

## THE MSG (R) JAMES C. “JIMMY” DEAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Museum Association is a non-profit organization. It was established to provide an opportunity for all people, military and civilian, to create and maintain a memorial or memorials and aid in the preservation of the history and traditions of Special Warfare units, past and present. The Association is organized exclusively for historical, charitable, and educational purposes. It qualifies as a tax exempt organization under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

Membership in the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Museum Association is voluntary and open to all military and civilians who have an interest in furthering the objectives of the Association.

### MSG (R) JIMMY C. DEAN (28 November 1929 -3 March 2007)



On 3 March 2007, one of the most well known members of our Special Forces community left us after a long illness. MSG (R) James C. “Jimmy” Dean was a charter member of the Special Forces Association (SFA D-30), and is the past Secretary/Administrator of the Special Forces Association (SFA) where he served for 18 years. He was also the Editor of the Drop. Jimmy joined the 77th SFG (A) in September 1954, and later served in the 110th Reconnaissance Unit in Italy. During his tour with the 7th SFG (A), he was the team sergeant on FTT 30 during operation White Star conducted in Laos in 1962. Jimmy retired from the military in May 1966. He played a key role in establishing the Special Forces Decade club, and was influential in changing the name from Special Forces Decade club to the Special Forces

Association. He served two terms as past SFA National President, as SFA National Treasurer, Chairman of the SFA Executive Board, Secretary/Administrator SFA, and served as President of Chapters I, V, and Secretary/Treasurer of Chapter-VI. Chapter X is the “Jimmy Dean” chapter. He was also influential in getting SFA non- profit status with the IRS, and the state of North Carolina. Jimmy directed the purchase of the Memorial Building, the Grounds, where the SFA is presently located. Other events that Jimmy was involved in were taking on CNN over the malicious attacks on Special Forces & those involved in Operations Tailwind. In 1995, he saw that the JFK Museum Association needed some help, so he got together a group of volunteers to get it up and running again. He served as the Secretary and then as Vice President. During his tenure, he organized the Bank-to-Bank Walk that raised over \$130,000.00 for the Museum. He also went over boxes of old records, and forms to build a database of members. He recruited a replacement Secretary and oversaw the beginning of the Museum Musings newsletter. In the finance end, he recruited an outstanding Treasurer, who made sure that the Association funds were invested in order to achieve the best possible return. He was a friend, a mentor, and a great administrator. Jimmy was always available when you needed help, advice, or ideas. **Jimmy** said that he did not want any service or funeral but wished to be cremated, and his ashes to be put in the pond on the SFA grounds. Of course **Jimmy** did not realize that all his many friends would let him go without some form of send-off. As a result, over 200 of them attended a wake held at the Green Beret Sport Parachute Club on Ft Bragg. Present were many in uniform to include SF, AF, and even a group of Navy Seals. In addition to the firing party which was provided by the 7<sup>th</sup> SFG (ABN)

The **MSG (R) JAMES C. "JIMMY" DEAN** scholarship is awarded to active duty, National Guard, reserve, or retired military members, their spouses, children, step-children, and grandchildren of Special Operations Soldiers based on merit. The purpose is to fund higher education studies that result in an undergraduate/graduate degree or vocational certificate from accredited college/technical/vocational institutions. Scholarship awards are granted annually, and no recipient may exceed four annual awards.

Please read all instructions carefully before completing the application. Applications must be received prior to 15 April for consideration. Each application must be complete regardless of prior applications.

### **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS**

The number of Scholarships to be awarded vary. Each year an Executive Board evaluates the scholarship applicants and selects the most outstanding submissions to be awarded a Jimmy Dean Memorial Scholarship. The scholarships will not exceed \$3000.00 per awardee and will be no less than \$500.00.

### **MEMBERS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

**ROY HILL- CHAIRMAN**

STEVE BERTI  
BART BROWN  
BOB GILSTRAP  
JOE LUPYAK

### **INSTRUCTIONS TO THE APPLICANT**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Applicants must be a military member, (active duty, retired, national guard or reserve), who has served in a Special Forces, Civil Affairs, Psychological Operations, or Special Operations Aviation unit, or be a spouse child step-child, or grandchild of a qualified individual. **Proof of assignment.** 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**. 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/GRE** 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/GRE 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.

**MSG (R) JAMES C. "JIMMY" DEAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP CHECKLIST**

\_\_\_ Cover Sheet (See Below)

\_\_\_ Statement of Certification (see Eligibility proof above)\*

\_\_\_ Applicants relationship to sponsor

\_\_\_ School Transcripts

\_\_\_ Grade Point Average

\_\_\_ Class Ranking Document

\_\_\_ SAT/ACT/GRE Scores

\_\_\_ School/Club/Activities

\_\_\_ Volunteer/Community/Church Activities

\_\_\_ Leadership Positions

\_\_\_ Athletic Participation

\_\_\_ Outside Employment

\_\_\_ Essay

\_\_\_ **RELEASE FOR PUBLICATION IN NEWSPAPERS, ON THE KIOSK (IN THE MUSEUM, THE MUSEUM WEB PAGE, AND ON THE ASSOCIATION'S WEB SITE.OF YOR NAME, PHOTO AND A BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF WHO YOU ARE, WHERE YOU ARE GOING, WHAT YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH ... (THIS MUST BE SIGNED BY APPLICANT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN)**

❖ All you have to do is write a statement saying how the sponsor qualifies and attach the required documentation, i.e. copy of Special Orders, DD-214, etc.

**COVER SHEET**

**This should be the first page of your application packet**

**FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME - LAST NAME**

**E-MAIL ADDRESS**

**POSTAL ADDRESS (TO INCLUDE ZIP + 4)**

**PHONE NUMBER (WITH AREA CODE)**

**CELL PHONE NUMBER (IF AVAILABLE)**

**FAX NUMBER (IF AVAILABLE)**

**NAME AND AFFILIATION OF APPLICANT OR APPLICANT'S SPONSOR**

sfeditor@nc.rr.com. All information must be submitted as one package NLT 15 April to: **COMPLETED APPLICATIONS:** Applications must be submitted by 15 April of each year for the following fall. Previous applications will not be considered. Additional relevant information may be submitted and will be considered. Applications cannot be accepted by email. Questions can be mailed to the above address or emailed to

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