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

## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Bill Palmer

Many thanks for your help and support as we work to improve the Museum and the Jimmy Dean Scholarship program. I also

want to thank the Scholarship Committee, as well as welcome the newly elected Advisory Council, who will serve from 2010 thru 2012.

*De Oppresso Liber*

## The 2010-2012 ADVISORY COUNCIL

The 296 members who returned ballots have selected the following members to represent them on the Advisory Council for 2010-2012.

J.B. III AMAKER	BOB GILSTRAP	***ROY HILL	<b>COL JACK L. KAPLAN JR.</b>	WES McKELVEY
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\* Bold print indicates active duty member. The Museum constitution requires that three of the 15 members must be active duty (Vacant position will be filled as soon as another required active duty member is recruited for this position.)

\*\* Returning former Council member

\*\*\* New Members



Space was a little cramped but we held the October Meeting in the Museum.




Bill Palmer administers the oath to the 2010-2012 Advisory Council.

## THE SECRETARY'S SECTION

By George Heib

Some time ago we made it our goal to see that all casualties of the GWOT or RVN were recognized by having their name displayed on IMO plates that are on boards at the entrance to the Museum. As you can see by the charts below, we now have all of our RVN guys recognized. Our special thanks to John Benjamin and John Morton who finished sponsoring the last of the RVN KIA's on our list. Unfortunately the casualties in the GWOT have not slowed, and we also received another list of all those killed in Dessert Storm, Kosovo, Korea, Latin America, Somalia, El Salvador, and several terrorist attacks. We also appreciate those who have joined

in after each Musings goes out. If you wish to sponsor one or more KIA/DNH, and don't have a name, we can pick one for you from our lists. For any further info call or e-mail me (sfeditor@nc.rr.com) 

**GLOBAL WAR ON TERROISM CASUALTIES (INCLUDING NON HOSTILE)**

<b>NUMBER KIA OR DNH</b>	<b>IMO PLATES ADOPTED</b>	<b>NUMBER LEFT</b>
307	287	20

**CASUALTIES OTHER THEN RVN AND GWOT**

<b>NUMBER KIA OR DNH</b>	<b>IMO PLATES ADOPTED</b>	<b>NUMBER LEFT</b>
64	64	0

**RVN CASUALTIES**

<b>NUMBER KIA OR DNH</b>	<b>IMO PLATES ADOPTED</b>	<b>NUMBER LEFT</b>
889	889	0

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT 09-1**

<b>MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY</b>	<b>\$ LEVEL</b>	<b>MUSINGS-08-4</b>	<b>CURRENT MEMBERSHIP</b>
ANNUAL	\$ 10.00	21	7
DONOR	\$ 10.00	44	44
LIFE	\$ 100.00	445	440
CENTURY	\$ 100.00	192	174
CENTURY & LIFE	\$ 200.00	217	200
BENEFACTORS	\$ 1,000.00	45	40
PATRONS	\$ 2,000.00	8	19
LEADERSHIP MEMBERS	\$ 5,000.00	0	7
HONOR MEMBERS	\$ 10,000.00	1	3
DISTINGUISHED DONORS	\$ 20,000.00	2	6
PACESETTERS	\$ 50,000.00	0	0
SPECIAL DONORS	\$ 100,000.00	1	1
* HONORARY MEMBERS	-0-	78	75
<b>SUB TOTAL (ACTIVE MEMBERS)</b>		1054	1015
LOST ADDRESSES		281	190
	<b>TOTAL</b>	1335	1205

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

**De Oppresso Liber!**


*George D. Healy*

**HONORARY GREEN BERETS**

It is good to keep getting input from our members. Recently we were able to add this name to our list: **CONRAD B. BAKER** received his award from Mike Healy while working as a civilian in RVN

**THE TREASURER'S REPORT**

By Bennie Pokemire

I would like to thank each and everyone for the exemplary service and support of the Museum Association/Gift Shop through your financial donations, purchases, and the vocal accolades to the SOF community and the history of Civil Affairs, Psyops, and Special Forces branches, those who have passed on, and especially those who gave their "supreme sacrifice" for our nation. We thank you for selfless contributions and lifelong service to the SOF community. We are forever grateful. Also with your approval and support, the JFK Museum Association was able to give 26 scholarships to aspiring young people from the SOF community as they step into the future by attendance in an educational institution of higher learning. This alone attests to your generosity and support of the SOF community. 

**De Oppresso Liber**

*Bennie*

<b>THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF 30 JUNE 2009</b>	
TOTAL ENDING CASH ASSETS	\$ 41,107.18

A. G. EDWARDS ACCOUNTS	\$ 272,217.11
PLUS APPROXIMATELY IN STOCK/MERCHANDISE FOR GIFT SHOP/BOOK STORE	\$ 93,000.00
PLUS A CARGO VAN VALUED AT	\$ 9,100.00
<b>TOTAL CASH, STOCK, AND OTHER ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 415,424.29</b>

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## THE CURATOR'S CORNER

By Roxanne Merritt

Hallelujah we have air conditioning and heat!! ... that actually works, is up to code, does not leech off of our fire suppression system and respects the zones of the museum, maintaining temperatures that are safe for both the residents of the museum (the artifacts) and the staff that work with them! Wow! And the condensation units, boilers, compressors, pipes are new, are all in place and all fit without the need (so far) of duct tape, bubblegum or bailing wire. The transformation of the mechanical room has been stunning. Instead of being a warehouse of bits and parts for the rest of post, it actually holds the mechanism of a living, breathing air conditioning/heating/humidification unit. What a concept. It only took 20 years, but that only matters if you were counting. I have to give kudos to Johnson Controls who have been every bit the professionals and did everything they could to ensure that the Museum was only closed down for three weeks, allowing us to be up and running for the Regimental First Formation on 1 OCT. As with any new system, there are still kinks that have to be worked out, but all and all, the effect is very comfortable for all parties involved.

Despite the three weeks closure, we continue to do well with visitation. Two weeks ago we hosted a promotion party and were running special tours for the families of SFC McCloskey and SSG Mills, both from 7<sup>th</sup> SFG (A), simultaneously. It visibly demonstrated how much we are a part of the fabric of this community. Recognizing this, the command of USAJFKSWCS, working on developing long range plans for Smoke Bomb Hill, are looking at different avenues to give us more space in future MILCON (military construction) projects.

We have three new members of the Special Forces Hall of Fame since our last posting: **MG Harley Davis**, **CSM Galen Kittleson** and **CSM Isaac Camacho**. (Billy Waugh has published a new book on CSM Camacho's escape and military life titled Isaac Camacho: American Hero. He has also set up a web site on **CSM Camacho** as well. ([www.isaaccamachoamericanhero.com](http://www.isaaccamachoamericanhero.com) )

Just got back from a conference on the Blue Shield, the symbol of the 1954 Hague Convention on the Protection of Cultural Properties where the ramifications of the Hague Convention were discussed. You may or may not be aware that the United States ratified the Convention last September, depositing the document with UNESCO in March of this year. This convention stipulates the treatment of cultural properties during conflict. DOD and the State Department are in the process of developing modern policy based on the Hague Convention and speakers from both were at the conference. At the first international meeting on the Hague Convention by Committees of the Blue Shield from different countries, held last fall, one of the biggest hits was the General Technical Annex (GTA 41-01-002) the Museum developed on the subject. It is the only one like it in the world. The 3<sup>rd</sup> edition is being printed with additions provided by the Marines on maritime properties and **Dr. Sonny Trimble** on mass graves. At the meeting in Washington DC, the keynote speaker, **Lynn Nicholas** and one of the main panels discussed the legacy of the Monument Men, the less than 100 Civil Affairs/Military Government Arts, Monuments, and Archives men that saved Europe's and the Pacific's art works. There are several new books on the subject first explored by **Lynn Nicholas** in her Rape of Europa. **Robert Edsel's** book The Monuments Men: Allied Heroes, Nazi Thieves, and the Greatest Treasure Hunt in History includes interviews with the men and women of the



teams as well as photos and documents from their quest. There is a great website dedicated to The Monuments Men at <http://www.monumentsmen.com> which includes photographs, documents, and maps. **General Eisenhower** said while in Italy in December 1943, "Today we are fighting in a country which has contributed a great deal to our cultural inheritance, a country rich in monuments which, by their creation, helped and now in their old age illustrate the growth of the civilization which is ours. We are bound to respect those monuments so far as war allows." He issued a general order which allowed the preservation of many important landmarks from Allied bombing raids and combat operations. The

Roberts Commission, in America, and the MacMillan Committee, in Great Britain followed the progress of maintenance of this order closely and steer conduct in this arena. Although over 40,000 works of art were recovered, there are still thousands of pieces of art work, statuary, and archives still missing and cases for restitution of cultural property still in courts throughout the world. The Monuments Men story is fascinating, one that movies such as Indiana Jones loosely take their inspiration and one that the Special Ops community can claim as their heritage. This is especially fitting when considering that both PSYOP and CA celebrated their regimental birthdays on 16 October!

*Roxanne*

**MESSAGE FROM THE GIFT SHOP**

By Betty Amaker

Greetings,

The Museum Gift Shop has been pretty busy for the past three months with several special events. Our van was packed and I drove to the 5th Group reunion in September for three days. The van was re-packed for the Pinelander Appreciation Day on 3 October. Both events were very profitable for the Gift Shop. The Museum and the Main Gift Shop was closed from 12-31 September for a new air-conditioner installation, so we took our daily operations to our Bank Hall Annex store Monday-Friday. The Main Museum Store re-opened on 1 October in time for The First Regimental Formation on 2 October and the Q-course graduation on 3 October.

After reviewing our sales at the Bank Hall store, with most Holidays falling on Mondays and Fridays throughout the year, we will change the operating hours to: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10:00a.m. to 3:00p.m., and close on Monday and Friday. The Bank Hall store was never open on the week-end so it will remain closed on Saturday and Sunday.

Re-ordering is limited due to space and money. Re-stock purchases are made when we are able to provide a space for them. We have not been able to predict which sizes and colors will go first. We make a habit of ordering the most popular colors black and dark green in sizes Large and x-large. If you have any issues or questions, the best way to reach me is thru our e-mail address: [store@jfkwebstore.com](mailto:store@jfkwebstore.com) I make a sure I check my e-mail daily.

Thanks for your support!

*Betty, Lois, and Mary*

**THE MAY MUSINGS MAILING (LICKER STICKER) SESSION**

On Saturday, 1 August, 16 members of the Licker-Sticker Mailing Crew got your Musings ready for mailing Mike Simpson provided the coffee and doughnuts for them and one participant was so happy that he contributed to the Jimmy Dean Scholarship. Unfortunately, the printer did not put the ballots with the Musings, and **your-not-so-fast-anymore-Editor** did not notice this discrepancy. The cheerful crew went ahead with stuffing the musings and doing the labels, when it was decided to return in a week when we got the ballots, from the printer who is closed on weekends.

ROY BRADFORD	TOMMIE GILBREATH	JERRY LEEVEE	WES MCKELVEY	BILL PALMER
BART BROWN	BOB GILSTRAP	RALPH LOFF	ROXANNE MERRITT	CLIFF SEAGO
WALT CAMPBELL	GEORGE HEIB	BEAR MARTIN	RICHMOND NAIL	MIKE SIMPSON
BOB FOLWELL	NORM HEIB			

This dedicated crew of ten stalwarts, came in the following Saturday, 8 August, and finished the job by stuffing the envelopes with the ballots and then sealing the envelopes.

BART BROWN	TONY CAMPOCHIARO	GEORGE HEIB, JR.	ROY HILL	IRENE MARTIN
WALT CAMPBELL	GEORGE HEIB	NORM HEIB	"BEAR" MARTIN	CLIFF SEAGO

**SCENES FROM THE MAILING SESSIONS**



These two pics show the mailing crew stuffing the Musings into the envelopes that already have the mailing labels attached



This much smaller Licker Sticker crew that returned a week later to stuff the Advisory Council Ballots in with the Musings.

**USASOC NCO AND SOLDIER OF THE YEAR**

Unfortunately we managed to get the names and units for these distinguished soldiers, but were unable to get any other information on the ceremony or even a picture of the events.

USASOC NCO of the Year: **SGT LUCAS A. MILLER**, 1st Special Forces Group Airborne, Ft Lewis, WA  
USASOC Soldier of the Year: **SPC MICHAEL J. ENGELSGJERD**, 75th Ranger Regt, Ft Benning GA.

**DISTINGUISHED AND HONOR GRADUATES**

On 3 September 2009 a ceremony was held to honor graduates of the Civil Affairs and Psyops Specialists AIT Courses. Unfortunately we were only able to get the photos shown below.

The guest speaker for the ceremony was MSG Dale Spencer. He is a Civil Affairs Specialist, who works for MG David A Morris, CG, US Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (Airborne) as the NCOIC of the Emergency Operations Center.

The distinguished honor graduates are the students with the highest academic standing in their respective class. Each distinguished honor graduate must achieve an academic average above ninety percent, successfully complete each task on the first test, and meet special operations forces standards for the army physical fitness test. The commander recognizes each distinguished honor graduate with a plaque, A Commander's Coin of Excellence, and the army achievement medal. The JFK Special Warfare Historical and Memorial Museum Association presents the graduate with a plaque and lifetime membership

The honor graduates are the students with the second highest academic standing in their respective class. Honor graduates must meet the same criteria as the distinguished honor graduates. The commander recognizes each honor graduate with a plaque, a Commander's Coin of Excellence, and the Army Achievement Medal. The Museum Association presents them with an annual membership.



PFC Christopher Weston, Distinguished Honor Graduate, Civil Affairs Specialist Course AIT, is presented a Life membership plaque by Mike Simpson.



SPC Derrick Chan Distinguished Honor Graduate, PSYOPS Specialist Course AIT, is presented a Life membership plaque by Mike Simpson.

Civil Affairs Specialist Course AIT Honor Grad was: **PFC Kaitlin Earnest** (No photo provided)

PSYOPS Specialist Course AIT Honor Grad was: **PV2 Eduardo Verduzco** (No photo provided)

Another graduation was held on 16 October for the CA and PSYOPS Specialists AIT Courses. Unfortunately we received the information to late for us to participate. We did get the plaques made and sent them (along with membership cards) to these highly deserving recipients as a reward for their outstanding achievement.



SPC Mikhail Itkis Distinguished Honor Graduate Civil Affairs Specialist Course AIT is presented with the Army Achievement medal by SGM Mark Jackson, Command Sergeant Major of Training Battalion. Looking on is MG David N. Blackledge, Commanding General, USACAPOC(A)



SPC Jason K. Magers, Distinguished Honor Graduate, PSYOPS Specialist Course AIT after being presented with the Army Achievement medal by SGM Mark Jackson



PFC Richard Gayton, Honor Graduate Civil Affairs Specialist Course AIT is presented with the Army Achievement medal by SGM Mark Jackson.



PFC Brittany Spencer Honor Graduate, PSYOPS Specialist Course AIT presented with the Army Achievement medal by SGM Mark Jackson.


**TAPS**



It is with a sad note that we have to announce that our most recent Distinguished Donor, **MSG (R) R. MICHAEL KARR** (81), has just passed away on 24 November. In August **Mike**, was having some memory issues and was taken to a hospital because he was dehydrated and ill. Since that time, Mike had been living at the Life Care Center Bothell, WA. He seemed to be doing better and then he was again taken to the hospital by ambulance. He had pneumonia in both lungs. Since Mike had issued a DNR order (do not resuscitate), he was just moved to hospice. **Mike** was a charter and Life member of the SFA (D-18), and a great supporter of the Museum Association. **Mike** was a WWII, Korean, and RVN Veteran. He also, after hearing COL Banks speak on the "Allegoric History of Special Forces in 1988, became fearful that with the passage of time, the Allegory might well become lost. So Mike secured a *hand written copy* of that speech and thus, project "Acorn" was born. **Mike** personally produced and had manufactured the CD, "Giant Oaks From Little Acorns Grow", the profits of which were donated to the Museum. He just recently was awarded the Saint Phillip Neri Silver award while in the hospital. As we go to press, information is still not complete, but we hope to update you in the next issue. Our thanks to **Eulis Pressley** and SFA for most of the information we have at this time.

**NOTES FROM THE EDITOR**

By George Heib

As you can see in this issue, it has been a very busy quarter for all of us; the Scholarship Committee (**Bart Brown, Bob Gilstrap, Jerry Levee, and Bear Martin**) led by Chair, **Joe Lupyak!** **Mike Simpson** served us well by representing the Association at all the awards ceremonies, **Walt Campbell** took on the task of counting all the ballots sent in voting for the Advisory Council. The Editor, in his role as the Secretary, fortunately had a lot of help from his son **Norm**, and grandson **George**, putting all the plaques together (27 so far this year) They also spent a lot of time chauffeuring me around after an eye operation which precluded me from driving until all the stitches are out and I get new glasses hopefully sometime by late November, or early December). 



**The Editor**

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