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**THE 23RD ANNUAL FOBA CONVENTION IS SET FOR ALPINE, TEXAS, APRIL 22ND THRU 25TH, 2006.  
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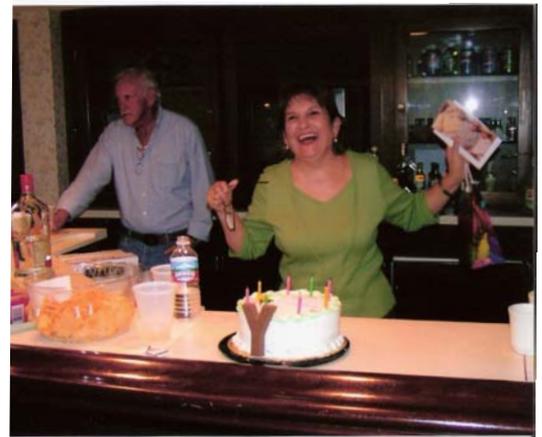
These FOBA members from Minden, NV sure put on a great Fall Board Meeting.

Bill Meglen, Charlotte and Al McMaster, thanks for a fun time and great hospitality.

- FOBA members attending were:
- Bill Meglen,
  - Al and Charlotte McMaster
  - Dodge and Kathy Galanos
  - Tom and Jeanne Ham
  - Kirby and Susan O'Neal
  - Fritz and Yolanda Villarreal
  - Jim and Magdalena Kuykendall
  - Jim and Ginger Wait
  - Tom and Joby Donalson



Helping Yolanda celebrate, Susan O'Neal, Magdalena and Jaime Kuykendall, Jim Wait, Kirby O'Neal, with Dodge Galanos in the background



Birthday girl Yolanda Villarreal — Surprise!!

## **NEWS FROM THE CASA!!!**

Where to begin? Since the last issue of the Que Paso, it seems as though life has been non-stop. We did not get out of Sahuarita until August 4th. Packed up the 5th wheel and headed north to Montana via Flagstaff. We are not big fans of driving through big cities during rush hours or such and Tom suggested we hit Salt Lake City on a Sunday. Good idea!!! Traffic was not bad at all. Arrived Polson, MT on Monday the 7th where we settled in right back on the 18th tee box of the Polson Country Club golf course. What a life. Up early to watch the Canada Geese and other birds and just loaf. We weren't there a week, it seems, before yours truly snapped a window off of the 5th wheel. Yes, it could have been repaired but what a great excuse for looking at new units. So, on the 12th we headed to Kalispell to see what we could see. Boy did we see! Ended up buying a new '06 Everest. It is 29' with 3 slides and a fireplace to boot. June and Dave Burnett arrived next to us Sunday the 13th. Also, Dick Friend and Rita Cunningham dropped by that afternoon for a quick visit on their way east. We took possession of the new 5th wheel on the 16th. Dave and June and Del Polish were there to help transfer "stuff" from the old to the new. Drove it back down to Polson in a driving rain storm but got it backed in and all set up. Thank goodness for the Burnetts. They took care of all the necessary stuff that afternoon and evening, like cocktails and dinner. Busy week. We hated to see Dave & June leave that Friday but they had to head home and get ready for their trip to Spain. Rest of the summer we got in a little golf, made some sightseeing trips and read/crocheted or whatever. The weather turned a little cool and rainy in September and we had to rethink our plans to stay in Polson until Oct. 7th. We ended up leaving the 27th and headed for Dillon, MT to visit our old neighbors til Oct. 3rd. Then slowly headed for Minden, NV for the Fall Board Meeting. Enjoyed seeing our old friends Al & Char McMaster and Bill Meglen for a wonderful evening before everyone else began to arrive. Think we had about 17 FOBA members there for the meeting. Al & Bill did a great job of lining up everything. We even got to celebrate Yolanda Villarreal's birthday. Headed home on October 16th arriving here the 18th.

It has been a sad year for FOBA losing all those friends. We will really miss Doug McCombs, Bob Battard, Cesar Diosdado, Jack Salter and Jack Maxcy. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families.

We are expecting another addition to our family in February. Elizabeth and husband, Tom, who reside in Plano, TX are awaiting the arrival of their first child. Baby girl Harris will be most welcome and we'll be there probably for about 2 weeks in February to help out.

Holidays are around the corner so guess it would be timely to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving and the best Christmas and New Years.

Til then, Bye, See ya!!



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## Greetings fellow Border Rats,

A big FOBA thanks and a whole lot of praise goes out to Bill Meglen and Al McMaster for going all out to make the Board of Directors meeting in Minden, Nevada a great success. From the spacious and well stocked hospitality suite (the resort's Bridal Suite) to the ever present hosts and the Sunday night dinner at the local Basque restaurant, the experience was a memorable one and everyone had a great time. With the backdrop of Mountains, Minden sits in the hub of a number of entertainment and historical sites, from the city lights of Reno and Lake Tahoe to historical and quaint Genoa and Virginia City.

Aaaah, Virginia City, what an experience; just walking into the "Bucket of Blood Saloon" gives you goose bumps. It was like sauntering into yesteryear as the sounds of old country tunes drifted through the air and the local gentry danced and listened to the live country band while dressed as Cowboys decked out in everything from spurs and chaps and outfitted with Winchesters and Colt Frontier Six Shooters. It was a sight to behold - gamblers with silver knobbed canes, eastern dudes with beaver hats, Mountain men and gold panners. For one split second you wanted to step back because you felt as though you had somehow intruded into someone else's picture where you didn't fit in but then you just sat back and enjoyed it all. Your view of this setting was obstructed from time to time by the passing by of a Cavalry Sergeant, ladies in long gowns and silver tongued rogues with handle bar mustaches, all of which just added to the surrealism of the scene. As if that was enough, some of the lady FOBAites decided to join in the festivities by having their pictures taken in the Virginia City Bath House. That is in the bath tub of the Virginia City Bath House. Well, that's just a peek of what's in store for you if you join in the FOBA festivities in 2008.

But, lest we get ahead of ourselves, Jaime Kuykendall gave us a little insight into what's in store for us in April of 2007, and I'm telling you, you better get in line for this one because it's going to be another great one. The planners have gone all out to make it a treat for one and all. Our fundraisers at the last conference proved very beneficial to our treasury. *In that regard, I would again like to encourage everyone to bring a small sought- after raffle item that they themselves would like to win so that we could have another great raffle. Irene Guzme who helped immensely with our last fund raiser, has asked us all to bring old, no longer needed, cell phones and used Western boots to the conference in connections with fund raisers she is working on in behalf of FOBA. See the enclosed article. (Page 12)*

And last and most importantly, let us all spend a moment of silence and say a prayer for the families of those among us who passed on to a greater reward for their work on earth.

We will miss your presence, Bob Battard, Cesar Diosdado, Jack Maxcy, Doug McCombs, Jack Salter, and Dee Gaines, the wife of member Tom Gaines.

God Bless our troops and these United States.

Your president,  
**Dodge Galanos**

**YOUR 2006 DUES SHOULD BE SENT IN NOW!!!AND GO AHEAD AND SEND IN 2007**

## COMNVENTION NEWS:

At the 2006 FOBA convention in Albuquerque, the membership approved Alpine, Texas as the site of the 2007 convention. Here are just a few of the positive points about Alpine and surrounding areas.

All visitors to the convention will have to arrive by automobile or Greyhound as there is no commercial airline service (yet). There is an airport which will handle private airplanes if someone owns or rents a plane for the meeting. The nearest commercial airport is at Midland, Texas, although El Paso is just over two hundred miles to the northwest.

The climate in April is beautiful, the evenings are cool and the hot weather is a month or two away. This is still cowboy country and boots and western hats are common attire. There is a growing artist's community and Alpine is the site of Sul Ross State University, a nice school with some connection to the nearby McDonald Observatory.

Alpine is 200 miles from Del Rio, 26 miles from Ft. Davis, 78 miles from Terlingua, 95 miles from Lajitas, 26 miles from Marfa, 87 miles to Presidio (and Ojinaga, MX) and 221 miles from El Paso. Since this is Texas, everywhere is some distance away. The drives, however, are filled with beautiful, rugged scenery and lots of wildlife.

Although Alpine is a small city, it is on one of the main routes to the Big Bend National Park and the new Texas Big Bend State Park. The McDonald Observatory, which houses the fourth largest telescope in the United States, is about thirty miles away. The river road drive from Presidio to Terlingua is about as scenic as one could wish, following the meandering Rio Grande River as it winds it's way through canyons and passes.

### **The convention is scheduled for April 22 through April 25, 2007. (Sunday thru Wednesday)**

The convention headquarters will be at the Ramada Limited at 2800 Highway 90 west. The hotel has 58 rooms and we have reserved the entire hotel. Of course, that depends on members and guests making reservations to fill the hotel prior to the cut-off date. The Ramada does not have an elevator so anyone who feels they cannot make the one floor climb to the second floor should tell the reservation clerk at the time they make the reservation. (there are no hotels in Alpine with elevators). There are 28 rooms upstairs and 30 rooms downstairs.

**Ramada Limited - Alpine, Texas**  
**2800 West Highway 90 | P.O. Box 907 | Alpine, TX 79830**  
**432.837.1100 | Fax 432.837.7032 => 1-800-2Ramada**  
**<http://www.ramada-alpinetexas.com/>**

The room availability and rates for the convention are as follows:

#### **Non-smoking**

Mini Suites - 5 - \$88  
King bed rooms - 5 - \$76  
2 double full size bed rooms - 39 - \$72  
1 full size bed room - 1 - \$72

#### **Smoking**

Mini Suites - 3 - \$88  
King bed rooms - 1 - \$76  
2 double full size bed rooms - 3 - \$72  
Additionally, a roll away bed costs \$10 extra.

Pets are accepted here for an additional \$25.

A hot breakfast is included with the room at the Ramada.

There is an indoor, heated, pool and exercise room at the Ramada.

The Ramada has set a date of February 22 for the reservations and rates to expire. If we can fill enough rooms before that date we can negotiate an extension of the date.

In the event that the 58 rooms in the hotel are filled, we have made arrangements with the Best Western on Highway 90 east for 20 rooms with reduced rates. We have 10 non-smoking rooms with king beds and 10 non-smoking rooms with 2 queen beds. Again this motel does not have an elevator. The Best Western is on the opposite side of the town from the Ramada but Alpine is not large so it is not much of an inconvenience.

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## **Best Western Classic**

**2401 E Highway 90, Alpine, Texas, 79830-5145**

**Phone: 432-837-1530 Fax: 432-837-1530 Free call :877-237-8757**

**<http://www.bestwesterntexas.com/hotels/alpine/alpineclassicinn/>**

The room availability and rates are as follows:

King bed rooms - 10 - \$60

2 Queen bed rooms - 10 - \$70

Pets are accepted here for an additional \$25.

The Best Western has an open, but heated, pool and a continental breakfast is included with these rooms.

The Best Western wants these rooms filled before April 8 to guarantee the rooms and rates.

Please make your reservations as soon as possible and, if the rooms suit your needs, the Ramada Limited should be your preference so we can have the hotel to ourselves.

The "pachanga" on the first evening will feature a Mexican food buffet and music by the Resonators, a local group which plays a variety of music. This event is tentatively scheduled for the Lobo Bar and Grill.

The second evening will have a barbeque buffet and music by the Jim Raby band, a western swing band from San Antonio. This will be held in the Alpine Civic center.

Following the board meeting on the 23rd, a convoy of interested members and guests will depart Alpine for the nearby village of Fort Davis for lunch, shopping and visits to the Fort Davis National park, a restored cavalry post, then on to the McDonald Observatory for a two hour show and a look through the telescopes.

Following the general membership meeting on the 24th, the golfers will move to the Alpine country club and the ladies who are interested will tour the shops in downtown Alpine, followed by lunch at the Reata restaurant, a very highly-rated place to eat. Some interesting options are being explored for the non-golfers.

Weather permitting, the hospitality room will be the large open cabana behind the Ramada hotel.

**Please mention the FOBA meeting when making reservations.** Be advised that the Ramada originally had the organization down as the Federal Order of Border Agents. We have the entire hotel reserved for the event.

**The registration fee for the convention is \$90 per person.**

**The fee for the golfers is \$45 per person, that includes green fees, cart and a sack lunch prepared by the main street bakery. Please mail all remittances as soon as possible to:**

**James Kuykendall  
402 St. Thomas Dr.  
Laredo, TX 78045**

We will happily supply any and all information concerning the convention, the area and anything related, to interested parties. Please don't hesitate to contact us. Numbers, etc. are (daytime telephone no. 956-791-5959, fax 956-791-6037, evening telephone 956-286-6694, e-mail jamesk@bizlaredo.rr.com)

The dress for this convention is casual, that is spelled CASUAL, cowboy casual that is.

**Look for a request from the president for members to bring along something to raffle. The raffle in Albuquerque was very successful.**

Speed limits in Texas have been upped to 75 MPH in many counties and on the interstates in west Texas to 80 MPH but along with those increases came a very strict policy by the DPS, they don't tolerate people exceeding those limits.

There is a regional medical center here. DEA, Customs (ICE), the Border Patrol (CBP), US Marshall service and the US attorney's office all have a strong presence in Alpine. And, there are several RV parks.

The streets of Alpine are clean, the people are friendly, and we are sure everyone who attends will enjoy their visit to one of the last remaining areas in the United States which is not overrun with people.

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## Douglas McCombs :

A Memorial service for Douglas Alan McCombs will be held Tuesday, August 8 at 11:00 a.m. at the United Methodist Church, 6722 Clark Road, Paradise.

Doug, a Paradise resident for the past 18 years, passed away at his home on Wednesday, August 2 following an extended illness.

Born in Chico, CA his family later moved to the Bay Area where he graduated from Vallejo High School. Doug then began a degree in Illustrative Art at the Art Center in Los Angeles, CA in 1959.

Doug changed his major to Criminology receiving a B.S. degree in 1961 from Fresno State University. Immediately after graduation he was hired by U.S. Customs Agency and worked as Customs Port Investigator at Harbor City, CA where he was quickly promoted to the position of Customs Agent. After several additional promotions and related changes of location, Doug was sent to U.S. Customs headquarters in Washington D.C.



With the creation of the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency in 1978, he worked within the U.S. Treasury Dept., Office of Inspector General, as Special Assistant for Policy Planning and Operations Review. Doug also took part in several major drug ring arrests during his career. He retired from the Treasury Department in 1988.

Doug was an avid 356 Porsche enthusiast. Noted for his impeccable craftsmanship he created many award winning Porsche interiors.

Doug is survived by his wife, Helene Delight Stevens, daughter Linda Archer, son Dalton McCombs, step-children Donald J., Karen M., and Amy Brown, Judith Herbert and Susanne Seales, grandson Zachary Archer and step-grandchildren Miles and Ari Bell-Brown and Bryan Lieser.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Douglas Alan McCombs Memorial Fund, International Myeloma Foundation, c/o Suzanne Battaglia 12650 Riverside Dr., Ste., 206; No. Hollywood, CA 91607.

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## **BOB BATTARD: March 11, 1936 — August 5, 2006**

It's with a heavy heart I send this message to you. I lost Bob on Saturday Aug 5. Because both our families had traveled here, we decided to go ahead and have a memorial service the next day, Sunday, Aug 6. Bob would have wanted that, the less fuss, the better.

He had a lot of problems this past year with severe fatigue, that would come and go. The doctors were trying to find the answer. They eliminated heart problems and lung problems. They did find thyroid problems and fixed that. But the fatigue would not go away. It got so bad that it was an effort to put the mail in the mailbox. Recently they detected very high liver enzymes and that started a new battery of testing. After a liver biopsy the doctors concluded it was acute inflammation and cirrhosis, probably caused by either an unknown infection, auto-immune problem or medications. After consultation, the doctors believed that his medication Tricor could have been the cause.

Unfortunately, Bob just couldn't win this battle. He was such a strong man both physically and mentally and had survived heart problems in 96 and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in 99 and 2000. In fact his oncologist had told him the cancer was terminal. But he defied the odds and had been in remission for 6 years. So I am grateful that we had a 6 year bonus.

At the end, I don't believe he suffered. All his children were here with us and it was a great help.

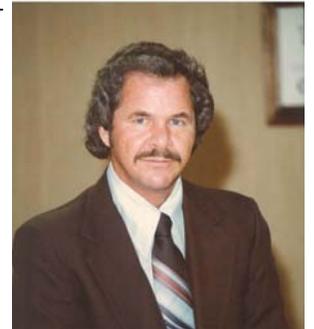
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Just know, that he loved his time with FOBA, getting to tell and hear all the "war stories". It was great for me too, to meet the people he had talked about so fondly over the years. He had a wonderful career with US Customs and was humbled and grateful that a country boy from Louisiana could have had such a wonderful opportunity.

**Robert N. Battard**, 70, former member of the U.S. Customs Service passed away Saturday, August 5, 2006, in Lady Lake, Fl.

Bob was born in Reserve, Louisiana, and raised in Metairie, La. From 1954-1958, he served in the U.S. Army, later serving as a reserve officer with the U.S. Coast Guard. He graduated from Southeastern Louisiana University in 1961 with a B.A. degree.

Bob's career with U.S. Customs spanned over 24 years. He began as an examiner with the Bureau of Customs in Louisiana in 1961. He progressed to Import Specialist and later became a Regional Operations Officer. During his assignment to Customs headquarters in Washington, D.C., he served as Bureau Operations Officer. It was during this time that Bob Battard was responsible for developing the Customs Detector Dog Program. He then became acting District Director of San Diego, before accepting the assignment of District Director to El Paso in 1972. Bob went on to the position of Regional Commissioner, San Francisco Region in 1975 and then on to Regional Commissioner, Miami Region where he retired in 1985. During Bob's tenure as RCC, Miami, his office was instrumental in developing and implementing emergency plans for the 1980 Mariel Boat Lift and Cuban Refugee Crisis in 1982. He also represented the U.S. Customs Service by serving on V.P. Bush's South Florida Joint Task Force. Bob was the recipient of many awards during his career with Customs including 1980 Man of The Year given by the Miami Customs Brokers & Freight Forwarders Assn, and the Presidential Distinguished Executive Award in 1985, awarded by the U.S. Customs Service for his region's innovative and cost effective programs and their successful work at developing a program to help cut drug smuggling.



After Bob's retirement in 1985, he moved on to the private sector and accepted a position with Federal Express Corporation as Senior Manager for Customs and Negotiations. There he helped FedEx establish their international division world wide.

In retirement, Bob loved being out on the golf course enjoying the warm weather in sunny Florida. His friends and family enjoyed his wonderful story telling and "Cajun" sense of humor. In addition, he was an avid football fan, especially for the LSU Tigers and his beloved New Orleans Saints.

Bob was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. He is survived by his wife, Donna, of 21 years and his four children: son Steve, daughter-in-law Selena, grandson Dylan and granddaughter Ashley; daughter Terry (Garner) and granddaughter Jessica; daughter Patty (Barkas), son-in-law Chris, granddaughter Allison and grandson C.J.; and daughter Juliet, and granddaughters Summer and Sailor. He is also survived by his sister Betty Beyl of Ponchatoula, La. And uncle Charles Battard and wife Gladys of Brookhaven, Ms.

A service was held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Summerfield, Fl., Sunday, August 6, 2006. Future interment will be at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Fl.

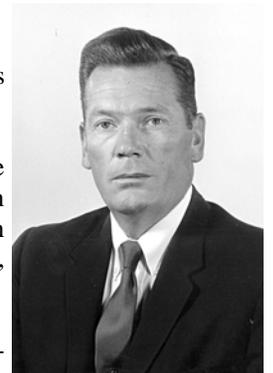
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**Col. Jack Salter USMC (Ret.)** shed his earthly bonds and joined his savior on September 13,2006.

Jack was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Del Rio and appreciated the many visits from his Pastor, Dan Snider.

Jack is survived by his wife, Donna, who has been blessed by their marriage of 57 years. Three sons were born to this union: Jack, and wife Tracey of York, South Carolina, Daniel and wife, Elizabeth, living in Haslett, Texas and Col. Bill Salter and wife, Sarah from Killeen, Texas. They have been blessed with eight grandchildren and one great grandchild: Jackson, Jennifer, Julia, Amanda, Jessica, Billy, Cody, Brandon, and Jack Branham.

Jack Salter was born in Newton, Ma., August 17, 1924 and was predeceased by his parents, Mildred Hewins Salter, and Jackson Salter. He has one sister, Ann Pittenger, living in Arvada Co.



Jack graduated from high school in Albuquerque, New Mexico and immediately enlisted in the Marine Corps., seeing duty with the 4th Marine Raider battalion in WWII. He participated in many of the Pacific island campaigns and was awarded the Purple Heart, Naval Unit Citation, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asian-Pacific Ribbon with 4 Bronze Battle stars, and the World War II Victory Medal.

After recovering in a Naval hospital from his wounds suffered in Guam, he enrolled at the University of New Mexico, graduating and received his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps.

Jack stayed active in the Marine Corps Reserves for combined total of over 25 years of active and reserve Federal service, achieving the rank of Colonel.

In his civilian life, Jack served over 35 years as a law enforcement officer. Serving first as an officer in the New Mexico State Police, later with the Bureau of Narcotics, U.S. Customs, and culminating with an assignment as Special Agent-in-Charge in the Drug Enforcement Administration.

After moving to Del Rio he served as an investigator for the 63rd Judicial District and Val Verde County Sheriff's office.

After his last retirement he spent many happy hours on the golf course. Jack loved the lake and enjoyed boating and fishing. For years he was a member of the Blue Knights motorcycle club and took many tours with that group. He was a Sigma Chi, a member of the Blue Knights motorcycle club, the Del Rio Gun Club, Fraternal Order of Border agents and the Military Officers of America Association.

Jack was a devoted husband and father and will be missed by his family, his community, and comrades from around the country.

The burial will take place at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

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(From Dave Ellis) After his retirement, Jack was instrumental in solving the kidnap and murder case of Customs Inspector Latham from the Port of Entry of Del Rio. See page 10

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**Cesar Diosdado** died at 5:30PM on September 12, 2006 at his home in Chula Vista.. Cesar was born on August 16th, 1921 in Laredo, Texas. Cesar was 85 years old.

Funeral services were held at Saint Theresa Catholic Church located at 6016 Camino Rico, San Diego, CA at Saturday September 15th at 11 AM. For additional information you may contact Monseigneur Florek @ 619 582 3716.

The San Diego County Honor Guards directed by Lt. Markevin provided colors and escort at the church.

Cesar will be buried in Texas. Interment: Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Laredo, Texas.

Cesar is survived by his wife, Pilar (Pi) Diosdado. They were married on April 20, 1942 at the Saint Peters Catholic Church in Laredo, Texas.

Cesar is also survived by his son, Cesar (Jr) and his wife, Brandie Diosdado, of Chula Vista; his daughter Judy Tirovato of Mc Keesport, Pennsylvania, and her former husband, Basil Tirovato, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania; his grandchildren, Christopher Martin Diosdado and Mary Allison Diosdado of Chula Vista; and grandchildren Sean Tirovato, Christopher Tirovato and Deanna Muldet of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Cesar has 10 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Alice, and her husband, Joe Stine, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Cesar enlisted on December 10th, 1941, he served in the U.S. Army during WWII as a Sergeant in the 101st Medical Battalion attached to the 35th Infantry Battalion and fought in the "Battle of the Bulge". He was decorated with the "Silver Star", "Cruz de Guirre", "Purple Heart" and "Good Conduct Medal", and received an Honorable Discharge.

Cesar entered the U.S. Customs Agency Service in Brownsville, Texas in 1950. In 1956 he was assigned to the C.I.A. and was stationed in Florida working clandestine Cuba during the "Cuban Missile Crisis."

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He was awarded a "Presidential Citation" by President Lyndon Johnson.

Cesar returned to U.S. Customs Agency Service in 1959. He served in Laredo, Texas, San Luis, AZ, and San Diego, CA. where he retired December 11th, 1979 as the Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the San Diego District Office..

During his service with DEA he directed the activities of the "Mexican Group" conducting investigations and advising & assisting the Mexican Federal Judicial Police in their efforts to interdict and apprehend traffickers of narcotics.

Cesar was a member of the following fraternal organizations:

- AFFNA Association of Former Federal Narcotics Agents
- AFIO Association of Former Intelligence Officers
- CIRA Central Intelligence Retired Agents
- FOBA Fraternal Order of Border Agents
- Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1400
- American Legion Post 0434
- National World War II Memorial Lifetime Charter Member
- Retired Customs Agents Association

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From Dave Ellis

Cesar entered the Customs Service as an Inspector at Brownsville, Texas in 1950 and was promoted in 1955 to Customs Agent at Laredo, Texas, where he came to the attention of future leaders of the Customs Service by the quality of his criminal investigations.

After attending the Treasury School for Criminal Investigators Cesar was transferred to Florida where his principal assignments involved sensitive investigations being made by the Customs Agency Service at the onset of the Cuban Missile Crisis. The quality of his work was such that he was "temporarily" assigned to the Central Intelligence Agency.

I think it appropriate to mention one of the many contacts I had with Cesar Diosdado while I was stationed in the Customs Agency Headquarters. Among those duties was a yearly trip to Florida to meet with a CIA representative who would report that Cesar's actions had been satisfactory and were needed for another year.

Once he said: "If you could make Diosdado a grade 28 we would pay the bill. He has saved us from many mistakes and several times the lives of our Agents. "

Cesar served his country well, "Adios Amigo".

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**John "Jack" Danforth Maxcy July 10, 1926 - October 17, 2006**

Jack passed away October 17, 2006 at the age of 80. He was on vacation with his wife in Carlsbad, CA.

Born July 10, 1926 in Woodbury, NJ. to John Danforth Maxcy and Elizabeth Sundstrom. He married Alicia Lidia Arellano on June 2, 1951 in San Francisco, CA.

Jack served in the Navy then started his career with the United States Government in 1948; he served as a Port Patrol and Customs Enforcement Officer in San Francisco, CA.; Customs Agent (Criminal Investigator) in San Diego, CA.; a principal assistant in the Office of the Commissioner of Customs in Washington, DC.; Special Agent in Charge in Honolulu, HI. and retired as the Special Agent in Charge of the Seattle, WA. office of US Customs in 1989.

Jack was an avid walker. Co-founder of "The Over-The-Hill-Gang" Volkssport Club. He also served as the NW Area Coordinator and Vice President of the Evergreen State Volkssport Association; and NW Regional Director of AVA. Through Volkssport he walked in all 50 states, Washington, DC. and over 30 countries. Jack never met a stranger. He had a gift for remembering names. He liked nothing better than out and back trails on weekend events, as they allowed him to meet and greet everyone.

Because of Jack's family ties to the area; one of his greatest personal accomplishments was to realize an annual Volkssporting

Event in the city of DuPont, WA. where he spent much of his childhood. A bench was erected in his and Alicia's honor in 2005 in recognition of their many years of service to the "The Over-The-Hill-Gang" Volkssport club.

Jack was a devoted supporter of NORTHWESTREK and Girl Scouts of America, organizing annual walks in Washington state for both organizations. Knowing how much Jack loved the sport you can bet he is organizing a Volkssport event in Heaven.

Jack is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years Alicia; daughter Joanne and son-in-law Kim J. Martin; Granddaughters Tressa Martin; Marielle Martin Clark (Troy); Great granddaughter Emma Clark all of Utah. Dear and newly discovered cousins Jack C. Maxcy (Katie), Jill Carlton and Bev Faught (Carl).

A Memorial Mass will be held at 10 am Saturday, November 4, St. Theresa's Parish, 3939 SW 331ST Federal Way. WA

**GAINES, DEE** Gaines 64, passed away peacefully at her Chula Vista home on Friday, October 20, 2006 after a difficult battle with lung cancer. Dee's husband Tom, daughter Stephanie, father Kieth Walker, sister Tamara De Vault, son Del and her beloved small Poodle, "B.G." were assisted by Kaiser Hospice at home in Dee's final moments. Dee was born in Upland, CA in 1942 to Kieth and Elaine Walker. Tom and Dee were married in 1975 and made their home in Oceanside, Chula Vista, Brunswick, GA, Chula Vista, Los Angeles and back to Chula Vista upon Tom's retirement from the U.S Immigration Service/Border Patrol in 1990. Dee was the consummate Border Patrol wife, making a home for her children and husband wherever Tom was stationed. Dee's outstanding sense of humor, striking beauty and magnetic personality were unbeatable. She sincerely loved people and people were drawn to her outgoing love of life and honesty. "She was the real deal". Dee was also an astute business-woman owning a successful home based promotion business. Dee is also survived by her twin sister Dorothy Stetler and family of Hawaii and extended close family members and a nationwide host of friends. In compliance with her wishes Dee's remains were donated to UCSD for medical science. A celebration of Dee's life is planned for Sunday October 29 at the Chula Vista Elk's Lodge #2011 at Telegraph Canyon Road and Elks Lane from 1 PM to 3 PM. Casual dress. In lieu of flowers donations are suggested to the American Cancer Society for Lung Cancer. Please sign the guest book at [obituaries.uniontrib.com](http://obituaries.uniontrib.com)

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**Report of the death of Jack Salter on September 13, 2006. — Dave Ellis**

As this is written a dozen old Border Rats and I have just returned home from the September 22, 2006 burial of Colonel Jack Salter in San Antonio, Texas at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery where almost 100 family, friends and former coworkers paid our respects to this deceased Customs and DEA Agent and Marine.

Jack Salter was such a strong man that his illness had taken an unfair length of time to consume him so, as in better times, Jack went out of his way to avoid attention and as a result his death came as a surprise to many of us.

Jack Salter was the personification of what a law enforcement officer should be but I do not know how to describe the value to our Nation of a man like Jack Salter so let me just relate the story of just one event which demonstrated his attitude, vision, intelligence and diligence.

Long after Salter and I had retired we received word of the kidnapping of a Customs Inspector Latham from the POE at Del Rio, the suspects were a trio of Mexican males who had been involved in the robbery of a jewelry store in Ciudad Acunia, Mexico. It was later determined that the Inspector had been killed and his body left out in the desert. Jack, Bill Magee and I were asked to assist in the investigation. Jack and Bill, using some of their old contacts and informants identified the men and their whereabouts. While resisting arrest in Texas, one of the suspects was killed by Texas law enforcement officers and the other two were captured, plead guilty to Inspector Latham's death and were sentenced to life in prison.

The manner in which this situation was handled by Jack Salter through out the investigation and afterwards brought much credit for the Customs Service with the public and especially the law enforcement community throughout Texas.

Jack Salter is survived by wife Donna who has accepted the loss as her Bible recommends, secure in the knowledge they will be together again. The Salter sons have all been reared as one would have expected of Jack and Donna.

Son Jack and wife Tracy live in South Carolina where he is in the business world Son Daniel and wife Elizabeth live in Haslett, Texas where he is in the DEA and Son Bill and wife Sarah live near Ft. Hood. Texas where he is stationed as a Colonel with the 7th Calvary of the U.S. Army.

**LETTERS FROM OUR MEMBERS:**

Tom, yeah I'm late again! Here is a check for 2 years. Why not have an article on how retiree's from DEA (in particular) can obtain the nationwide concealed carry license? I've been retired for 16 years and the DEA guys in Boise weren't even on the job then and haven't been helpful. I can go to the State of Idaho and get a 1 year nationwide carry license by showing my badge and retired ID shadow box (for \$18.50) but I'm sure there are some kind of procedures that all federal agencies have set up. Thanks, Ed Courtney, P.S. I am going to try to make the April junta in Alpine. (Anyone have any ideas?)

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Hi, Tom, sorry I am late with my dues. I hope you and your family are doing well and in good health. Paula and I are doing fine and staying busy with the family and grandkids. I hope to make a FOBA convention soon. It always seems like I have a scheduling conflict with my training schools. Say hello to all our friends for me, take care, Tommy Harr.

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Hi Everyone,  
We enjoy seeing the FOBA news, we live vicariously and remember the good times. Lots of new people we don't even know.  
It's a good thing there is no late charge to these dues. I don't think I've ever been on time.  
Johnnie is getting used to his dialysis mentally and coming along pretty good. He goes 3 times a week for 4 hours.  
We are still enjoying family and friends, dinners and a movie out once in a while.  
Good health and God Bless all, Margie Molittieri

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Greetings Master Tom;  
I just got the Que Paso and found it full of pictures of old people. What happened to all you folks anyway? I note that when I look in the mirror, which I avoid as much as possible, I find that something similar is happening to me. Must be a border bug.  
Dave Burnett and Bruce Stock seem to be fighting the wrinkles back pretty well. I suspect that Tequilla had something to do with that. Not them, me, I was having a shot whilst looking at the pictures.  
Ya'll take care now. Horace W. Cavitt.

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From: Jerry Kelly

Tom---It seems that all your E-mail latley has been sad news. I thought I would send you some good news. Geraldine, my lady friend who is eighty five, is pregnet. We are expecting twins. I am so exited I can hardly wait to be a father again. She looks kind of funny being pregnet but it goes with the territory. I'll send you some pictures when I get a chance.

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Dear Tom and Joby  
The last few weeks have been a roller coaster. Everything happened so fast.  
I thank you for your kind words and help in putting something in the Customs Today magazine.  
I'll send you some info in October when you get back south. I'm blessed that I have a big family and good friends for support.  
Bob really did enjoy the FOBA meetings over the years, especially telling old war stories with the gang. It was great for me to meet the people he talked about so often over the years.  
Sincerely, Donna Battard. (P.S. Donna's correct area code and phone number is 352 307 4232).

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Dear Tom and Joby,  
I think you so very much for your words of comfort. I have here cards from many of his friends that I want to thank. Tomorrow (12th) will be a month already, it will take time for me to get used to it. After 64 years married to him, it is not easy to forget. My children and grand children and I want tank all of you. I am sure that he would have been very happy to know you all cared. My son took care of everything. I am really proud of him and also his son Chris. Thank God for my children, I will survive., Thanks again, Love Pi Diosdado.

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Tommy, Jack's favorite charity was Meals on Wheels. A donation can be sent to them at Meals on Wheels Del Rio, 100 Arroyo, Del Rio, TX 78840.  
Dan wants to attend the FOBA meeting so perhaps I will join you all then. Thanks for your concern and I appreciated the attention. Always happy to be associated with the Border Rats. Donna Salter.

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Tom and Joby, Happy to hear from you. Thank you. Dick is progressing well. He is doing much better since spell in September. Gradually getting his strength back and isn't using the walker anymore. He does still use a cane for his balance though.

I had my four month check with the cardiologist today and got good news. In April he told me that my pacemaker was having to work 87% of the time for my heart and that I needed to slow down and change things. Today after taking a printout/reading of the pacemaker since then, he says I had events in May, June and July but that now my pacemaker is only having to work 47% of the time. He was real happy with me. I have also lost 30 lbs and overall feel so much better. Dick's reign as District Governors for the Lions International in this area ended July 1st and since then I resigned and quit going to all of those functions. We were traveling too much and just always on the go and hosting meetings, conventions, dinners and Dick just had me too busy.

Hope you both are fine.

Take care. Hope to see you all sometime this year. Give our regards to all of our friends. Amy Vasquez

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If you plan to strike out on your own or in the company of friends to explore the natural attractions that frame this picturesque area, you should make plans soon as possible accommodations are not abundant and there are many like-minded people.

The city of Alpine has a web page with links to many of these attractions. [www.alpinetexas.com](http://www.alpinetexas.com)  
The resort at Lajitas [www.lajitas.com](http://www.lajitas.com) Big Bend national park [www.big.bend.national-park.com](http://www.big.bend.national-park.com)

We will have maps and travel guides sent to prospective attendees in January of 2007. **So plan to come to FOBA 2007 and enjoy the scenery and see old friends again**

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**Fund Raising Efforts:**

Irene Guzme has come up with some ideas for raising money for our treasury. She and Kathy Galanos will co-chair the effort to raise \$3,000.00.

For starters, all we need for each and every member to do is:

1.) Pull your old out-of-use cell phones out of your junk drawer, put them in your suitcase and bring them with you to the conference in April. If you don't want to wait that long, just mail them to Irene or Kathy. We will box all of the cell phones at the conference , ship them off and wait for a check of \$50.00 per phone. It's that easy.

You say you don't have any old cell phones, well,

2.) Bring those old cowboy boots that you don't wear no more 'cause they shrunk, got holes in 'em, just plain wore out, look sissified or whatever excuse you might have for getting rid of them. We'll tell you why we can use them when you come to the conference.

You say you have no old cell phones or old cowboy boots, We can't believe it, but there's still another option:

3.) Join in on the shop 'till you drop sale." Each lady associate member bring something old, used or of interest. We'll put them on display in the hospitality suite and everyone can shop 'till they drop.

These three ideas have proven to bring in good money in the past and they don't take much effort. Everyone can have fun viewing the various oddities and we can all help raise funds for our treasury.

And don't forget to bring a raffle item. We'll make the Treasury rich, yet. Then we'll figger out how to spend it and have more fun.

Irene & Kathy

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Susan O'Neal, Magdalena Kuykendall, Kathy Galanos, Yolanda Villarreal**

Some last minute items:

Dear Tommy and FOBA crew,

I am so grateful for your generous memorial gift to the Meals on Wheels program. Jack would have been pleased. He delivered meals in the program after he retired.

Sincerely, Donna Salter.

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We also received a nice thank you letter from the International Myeloma Fund for the donation we made in Doug McCombs name.

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E-mail humor.

These three college students go down to Mexico one night, get drunk and wake up in jail only to find out that they are to be executed in the morning, though none of them can remember what they did the night before.

The first one is strapped in the electric chair and is asked if he has any last words. He says, "I am from the Baylor school of divinity and I believe in the almighty power of God to intervene on behalf of the innocent." They throw the switch and nothing happens, so they figure God must not want this guy to die and they let him go.

The second one is strapped in and gives his last words, "I am from the University of Texas School of Law and I believe in the power of justice to intervene on the part of the innocent." They throw the switch and again nothing happens. They figure that the law is on this guy's side, so they let him go too.

The last one is strapped in and says, "Well, I'm a Texas Aggie Electrical Engineer, and I'll tell you right now you ain't gonna electrocute nobody if you don't connect them two wires."

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR FOBA MEMBERSHIP**

**REGULAR:** A REGULAR Member shall have the right to one vote and shall have the right to hold office. To be eligible to be a Regular Member, a person shall:

- (a) Have been an 1811 Agent in a Federal investigative service and assigned to and living on the Mexican Border for a period of at least three years; or
- (b) Have been an 1811 Agent in a Federal investigative service for a period of at least three years and currently assigned to a post of duty on the Mexican Border in an 1811 position; or
- (c) Have been a Federal law enforcement officer assigned to, and living on the Mexican Border for a period of at least three years, and currently serving in an 1811 Agent position; or
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