



The Legend Continues

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DR. JOHN DUVALL RETIRES



I want to welcome all to the Airborne & Special Operations Museum newsletter, *"The Legend Continues"*. The title states it all and falls in line with our mission statement of sharing the history of the airborne and special operations soldiers from the past to the present and moving into the future.

I want to take this time to thank the volunteers of the museum. I don't believe that they can ever be thanked enough. Their hard work enhances the visit of everyone that walks through the doors of the museum.

Approximately 100 volunteers, from 14 to 92 years of age, share their experiences, assist the visitors and staff and are a force multiplier that the museum could not live without. Thanks!

It is with a heavy heart that I must update you on John "Dr. John" Duvall's retirement. Dr. John has been with the museum since mid 1990 and the ASOM would not be standing if not for Dr. John's dedication and commitment. My hats off to Carol, his loving wife that has shared and endured the long hours the museum life brings. Although his departure is bittersweet it is only appropriate that in his retirement he will look down the hill on the ASOM from his historic home

in Haymount. Dr. John and Carol, we all thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We are looking forward to your future writings and sincerely hope with your new found freedom that you will not become a stranger.

Since the last newsletter we have had a major staff change in the foundation, which is not unusual with the fluidity of a military community and I want to wish Kris Cage, Liz Gartner and Kim Seymour best wishes in their future endeavors. I want to welcome Lauren Campbell (our featured staff member), Jim Ryder, and Kathyne Morales to the team.

Paul Galloway
Executive Director
Airborne & Special Operation
Museum Foundation

"WOUNDED WARRIOR" HONORED

On February 11 Staff Sgt. John Wayne Walding, a Special Forces communication sergeant, received a special gift from one of the founding members of 3rd Special Forces Group, a free custom-paint job for his Harley Davidson motorcycle. The paint job was a generous gift from former member of 3rd SFG, Don Bradley.

Walding and his team were recently awarded Silver Stars for their actions during battle in Afghanistan. During a six-and-a-half hour firefight Walding lost part of his right leg to sniper fire.

When Bradley heard the story he wanted to do something to help. Through his foundation, Custom Paint for Combat Vets, he was able to custom-paint Walding's motorcycle. The foundation provides free paint

jobs to Wounded Warriors through public donations.

"You can't put it into words," said Walding. "If you're a green beret, you're always going to have support."



Staff Sgt. John Wayne Walding (right) and Don Bradley, founder of Custom Paint for Combat Vets, unveil Walding's newly painted Harley Davidson motorcycle at the museum.

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BILLBOARD OFFERS “INSTANT MESSAGING”

The museum has gone state-of-the-art. Travelers driving on the All American have noticed a new electronic billboard capable of informing them of

special upcoming events at the museum and the surrounding community. According to Paul Galloway, executive director, the billboard gives the museum

“instant messaging” capabilities for all service members and their families in and around Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base.

5K/10K “RUN FOR THE LEGEND” SET FOR JUNE 6

Mark your calendars and lace up your shoes. On June 6 the second annual 5k/10k *Run for the Legend* will take place beginning in front of the museum. The course is USA Track & Field certified - NC07033PH. Timing is by Atlantic Coast Timing using the Champion Chip System. Prizes will be awarded to the top

three overall male and female finishers and the top three male and female finishers in each age group. Visit the museum website for more information. To register go to

www.active.com. The registration fee is \$20 by May 25 and \$25 after May 25. Race t-shirts will be limited to the first 500 registrants.



IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Glory Days

It's time for the Annual Glory Days Festival in Fayetteville, NC, honoring our strong military heritage. There will be family oriented activities for everyone, including arts, crafts, food vendors and a special Field of Honor flag presentation. Events take place through the month of May. The museum will host three events on May 23rd:

The Ft. Bragg Stars & Stripes Singers will perform two musical sets at the museum at 10am and 11am on May 23rd. Their songs include music from the 40s, patriotic melodies and show tunes.

Chester Biggs was a WWII POW in China for the duration of the war. On May 23rd he will discuss his book, *Behind the Barbed Wire*, the story of the marine embassy guards captured by the Japanese in north China in 1941.

Book Signing

Jeff Falkel's son, Chris, was killed while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. Jeff's book, *The Making of Our Warrior*, takes us on a sobering look at the life of one of our nation's warriors as told by his family, friends and teammates. Jeff will discuss the book and sign copies on May 23rd.

Dogwood Festival

The Fayetteville Dogwood Festival, April 24 - 26, provides an outlet for both local and national musicians, artists, arts and crafts vendors, food vendors and serves as an educational resource for children.

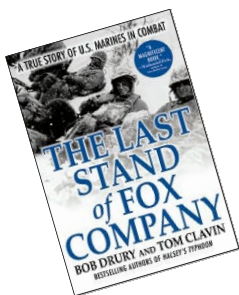
Every 4th Friday in April, the city of Fayetteville comes alive and we invite everyone to come enjoy the splendor.

MUSEUM HOSTS BOB DRURY BOOK SIGNING

Bob Drury, co-author of *The Last Stand of Fox Company: A True Story of U.S. Marines in Combat*, presented a lecture and signed copies of the book at the museum February 7.

The book tells the remarkable story of a small company of Marines fighting to hold a mountain pass in Korea. Out-numbered and out-gunned, 246 Marines hold off 10,000

Chinese soldiers determined to overtake the Toktong Pass near the Chosin Reservoir. The story of their eight day battle is a moving account of bravery and sacrifice.



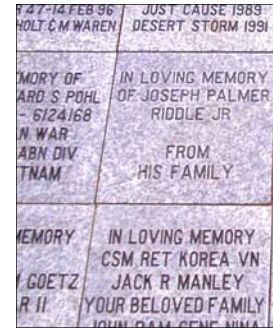
BECOME A "FRIEND OF THE MUSEUM"

Help the legend continue by becoming a *Friend of the Museum*. The museum, which highlights the values, sacrifices, courage, devotion to duty and the unique history of the airborne and special operations units, assures that the legend will be experienced by generations to come.

The museum offers a variety of ways to contribute, each with added benefits to you. In addition to monetary donations, we also offer other, unique ideas to help support the museum such as paver stones to honor loved ones or an organization, memorial & honor gifts, named gift opportunities for specific

exhibits or exhibit areas, and sponsorships of special exhibit showings educational programming and events.

To learn more about the museum's *Friends Program* and additional ways to contribute visit the website at www.asomf.org.



Paver stones become a permanent part of the Memorial Garden.

MEET THE FOUNDATION STAFF



Lauren Campbell

Lauren Campbell, Visitor Services Coordinator, has been with the museum since September 2008. Lauren manages the volunteer program and organizes daytime school, military, and public groups.

Each month Lauren presents an orientation to train new volunteers and handles the weekly volunteer schedules. She also tracks the hours each volunteer works and plans appreciation dinners twice a year to honor the volunteers for their work and dedication.

When she is not busy overseeing the 100 volunteers Lauren helps individuals and groups plan their visit to the museum. Going above and beyond the call of duty is the norm for Lauren as she strives to make everyone's trip the museum a memorable one.

Originally from Monroe, Michigan, she graduated from

Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, Michigan with a Bachelors of Science in History and a minor in Political Science. Lauren's love of history brought her to the museum.

Prior to coming to Fayetteville she worked at the Monroe County Historical Museum, housing a large collection dedicated to General George Custer and the River Raison Battlefield.

Interested in planning a trip to the museum for your group or school? Contact Lauren at visitsvc@asomf.org.

SIGN UP FOR MUSEUM "E-LETTER"

The easiest and quickest way to stay informed of the many events happening at the museum is to sign up for the quarterly newsletter, *The Legend Continues*. Each issue focuses on past and upcoming events, museum staff, and important news to help you plan your next visit to the museum. By signing up for the newsletter you will receive

advanced notice prior to each publication and a simple click-through link taking you directly to the issue.

To sign up for the newsletter visit the museum's website at www.asomf.org and subscribe by typing in your email address.



MUSEUM NEWS

Phone Numbers & Address Changes: When contacting the museum please note that phone numbers and the mailing address have changed. Mailing address is 100 Bragg Boulevard, Fayetteville, NC 28301. The main phone number is 910.643.ASOM (2766).

Executive Director:	643.2772	Visitor Services/Volunteers:	643.2775
Finance:	643.2771	Information Desk:	643.2779
PR/Marketing:	643.2774	Events Coordinator::	643.2773
Gift Shop:	643.2781		

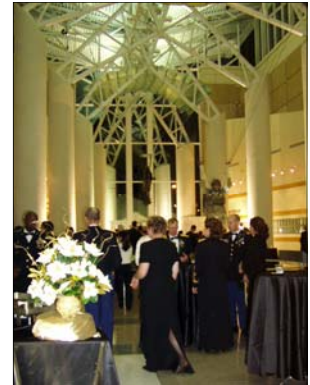
Volunteers: Even with more than 100 dedicated volunteers we can always use more good people. If you are interested in volunteering contact Lauren at 910. 643. 2775 or email www.visitsvc@asomf.org.

Group Visits: Schools, churches, bus tours, clubs and other groups from all over the country visit the ASOM. Contact the Visitor Services Coordinator at 910.643.2775 or www.visitsvc@asomf.org to schedule your visit. The museum's website contains group information, maps and lesson plans.

Gift Shop: We've made finding the perfect Army, airborne or special operations gift a breeze. Now there are four ways to purchase something special for someone special. Stop by during regular business hours, order by phone at 910.643.2781, by catalog, or through the museum's website at www.asomf.org. With 40 pages of merchandise available in the catalog and hundreds of items available online, there is definitely something for everyone.

Private Functions at the ASOM: For legendary events the Airborne & Special Operations Museum is ready to help you host your next special occasion. We invite you and your guests to experience splendor and style in an elegant setting steeped in history. Whether you are planning a formal dinner or wedding, an intimate reception or corporate conference, the museum's award-winning architecture will turn the ordinary into the extraordinary!

- Holiday Celebrations*
- Rehearsal Dinners*
- Cocktail/Dinner Receptions*
- Business Conventions*
- Wedding Receptions*
- Reunions*
- Corporate Functions*
- Meetings & Seminars*



For more information contact Kathyne, Special Events Coordinator, at 910.643.2773 or email www.events@asomf.org.

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