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THE PASSING OF A LEGEND

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 this 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 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 7th SFG(A), there was a bugler for taps, and a piper that played the Ballad of the Green Berets. **Jimmy** is survived by: his wife **Dot**; a son, **James, Jr.**; a daughter, **Patricia Gibbs**; two grandchildren, **Matt Gibbs**, and **Missy Griffin**; and a great grandson, **Tyler Griffin**.

Advisory Council Member, **Bob Gilstrap**, took a lot of pictures at the Green Beret Club, and we are happy to include most of them in this issue.









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Total amount donated by 104 contributors to date is: \$12,705.00. The Executive Board and Advisory Council looked into several ways to use these funds to memorialize Jimmy. We are still trying to get Command approval to start a paver program in the Plaza area. This would be similar to those programs that are in existence at the ASOM Museum in Downtown Fayetteville, and also at most other Army Branch Museums. To date we have not been successful in this endeavor. The Curator is looking into the building of a solarium on the side of the Museum that faces the Plaza. This will require some architectural drawings that would have to be

submitted with our request for approval. The solarium would provide a place to hold meetings of visiting groups, as well as serve as a reception area during graduations. The plaque we are having made would be put in this solarium. We are holding off on completing the plaque until after the SFA Convention, so we will be able to include all donations in his memory. A suggestion that we place a small brick paver outside the Canopy Lounge was also considered, but not approved by the Advisory Council.

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Bill Palmer

The John F. Kenney Special Warfare Museum Association Executive Board and Advisory Council extend our deepest condolences to the family of Jimmy Dean; who was a true warrior and an outstanding advocate for the Special Operations Community.



De Oppresso Liber

Palmer

THE SECRETARY'S SECTION

By George Heib

We had everyone KIA in the GWOT adopted and then during just the past few weeks we received the word on two more casualties from CA units in Iraq. Fortunately, one of our steady donors jumped in and adopted these fallen warriors. When you look at the amazing response of a few members who have adopted 163 KIA's in order for them to be memorialized on the IMO Board it speaks very highly of our membership and what they are all about. FYI: We have a list of 34 SOF warriors who have been killed between Vietnam and the GWOT. Of these , 24 have been adopted.



BRANCH	NUMBER KIA	IMO PLATES ADOPTED	NUMBER LEFT
CIVIL AFFAIRS	31	29	0
PSYOPS	10	10	0
RANGER	19	19	0
SF	76	76	0
SOAR	27	27	0
TOTALS	163	163	0

De Oppresso Liber!

George D. Heib


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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	81
SUB TOTAL (ACTIVE MEMBERS)		998	1049
LOST ADDRESSES		247	264
	TOTAL	1245	1313

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS 4th PSYOP Group change of command is 13 July 0830 between COL Curtis Boyd (incoming) and COL Ken Turner (outgoing).
 : USACAPOC Change of Command is 6 June on Meadow's Field between the outgoing MG Herbert Altshuler and the incoming BG (P) David Morris.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

Bennie Pokemire

We really appreciate all the donations that we have received this month IMO Jimmy Dean, and will continue to carry them in a special listing so we can make sure we get a plaque large enough to display all of these donors 

THANKS - YOU ARE SPECIAL !!

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Bennie

THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF 30APRIL 2007		
FIRST CITIZENS BANK (GIFT SHOP)	\$	12,553.32
FIRST CITIZENS BANK (GENERAL FUND)	\$	30,563.35
TOTAL ENDING CASH ASSETS	\$	43,116.67
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PLUS APPROXIMATELY IN STOCK/MERCHANDISE FOR GIFT SHOP/BOOK STORE	\$	93,000.00
PLUS A CARGO VAN VALUED AT	\$	14,475.00
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THE CURATOR'S CORNER

By Roxanne Merritt

On behalf of the Museum Staff, I wish to extend our personal condolences to the family of Jimmy Dean, who did so much toward the betterment of your Museum. We are also pursuing many options which will lead to a lasting memorial for his service, and to his memory.



Roxanne

MEMBER TAPS



Major (R) Herbert Brucker, 85, of 445 McBain Drive, Fayetteville, a retired Major with the United States Army Special Forces died Friday, 16 March 2007, in Carroll S. Roberson Hospice. Although born in West New York, New Jersey on 10 October 1921 to a French father and American mother, he grew up in France. In 1938, **Brucker** was brought back to the United States by his father.

Despite speaking little English at the time, he joined the United States Army in 1940. There he became fluent in the “universal language” of Morse code while being trained as a radio operator. In late 1943, based on his French background, **T/4 Brucker** was recruited into the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), an organization designed to perform clandestine warfare behind enemy lines. After training in the OSS Special Operations (SO) branch, **Brucker** was detailed to the British Special Operations Executive (SOE). Commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant, he jumped into occupied France near Blois on 27 May 1944 to serve as the radio operator of the network code named HERMIT. **Brucker** remained in France until 11 September 1944. For extraordinary heroism during the mission, **Brucker** was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, second only to the Medal of Honor, and the French Croix de Guerre with Silver Star. He has subsequently been honored on a memorial emplaced near Blois by his French compatriots.

After the liberation of France, **Brucker** volunteered to serve with the OSS in the China-Burma-India Theater. After briefly being attached to OSS Detachment 101 in Burma, he was sent to China. There he was a member of team IBEX, which was part of an OSS effort to use Chinese troops to conduct a guerrilla war against the Japanese occupation.

After WWII, **Brucker** remained in the United States Army. He served until 1949 as a member of the Counter-Intelligence Corps in Germany until reassignment to the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC. In 1952, Brucker was recruited for United States Army Special Forces. As a pioneer in Special Forces, he conducted escape and evasion courses and was an original member of the 10th Special Forces Group in Germany. He later served with the 77th Special Forces Group at Fort Bragg and was an instructor for the SF qualification or “Q” course. In 1959, Brucker participated in Operation HOT FOOT in Laos, later renamed Operation WHITE STAR. **Brucker’s** greatest contribution to Special Forces has a lasting legacy. While at Fort Bragg, before the 10th SFG went to Germany. He and fellow SFer **Captain Roger Pezzelle** ordered the first batch of green berets for local use. Eventually the entire Special Forces branch adopted this beret as their distinctive headgear, earning them the popular nickname of “Green Berets.” After 20 years of service to the Army, **Brucker** retired as a Major. In the mid 1960’s Brucker served on behalf of USAID in Vietnam. He then became the second president of the Special Forces Association (D131), and his wife served as the SFA Secretary for more than 20 years.

Brucker lived in Fayetteville for nearly fifty years. His wife of forty years, the former **Lieselotte Löwe** of Germany, passed away in 1989. He is survived by his son **Richard**, daughter-in-law **Elaine**, and grandchildren **Eric** and **Samantha**, all of Fayetteville. A viewing was 19 March in Rogers and Breece Funeral Home. Funeral Services were held at the same location on 20 March.

MSG (R) Howard D. Colvin passed February 21, 2007 while in Womack Army Hospital, Ft. Bragg, NC following a lengthy illness. **Howard** served in the 1st SFG (A), 3rd SFG (A), 5th SFG (A), MACV SOG, 8th SFG (A), 10th SFG (A), 46th Co., Thailand, and the 7th SFG (A). A Memorial Service was held, February 26, 2007 in the JFK Chapel, Ft. Bragg, NC. Burial was in Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery. He was a Life and Century member of the Museum Association and a member of the SFA (D-791).and is survived by his wife, **Shigeko**, son - **James**, daughters - **Vera** and **Joanne**. Cards/letters may be sent to: 337 Summerhill Rd, Fayetteville, NC 28303. Tele: (910) 868-5256. Herb was a Museum Patron.

Larry D. Kelley, Captain (Medical Retirement September 26, 1979) passed away February 21, 2007 in his home in Muskogee, OK. He had been suffering from MS plus he developed other illness & complications, and had been receiving hospice care. **Larry** was in Special Forces Training. Group from October 65-December 65, later serving with B-57, 5th SFG (A), RVN, and Co. “A”, 2nd BN, 12th SFG (A) in Oklahoma City, OK. He received the VN Service Medal with Five Service Stars, Republic of VN Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal, CIB, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Presidential Unit Citation, Republic of VN Gallantry Cross with Palm, Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal with Third Oak Leaf Cluster, Four Overseas Service Bars, Good Conduct Medal Third award, Parachute Badge, RVN Parachute Badge. His funeral, with Full Military honors, was held February 27, 2007 in Muskogee, OK with burial in Ft. Gibson National Cemetery, Ft. Gibson, OK. Larry was a Life member of the Museum Association, He leaves a wife, **Ellen** and his surviving family. Donations IMO Larry may be made to the Tribute Fund, SFA, PO. Box 41436, Fayetteville, NC 28309-1436.

GENERAL (R) Robert C. Kingston, AKA “Barbwire Bob”. During his 37 years of active duty, he served 27 years with troops, nine campaigns as a lieutenant during combat in Korea, seven more as a field grade officer in Vietnam, and 15 years of command at every commissioned level, from a rifle platoon to U.S. Central Command. He was awarded over 50 awards and decorations which include the following. Distinguished Service Cross, Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal with First Oak Leaf Cluster (OLC), Silver Star with First OLC, Legion of Merit with three OLC, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star with V Device and First OLC, Air Medal with 36 OLC, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with First OLC, Army of Occupation Medal (JAPAN), National Defense Service Medal with First OLC, Korean Service Medal with Nine Battle Stars,

Vietnam Service Medal with Seven Battle Stars, NCO Professional Development Ribbon with Numeral 1, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Ribbon with Numeral 2, Order of National Security Merit, Chonsu National Order of Vietnam (Fourth Class), National Order of Vietnam (Fifth Class), Vietnamese Gallantry Cross, with Palm, (Individual) (Six Awards), Vietnamese Honor Medal (First Class), United Nations Service Medal, United Nations Medal, US Army Presidential Unit Citation, US Navy Presidential Unit Citation, Valorous Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross, Republic of Vietnam Civic Actions Unit Citation, Combat Infantryman Badge (2nd Award), Master Parachutist Badge, US Ranger Tab, Gliderman Badge, Korean Parachutist Badge, Parachute Wings United Kingdom, Cambodian Parachutist Badge, Vietnamese Jumpmaster Badge Vietnamese Ranger Badge, Overseas Bars (12).

He has been inducted into the Infantry OCS, Ranger, and Special Forces Halls of Fame. SFA Chapter 13 in Korea bears his name. He served as an instructor in the Ranger Department at Ft. Benning, GA, as an unconventional warfare planner with U.S. Army Europe; senior advisor to the South VN Ranger High Command; an operations officer with the Studies and Observation Group (SOG); Commanding Officer of the 3rd Special Forces Group (A), at Fort Bragg, NC; Commanding General of John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center; and a founding father of Delta Forces. His funeral was held in the main chapel at Fort Meyer, VA on Friday, March 23, 2007. A reception followed at the Fort Meyer officers club. Gen Kingston was a Life Member of the Museum Association. The family has asked that in lieu of flowers that donations be made IMO General (R) Robert C. Kingston to the Special Forces Association.

CSM (R) Joseph A. Mancuso (D-37), age 89, Special Forces Association Chapter 1-18 in Fayetteville, NC passed away March 19, 2007 in Methodist North Hospital, Memphis, TN. Joe served in WWII, Korean and Vietnam conflicts. His awards and decorations include five Purple Hearts, Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Bronze Stars, and Army Commendation Ribbon. Joe also was awarded the CIB (third award) and the combat master parachutist badge. He joined the 10th SFG (A) on August 1, 1952, and later served in the 77th SFG (A), 7th SFG (A), 5th SFG (A), and 1st SFG (A). **Joe** leaves a daughter, son-in-law, and four grandchildren. He had a Mass on March 23, 2007 in St. Ann Catholic Church in Bartlett, TN Burial will be in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA at a later date.


THE HAWK LEAVES THE NEST

On 16 March there was a retirement ceremony, hosted by LTG (R) Robert T. Clark, for one of our hardworking Advisory Council members. Col James L. "Hawk" Holloway, Jr., hung it up after 34 years of service. Hawk was commissioned as an Infantry 2LT upon graduating from West Point in 1977. For the next 30 years he served in many Infantry and Special Forces assignments. To include: the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii, Instructor at the Florida Ranger Camp, the 2nd Infantry Training Bde at Ft Benning, 5th SFG(A), 10th SFG(A), USSOC, USASOC, . His overseas service included Somalia in support of Operation Continue Hope, Commander of the Jungle Operations Training Battalion in Panama, and more recently in Iraq as the 1st National Police Division Transition Team Commander, where he was wounded in action. He also served as the 5th ROTC Brigade Commander, which oversaw the operation of all College and High School units in the Carolinas. He is a graduate of: the Infantry Officer's Basic



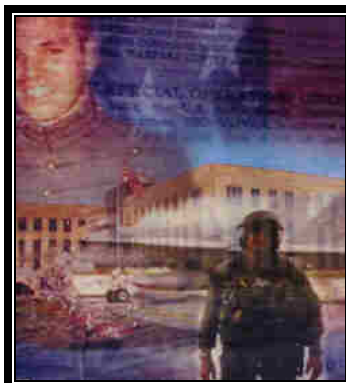
and Advance Courses; the Armed Forces Staff College; and the Ranger, and Special Force Courses. Among his many awards are: the CIB, Special Forces Tab, Ranger Tab, Legion of Merit w/OLC, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, w/OLC, Meritorious Service Medal w/three OLC, Army Commendation Medal w/two OLC, United Nations Medal (Somalia), Iraq Campaign Medal, Master Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, and Air Assault Badge. He has qualified for and has been awarded the Austrian High Alpine Badge and parachute wings from Portugal, Canada, and Australia.

Hawk is married to the former Cathy Morin of Lewiston Maine, and has three children; Tara, Jimmy, and Gary. He and his wife will retire to Parrottsville, TN where they are building a log home.

He stated that he will remain on the Advisory Council and make the drive from Tennessee to attend meetings. 

EARLE F. (FRANK) HUDSON, JR. RETIRES

Not to be outdone, **Frank Hudson** also decided to retire after 27 years of dedicated service to his country. A ceremony was held 30 March 2007, hosted by his old friend and comrade, "Hawk" Holloway. **Frank** graduated from West Point and became a 2LT in 1980. After several infantry assignments, he came to Special Forces in 1984. He served as an ODA commander (twice), Assistant Group S-3, Company Commander, Battalion S-3, Group S-3, and then Deputy Group Commander - all in 5th SFG(A). He also served a tour with the Technology Management Office of the Army Chief of Staff




in the Pentagon. His latest assignment has been as Director of the USASOC Futures Center. **Frank** served during Dessert Storm as Assistant Group S-3 of the 5th SFG (A) and in Iraq as the Deputy Commander for Special Operations, Task Force-West in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Among his many awards are the: Legion of Merit (OLC), Bronze Star Medal (OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal (OLC) Meritorious Service Medal (5OLC), Army Commendation Medal (OLC), National Defense Service Medal (w/star), Armed Forces Expeditionary medal, Southwest Asia Service medal (w/3 stars), Iraq

Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medals from Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait, Combat Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Special Forces Tab, and Army Staff Identification Badge. He

has been awarded Parachutist badges from Australia, Ecuador, Egypt, Venezuela, and the United Arab Emirates. He and his family plan to stay in this area upon retirement.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

By George Heib

It has been a very sad quarter. We never served with **Larry Kelley** or **Gen Kingston**, but **Herb Brucker**, **Howard Colvin**, **Jimmy Dean**, and **Joe Mancuso** were old comrades in arms. **Herb** was a great source of guidance and inspiration in my early days with SF, **Howard** was always there with a big smile, and encouraging words, **Joe** will be forever remembered for his great wit, and almost total photographic memory. When I was called to active duty from SGM to CPT, **Joe** asked what I would do for an encore, and that he felt that I was making a mistake to go over to what he called the “dark side”, and of course **Jimmy** was the mainspring that got me doing this job. We will miss them all and the help and support they gave us over the years. The one area that is a letdown in this job is that we have to put together the Taps section. On a positive note, we wish to welcome **Hawk Holloway** and **Frank Hudson** to the retired ranks and are very pleased that they will remain on the Advisory Council to lend their good advice and knowledge along with their usual hard work for the betterment of the Museum. We also would like to personally thank **Paul Campbell**, who with his help and drive and his Internet leadership led a drive for us to receive the large number of **Jimmy Dean Memorial** donations. **Paul** is a Life and Century member of long standing. Because of our sincere appreciation for his help, we are including a small notice below on how to get signed up to receive info on how to receive regular info from him on his privately run On-Line Message Service. 

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