

# NIGHT STALKER ASSOCIATION



Spring 2010 NEWSLETTER

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# *NEWS FROM THE NSA PRESIDENT*



Dear NSA Members,

A very belated Happy New Year to you all. I wish each and every one of you a great 2010. It has been a busy time, but a productive one as well. I would like to express my appreciation for all the support you have provided to our Soldiers and Families. I realize how busy your schedules are, but it has not seemed to diminish your dedication to help those in need. I ask for your continued support and commitment in the various programs and events that we hold to ensure our continued success. They provide so much assistance throughout the year and help in times of need.

Sadly, two of our Night Stalker Families are currently suffering after significant losses:

- Mrs. Sandra Dailey passed away March 3, 2010. Sandy was an amazing lady. She loved this Regiment and her unsurpassed commitment to our Gold Star Families was inspiring. She will be missed by all. I ask that you please keep Brig. Gen. (Retired) John "Coach" Dailey and his family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of Sandy. In lieu of flowers the family has requested donations be made to the NSA in Sandy's name.

- MSG Andrew Brock, a veteran of both 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion and 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion passed away March 2. Tony Brock was a loving Father, Husband and great friend. He departed the Regiment in August for 7<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group, Fort Bragg, NC.

Please continue to keep both of these Night Stalkers Families in your prayers as they deal with these tremendous losses.

The new Board of Governors has met each month of this year and I would like to highlight a few items from the minutes of these meetings as well as to speak to you about a few other items. I would ask you all to welcome COL(R) Mike Zonfrelli and 1SG(R) Kenny Helms to the board of Governors. These Night Stalkers were voted in during last year's election and have been busy helping us move the NSA forward. I thank you both for your friendship, dedication and enthusiasm as we continue the good fight. I know that the NSA will be in good hands when I depart next January.





# *NEWS FROM THE NSA PRESIDENT CONTINUED*



For those that are not aware, the new Board of Governors is:

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Due to the collective efforts of all involved in the NSA we have been able to accomplish numerous actions that will streamline the organization and benefit our Soldiers and their Families. I have highlighted a few of them, but if you would like a complete run-down on all of the items, please visit our website at [http://www.nsa160.com/NSA\\_Updates.htm](http://www.nsa160.com/NSA_Updates.htm).

- **NSA Team Bass Tournament:** This year's Bass Tournament is scheduled for April 24, 2010, at Lick Creek. We are really excited about the event. All proceeds raised will go to the Terminally Ill Children's Fund and the NSA Scholarship Fund. Thanks to Andy Milani we have already started to receive some great items for the raffle with the major item as of yet being a very generous NASCAR Package from the Atlanta Motor Speedway (Owner's Box, Pit Passes, Pace Car Ride, Concert, etc). We would love to have you join us for an enjoyable day on the water. For more information visit our NSA web site.

- **Week of Night Stalkers Activities (WONSA):** If you have not already heard, this year's WONSA will be different from years past with the week of activities occurring one week before Memorial Day weekend (May 17-21; please see the events list below). The other significant change is that the Regiment Formal will be held at the Nashville Convention Center in Nashville, Tenn. If you are planning on attending the Formal, be sure to reserve your room now. A reservation code has been made available for this event: Z-FC160 so ensure you reserve utilizing this code. As soon as the Golf Tournament and Formal Tickets become available I will be sure to pass along the information.





# *NEWS FROM THE NSA PRESIDENT CONTINUED*



In an attempt to reduce the cost of tickets to NSA Members and their Families to the 160th SOAR (A) Formal, the NSA has been granted approval from the 160th SOAR (A) to sell tickets to Corporate Friends. It is our hope that in doing so we will reduce the cost of this great event for our Night Stalker Soldiers and Families (specifically ranks E-6 and below). Currently, there are two options we are reviewing. The first is to sell tickets to our Corporate Friends at \$400 (minimum) a pair. The seats would be at a table with Soldiers from the Regiment and we would send them a thank you from the NSA. The other option would be as part of a larger Corporate Solicitation.

Once again the Regiment is proud to host Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band as entertainment for the formal. They did a tremendous job last year entertaining the guests and we expect nothing less from the group this year.

WONSA Schedule:

- May 17 (Monday) – Softball Tournament
- May 18 (Tuesday) – Golf Tournament
- May 20 (Thursday) – Memorial Ceremony, Building Dedications
- May 21 (Friday) – Awards Ceremony, Corporate Luncheon, Formal Banquet
- May 22 (Saturday) – Picnic, Motorcycle Ride

- **2010 NSA Scholarship Program:** Applications for the scholarship program are now available. Last year we were able to provide \$60,000 in scholarships to Family Members of Night Stalkers. This year we would like to be able to surpass that amount!

- **Financial Reports:** Currently, the NSA has \$105,300 in the General Fund; \$39,000 in the Donation Fund; \$13,107 in the Children's Fund; \$26,746.82 in the Robertson Scholarship Fund; \$25,235 in securities; and \$1,500 in cash on hand. Last year we received four very generous donations to the NSA: \$20,000 from ITT, \$25,000 from Dillon Aero, \$40,000 from The Number's Family Foundation and \$34,000 from NSA North. I cannot express enough how much we appreciate these donations to the association. The NSA has prepared framed prints and plaques to be presented to each in appreciation of their contributions to the Night Stalkers and their Families.





# *NEWS FROM THE NSA PRESIDENT CONTINUED*



The above are just a few of the agenda items that we are currently working through, with many more that are working in the committees and within the Chapters. It is definitely a team effort but it is also a worth-while effort as our work only leads to the betterment of the NSA and the support that we provide to our Night Stalkers and their Families.

I will continue to do my best to keep all NSA members abreast of issues that impact the Association and our members. As I asked in my last update to you, please remember why it is that the Night Stalker Association was created and continues to this day: to support the Night Stalker Soldier and his or her Family. Should we ever lose sight of our mission, we will most certainly cease to be of relevance to our active duty Soldiers and their Families. I ask that all members assist me in maintaining our mission and ensuring that the elected leaders at all levels of the Night Stalker Association are being good stewards of our organization. After all, it is YOUR Association.

Enjoy the beautiful spring weather!

Tim Cash  
NSDQ!





# *NEWS FROM THE NSA VICE PRESIDENT*



Fellow Night Stalkers,

It is an honor and a privilege to have been asked to serve the NSA. I know that I am stepping into some big shoes but will do my best to meet the high standard that Tony Fuller set. I want to give my congratulations and thanks to Tony and the previous Board for their dedicated efforts and accomplishments supporting the NSA members and making the NSA better.

I would also like to offer heartfelt condolences on behalf of both the NSA and my family to the Dailey and Brock families. I have personal and wonderful memories of Sandy and Coach and their time in the Regiment. They were leaders, teachers, and friends in the truest sense and set a climate that made us feel fortunate we were serving with them. I did not know Tony, but it is obvious from those who did that he set the example as a soldier and family man for all of us. He exemplified our motto, Night Stalkers Don't Quit. In the past three months, I have learned a lot about the Night Stalker Association, and the folks who make it run. Most importantly, I have learned what a big job it is and the tremendous effort that has been required by all previous Boards of Governors and volunteers to give the members the best support possible. Make no mistake about it, keeping the NSA operating at the levels the members deserve is an every day job. All those who have been involved in the past have set the foundation for the current group to continue to improve the Association. We should especially be thankful for our volunteer standing committee chairmen and those who volunteer to play major roles in NSA events. We have met with SOF Warrior Foundation (Tampa) and Ft Campbell Museum personnel to discuss the requirements, functions, and lessons learned from running non-profit organizations. We have learned a lot from these discussions and will be working in the next months to determine how to best apply the advice we have received. Most importantly there are a litany of state and federal requirements that must be met for on-profits to retain their status. We are meeting some of the requirements, but there are others we have just learned about, and I am sure that more still remain to be discovered. One priority this year is to identify all the requirements and take actions to ensure compliance.

Another goal is to continue to improve communication between the Board of Governors, National Executive Board, and Chapter Boards. We especially would like to open frequent communications between Board of Governors officers and their Chapter counterparts. In addition, we will be exploring ways to shape National Executive Board Meeting to meet the needs of the NSA. We will explore frequency, format, and implementing a remote capability for those who can't attend in person.

Thanks for the opportunity to continue to serve Night Stalkers.

Mike  
NSDQ



# *NEWS FROM THE REGIMENTAL COMMANDER*



Dear Night Stalker Families,

I hope you are all enjoying the sun after that long and abnormally harsh winter. Thankfully, winter is coming to an end and we get to look forward to welcoming in this beautiful spring weather.

Let me start, by saying how much I appreciate all the support our Night Stalker Association members have provided to our Soldiers and Families. I realize how busy your schedules are, but it has not seemed to diminish your dedication to help those in need. I ask for your continued support and commitment to our Night Stalkers. Your assistance throughout the year is invaluable.

Many of you may already be aware that the Regiment suffered a great loss 3 March with the passing of Mrs. Sandi Dailey. She was deeply committed to this Regiment and to our Gold Star Families. Please keep Brig. Gen. (Retired) John "Coach" Dailey and his Family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of Sandi. In lieu of flowers the Family has requested donations be made to the NSA in Sandi's name.

The Week of Night Stalkers Activities is quickly approaching. I wanted to alert you to a couple of changes. Firstly, we have had to move WONSA to the week before Memorial Day weekend (May 17-21). The other notable difference is that the Regiment Formal will be held at the Nashville Convention Center in Nashville, Tenn., with entertainment by Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band. We hope that your schedules will allow you to join us.

I cannot thank you enough for the amazing support you continue to provide to every member of this organization. The Night Stalker Association continues to be there for our Soldiers and their Families and we are deeply indebted to you!

NSDQ!

Clay Hutmacher

## Night Stalker Association Newsletter



Ms. Katie Burden, from the NSA North Chapter, presents a check to Tim Cash, President of the NSA and COL Clay Hutmacher, RCO, from the proceeds of the Night Stalker North Golf Scramble for \$33,099. Night Stalker North is a loose group of Night Stalker supporters in the Ft. Eustis, VA area. Ms. Burden is a Logistics Specialist in the MH-60 Program Office.



# *NEWS FROM THE 1<sup>st</sup> BATTALION*



First, on behalf of 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> SOAR(A) I want to thank all of the active participants of the Night Stalker Association. Without active participation, the NSA cannot function nor provide the assistance it provides to Night Stalkers and Night Stalker Families. CSM Chambers, Becky, Heather and I, hope each member has had a great start to 2010 and are looking forward to the welcomed change of warm spring weather. We remain inspired at the devotion, sacrifices, and resiliency of the Night Stalker Family. Through sustained rotations in combat, frequent training away from home, and during times of crisis, our Night Stalker Soldiers, Families, and support networks provide a capability no other unit in the world can match. It is not our special aircraft or equipment that makes this unit special; it is the members, both past and present, within this Night Stalker Family that make it special.

Since our last newsletter, Night Stalkers have continued to have substantial impacts against the enemies of our Nation, and those of the Nations we support. Leaders above me often state our Soldiers and the unit's reputation has never been higher as our Night Stalkers continue to execute with precision, and never fail a mission, no matter how complex or challenging. In addition, we continue tackle the challenges of manning, training and equipping our formation while overcoming the challenges of being at war since 2001.

I would like to take a moment to express my gratitude for the efforts of the NSA. It is the men and women of this great organization that assist units to care for our Soldiers, families, and friends. I thank you for all of your patience and steadfast support as we continue to wage this long war to defeat our enemies and ensure the security of our nation and the nations we support.

With the Week of Night Stalker Activities (WONSA) quickly approaching, we look forward to seeing familiar faces of warriors and Night Stalker supporters that molded this battalion and regiment into the world class fighting force it is today. WONSA is a great time to socialize with old friends, memorialize our fallen brothers, acknowledge the sacrifices of their families, and recognize current Night Stalker's accomplishments. With pride and honor of serving with you and for you, LTC Allan Pepin and CSM Greg Chambers. NSDQ!



# NEWS FROM THE 3<sup>rd</sup> BATTALION



Greetings from Savannah and the Soldiers and families of 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion. Throughout these past few months, the Battalion has been busy supporting combat operations overseas as well as conducting training throughout the continental United States. The professionalism and work ethic of these amazing Nightstalkers never ceases to impress me.

The Battalion recently recognized over seventy Soldiers with combat awards ranging from Army Commendation Medals to the Bronze Star. It was an honor and a privilege to recognize these silent warriors alongside members of the Savannah community and to see the tremendous support for 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion. Along with our awards ceremony, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division Rear Detachment Commander, BG Phillips, recognized each company in the Battalion with an DUI streamer for consecutive days without an alcohol related incident. This feat demonstrates superior leadership and teamwork at the Company level.

This month we honor our volunteers within the Battalion. The success of any unit can often be measured by the efforts of its families. In 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion we are blessed with extremely supportive family members who give of their time freely to support Nightstalkers and the community. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to these precious volunteers and to our community supporters who help make the unit great.

As we enjoy springtime in the South and look forward to those long summer days, we remember our Nightstalkers deployed in harm's way to defend us from our Nation's enemies. I cannot thank the Soldiers and families of 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion enough for their sacrifice and commitment. It is an honor to lead such fine Soldiers.

NSDQ!

Kirk and Cindy Keepers

Estevan and Melissa Sotorosado



# NEWS FROM THE 4<sup>th</sup> BATTALION



This is a time of change in 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion. The weather is turning for the better here in the great Pacific Northwest as we come out of one of the mildest winters in the last few years. We start off by saying farewell to some long time members of 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion. MAJ Bradley Biggs the A Company "Guns-a-go-go" Commander will be changing out with MAJ John Kaikkonen. MAJ William Braman, C Company "Chupacabras" Commander will be changing command with MAJ Walker Scott. MAJ Braman will assume duties as the Battalion XO from MAJ Ernesto Cortez. MAJ Cortez will be moving to Ft. Knox. MAJ John Szczepanski is moving up to Regiment and handing over the reins of D Company "Hexmates" to MAJ Ryan Moore. HHC "Bulldogs" will farewell 1SG Kirk Tower as he passes the guidon to 1SG Howard Wright who is coming to us from 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion. We welcome him, his wife Melody and son Tristan to 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion. 1SG William Behrens of B Company "Evil Empire" will be changing responsibilities with 1SG Kirk Tower. 1SG William Behrens and 1SG Bryan Moore will be leaving us and moving to Savannah, GA to take over 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion's C and B Companies. We wish all those leaving 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion and their families the very best as they move into their new jobs.

We held our NCO, Soldier, and Crewchief of the Quarter competitions. All 17 competitors represented their individual Companies well in the hard fought competitions but when it was all said and done it was whittled down to the three winners. The winners of the week long NCO and Soldier of the quarter competition was SGT Kenneth Massheimer from B Company "Evil Empire" who won the NCO of the Quarter and SPC Luis Ramirez from D Company "Hexmates" who won the Soldier of the Quarter. SPC Matthew Jones from B Company "Evil Empire" won the Crewchief of the Quarter. He competed against 60 and other 47 Crewchiefs. The competition consisted of a grueling hand on evaluation, a -10 written test and a 350-6 oral board. Congratulations to all the winners!

We continue to have men deployed to OIF and OEF, doing great missions and as always proving why Nightstalkers are the best no matter what we are called upon to do. Even when they come home the train doesn't stop, with deployments to Texas, California, Montana, Colorado, Utah, and Australia in order to provide our customers the support they need no matter where they are. The commitment to the mission that is shown by these men day in and day out is truly remarkable.



# 2010 NIGHTSTALKER ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS



It's time once again to start thinking about your scholarship application if you or your dependants plan to attend college during the upcoming year. The specific applicant categories and procedures are contained in this newsletter issue and will be available on the web site ([www.nsa160.com](http://www.nsa160.com)).

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to those individuals and corporations that have financially supported the scholarship program in the past. This very worthwhile effort would not be possible without your significant contributions. Donations for this years scholarship fund may be made at any time to the NSA Scholarship Fund and mailed to the association address. Contact Wes Komulainen at (270) 798-1095 or [komulainenw@juno.com](mailto:komulainenw@juno.com) if you have any questions.



# *NEWS FROM THE SOATB*



Hello everyone and Happy Spring from SOATB!

SOATB? Yes, that's correct! Our Title 10 headquarters authorized the re-designation of the Special Operations Aviation Training Company to a Battalion in April, "in order to properly recognize the unit's mission, size and scope of responsibility". This is a very important step in the right direction to right size the formation and ensures the correct leadership opportunities are recognized throughout and most importantly allow coverage for our incredibly vast span of control.

The SOATB team has continued to execute their mission with tremendous results. The number of "new Night Stalkers" continues to grow and the quality of those new unit members remains very high. The demand for black helicopters is not decreasing so the importance of developing new Night Stalkers to fly, crew, maintain, arm and support the unit is also not decreasing. We have increased the pace of throughput for "Operators", both pilot and non-rated crewmembers, significantly in order to meet the high demands of the units and higher headquarters. The work being done is fantastic! The Soldiers, Civilians and Contractors of SOATB which include IDR on the flight line, simulators, in the woods of the Old Clarksville Base, TDSC and in the class rooms; URS in Jones Hangar and throughout the CONUS during training deployments; and Survival Systems USA in the Allison Aquatics Training Facility, set the bar for excellence in training and maintenance throughout the Army. The SOATB families are also continuing to provide the best care and assistance to each other and the unit. The FRG is handling every situation with care and dignity and enabling every unit member and their family to enjoy quality time together at their functions. SGM Jones and I are continuously impressed to the point of amazement with how much this formation does, professionally, on a daily basis. Simply incredible!

Congratulations to those who have come out on promotion lists! The NCOs and Warrant Officers of SOATB fared well and is a direct reflection of their dedication to duty and the effort put forth by them and their families. Very well done to all!

NSDQ!

Brian and Christine Hughes  
Johnny and Fontella Jones



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# **Night Stalker Association Raffle**

**Win a Weekend Getaway for Two**

**Winner Need Not be Present to Win  
Drawing to be Held at the NSA Picnic  
(22 May at 3:00 PM)**

**Grand Prize Includes:  
Two Round Trip Airline Tickets  
Three Nights at the Venetian Hotel in Las  
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