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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 28 scholarships from the **Jimmy Dean Scholarship Fund. Dot Dean** (wife of **Jimmy Dean**) and **Roy Hill** (Chairman of the Scholarship Board) made the presentations. It was a great day! Many thanks for a job well done to **Roy Hill, Joe Lupyak, Bart Brown,** and **Bob Gilstrap** who made up the Scholarship

Board. Scholarship Applications are On our website: [www.jfkwebstore.com](http://www.jfkwebstore.com).

To submit names for the Special Forces Hall of Fame located in Bank Hall contact **Roxanne Merritt** for the information required for nomination. We know there are many deserving Special Forces soldiers out there who should be considered, It is up to you to make sure that noteworthy Special Forces soldiers (active or retired) are recognized.

De Oppresso Liber

## THE SECRETARY'S SECTION

By George Heib

If someone were to ask us what our largest problem is, I would answer. “Lost Souls” It never fails that right after mailing out the Musings that we start getting back issues.

### CASUALTIES GWOT-SOMALIA-KOREA-(INCLUDING NON HOSTILE)

NUMBER KIA OR DNH	IMO PLATES ADOPTED	NUMBER LEFT
315	314	1

MEMBERSHIP REPORT			
MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	\$ LEVEL	MUSINGS-09-03	CURRENT MEMBERSHIP
ANNUAL	\$ 10.00	33	24
DONOR	\$ 10.00	24	22
LIFE	\$ 100.00	456	446
CENTURY	\$ 100.00	191	166
CENTURY & LIFE	\$ 200.00	214	195
BENEFACTORS	\$ 1,000.00	44	37
PATRONS	\$ 2,000.00	10	13
LEADERSHIP MEMBERS	\$ 5,000.00	14	11
HONOR MEMBERS	\$ 10,000.00	2	4
DISTINGUISHED DONORS	\$ 20,000.00	3	4
PACESETTERS	\$ 50,000.00	1	1
SPECIAL DONORS	\$ 100,000.00	0	0
* HONORARY MEMBERS	-0-	88	71

<b>SUB TOTAL (ACTIVE MEMBERS)</b>		1080	991
LOST ADDRESSES		291	234
<b>TOTAL</b>		1371	1225

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

De Oppresso Liber!

*George D. Hail*

### THE TREASURER'S REPORT

By Bennie Pokemire

We are still plugging along, but I am now retired from my job in SWC, and hope to have more time to keep up with all the book work 

De Oppresso Liber

*Bennie*

THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF 31 MAY 2010	
TOTAL ENDING CASH ASSETS	\$ 41,794.88
A. G. EDWARDS ACCOUNTS	\$ 272,237.92
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>\$ 421,507.80</b>

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### NEW LOST SOULS

After the last two Musings went out we had some returned as not deliverable for the following members:



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If anyone has info on these members, let us (or them) know Thanks to the members who helped us find three lost souls since our last issue, and also informed us of two who are deceased.

### TAPS

We received the word that **Betty Kruchas** passed away, but no other details. Betty became a Life Member in 1998

### A WORD ABOUT THE BALLOT

Enclosed with this MUSINGS is a ballot. Let me give a quick update.

The folks who take care of your Museum Association consist of two groups: The Advisory Council and the Executive Board. Every three years you, the members, get to elect 15 members of the Advisory Council. After the ballots are counted and the Advisory Council is sworn in, they meet and appoint an Executive Board, (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer). These are the regular worker bees who serve for two years. If you divide the cost of a stamp, (.44) cents by three that makes your investment less than .15 cents a year. We have made it easy to just fill it out (anyone can make an X), **put one piece of tape on the bottom**, add a stamp, and put in the mail box.

### JIMMY DEAN SCHOLARSHIP

We awarded four scholarships in 2008 and 26 in 2009. This year we awarded 28. Recipients for this year were:

<b>JAMES B. AMAKER</b>	<b>EMMA M. CRAVEN</b>	MATTHEW S. LOWE	<b>ERIKA L. RYBCZYK</b>	<b>MESHA D. SWILLEY</b>
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ANJA L. COLE	JOSHUA R. HALL	ROBIN J. ROBERTS	BRITTANY M. STICKNEY	

Those in bold print were able to attend the formal presentation at the July Board Meeting (see photo below). Those not able to attend were mailed their Scholarship certificates and letters of congratulations.



L-R seated are: COL Randall M. Zeegers (accepted award for his daughter Christine, Mary A. Weighknecht, Mesha D. Swilley, Andrea V. Smith, Erika L. Rybczyk, Shelby N. Gabello, Emma M. Craven, Achary C. Boyd, and James B. Amaker. Standing are: Jo e Lupyak, Bart Brown, Dot Dean, Bob Gilstrap, and Roy Hill.

## THE CURATOR'S CORNER

By Roxanne Merritt

The biggest news for the JFK Museum is that our mission has been officially expanded by the US Army Center of Military History (CMH) to include the Psychological Operations and Civil Affairs Branch. Our new mission reads:

*"The John F. Kennedy Special Warfare museum will collect, preserve, exhibit, and interpret significant historical property in support of the proponencies, training and educational mission of the US Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, making it the regimental museum for the US Army Special Forces, Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations branches including predecessor organizations from the American colonial period to the present."*


This expanded mission makes us the only museum in the US Army museum system that is designated the regimental museum for three branches. Other installations such as Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, have three branch museums (the MP, Engineer and Chemical Warfare); however, even though they may be co-located, the exhibits and collections are independent of each other. Here, the exhibits and the collections will be co-mingled.

So what does that mean for us? Over the last several years, we have been working at better integrating both Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations in our exhibits. Now, we have to work even harder. It really couldn't have come at a better time as we have been laying out contracts for equipment and supplies to completely reconfigure the main gallery. **BG Dennis Wilkie** (USA Ret) and his lovely wife, **DeLoise** and **COL George Padar** (USA Ret), from the Civil Affairs Association came down the 9<sup>th</sup> of July and visited the museum and reviewed our plans. **COL Padar** will take the point, pledging to work with us to accommodate their history. He provided us a great deal of written material on Civil Affairs actions and units which we will work not only into the story line, but also the Hall of Fame initiative which we are also intimately involved. This does not mean that Special Forces is being pushed out or that the story line will be made smaller. What it does mean is that we, here at the Museum, are going to have to be creative and better utilize all our space, including the high ceiling and walls. We have already begun adding Military Wrap Afghani and Iraqi graphics to our walls in the War on Terror area to enhance the experience. In the main gallery, we will incorporate two-dimensional artifacts produced by both CA and PSYOP into similar graphics, resulting in a more complete picture of SOF operations.

At the last board meeting, questions arose on the role the US Army Center of Military History (CMH) in our operation. CMH provides regulatory and administrative oversight of all museums in the US Army, which, as noted above, includes approving, and in some cases, assigning museum mission statements. CMH is responsible for the care and protection of the Army Historical Collection which is part of the national Collection of the United States of America governed by sections 4565 and 4714 of title 10, United States Code. In this role, they inspect our operation every five years to ensure we meet the minimum standards established in

AR 870-20, the regulatory guidance for museum operation. We just completed our recertification inspection the first week in June and are awaiting word of the results.

Another observation that was voiced at the last meeting was that the Museum Association has no way of really keeping up with what is going on with the JFK Center and School. For example, many of you may not have heard that Psychological Operations name has now been changed to Military Information Support Operations (MISO). The rechristening was approved by Defense Secretary Robert Gates in June, necessitated by the foreign and domestic sensitivities to the term "psychological operations" which often leads to a misunderstanding of the mission. Our Public Affairs Office at USAJFKSWCS produces a wonderful one page (front and back) insight into USAJFKSWCS and is working hard at making it more accessible to those that do not have access to the USASOC network. This last week it did a spotlight of the new old mission of MISO. Until the time where everyone can access the page, we will forward the .pdf of the weekly to **George Heib** so he can send it out to those he has e-mail addresses. Please contact him to ensure he has a current address.

Coming next, we will have a new statue based on the famous **Kennedy** and **Yarborough** meeting at MacKellar's Lodge 12 October 1961. The statue is being donated **by H. Ross Perot**. The date for the dedication has yet to be announced. As it gets closer, we will keep you posted. We are looking for anyone who participated in the demonstrations for the president, gathering stories from that visit. Several people have come forward. We have learned not only about the demonstration itself, but even the use of Special Forces students to line Gruber Rd. from Pike Field to MacKellar's. We would love to hear from anyone reading the Musing that also has memories of the day, either as a participant or a spectator, to contact us. 


Hope this finds all enjoying the summer months. See you in the fall,

*Roxanne*

### MESSAGE FROM THE GIFT SHOP

By Betty Amaker

The most rewarding part of my job is knowing that our customers are satisfied; not only with our service but also our products. I strive to build strong relationships with all our customers, so that I know their various needs. Having said

that, I know I am just one part of a hard working, knowledgeable team here at the Museum Gift Shop. My staff and I understand that the quality of our service is relative to the quality of our customers. 

**Thanks for your support!**

*Betty, Lois, and Mary*

### PLAQUES AND MEMBERSHIPS AWARDED

We presented plaques and cards to Graduates of several classes from CA and Psyops courses

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 JFK Special Warfare Historical and Memorial Museum Association presents them with a letter of congratulations and an annual membership.

### DISTINGUISHED GRADUATES

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### HONOR GRADUATES

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CPT ERIC P. SWANSON  
SSG CHRISTOPHER M. SWARTZ  
SPC ERIC VALENCIA  
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### THE FEBRUARY MUSINGS MAILING (LICKER STICKER) SESSION

On Saturday, 1 May this stalwart band of Licker-Stickers came together at the Canopy Lounge to put together the Musings for mailing.

JB AMAKER, ROY BRADFORD, BART BROWN, WALT CAMPBELL, BOB FOLWELL, BOB GILSTRAP, GEORGE HEIB, NORM HEIB, ROY HILL, JOE LUPYAK, BEAR MARTIN, WES MCKELVEY, BILL PALMER, CLIFF SEAGO, MIKE SIMPSON

At right and below are a few pics of some of them as they put on mailing labels, stuff them with Musings, seal the flaps (called "Licking-Sticking") and then turn them over to our mailing expert Norm Heib. If we missed some of them you can blame my computer which had a recent crash in which we lost some data.



### NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

By George Heib

Again, we have had a real active quarter since the last Musings. What with all the donations, getting everything set up for our July meeting, getting names for the ballot, and then writing this Musings, it sure doesn't feel like I'm retired. The best part of all is to be able to work with a great Executive Board and Advisory Council, as well as a very hardworking Gift Shop Manager and staff. We also could not keep a tab on all that is going on without a Museum Staff led by a very knowledgeable Curator, Roxanne Merritt, and her staff. The real highlight of each quarter is getting the Musings ready for press, heaving a sigh of relief, and then getting steeled up to start the next quarter.



The Editor

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