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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

Office of the Commanding General

Dear Museum Association Members:

I was deeply troubled by the January 2012 newsletter, which compelled me to write and address the rumors circulating about the JFK Special Warfare Museum. To begin, preserving our museum and its artifacts is a principle concern of mine and all the men and women who comprise the Special Warfare Center and School. Indeed, our artifacts remind us of the past, offering a physical representation of our heritage. What's more, they distinguish who we are today, and, as such, maintaining the museum is of critical importance to the command.

Currently, our museum is housed in an 1,800-square-foot facility, which only holds approximately 20 percent of our artifacts. I view this as a disservice not only to the members of our regiments who have donated important pieces of our collective history, but also to the public and our students who are prevented from fully enjoying the many displays the JFK Special Warfare Museum could offer. For this reason, we must have a new museum – one that can appropriately and sufficiently display our history; and one in which every member of our three regiments can take great pride.

Creating a state-of-the-art museum is exactly what we intend to do. My command is in the process of developing a multi-course plan to shepherd the museum's relocation, revitalization and expansion. To that end, I have assigned a field-grade officer to act as a liaison and to serve as lead planner on the museum project. I anticipate presenting all plans under discussion at an upcoming association meeting (or sooner if possible), and, at that time, I would welcome any feedback or ideas you may have about this exciting initiative.

In the meantime, we remain focused on raising awareness as to the importance of the museum by assigning additional service members to supplement the outstanding work of the museum staff. These service members with the support of association volunteers, for example, have built display cases, arranged artifacts and provided overall area beautification on museum grounds. You can be confident my command will continue to stress the importance of becoming more familiar with our history by incorporating a museum tour in all of our student training schedules.

As the museum revitalization initiative unfolds, honoring our history and preserving our artifacts will guide the process. I look forward to being a part of this exciting next chapter in the USA JFK Special Warfare Center and School's history.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Sacolick", is written over a white background.

Bennet Sacolick
Major General, U.S. Army
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