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

## USAJFKSWCS CIVILIANS OF THE YEAR

On 30 November, we put Assistant Secretary, Mke Simpson to work again representing the Museum Association. He presented Life Membership plaques to three of our hard-working civilian employees, who were selected as the USAJFKSWCS Civilians of the Year. In addition to the Life membership which we presented the three ladies, they also received the Superior Civilian Service award, \$500.00 on the spot, and a 40-hour time off award. If you have ever served on the faculty of USAJFKSWCS, you know that without the dedicated hard work of our civilian staff, we would not be able to accomplish the mission in the superior manner that makes us stand above the rest. We welcome these ladies as Life members, and give them a tip of the old beret.



l-r The USAJFKSWCS Civilians of the Year for 2006: Virginia Church, Eva Murphy, and Peggy Worcester

### Army Civilian Creed

I am an Army Civilian; a member of the Army Team. I am dedicated to the Army, its Soldiers, and Civilians. I will always support the mission. I provide stability and continuity during war and peace. I support and defend the Constitution of the United States and consider it an honor to serve the nation and its Army. I live the Army values. I am an Army Civilian.

#### Army Values

- Loyalty
- Duty
- Respect
- Selfless Service
- Honor
- Integrity
- Personal Courage



The Army Civilian Superior Service Award, which was awarded to these ladies, is the highest award that can be presented by USAJFKSWCS. It is equivalent to the Meritorious Service Medal

(Below) Assistant Secretary, Mike Simpson does the honors. On the stage are MG James Parker, CG, USAJFKSWCS., and Dr. Rebecca Campbell, Director, Department of Education, US Army JFKSWCS (organization for the Civilian of the Year program)



Ms. Peggy Worcester – Category 1-6 is a long time member of the USAJFKSWCS family. She sets the standard for All to emulate in her approach to assisting our soldiers. It is not uncommon to find Ms. Worcester working after hours to assist soldiers and she always puts the mission and the soldiers first. Peggy Worcester has been an employee at USAJFKSWCS since June 1979. She first started working at Military Free-Fall, Company B, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> SWTG(A). She worked there until the unit moved out to Yuma, Arizona. She was reassigned to the Resource Strategy Office August 1995. She was the training coordinator and timekeeper for the Group. This unit was renamed in 2000 to the Resource Management Office. She was the Bank of America Travel Card Coordinator as well as the Internal Management Control Coordinator. She was reassigned to A Company, Support Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> SWTG(A) in April 2003. She is a Human Resources Assistant there. Peggy is the mother of 2 children; William and Teresa. She has 3 grandchildren; Nathan, Brandon, and Madison.

Ms. Peggy Church - Category 7-10 has served in the USAJFKSWCS Library for many years. She is known for her “What do you need from me?” attitude, always willing to do whatever it takes to accomplish the mission. Her ability to multi-task while projecting a calm proficient attitude to patrons is a hall mark of her professionalism. She started her public-service career journey when, on April 9, 1975, she arrived for duty at the United States Army Military Personnel Center, Assignment Control Division, in Alexandria, Virginia. In 1977, she returned to her native North Carolina, accepting a position at what was then the United States Army Institute for Military Assistance, Directorate of Training Developments. This organization evolved into the United States Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School’s Directorate of Training and Doctrine (DOTD), and Diane continued to evolve, too. While in DOTD, she consistently took on assignments of increasing responsibility, beginning as a clerk-typist, then as an editorial assistant, and now as a senior writer-editor. She says she remains grateful for having the opportunity to learn and to be a part of the Army Special Operations Forces Community and the doctrinal literature program. After 30 years of selfless service, Diane remarks, “I truly love being one of the professionals that contribute to our Soldiers’ ability to fight, support, and, when necessary, go to war for freedom”. She currently resides in Spring Lake and has one “child”.

Ms. Eva Murphy – Category 11-14 started her public service career in Alexandria, Virginia before returning to her native North Carolina. to accept a position in an organization which eventually evolved into the USAJFKSWCS Directorate of Training and Doctrine. Her passion is”...being one of the professionals that contribute to our soldier’s ability to fight, support, and when necessary, go to war for our freedom.” She has served the military community since 1981 when she began work at the Main Post Library as a GS-04 Library Technician. Five years later she joined the Special Operations community working as a Library Technician at what is now known as the Marquat Memorial Library. Now a GS-07 (step 9) she has assisted the library through a major relocation and numerous reorganizations. Originally from South Carolina, Ms Murphy attended Allen University (Columbia, South Carolina) before joining the Federal Government. Ms Murphy has many interests, including traveling, cooking, walking, and motorcycles. She especially enjoys time with her two sons and two grandchildren. Ms Murphy is looking forward to her granddaughter’s high school graduation and is working closely with her granddaughter as she prepares for college.

## THE “LICKER-STICKER” HELPERS

Each quarter we get up very early and drive out to the Chapter 1-18 Team House and prevail upon the “Licker-Sticker gang to help us put the Musings in the mail. This is done after they have already spent an about an hour getting the Chapter BTB labeled and mailed.. First we put on the mailing labels, stuff each envelope with a copy of the Musings and then seal the flaps. This takes about another hour for these well qualified and dedicated helpers. We usually spring for breakfast, so we all get our quota of SOS, eggs, bacon, sausage links, (and/or patties) and of course biscuits and coffee. We never thank them enough for their help, but we want to let you know, that without their help, you would not be reading this issue. Of course we could use a commercial mailing outfit, but that would cost a lot more money than a breakfast.

Here are a couple of pictures of this elite crew in action.



Putting on the labels and stuffing the envelopes with the Musings

The actual “Licker-Sticker” process

At the 1 November session (where these pictures were taken), the following helpers took part: We arrived at 0530 hours to greetings of “Good Afternoon!” They had already finished the BTB and were enjoying breakfast, cooked by Robbie Robbins, and Rat Wilson, and were waiting to stuff envelopes. The procedure s are: put on the labels, stuff the BTB in these envelopes, seal the envelopes, then Norm Heib, makes a double check that all the labels are in place, and then puts them in trays. He also must count them and fill out the Post Office bulk mailing form. We finished this task just prior to 0700, and then had to wait for the Post Office Bulk mailing section to open at 0930 hours.

TOMMY BATCHELOR	<i>WALT CAMPBELL</i>	<i>FRANK JAKS</i>	<i>DICK TAYLOR</i>
EARL BLEACHER	JIM EVERETT	JOHN KESSLING	BILL TIBBIT
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<b><i>BART BROWN</i></b>	<b><i>HAP HAZARD</i></b>	<b><i>RALPH LOFF</i></b>	
<b><i>LOUIE BROWN</i></b>	<b><i>GEORGE HEIB</i></b>	<b><i>ROBBIE ROBBINS</i></b>	
JIM BUSBY	<b><i>NORM HEIB</i></b>	<b><i>CLIFF SEAGO</i></b>	

Some other great helpers who missed this session, but have been of great help at other mailing sessions during the past two years are:

JIM BARSTOW	SPENSER GAY	<b><i>GEORGE KUCHEN</i></b>	RON PREVOST
JOE BROCK	<b><i>BOB GILSTRAP</i></b>	<b><i>WES McKELVEY</i></b>	<b><i>MIKE SIMPSON</i></b>
<b><i>BOB FOLWELL</i></b>	<b><i>GEORGE HEIB, JR</i></b>	PAUL MOODY	JIM TAYLOR

I might add that most of these guys (***BOLD PRINT-ITALIC***) are members of the Museum Association, and some are serving (or have served) on the Executive Board or Advisory Council. If we have missed anyone, Mea Culpa. It was not intentional.

## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Bill Palmer

The John F. Kenney Special Warfare Museum will begin it's 45th year of operation in April 2007. Although limited in size and space for displays the Museum is in excellent financial shape and has a good membership base. We of course would like to see the membership grow in the next few years. The Museum and Gift Shop will face some difficult times during April through Oct 2007 as much of Ardennes St., the parking lot, and plaza will be dug up to replace/upgrade the underground piping in the area. Please continue to support your Museum and "E" mail your suggestions for improvements.



THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND SUGGESTIONS!!

De Oppresso Liber



**THE SECRETARY'S SECTION**

By George Heib

For a short two day period, we thought that we had memorialized all the SOF casualties in the GWOT. Then we got the names of two more PSOPS casualties.



BRANCH	NUMBER KIA	IMO PLATES ADOPTED	NUMBER LEFT
CIVIL AFFAIRS	29	29	0
PSYOPS	10	8	2
RANGER	19	19	0
SF	76	76	0
SOAR	27	27	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>2</b>

The 20 January Executive Board/Advisory Council meeting was really informative. The new Garrison Commander, Col Dave Fox, was in attendance and we had a presentation by Steve Bright SWC Facilities Management Chief, on the construction of the new sewer line that will close Ardennes Road (in front of the Museum from April through October). Although it will have some impact on our attendance and Gift Shop sales, visitors will still be able to visit the Museum by using Marion Street off of Gruber Road. It will also impact on the Regimental formations held on the Plaza, and delay a decision on placing memorial pavers in the Plaza area. During the meeting two replacements to the Advisory Council were sworn in by Col James "Hawk" Holloway, who just returned from Iraq. Hawk gave us a great briefing on his work with the Iraq police and security forces. While he was serving with them he received a Purple Heart for wounds after a grenade was thrown by an insurgent. Hawk will retire in March and intends to remain active with the Advisory Council. (See photos below)

Another item discussed was the lack of new memberships. With all the thousands of people who have served with SOF units we have a miniscule proportion who are members of their Museum Association. In fact very few of the present active duty commanders and senior NCOs are members. We need some suggestions on how we can increase our membership. How about getting to work and come up with some ideas.



De Oppresso Liber!



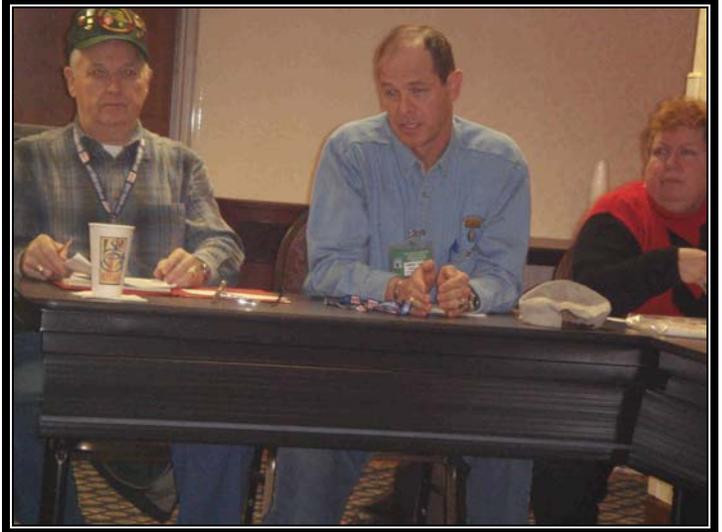
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MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	\$ LEVEL	MUSINGS-06-1	CURRENT MEMBERSHIP
ANNUAL	\$ 10.00	109	31 *
DONOR	\$ 10.00	29	17*
LIFE	\$ 100.00	429	437
CENTURY	\$ 100.00	177	180
CENTURY & LIFE	\$ 200.00	193	197
BENEFACTORS	\$ 1,000.00	42	38
PATRONS	\$ 2,000.00	21	18
LEADERSHIP MEMBERS	\$ 5,000.00	7	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-	72	78
<b>SUB TOTAL (ACTIVE MEMBERS)</b>		<b>1084</b>	<b>1010</b>
LOST ADDRESSES		243	258
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1327</b>	<b>1268</b>

- 20 Annual and 3 Donors will lapse if they do not renew. Those whose membership expires with this issue are marked in red on the mailing label.



L-R Museum Curator, Roxanne Merritt; Advisory Council Member, Joe Kilgore, and Fort Bragg Garrison Commander, Col Dave Fox.

L-R: Steve Glass, Betty Amaker, Frank Adkins, Bart Brown, "Hawk" Holloway, Roxanne Merritt, and Joe Kilgore.



"Hawk" Holloway (R) swears in Frank Adkins (L) and Bart Brown (C).

Hawk Holloway briefs the meeting participants on his tour in Iraq.

## THE TREASURER'S REPORT

Bennie Pokemire

Our largest expenses this past quarter were the Museum publicity/advertising costs and the cost of printing and mailing the Musings. The regular members who continue to send in contributions keep us from dipping into our savings which will be needed if we get the go ahead to move to another location, or expand our facilities.



**THANKS - YOU ARE SPECIAL !!**

**De Oppresso Liber**

*Bennie*

THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF 31 JANUARY 2006		
FIRST CITIZENS BANK (GIFT SHOP)	\$	15,532.94
FIRST CITIZENS BANK (GENERAL FUND)	\$	32,288.26
<b>TOTAL ENDING CASH ASSETS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>47,821.20</b>
A. G. EDWARDS BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT	\$	47,483.18

A. G. EDWARDS RENOVATION FUND ACCOUNT	\$	268,339.12
<b>CONSOLIDATION OF A. G. EDWARDS ACCOUNTS</b>	\$	315,822.30
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>	\$	471,118.50

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## NEWS FROM THE GIFT SHOP MANAGER

By Betty Amaker

Hello all and Happy New Year!

The Main Gift Store is open from 11:00-4:00 Tuesday-Sunday. Even if we are not open on Mondays to the public, if you need to make a purchase, and one of the Gift Shop employee is available, we will take care of you. The Bank Hall store is operating on Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's from 9:30a.m.-4:00p.m.and the phone # to this store is 910-436-7717. The Bank Hall store will close during training holidays, but the Museum Gift Shop will be opened. If you are unable to visit the Museum Gift Store during the week, please come visit us on Saturdays and Sundays from 11:00a.m.-4:00p.m. Our phone numbers is: 910-436-2366; fax: 910-436-9499. The web address: is [www.jfkwebstore.com](http://www.jfkwebstore.com) and you may reach me at [store@jfkwebstore.com](mailto:store@jfkwebstore.com). Due to our limited space, we carry limited amounts of items for purchase. To satisfy as many customers as our space allows, please be patient when we are out of stock on certain items or we limit your quantity purchases at one time. (example: if we have 10 SF scarves, and it takes us 6-8 weeks to received our restock order, we cannot sell all ten, we will limit 2 or 3 to meet your need. And when the replacement stock comes in, we will send you more

as you need them). If you the customer let me know in advance the large quantity you need for a special event, I can order them, with a small deposit. Because the Gift Store carries such a variety of one of kind items, we are not able to receive the replacement stock as quickly as if the items were generic. The limited quantity we order to meet our walk in customers needs and website has caused an over flow of items that move slow but steady to fast moving item that require re-ordering as soon as the manufacture can supply them to us. We rarely know when an item will move faster or slower. Most of our items are made at the time we order them, we are at the mercy of our suppliers. We also run into some items being discontinued by our suppliers, and then the replacement items will cost more and are of less quality. Due to the fact that we rely on your satisfaction of our merchandise, we try to only bring in the best quality our money can buy. If you have any questions, please fill free to call me at 910-436-1724. Looking forward to seeing you in July in Oklahoma City, OK. We thank you for considering our Museum Gift Store for your business. We are here for you.



President, Bill Palmer presenting Christmas bonus checks to our hard-working employees- (L-R) Cari, Betty, and Lois.

In order to better display and use the space effectively, the Gift Shop Manager, Betty Amaker had these new display cases made.



The cases not only separate the merchandise, but also provide an attractive display and a better tool for inventory control.

Thanks for your support! *Betty*

## THE CURATOR'S CORNER

By Roxanne Merritt

Happy New Year!

At the last museum board meeting, Mr. Steve Bright, the Chief of the Facility Engineers for USAJFKSWCS, gave the Board a briefing on the renovation of the Fort Bragg heating and cooling system. Anyone visiting this installation after being away, for even 4 or 5 years, is amazed at the transformation. The infrastructure, however, has not kept pace with the growth. Put down in the 1940s, the heating and cooling system operates via cold water and steam pipes which parallel the main thoroughfares on Post. Most all buildings here on Fort Bragg are heated and cooled using this system. This work will not disrupt the Museum's system as it is a stand alone forced air unit. Currently, the contract is working down the length of Ardennes. They will begin on our section of Ardennes – between Zabitosky (previously Community Access) Rd. and Reilly - starting in mid February. At that time, the section of Ardennes will be closed to all traffic and visitors will have to come down Marion St. from Gruber Rd. Although the front of the plaza and museum will be affected, the installation has made provisions allowing Regimental Formations and other ceremonies as well as the operation of the museum to continue. We will keep the web sites current on changes, impacts and dates, especially when the parking lot is closed and which nearby parking lots can be used. For our readers that belong to Special Forces Association chapters or other alumni organizations, we ask that you please pass on this news. We are open, but access will be slightly inconvenienced.

During the holiday season, we have always decorated the lobby with a tree and ornaments. This year, taking a cue from the Purple Heart Society's tree from last year, I decided to do something similar. With the assistance of Gift Shop Manager, **Betty Amaker**, **Cari** from the Gift Shop Staff, and **Linda Cioch** of Special Forces Association Chapter XXXVIII, we made Christmas balls which celebrate all SOF fallen heroes from Korea to today. Each ball held between two and seven names and were divided by wars, operations, and in some cases, where possible, units. Each ball had a bow which corresponded to the umbrella unit: Special Forces – green; Rangers – golden brown; PSYOP – silver; Civil Affairs – purple; 160<sup>th</sup> SOAR(A) – navy; and, USASOC – red and black. The tree was then trimmed with red/white/blue ribbon as garland. We received a great deal of positive response and will put it up again next year.

The Museum is still actively working to expand its borders through exhibits located in buildings belonging to USAJFKSWCS. With the able assistance of **Mike Simpson**, we finished two phases of work in the new Dining Facility at Camp Mackall. We will also be adding material similar to what is seen at a local Applebee's type restaurant along the walls as well as a timeline over the serving area. We anticipate the dining rooms to be completed by April. For the USAJFKSWCS Winter Formal at the Fort Bragg Officer's Open Mess, the USAJFKSWCS Public Affairs put up the USAJFKSWCS Command display and we put up uniform and graphic displays in the main dining area which was closed down for this event. Another location for displays will be the new Maintenance Training Facility (formerly known as the Armament Facility). This building will be decorated with murals and historical weapons displays. We will keep you posted on our progress. 

We hope to see you visit soon ... Until next time,

*Roxanne*



The above four pictures are of the Christmas tree and ornaments that were placed in the Museum Lobby entrance during the Holiday season.



The above displays were two of the four that were put in place at the Officer's Club for the Christmas Formal.



The entrance to the Dinning Facility at Camp Mackall was spruced up with these displays.



Museum Visual Information Specialist, Arlina Seymour, hard at work, putting up displays in the Camp Mackall Dining Facility.

## BOOK REVIEWS

We were pleased to review a book: authored by one of our Life and Century Members, Retired USAF **LTC Bobby Clark**. Titled “**Final Statement**”, it is a gripping fiction novel about Libyan terrorists who seize a train, with hostages, in the Chunnel, (the tunnel that runs between France and England). LTC Nelson Bartlett of SAS and LTC Jim Grissom of Delta are tasked to bring the matter to a successful conclusion. There are many twists and unexpected developments, in a well written and suspenseful tale. **LTC Bobby Clark** worked closely with US Special Forces and their counterparts the SAS in a career spanning three decades. His knowledge of procedures, enhanced by his feel for the essential group personality of the elite Special Forces involved gives a solid ring to his story. It is our pleasure to recommend this book to our readers.

## MEMBER TAPS

**CSM (R) Edward L. Montgomery (D-9)** passed away in a local hospital in Zephyr Hills, FL, 1 November 2006. Monty was one of the Charter members of the Special Forces Association. He served in the 10th SFG (A), 77th SFG (A), 1st SFG (A), 5th SFG (A), 6th SFG (A), and 46th SF Company (A). **Monty** participated in WW II with the 508 PIR during D-Day June 6, 1944 and the Holland invasion September 17, 1944. In 1975, he was the Troop Command Sergeant Major, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC. There was a viewing on Sunday, November 5, 2006. Following the viewing, a graveside service was held at Bushnell National Cemetery in Zephyr Hills, FL. Cards/letters may be sent to his daughter: **Ms. Ruth Shaffer**, 16728 Republican Way, Ramona, CA 92065. She may be contacted via telephone at: (619) 884-2549 (cell) or (813) 782-2757 (her Dad's home number). Memorials may be sent to: President, Chapter 40, Special Forces Association, P.O. Box 10746, Clearwater, FL 33757-8746. **Monty** joined Museum Association. In January 1996 and he was a Life Member.

**SGM (R) Harry Sass**, 71, was born 24 August 1935 on the Baltic Sea in the free state of Danzig which is now Poland. In 1955-56 he served as a medic in the German Federal Border Police. He immigrated to the US and joined the army at FT Ord, CA. December 1958. **Harry** Went to jump school at FT Campbell in 1959 then served in Augsburg, Germany and Berlin in 1960-63. He joined SF in August 1963, and went to VN in 1966 (A-311) and was wounded after 23 days. Then he was evacuated to Manila, PI then Japan and volunteered to return to VN. He served in Project Delta in 1969, S-5 in Nha Trang in 1970. He worked half days at SF-VN HQ with Gen Pham Van Phu. After VN he worked in the 5<sup>th</sup> SFG at FT Bragg in 75, then at JFKSWCS with **COL Charlie Norton**, and **Gen MacMull** from 1979-82. He served in the ROTC program in Raleigh and then opened a new program at Central Carolina College, USC. From 1983-84 he was SGM of the largest US training area in the Pacific US Army Pohakuloa Training Area. He retired in OCT 1985 as a SGM. Among his many awards are the CIB, Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, RVN Gallantry Cross, and RVN Civic Action Medal. **Harry** was a Life Member of the SFA (D-2886) and a Life and Century Member of the Museum Association. Memorial Services for **Harry** were held on December 6, 2006 in the JFK Chapel, Ardennes St, Fort Bragg, NC. Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery in January 2007. **Harry** was a was a Life member of the SFA (D-2886) ( Chapter 1-18), and a Life and Century member of the Museum Association. He joined us in 1983. **Harry** is survived by: Wife, **Hedy**; son, **Marcus**; daughter, **Isabella Schwenker**; sisters, **Irmgard Schultz** and **Helga Fularczyk**; and three grandchildren. 

## MILITARY VS. CIVILIAN FRIENDS...

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Get upset if you're too busy to talk to them for a week.

MILITARY FRIENDS: Are glad to see you after years, and will happily carry on the same conversation you were having last time you met.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Never ask for food.

MILITARY FRIENDS: Are the reason you have no food.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Call your parents Mr. And Mrs.

MILITARY FRIENDS: Call your parents mom and dad.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Bail you out of jail and tell you what you did was wrong.

MILITARY FRIENDS: Would be sitting next to you saying, "Damn...we screwed up...but man that was fun!"

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Have never seen you cry.

MILITARY FRIENDS: Cry with you.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Keep your stuff so long they forget it's yours.

MILITARY FRIENDS: Borrow your stuff for a few days then give it back.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Know a few things about you.

MILITARY FRIENDS: Could write a book with direct quotes from you.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Will leave you behind if that's what the crowd is doing.

MILITARY FRIENDS: Will kick the whole crowd's a\*\* that left you behind.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Would knock on your door.

MILITARY FRIENDS: Walk right in and say, "I'm home!"

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Are for a while.

MILITARY FRIENDS: Are for life.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Have shared a few experiences...

MILITARY FRIENDS: Have shared a lifetime of experiences no Civilian could ever dream of...

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Will take your drink away when they think you've had enough.

MILITARY FRIENDS: Will look at you stumbling all over the place and say, "You better drink the rest of that, you know we don't waste... that's alcohol abuse!!" Then carry you home safely and put you to bed...

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Will talk crap to the person who talks crap about you.

MILITARY FRIENDS: Will knock them the hell out for using your name in vain.

## CAPTURED MARINE

Dan Rather, Peter Jennings, Cokie Roberts, and a tough old U. S. Marine Sergeant were all captured by terrorists in Iraq . The leader of the terrorists told them that he would grant them each one last request before they were beheaded. Rather than fight...Dan Rather said, "Well, I'm a Texan; so I'd like one last bowlful of hot spicy chili." The leader nodded to an underling who left and returned with the chili. Rather ate it all and said, "Now I can die content."

Peter Jennings then said, "I am Canadian, so I'd like to hear the song "O Canada" one last time." The leader nodded to a terrorist who had studied the Western world and knew the music. He returned with some rag-tag Musicians and played the anthem. Jennings sighed and declared he could now die peacefully.

Cokie Roberts said, "I'm a reporter to the end. I want to take out my tape recorder and describe the scene here and what's about to

happen to me. Maybe someday someone will hear it and know that I was on the job till the end."

The leader directed an aide to hand over the tape recorder and Roberts dictated some comments. She then said, "Now I can die happy."

The leader turned and said, "And now, Mr. U. S. Marine, what is your final wish ?"

"Kick me in the butt," said the Marine.

"What ?" asked the leader ? "Will you mock us in your last hour ?"

"No, I'm not kidding. I want you to kick me in the butt," insisted the Marine. So the leader shoved him into the open, and kicked him in the butt.

The Marine went sprawling, but rolled to his knees, pulled a 9 mm pistol from inside his cammies, and shot the leader dead. In the resulting confusion, he leapt to his knapsack, pulled out his M4 carbine and sprayed the Iraqis with gunfire. In a flash, all the Iraqis were either dead or fleeing for their lives.

As the Marine was untying Rather, Jennings, and Roberts, they asked him, "Why didn't you just shoot them in the beginning? Why did you ask them to kick you in the butt first?" "What," replied the Marine, "and have you three JERKS report that I was the aggressor?!"

## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

By George Heib

It is hard to believe that we are starting our 11<sup>th</sup> year of this newsletter. When Roxanne, seconded by Jimmy Dean, first suggested it and I was drafted (Read: My arm was twisted). I thought that I would soon find some other poor soul to do this task. Unfortunately, everyone I talked to gave me a funny look and used words that we can not use in a family friendly newsletter. So here we are 40 issues down and a start on the next 40.

I write the Musings as the info come in. So some articles are written well before publication. An example is our lead story on the Civilians of the year. This story was written in early December, right after the ceremony. Another example is the story thanking the volunteer mailing crew from Chapter 1-18. It was written right after we mailed out the last Musings in early November. It is just as I wrote it then and we have made no changes in spite of circumstances that have changed since that time. Let me give you some background. When we first started doing the Musings, we recruited helpers from the mailing crew that did the Chapter 1-18 BTB (newsletter), which at the time, I also wrote. We did the mailing at various places, such as the Chapter 1-18 building, the NCO Club and even the Green Beret Parachute Club. We finally started doing it at the Gift Shop warehouse when we had a large area that we used for storage and also had tables on which the staff folded t-shirts and organized stock prior to moving it into the Gift Shop. One of the mailing crew said that we should do it at the Chapter 1-18 team house on the same day that they did the BTB, thus saving them from spending two days doing mailing sessions. We did this until this issue. Over a year ago, the Chapter president said that we should pay for the breakfast fixings on the days that we did the Musings. This we did by giving him a check for 45-50 dollars each time.

On 3 January we were informed by the Chapter president that we could no longer do the mailing using the chapter volunteer mailing crew. The reason given was that that not enough Museum members helped out during the regular BTB mailings and also did not attend Chapter meetings. At the last meeting of the Board/Advisory Council, we decided to do in on a Monday at the Museum, when the Museum is also closed to the public. If you receive this, you know we have successfully gotten the Musings to you. We will list in the next issue how well the mailing session worked.



The Editor

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