

# MMoT POST EXCHANGE THE OFFICAL NEWSLETTER OF THE MILITARY MUSEUM OF TEXAS

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## Bidness

### Meetings and Displays

<b>Open House</b>	<b>2/19/05</b>
<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>2/19/05</b>

Don't forget, if it applies to you, the January rent is due. Please pay your rent in a timely manner, as Charles Sr. really gets nervous if the books aren't straight. If you haven't paid your 2004-2005 Museum dues, you aren't reading this.

### **OPEN HOUSE**

The Ceremony for the Commissioning of FORT DAVID L. FARRIS and Museum will be February 19, 2005 Please attend and see the new digs.

### The Museum on the Move

#### **By Joe Kuti**

The Military Museum of Texas has Officially moved to 8611 Wallisville Road. This facility is conveniently located on the near east side of Houston, north of I-10, less than ½ mile inside Loop 610. This new location is a predominately an industrial area of Houston, however the close proximity to Loop 610 makes this facility extremely accessible to the individuals and groups who desire to view the exhibits at the Museum. Our new facility is 20,000 square feet in a secure building with a 6,000 square

feet covered area for large exhibits.

Our office area has room for meeting rooms, displays and a PX area in an air conditioned environment.

The Grand Opening has been scheduled for February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005. This will be in coordination with the State of Texas

### Anniversary Remembrance Day.

On February 19, 1846, the Flag of the Republic of Texas was lowered at the State Capitol and the Republic of Texas ceased to exist as Governor James Pinckney Henderson formally took office of the 28<sup>th</sup> State of the Union.

### **Tragic Loss**

Our hearts and prayers go out to the Bryant Family as Joe Bryant passed away in October. Most of you will remember Joe, a very young looking WW2 veteran. When he told me he served in the navy during the war, I accused him of pulling my leg. He had a beautiful '42 Script Ford that he had recently completed as a restoration project. His wife is now trying to sell it. If you didn't know Joe, certainly you know his brother Bill Bryant. Joe was a great guy, and he will be greatly missed. RIP Joe Bryant.

### **After Action Report on the Big Move By Capt Kirk Sullivan MMoT S-2**

If you haven't been out to the museum in the last couple months, we aren't where we were the last time you visited. We have moved to Wallisville Road. The location is between McCarty and 610 East on



**The M-60 on I10 headed for Fort Farris**

Wallisville. This is the old GSA building. We have a much bigger location and most of the stuff is under cover. We plan on building static displays around our vehicles, and public access to the vehicles will be limited. The museum will be organized by era, it sure is nice having enough room to set up museum displays without regard to having to move everything out when we have visitors. Please come out and visit.



**API Photo. Danny King attempts to Airlift Jasper Tenner's Tractor/Trailer and Wrecker to the new Museum Location.**

The move went very well, we moved over the course of several weekends in November. Those helping included Mike Scudder, Dieter Klein and Buddy West and Troop on the first weekend. The other 3 weekend or so we had Ed Farris, Joe Kuti,

Danny King, Kirk Sullivan, Jim Keller, Charles Jr. and Sr., Peter Burland, Buddy West and Clan and Steve Madison. We especially appreciate the use of Jasper Tenner's equipment without which we would still be moving. We got everything out of the old location before December 1<sup>st</sup>. If you helped and I forgot to mention you, I'm very sorry, let me know and I'll include you in the next newsletter.

**BLAST OFF with GI JOE at Space Center Houston -NASA**

By Joe Kuti

The Military Museum of Texas provided that U.S. Military theme for the special Veteran's Day event sponsored by the Space Center Division of the G.I. Joe Collectors Club of Houston Texas on November 13<sup>th</sup> 2004 at the Space Center Houston. Many thanks are given to Ed Farris (and family), Charles Sumner, Little



**Peter and Charles' jeeps on display at the GI Joe Convention**

Charles Sumner, Kirk Sumner and Pete Burland for bringing out the various Military Vehicles and items to sell at the event. The same folks who have brought out dioramas to display at The Military Museum of Texas Events in the past sponsored this event. This was a well-attended event in spite of the cold damp weather. The highlight of the event in the parking lot was the ability of the little

remote controlled tank to run all day long on one battery charge. The slingshot propelled parachuting GI Joes in the parking lot was also memorable. There were many foreign visitors who had their pictures taken with our vehicles and there were even special requests by visitors to have their picture taken with our Ed Farris. All that participated enjoyed the events inside the Space Center. We motored back to our new Museum location at dusk with no breakdowns. Another successful event.

### Veterans Day Parade

By Kirk

We had a great showing at the Vet's day Parade in Beautiful Downtown Houston. The weather cooperated, and the crowd was very supportive of our vet's. Jaspers Trucks carried my M-901 and Ed's M-114 to the event. Joe Kuti had his CUCV.



**Kirk and Eugene on the M-901 as seen thru Dieter Klein's Camera**

Dieter Klein brought his M-37. Peter Burland was there with his GPW, he still looks like he just returned from Europe when he puts on the old uniform. Ed Farris, Steve Madison, Rodney Williams and Trey Moore crewed the M-114 in their Viet Nam era uniforms, Ed looks like a GI Joe when he is in his greens, don't he. Eugene and I looked absolutely marvelous in the M-901, Chocolate Chips and a M-60 went a long way to making the M-901 look

very impressive doing the Desert Storm era. Bill Warren with his DJ-5 was there. Also there was Charles Sumner with the M-35 carrying Peter Burland's VFW Post.

### TOP TEN REASONS FOR THE FALL OF THE MILITARY MUSEUM OF TEXAS

at West Houston Airport

By Joe Kuti



**And the Walls came tumbling down!!!!**

10. Nick Nixon pulled his support
9. Danny had a new plan for expanding the office
8. Kirk pulled the left lever while backing the M901 out
7. The red ants in the Hanger took over and forced us out
6. There was not room for Pete's Jeep
5. The reenactors thought the Hanger was a VC stronghold
4. 50 cases of soft drinks exploded!
3. The other tenants complained about our "tracks"
2. It was easier to move than to clean the place
1. Our equipment did not fly

And the real reason for the collapse of the Museum..... **Joe Kuti sat on a load bearing member, no not Jim Keller.** Added by me, no sexual innuendo intended.

## Texas State Guard Report

By PFC Sullivan

We have been very busy with the State Guard over the last couple of months. We will have SARS training on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January. We will be providing security at the Mardi Gras celebration on Galveston Island January 29,30 and February 5,6. If any of you guys are interested in joining the State Guard, get in touch with Ed, Steve or myself.

### Did You Know?

One of the 1<sup>st</sup> two Ford Jeeps ever produced, the "Bud Jeep", recently sold on Ebay. This jeep was one of 2 prototypes built by Ford Motor Company and submitted to the QMC for evaluation during the 1<sup>st</sup> round of competition for the ¼ ton 4wd vehicle contract in 1940. This makes it one of the 1<sup>st</sup> jeeps ever built,



probably the 3<sup>rd</sup>. The jeep was in "as found" condition, most of the parts were there but it looked fairly used up, someone had one high powered deer camp ride. The auction was ended early after bidding reached around \$45,000 it must have sold for more than \$50,000. My sources say that it will stay in the US.

### For Sale

'42 GPW Restored Contact **Bill Bryant**  
Various M-Series Trucks **Jasper Tenner**

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