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"To Honor, Support, Protect, and Remember the Heritage"

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Bill Palmer

The JFKSWC Museum and Gift Shop had a lot of visitors during the recent Special Forces Convention. Thank you for your support and membership. We are very fortunate to have **Betty Amaker** as the gift shop manager, she goes the extra mile for the troops and to get the job done in an outstanding manner. **Roxanne Merritt**, the museum curator, is developing a plan to upgrade the displays in the JFKSWC Museum and other places within the Special Warfare School. We plan to support this as funding is available.



THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND SUGGESTIONS!!

De Oppresso Liber

JAMES DONALD "JIM" REID. JANUARY 24, 1949-JUNE 22, 2006



Funeral services for **CPT (R) James Donald Reid**, 58, formerly of Anniston, AL were held Monday, June 26, 2006 at 2 PM from Brown and Kughn Memory Chapel with Revs. **Finley Holbrook** and **Paul Longgrear** officiated. Burial was in Edgemont Cemetery with full military honors. **Jim** died at his residence in Hoover, AL on Thursday, June 22, 2006.

He is survived by his wife, **Elizabeth (Betty) Edwards Reid** of Hoover, AL, his mother **Rosa Lee Reid** of Anniston, a daughter, **Sarah Reid Dangel** and her husband **Paul** of Atlanta, GA, a son, **James Donald Reid, Jr.** of Huntsville, a step-daughter, **Amy Clower Chambless** and her husband **Jeff** of Pelham, AL, a sister, **Doris Yates** and her husband **Mark** of Tampa, FL, a brother, **Bill Reid** and his wife, **Tracy** of Anniston, and two nieces, **Angela Reid** and **Kristin Reid** of Anniston.

Jim was a native of Anniston and retired veteran of the US Army Special Forces. His decorations include the Silver Star, Bronze Star with V-Device and Oak Leaf Cluster, two Purple Heart medals, the Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal. He also earned the Combat Infantry Badge, Pathfinder Badge, and Master Parachutist Wings. He was a Museum Benefactor and served on the Advisory Committee of the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Museum, as well as a term as Vice President. He was also a life member of the Special Forces Association (D-2141), and a member of the Old Guard of the

Gate City Guard (Atlanta), the DAV, the VFW, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and an honorary member of the 240th AHC Association. He was a member of the Anniston Lodge #443, F&AM, Scottish and York Rite Bodies, and the Shrine.

"Old soldiers never die-they will live in our hearts forever"

THE SECRETARY'S SECTION

By George Heib

Since the last Musings we have processed 63 membership/donations, and have had 15 address changes. We have also unfortunately had four more lost souls (one Corporate Patron, one Century, and one Donor). The good news is that we found four addresses of

members who moved and their Musings were returned, and one lost soul, **Tom Morrissey** (who was wounded and is now hospitalized).

Assistant Secretary, **Mike Simpson**, is in the process of designing another IMO board which will be able to hold enough plates to keep him busy for at least another year. With 57 IMO's since our last issue, we definitely need the space. The status of memorialization plates for those Special Operations soldiers who have died in the Global War on Terrorism is as follows:

BRANCH	NUMBER KIA	IMO PLATES ADOPTED	NUMBER LEFT
CIVIL AFFAIRS	26	5	21
PSYOPS	8	7	1
RANGER	19	19	0
SF	66	64	2
SOAR	27	27	0
TOTALS	147	123	24

This list of casualties changes as we receive word on any new deaths. Our roster is organized by branch, with the name, rank, date, unit, and place of death. A copy is available by e-mail (sfeditor@nc.rr.com). If you want it by snail mail send a self addressed, stamped envelope (.63¢) to me at 6412 Whitehall Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28303.



De Oppresso Liber!

George D. Heit

MEMBERSHIP REPORT			
MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	\$ LEVEL	MUSINGS-05-2	CURRENT MEMBERSHIP
ANNUAL	\$ 10.00	27	30
DONOR	\$ 10.00	19	19
LIFE	\$ 100.00	424	432
CENTURY	\$ 100.00	178	178
CENTURY & LIFE	\$ 200.00	199	200
BENEFACTORS	\$ 1,000.00	42	40
PATRONS	\$ 2,000.00	22	18
LEADERSHIP MEMBERS	\$ 5,000.00	8	9
HONOR MEMBERS	\$ 10,000.00	3	3
DISTINGUISHED DONORS	\$ 20,000.00	1	1
PACESETTERS	\$ 50,000.00	0	0
SPECIAL DONORS	\$ 100,000.00	1	1
HONORARY MEMBERS	-0-	74	75
SUB TOTAL (ACTIVE MEMBERS)		998	1006
LOST ADDRESSES		247	251
	TOTAL	1245	1257

HELP WANTED

We had so many volunteers to serve on the Advisory Council that we had to hire a bouncer to keep them in line while we interviewed them (We wish). Actually, one of our old friends **Bart C. Brown** stepped up to the plate. And will fill a vacancy left by the passing of Jim Reid. We still need replacements for two members who live out of state and have asked to step down.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

Bennie Pokemire

Of the 31 Members/contributors listed below, six are honorary Life Members. Note that from the other 27 members we received 50 donations, with one member setting a record of 12 donations in one quarter.

THANKS - YOU ARE SPECIAL !!



De Oppresso Liber

Bennie

THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF 30 JUNE 2006		
FIRST CITIZENS BANK (GIFT SHOP)	\$	32,661.02

FIRST CITIZENS BANK (GENERAL FUND)	\$	31,460.84
TOTAL ENDING CASH ASSETS	\$	64,121.86
A. G. EDWARDS BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT	\$	46,136.88
A. G. EDWARDS RENOVATION FUND ACCOUNT	\$	260,730.89
CONSOLIDATION OF A. G. EDWARDS ACCOUNTS	\$	306,867.77
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	\$	478,464.63

You might want to note that these figures will change quite a bit after we receive the auditor's report in mid August. Since June we have used up a lot of stock on hand, and have taken in a lot of income through the Gift Shop (SFA Convention and SWC Organization Day). They also do not indicate the large amount that we received in donations since June.

RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS SINCE LAST MUSINGS

(5,000.00) NEW LEADERSHIP MEMBERS

LTC (R) JOHN RILEY MORTON (PATRON) (TWELVE DONATIONS) (# 17)

SSG FREDERICK J. TERHUNE (# 16)

(\$100.00 PLUS) DONATIONS AND NEW LIFE OR CENTURY MEMBERS

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WERNER WENDT (CENTURY AND LIFE)

CONTRIBUTIONS (\$20.00 TO \$99.00) (ALSO ANNUAL RENEWALS FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR)

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The number of donations listed are those received since the last musings.

CONTRIBUTIONS MADE IN MEMORY OF OR IN HONOR OF

These contributions were made in the memory of departed comrades, friends, or loved ones or in honor of living friends or loved ones whom we wish to recognize.



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KUDOS



We wish to congratulate our esteemed Vice President, **CSM (R) Pete Morakon**, who received the Ft Bragg Lifetime Achievement Award and DA Meritorious Achievement Medal on 23 June 2006. This medal is the equivalent of the Legion of Merit, and is the second highest award that the Department of the Army can present to civilian employees.



THE CURATOR'S CORNER

By Roxanne Merritt

Hi! All! Hope your summer is fun filled and you are enjoying it in some cool area. So far, we have been blessed with a purring operational air conditioner. This has been an especially appreciative event since we have been busy with school groups and reunions. Not only did we have the Special Forces Convention here in the middle of June, we also got several groups of visitors from both the All-American Week, the last of May, and the 173rd Airborne Reunion the week after the Special Forces Convention. We were also welcomed a group of educators representing various universities and other institutions who were visiting USAJFKSWCS to see the schoolhouse in action. Although we initially only had them for less than an hour at 0715 their first morning out, they pressured the sponsors for additional time later in the week to return and see the exhibits and purchase items at the gift shop. This visit has already resulted in much interest between the universities and USAJFKSWCS. Most had no idea of the scope of USAJFKSWCS's programs and the caliber of training, especially in language and medical arts, that it provides. Already there are talks of cooperative ventures which will ultimately result in better opportunities for SOF soldiers. It was very nice to be included and to know we had a part in all of this. By firmly entrenching the museum within the fabric of USAJFKSWCS as both a multi-media training center as well as the branch museum for Special Forces, Civil Affairs and PSYOP, the museum increases its viability and justifies its existence, making it less likely for absorption into any other entity.

The Museum's traveling exhibits have been visible the last two months. The USAJFKSWCS Transformation of SOF Training was put up at the Special Forces Convention and later at SOF Week at Tampa. This is a showcase exhibit that was designed in cooperation with the USAJFKSWCS Public Affairs Office. A Special Forces exhibit was also put up for the Special Forces Convention banquet. At the most recent USAJFKSWCS Organization Day, the Museum mounted a photo display of different events that had impacted on USAJFKSWCS this last year.

The JFK Special Warfare Museum is an adjunct of USAJFKSWCS – “the schoolhouse.” US Army museums, as a whole, fall into three categories: training, unit and technological. We are in the first category. As such, we have been working hard at expanding our visibility within the different USAJFKSWCS facilities. Currently, we are working on placement of exhibits in the new SWCS Personnel Center located in the old WOMACK hospital on the 6th floor; the newly renovated Bryant Hall; the new Dining Facility at Camp Mackall; and the newly completed Maintenance and Training Facility off of Chicken Rd. (most will remember its old title – the Armament Facility). We are also working on other projects as well which I will expound on in later issues of the Musings as I have more to report.

This summer has also been a time of sadness and good-byes. **Jim Reid**, a fervent supporter of the Museum and a close personal friend for over twenty years passed away shortly after returning to Alabama from attending the SF Convention here in Fayetteville. I was only able to chat with him briefly at the Convention, but he voiced how he liked the improvements we had made in the exhibit galleries and how he was feeling better enough for him and **Betty**, his bride of close to 10 years, to make it to the July meeting. Unfortunately, that didn't happen. As his final show of support, **Betty** asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be given instead to the JFK Museum. Although never having contact with the military previous to her marriage to Jim, she enthusiastically embraced his interests and loves. **Jim** was the true epitome of southern dedication, not only to his family, Special Forces, his friends, but also to causes which the museum was blessed to be one. I don't know many people who would travel over 10 hours to attend a one to two hour meeting, but **Jim** saw no problem in this. One year, back in the late 1980s, the gift shop could not get statues of “Bronze Bruce.” **Jim** wanted one and determined that his best bet, since there was a problem in packaging them to get them to us in one piece, was to go pick them up. Instead of calling us before he left to let us know of his determination, he called from a service station in Louisville, KY – this was before cell phones – where Scholl Trophies was then located, to tell me of his thought, where he was, could we call the company to tell them he was making his way to the plant, and, oh by the way, he had to be back to Alabama in a day and a half. Was there anything else we needed on the way? If we received just a dollar from all of Jim's friends, the museum would be inundated with money.

My next good-bye is more esoteric. The mission oak that stood in front of the museum on the corner had to be removed to make room for new utility lines. Although the contract specifies that a new tree has to be planted in its place, it will have a ways to go to match the grace and dignity of our sentinel. Close to a hundred years old, this tree had been given the death knell time and time again, having stopped several cars who took Marion St. a bit too fast. For many visitors, it provided cool shade before the museum opened or for a restful place to wait for a companion to finish their visit. It provided a safe place for several generation of birds who would hatch each spring.

On August 25, 2006, the JFK Museum will put up a display at the Fayetteville Arts Center in downtown Fayetteville as part of the 4th Friday activities. The display will be up from 6 - 10pm. Please come out and join us!

The Fayetteville Up & Coming Magazine is now taking votes for Best of Fayetteville through July and August. Please vote for the JFK Special Warfare Museum and tell your friends to do likewise. Ballots are located in the Best of Fayetteville newspapers located around Fayetteville. If you do not live in the region and wish to vote, let us know and we'll send you a ballot.




See you in the Fall,

Roxanne

NEWS FROM THE GIFT SHOP MANAGER

By Betty Amaker

Hello members,

This past June, the Gift Shop participated in the Special Forces Association Annual re-union/convention that took place here in Fayetteville, NC. We set up some of our merchandise at the hotel from 12-17 June. We thank all of you who came by and made your purchases. The amount of merchandise sold exceeded all other years since we participated in the SFA re-union/convention. Our goal was to out sell from 2002 SFA re-union/convention and we did it by over \$3,000. The Gift Shop also participated in the Special Warfare Center and School organization day on 13 July, and again we did better than last year. It was one of the hottest days and still customers bought the merchandise that was brought out to them. Thank you all for your business. At the beginning of the re-union/convention, the Gift Shop started with five employees and finished with three. Both **Heather** and **Holly** left us for other employment. They were here while waiting for a job opening that would match their studies in medicine. Unfortunately for us, the job openings came during our busiest time. **Cari** took care of the Bank Hall store, and **Lois** took care of the Museum Shop during the last part of the re-union/convention and I took care of the hotel store. **Holly** was here long enough to help us out with the 1st Regimental Formation on Thursday and Friday. Our sales for that week were over \$29,000.00, with \$14,000.00 at the hotel; \$11,900.00 at the Main Shop and \$2,800 at the Bank Hall store) Thank you all for your support. The next SFA re-union/convention will be at Oklahoma City, OK. Until next time, take care and check out our new website: jfkwebstore.com. 

Thanks for your support! *Betty*



SSG Frederick J. Terhune holds up a check for \$2,000.00 making him our 16th Leadership Member. What a guy!!! Thanks Fred!



Mike Karr, our dedicated Giant Oaks CD salesman, and Cal Parrish at the SFA Convention. Mike sold about 60 CD's to benefit the Museum Association, and Cal is a monthly contributor. What great guys. Thank you. (Lois is resting in the background, at the right, until the next wave of customers.)



Our table and display for the SFA Convention was set up by Betty, Lois and JB.

Our SWC Organization Day tent set up was a successful event at which we made a lot of contacts, and new friends.

BOOK REVIEWS

* Betty keeps receiving books that she has to have reviewed, to find out if they should be carried in the Gift Shop. This quarter we were quite busy with the following books:

“No Slack Authorized”, by Howard Cohen, M. D. Col USA, Retired. A short book of poetry

“A Perfect Hell, The True Story of the Black Devils, the forefathers of the Special Forces”, by John Nadler. A good history of the FSSF, with only a few minor errors, i.e. The author states that the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the 504 took part in the Southern France invasion, when in fact they were in England. He does not mention the 509, 517, and 551. Other than that small point it really gives a full view of the development, training, and combat exploits that set the standards for Special Forces to follow and emulate.

“Operation Jedburgh, D-Day and America’s First Secret War”, by Colin Bevan: Another must read for SF members. This is a great read that also got a good review in the OSS current newsletter. Col Bank’s, Jack Singlaubs’s and William Colby’s teams are covered as well as the full concept of the Jed’s training, and deployment. The book contains a complete list of every Jed team that deployed, and lists those who became casualties.

Criminal Investigation Detachment, by Don Bendell, Softcover. This is the latest book of about 15 that have been written by an SFA member of C 4-24. This one is the tale of Major Bobby Samuels who is part of the Army's specialized team of detectives known as the C.I.D., and when he's sent to Iraq to investigate a series of explosions, he learns that on this battlefield, the enemy isn't the only thing that can kill you. It is a very good read and although fiction it covers a lot of areas that will be familiar to Special Operators Folks.

“Colt Terry, Green Beret”, by Charles D. Patton: If you want to know almost first hand what our soldiers were doing in most of the overseas conflicts, police actions and wars; then this is the book for you. Colt recalls with great detail people, places, and times where he was in great danger and political turmoil. I think that it teaches us that people in our military do sacrifice a lot of their lives for our freedom and this book shows what it was like to fight for that freedom

The Last Fighting General: The Biography of Robert Tryon Frederick, by Anne Hicks: This is the full story of the legendary U.S. Army officer who formed, trained, and led the unique bi-national First Special Service Force (popularly known as the “Devil’s Brigade”). Robert T. Frederick was the youngest ground forces general, the youngest division commander, and one of the most decorated American soldiers in World War II. But Frederick was not just a warrior. Highly intelligent, he was an independent thinker who was as courageous and innovative in peacetime as he was in combat. He pioneered racial integration on army training bases, devised training regimens used throughout North America, and left a record that would seem mythical if not documented. The author also reveals why Frederick ended his brilliant career prematurely. The book contains over 40 b/w photographs and is highly recommended for anyone who is interested in the history of SF.

To Dare And to Conquer, by Derek Leebaert: It has some appeal for a person who is not really well versed in special operations, in that it covers this very well from start to present. I found that it was very boring, like reading a school book. Most of the information within it, we have been exposed to over the years.

Warriors: Portraits from the Battlefield, by Max Hastings; What it means to be a warrior has become a pertinent issue of our time. What makes some men and women perform extraordinary deeds on the battlefield? What makes them risk their lives in the pursuit of victory? And do their successes or failures in combat bring them happiness, melancholy, or fulfillment?

In *Warriors*, Hastings takes up the experience of fourteen soldiers and airmen, together with one remarkable sailor, who fought in the wars of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, portraying their triumphs, follies, and, sometimes, tragedies. We meet Baron Marbot, an exuberant cavalry officer who joined Napoleon's army at the age of seventeen and fought through Waterloo in a happy and shameless pursuit of glory; paratrooper "Slim Jim" Gavin, an orphan who enlisted in World War II to escape his miserable boyhood

and went on to become America's youngest general since Custer; Nancy Wake, a dashing Australian who fought for the resistance in Nazi-occupied France; Avigdor Kahalani, an Israeli officer hideously burned in the Six-Day War, who, six years later, was one of the tank commanders who saved his country during the defense of the Golan Heights in the Yom Kippur War. Each of Hastings's pen portraits depicts a unique and remarkable human story.

A tribute to the valor of these fighters and a searching study of combat in modern history, *Warriors* enhances our understanding of the hearts and minds of the people who serve in war. It is also an appealing book for the reader who is drawn to tales of heroism, human drama, and some of the most exotic characters of modern times.



* Some of these books will be carried by the Gift Shop. Call or e-mail Betty for further information

USAJFKSWC INSTRUCTORS OF THE YEAR-USASOC NCO AND SOLDIER OF THE YEAR

At meetings of the Executive Board and Advisory Council, earlier this year, the members voted to award Life Memberships to the USAJFKSWC Instructors of the Year, and to the USASOC Soldier and NCO of the year. We are pleased to announce the first recipients of these honors.



<u>USAJFKSWC INSTRUCTORS OF THE YEAR</u>	<u>USASOC NCO AND SOLDIER OF THE YEAR</u>
OFFICER: MAJ Ronald A. Garst	NCO SSG Douglas W. Norman - 75th Ranger Regt
WARRANT OFFICER: CW3 Patrick C. Mitchell	SOLDIER SPC Edward A. Hull - 160th SOAR
NCO: SFC Eric J. Strumski	
CIVILIAN: Mr. Andrew K. Borsz	

These fine representatives of the Special Operations Community will be presented their Life Membership cards and plaques at an appropriate ceremony. At that time we hope to get some pictures of the event.



MEMBER TAPS

CSM (R) Galen (Pappy) C. Kittleson, age 81, D-899, passed away Thursday, May 4, 2006 in Rochester, Minnesota. His funeral was on Monday, May 8, 2006 in Toeterville, Iowa, and was buried in First Lutheran Cemetery, St. Ansgar, Iowa with military honors. In World War II, he was assigned to the 503rd Regimental Combat Team in the Pacific theater, and was later selected for the Alamo Scouts an elite reconnaissance unit. While in the Alamo Scouts, he helped free 511 prisoners of war of the infamous Bataan Death March from POW Camp Cabanatuan, Province-Luzon, Philippines. In 1970, Pappy was in the assault element (Blue Boy) on the raid into Son Tay prison in North Vietnam to rescue American POW's. He retired in July 1978. In July 2002, a book titled "Raider" was released depicting his life as a soldier and POW raider. He is survived by his loving wife, **Darlene**; his sons, **Bruce (Judy)** of Virginia Beach, Va., and **Lance (Gail)** of St. Ansgar, Iowa; and five grandchildren, **2nd Lt. Scott Kittleson** of Fort Huachuca, Ariz., **Jonathan** and **Emily Kittleson** of Virginia Beach, Va., **Katie (Tim) Heeter** of St. Ansgar and Andy Kittleson of Ashford, Wash.; and two great-grandchildren.

CPT (R) Norman D. Leifer (M-31) his daughter informed the Special Forces Association (SFA) that her father suffered a fatal heart attack, and passed away Monday April 24, 2006. He was 58 years old. He leaves a wife, daughter and a brother. He was an inactive member of SFA (M-31, and a life member of the Museum Association. He was buried in Florida National Cemetery with military honors. The family can be contacted at (305) 385-1066. Donations in his name may be made to the American Heart Association, and the Diabetes Research Institute.

CSM (R) Calvin J. Thomas, 74, of 1824 Stetson Lane, Fayetteville, died Thursday, July 20, 2006, in his home. Cal was a veteran of the Korean War and the Vietnam War and was a Purple Heart and Bronze Star recipient. A memorial service was held in JFK Chapel on Fort Bragg, July 24th (Monday) followed by a Committal Service at Sandhills State Cemetery in Spring Lake. He is survived by: his wife, **Freda**; daughters, **Stephanie** and **Toy**; brother, **Robert**; sisters, **Juanita Bowens**, **Agnes Wilson**, **Maggie Moore** and **Glennis Council**; and two grandchildren. He was a Life member of the Museum Association and the SFA (D-60-L). Memorials may be made to a charity of one's choice.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

By George Heib

We have had the sad news of the passing of former VP, **Jim Reid**, but also we have had the great news of the selection of our current VP, **Pete Morakon** for high honors by Fort Bragg. Additionally, we had the good fortune to recruit **Bart C. Brown** to fill a vacant position on the Advisory Council.

Update on Board Meetings for 2007. They will be held at 0900 hrs in the Canopy Lounge, in Hardy Hall on the following dates

* 20 January 2007 14 April 2007 14 July 2007 13 October 2007

- This meeting is being held on the third Saturday so as not to conflict with the Martin Luther King three day weekend holiday.

We have put all the Musings from this year on the website, and will add one until we had have the last four issues displayed



The Editor

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