, the following men have been inducted into the Hall of Fame: MAJ John Plaster, MSG Joe Alderman, CSM Jack Joplin, SGM Tyrone Adderly, COL Nick Rowe, SGM Calvin Thomas, and CSM Joe Dennison. When drafting submittals, the board really needs the best resume that you can compile to include a good photograph, information on not only military accomplishments, but civic achievements as well, a cover letter which supports why the name is being submitted and current points of contact information for the family as well as the submitter. Again, the address for submittals is: Commander, USAJFKSWCS, ATTN: AOJK-CS (COL Jack Zeigler, Jr.), Fort Bragg, NC 28310.

On the 16 October, the 4th Psychological Operations Group celebrated the establishment of the PSYOP branch by presenting the Museum five display boards of their product from different theaters and operations. These will be incorporated in the museum gallery. They have also utilized the museum as the focal point in celebrating MG Robert McClure's birthday, using it as a forum of professional development for their troops. Their renewed support of the museum is very welcome.

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge four people who have continually supported the museum and its efforts, but who left Fort Bragg this summer. First is MG Parker, who challenged our abilities and our space constrictions by mandating placement of exhibits and historic murals throughout the USAJFKSWCS footprint, ranging from Bryant Hall to Camp Mackall. He had a vision which we were a vital part and which resulted in quite a ride. He brought to fruition several projects including the Special Forces Regimental Hall of Fame. Although a tough, exacting task master, he always ensured we had the resourcing to support his expectations. We wish him well in his retirement and future. BG Hector Pagan, his deputy, also left us in June, to go down to Tampa. Even though he was only with us for a short time, his optimistic outlook, good will, graciousness, and passion for the Force was always welcome. COL Ronald Newton, now in Africa, served as our Rock of Gibraltar over the course of four years. When we would get stuck, he always had a viable suggestion that would assist in shifting our course. And although we were always pushing the envelope in meeting deadlines, he always stayed calm, keeping the faith in us even when everyone else was freaking out. It was under his mentorship that we have been moved from under the auspices of the Chief of Staff at USAJFKSWCS to, now, an integral part of the Directorate of Special Operations Education so that we can best support the POI of the School. (Please understand that this was not because we weren't happy under the Chief of Staff's umbrella, but due to the important role we should play under the educational side of the house.) And, last but not least, we said 'so long' to COL Irizarry who transferred up to DC. He has followed the museum's progress in many different roles over his entire career, the most recent as the commander of the newly activated 95th Civil Affairs Brigade. He has held a seat on the Museum Association's board and has really ensured the better inclusion of the Civil Affairs mission in the museum. We are a much better institution because of all these gentlemen. Their strength of beliefs in what we do, who we are, and the importance of our place in this community, remaining here on Smoke Bomb Hill will ensure our continued existence. When we underwent certification inspection in January, the team was most impressed with the loyalty and support that was obviously received and enjoyed by us. Thank you very much!

Our visitation has stayed steady throughout this calendar year. In September, we were visited by about 100 managers of the Marriott chain of hotels. The Fayetteville Area Travel and Tourism Bureau brought members of the various visitor centers located at the main interstates in the state to the museum. The Regimental Formations have returned to the Special Warfare Memorial Plaza next door and other organizations have begun to utilize the area for their special events. The Soldier's Ride of the Carolinas for the Wounded Warrior Foundation kicked off their five day event the 22nd of October and 7th SFG(A)'s annual Jingle Bell Jog will again be held the first week in December. The museum was spotlighted in the Fayetteville Observer-Times on 15 August when SSG Ron Bucca Jr. graduated from SFQC on that day. (*Fayetteville Observer-Times Article ID: 1217454 by Henry Cunningham in Archives section*) His father, Ron Bucca Sr., formerly a member of 11th SFG(A), was killed in the 9/11 attacks - the only Fire Marshall in FDNY's history to have died in the attacks. The Bucca family, including Ron Bucca Sr.'s mother, and members of Bucca's firehouse drove down for the graduation and were gratified to see our exhibit on Ron Bucca as you enter into the GWOT gallery. They were also pleased to see the outdoor exhibit on 9/11 that surrounds the World Trade Center beam given to us by New York City in 2003.

I hope that this finds all of our membership anticipating a wonderful holiday season. Until next time,




Roxanne

TAPS

CSM (R) RICHARD "DICK" EUGENE TAYLOR, 83, of 3388 Hawthorn St., went home to be with the Lord on Friday, Nov. 7, 2008, in his residence with his family at his side. He was born Nov. 8, 1924, to the late **Charles** and **Mildred Fleming Taylor**, in Rome, N.Y. Mr. Taylor began his military service in 1942, serving in the Pacific with the Army Air Corps during World War II. He then served with the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment. He volunteered for the 10th Special Forces as one of the "originals" in 1952. His following assignments included the 7th, 1st and 5th Special Forces Groups. He served two tours in the Republic of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. He retired in 1971 from the 16th Ordinance Battalion in Germany. Preceding him in death also are a sister, **Cleo James**; and four brothers, **Charles Taylor**, **Thomas Taylor**, **Byron Taylor** and **Robert Taylor**. CSM Taylor is survived by his loving wife of almost 61 years, **Frances Taylor** of the home; three daughters, **Frances Taylor Price** of Bloomington, Ill., **Pamela Taylor Blackmore** and her husband, **Gregory**, of Fayetteville and **Sharon Taylor Dixon** and her husband, **Harry**, of Raleigh; a son, **Richard E. Taylor II** and his wife, **Sandra**, of Vanceboro; three sisters, **Bessie Vlasko**, of Fayetteville, and **Delores Babcock** and

Phyllis Lyon, both of Rome, N.Y. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren, **Frances Lynn Sparks, Edward Leigh Bunch, James Kevin Price, Charles David Smith** and his wife, **Monika, Gregory Arthur Blackmore II, Francesca Nicole Blackmore, Daniel Allen Bergeron, Christina Bergeron Bracali** and her husband, **Julian, Richard Eugene Taylor III** and **Shannon Meredith Taylor**; and six great-grandchildren, **Jacob Ryan Sparks, Amanda Marie Sparks, Casandra Lynn Sparks, Olivia Katharina Smith, Luke Nathaniel Smith** and **Peyton Anna Smith**. A rosary service was conducted Nov. 13, 2008, at Rogers and Breece Funeral Home in Fayetteville.. A Mass will was held Nov. 14, 2008, in Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Hope Mills, with Father Thanh Nguyen officiating. He was laid to rest with the rendering of full military honors by the 7th Special Forces Group in Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery in Spring Lake. B was a life member (D-98) of the SFA, and a Life and Century member of the Museum Association. He was an avid devotee to the "Licker-Sticker Mailing crew, took part in at least 150 mailing sessions. He will be sorely missed by all his friends and comrades.

THE SPECIAL FORCES HALL OF FAME

We wish to congratulate the newest Distinguished Members of the Special Forces Regiment, who were recognized during the graduation ceremony for the SF Qualification Course at the Crown Arena on 13 August. They are: Retired Command Sergeant Major **Joseph L. Dennison** and the late Master Sergeant **Joe Alderman**. **Dennison** was the first command sergeant major of 1st Special Operations Command. **Alderman** served for seven years in SF units in Vietnam. On 2 October, **Col Nick Rowe** and MSG (R) **Tyrone Adderly** were also inducted. **Col Rowe** wrote the book, "Five Years to Freedom", after his escape from the VC and then went o to create and develop SERE training. **Adderly** was awarded the DSC for his actions on the Son Tay Raid. 

THE USASOC NCO AND SOLDIER OF THE YEAR

Sgt. 1st Class Steven J. Kroll, a Special Forces instructor from 4th Battalion, 1st Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne), U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, was named the USASOC NCO of the Year.

Specialist Barrett E. Kauling, a radio and communications security technician from 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, was selected as the USASOC Soldier of the Year. The winners of the competition were announced July 17 during an awards ceremony held at Bank Hall. They will continue on to represent USASOC at the Department of the Army 2008 NCO and Soldier of the Year Competition at Fort Lee, Va., as well as being honored at the Association of the U.S. Army Convention held in Washington, DC.

Sgt. Xiovani Guanill, Sustainment Brigade (Special Operations)(Airborne), is the runner up of the U.S. Army Special Operations Command NCO of the Year Competition.

Specialist Elizabeth A. Barker, U.S. Army Special Forces Command, is the runner up of the U.S. Army Special Operations Command Soldier of the Year Competition.



L-R: LTG Robert W. Wagner (USASOC Commander), SFC Steven J. Kroll (NCO of the Year) ,SPC Barrett E. Kauling (Soldier of the Year), and CSM Parry L. Baer (USASOC Command Sergeant Major), at the Awards Ceremony. Army photo by SPC Tony

CSM Baer said it is always difficult to choose winners in a competition with such highly-qualified Soldiers. The events, which included live fire, a physical fitness test, and land navigation, took place at Fort Bragg July 14-16 with the award ceremony on the 17th.

“All the units across USASOC have some of the best soldiers from within the Army,” he said. “They all perform exceptionally well in all of the tasks we had before them. It makes you very proud that our country can produce such outstanding Soldiers that are willing to do whatever is required that their country asks them. Seeing everyone come together and compete makes you feel good about the command and where the Army is going in the future.” Baer said the winners of this competition have one more tough challenge ahead of them before it’s all over. “Later in the year they will compete against some of the best and brightest Soldiers from across the Army in the Sergeant Major of the Army competition,” he said. “I’m expecting our winners to do exceptionally well again this year.” Even though they can only choose two winners, he said everyone who competed did an outstanding job in the competition. Soldier of the Year competition plots his destination during land navigation. Other events in the week long competition were weapons live fire, common task test, oral and written tests, and physical fitness.

THE USAJFKSWCS INSTRUCTORS OF THE YEAR

On 22 August we were pleased to present plaques to the people who make it possible for the USAJFKSWCS to turn out our usual high quality product, outstanding soldiers who will serve in and lead our SOF units. The ceremony was held in the JFK Auditorium, and our able Assistant Secretary, Mike Simpson was on hand to present Plaques and Life Membership Cards to the recipients for this year. The instructor of the year competition is a demanding challenge for those instructors who aspire to set themselves apart from their peers.

The competition is derived from instructors who have been nominated to compete for the instructor of the year by their respective chains of command. A panel of evaluators then evaluates each of the instructors giving a block of instruction, and then produces a written evaluation of each instructor that is then consolidated and presented to an instructor of the year selection committee. There are four categories in the competition; officer, warrant officer, non-commissioned officer, and civilian. The selection committee then chooses the instructor of the year winners for each category and forwards the nominees to the commanding general for his approval. Each category winner will be nominated for the TRADOC instructor of the year competition.

Prior to the announcement of the winners of our instructors of the year for 2008, MG Thomas R. Csrnko, the commanding general of the United States Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, assisted by his command sergeant major, CSM Kurt Lugo, recognized the winner of the 2007 TRADOC civilian instructor of the year competition.

The winner of the 2007 TRADOC civilian instructor of the year was Mr. Ross B. Andrews, an instructor at 1ST BN, 1ST Special Warfare Training Group. Last year at this time Mr. Ross B. Andrews was recognized as the SWCS civilian instructor of the year. This year we had the distinct privilege of recognizing him as the army’s top civilian instructor. Earlier this year, Mr. Andrews was selected as the TRADOC civilian instructor of the year for 2007. The Superior Civilian Service Award was awarded to Mr. Andrews

2008 INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR WINNERS

Officer

MAJ Peter J. Marques
Current Job: Instructor at Phase V CULEX Course

Enlisted

SFC Robert Stewart
Current Job: Instructor at CAQC Course

Warrant Officer

CW3 James Joseph Korenoski, Jr.
Current Job: Instructor at WOTTC Course

Civilian

Mr. Charles Perry
Current Job: Instructor at SOMTG Course

Major Marques, CW3 Korenoski, and SFC Stewart were awarded several plaques, and the Army Commendation Medal. Mr. Perry also received the same plaques and the Commanders Award for Civilian Service

DISTINGUISHED AND HONOR GRADUATES

During a ceremonies in September the following students were recognized for their outstanding efforts:

DISTINGUISHED HONOR GRADUATES

SPC Kenneth Butler, Specialist Course (AIT)

CPT Clayton D. Curtis, Class 02-08 Civil Affairs Qualification Course

SSG Michael Dawdy, Class 02-08 Civil Affairs Specialist Course

MAJ Steven S. Denoms, Class 02-08 Psychological Operations Qualification Course

SPC Jeffery Eisner Class, 05-08 Civil Affairs Specialist Course (AIT) Class 05-08

SPC Nicolas A. Jelinski, 98B Civil Affairs AIT

PV2 Travis A. Kosir Class 06-08 Psychological Operations Specialist Course

SGT Nikolay Medvedev, Class 02-08 Psychological Operations Specialist Course

They received a Life membership in the Museum Association, the Army Commendation Medal, in addition to many other awards.

HONOR GRADUATES

PFC Chalsee Bulmer, 98B Civil Affairs AIT

CPT Joel D. Eng, Class 02-08 Civil Affairs Qualification Course

SSG Christopher B. Melendez Class 02-08 Civil Affairs Specialist Course

CPT Timothy P. Dorian, Class 02-08 Psychological Operations Qualification Course

SGT Nathan A. Vandenberg, Class 02-08 Psychological Operations Specialist Course

SPC James Sharratt ,Class 05-08 Civil Affairs Specialist Course (AIT)

PV2 Kelly J. Stearns, Class 06-08 Psychological Operations Specialist Course

PV2 Eric Stone , Class 05-08 Psychological Operations Specialist Course (AIT)

They received an annual membership in the Museum Association, the Army Achievement Medal, plus numerous other awards:



CPT Clayton D. Curtis-DHG

SSG Michael Dawdy-DHG

MAJ Steven S. Denoms-DHG



SGT Nikolay Medvedev-DHG

CPT Joel D. Eng-HG

SSG Christopher B. Melendez-HG



CPT Timothy P. Dorian-HG

These pictures were obtained thanks to the efforts of MAJ Kyle D. Kouri, Executive Officer, 3rd Bn, 1st SWTG (A), Although he was unable to obtain photos of all those recognized, we felt we could at least show the ones that were available.

MESSAGE FROM THE GIFT SHOP

By Betty Amaker

Hello members and customers,


We are fast approaching the end of 2008. The Gift Shop had its ups and downs this year. We still have three of us (Betty, Lois and Mary) working hard to take care of our valuable customers and members. I am working on a picture catalog. If you would like a catalog, please send a check or money order for \$3.50 to cover the cost of printing to: JFK Museum Gift Shop; P.O. Box 70060; Fort Bragg, NC 28307. And thank you all for your support.



Thanks for your support! *Betty*

THE MAILING SESSION WITH THE LICKER STICKERS

On Saturday, 9 August our Licker-Sticker Mailing Crew was joined by a few we had not seen for awhile, and a new member; **Frieda Thomas** (who also surprised us with some very delicious Brownies). These outdid the Krispy Kreme Doughnuts that were brought by

Mike Simpson. Mike also again went the extra mile and made enough coffee to satisfy all present.. A highlight was the award of two Bronze Doughnut Awards, and one Silver Doughnut Award. Two others who did not make this session will have their awards presented at the next mailing session. 

BART BROWN
BOB GILSTRAP
ROY HILL
CLIFF SEAGO

JOE BROCK
JIM HARGRAVES
JOE LUPYAK
MIKE SIMPSON

TONY CAPOCHIARO
GEORGE HEIB
"BEAR" MARTIN
FRIEDA THOMAS

TOMMIE GILBREATH
NORM HEIB
BILL PALMER



Norm Heib is presented with a Silver Doughnut Award by Bill Palmer, for helping to mail out the Musings for two dozen sessions.

Cliff Seago is presented with a Bronze Doughnut Award by Bill Palmer, for helping to mail out the Musings for one dozen sessions.



Mike Simpson is presented with a Bronze Doughnut Award by Bill Palmer, for helping to mail out the Musings for one dozen sessions.



The Mailing crew relaxes after a spirited mailing session in the Canopy Lounge.

SCENES FROM OCTOBER MEETING AND THE MUSEUM




Bob Gilstrap received a Bronze Doughnut Award at the October meeting of the Executive Board and Advisory Council.



Our newest plaque is devoted to those SonTay Raiders; POW's and support/planning staff, who have passed on since the raid. These plates are the result of many donations by Mr. and Mrs. Anonymous.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

By George Heib

We owe an apology to **Billy Waugh**, who was listed in the SF Hall of Fame in our last issue. We made two mistakes; first we hit the **Y** key instead of the **U** key and then we did not proof it well enough so it came out as BILLY **WAYGH**, instead of Billy **Waugh**. Thanks to one of our members in Arizona, who was kind enough to bring it to our attention. 

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Please put this someplace so you will have the information you need to help us to support the Museum and our members. Please disregard any previous information received.

DATE	EVENT
10 JANUARY	EXECUTIVE BOARD AND ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
21 JANUARY	INPUT FOR MUSINGS DUE TO EDITOR NLT 0800 HOURS
31 JANUARY	MUSINGS MAILING SESSION
18 APRIL	EXECUTIVE BOARD AND ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
22 APRIL	INPUT FOR MUSINGS DUE TO EDITOR NLT 0800 HOURS
2 MAY	MUSINGS MAILING SESSION
11 JULY	EXECUTIVE BOARD AND ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
22 JULY	INPUT FOR MUSINGS DUE TO EDITOR NLT 0800 HOURS
1 AUGUST	MUSINGS MAILING SESSION
10 OCTOBER	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP, EXECUTIVE BOARD, AND ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
28 OCTOBER	INPUT FOR MUSINGS DUE TO EDITOR NLT 0800 HOURS
7 NOVEMBER	MUSINGS MAILING SESSION

All meetings and mailing sessions will start at 0900 hours and will be in the Canopy Lounge of Moon Hall.



The Editor

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JIMMY DEAN SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

ELIGIBILITY: Eligible applicants must have served with an organization affiliated with the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare/Special Forces Branch Museum, or be a spouse or child of a qualified individual. Proof of affiliation to a Special Forces, Civil Affairs or Psychological Operations unit is required. This may be assignment orders, DD214, or other official records documenting the assignment of the individual or sponsor. Proof of attendance or acceptance in an accredited program and institution is also required.

REQUIREMENTS: Applicants and sponsors must complete and sign the eligibility verification **Statement of Certification (This is simply the information to back up Proof of affiliation as stated above)**. Failure to complete this form will result in a rejection of the application. A copy of all **transcripts**, high school and college/votech, must be submitted. Grade point averages and course completion information must be included. **SAT/ACT scores** must also accompany the application. If you have more than one score, send only the highest, do not mix scores from multiple tests. Submit a **300 word essay** explaining why you deserve this scholarship and your plans to utilize it.

APPLICATION EVALUATION: Each scholarship is based on merit. The selection board will evaluate nine (9) categories. Each category will be assessed up to 5 points. Each category is equal in weight. If you are a nontraditional student, provide information that you feel would assist in the evaluation of your application. Some examples of nontraditional activities would include child care, employment, disabilities etc. Scholarships will be awarded without regard to race, sex, color, religion, national origin, age, or physical disability. Zero points will be awarded for any category left blank. The categories are:

1. SAT/ACT Scores
2. Class Ranking
3. Grade Point Average
4. Membership/involvement in School clubs or activities
5. Membership/involvement in community, church, or volunteer activities
6. Leadership Positions held
7. Athletic/band/cheerleading etc participation
8. Outside Employment
9. 300 Word Essay

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS: All information must be submitted as one package to:

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