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A Message from the Executive Director

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WELCOME JIM HUGGINS

The Board of Directors, the Foundation Staff and I want to welcome Jim Huggins. Jim is the new Director / Supervisory Curator for the US Army side of the ASOM. I am personally looking forward to working with Jim to take the ASOM into the future. We want to welcome his wife Julie and two daughters to the family.

Where would we be without our great volunteers. We have added another WW II veteran bringing our total to eight from the greatest generation. A Hardy THANKS to all the volunteers that enhance the museum experience for our visitors.

Jim Ryder in Marketing has been working hard on a quarterly catalog of special items from our Gift Shop. Pick one up in the store or at the information desk.

The **Field of Honor** was a beautiful tribute to our military during the month of May. A special thanks to the Stars-N-Stripes Singers for performing for our visitors on May 23rd. They were simply AWESOME and we look forward to their next visit.

We celebrated the **31 Days of Glory** with the community and in June the **Run for the Legend** was a resounding success.

My hats off to Kathryn Morales who has led the charge in getting MySpace and Facebook up and running. Check these sites out and get instant updated information on the happenings around the museum.

Although it's not said enough, thanks to my staff who always come through and work tirelessly supporting myself and the ASOM.



Paul Galloway
Executive Director
ASOM Foundation

THE 173rd "SKY SOLDIERS" EXHIBIT OPENS

The Museum opened its latest special exhibit on Tuesday, May 19th, *The 173d "Sky Soldiers" The Legend Continues*.

The event began with a ribbon cutting and special remarks from guest speaker Colonel Mark Stammer, Commander of 1st Brigade, 82d Airborne Division and former 173rd combat veteran.

In recognition of a battle that occurred in Vietnam on November 8, 1965, "Operation Hump", an original painting by artist Craig Bone, "8th of November", will be on display. The painting is on-loan to the museum from The American Red Cross. The

painting was inspired by the battle and the story of Niles Harris, a U.S. Army Veteran and survivor of the battle of November 8th. Mr. Harris' story was captured in the song "8th of November" performed by the country music duo, Big & Rich.

Artist Craig Bone and Niles Harris attended the exhibit opening and signed "8th of November" prints. Signed prints are available in the museum Gift Shop.





FIELD OF HONOR

It all began with a special dedication ceremony on Saturday, May 9th. Nearly 2,000 flags went up on the Airborne and Special Operations Museum parade

grounds and across the street on the site of the future Veteran's Park for the 2009 Field of Honor in conjunction with *31 Days of Glory*. For information

on other events during the 31 Days of Glory please see Paul Galloway's *Message from the Executive Director* on page one.



"RUN FOR THE LEGEND" HUGE SUCCESS

More than 300 runners and walkers participated in this year's 2nd annual *Run for the Legend* at the museum. The 5k/10k run also attracted many on-lookers up and down the entire parade route. Anyone interested in next year's run should contact Lauren Campbell at 910.643.2775 or visitsvc@asomf.org.



IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Airborne Day
Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 15, for a special day of fun and learning as the museum celebrates National Airborne Day. This year events at the museum will feature parachute demonstrations, equipment displays, numerous historic re-enactors, music and more on the grounds of the Airborne & Special Operations Museum.

Fayetteville After Five
Fayetteville After Five is a free Performing Arts Concert Series including local, regional, and national performers. A great opportunity for folks to gather for art, music, food and fun. The "Young at Art Tent" allows children of all ages to engage in hands-on activities and art projects. The "Visual Artist Tent" will feature artists creating on site as well as displaying

and offering for sale hand-crafted items. Bring your lawn chair or blanket, sit back, and enjoy! August 20, 5pm. Festival Park.

Fourth Friday
Folks of all ages get a taste of Fayetteville's art and entertainment while enjoying the small galleries, bookstores, bistros and shops with unique items for shoppers. 8/22/09. 7 – 10 pm. The action takes place in downtown Fayetteville. For more information call

BECOME A "FRIEND OF THE MUSEUM"



Paver stones become a permanent part of the Memorial Garden.

Help the legend continue by becoming a *Friend of the Museum*. The ASOM, 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 many generations to come. The museum offers a variety of ways to ideas to , 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 www.asomf.org.

SIGN UP TODAY FOR MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

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. Visit the ASOM's website at www.asomf.org and subscribe by typing in your email address. By subscribing you will also receive periodic press releases of all important events taking place at the museum and around Fayetteville and the Cumberland County area.



MEET THE FOUNDATION STAFF



Ashton Dicochea
Museum Gift Shop Sales Associate

Ashtin has been with the Airborne & Special Operations for more than

three years and has witnessed first hand the growth of both the museum and the gift shop. "Today the gift shop has literally thousands of unique items for everyone, both young and old and military and non-military," said Ashtin.

Ashtin's duties include running the register, stocking and re-stocking, and maintaining the gift shop's appearance.

"I also enjoy helping and the museum's visitors to the many attractions here and many times refer them to local restaurants and shops located in Fayetteville."

Ashtin works in the gift shop during the holiday seasons and throughout the summer. She attends East Carolina University and is going into either Child Psychology or Family and Marriage Therapy.



The Stars-N-Stripes Singers highlighted the Memorial Day weekend events with two performances.

MUSEUM NEWS

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, use our new quarterly catalog, or order through the museum's website at www.asomf.org. 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*
- Cocktail/Dinner Receptions*
- Wedding Receptions*
- Corporate Functions*
- Rehearsal Dinners*
- Business Conventions*
- Reunions*
- Meetings & Seminars*

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

**Celebrate
National Airborne Day
at the Museum
Saturday, August 15**

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