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Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

As most of you know, it will be a year Thanksgiving Day that I lost my wonderful wife of 61 years. I have begun to move on with my life although Jane will be forever in my heart and will never be forgotten. I feel her presence all the time and know that she does not want me to feel lonely without her. In August, I began feeling much better and dismissed my health care workers. I enjoy taking care of myself. I like doing the house chores, grocery shopping, cooking, and even do my own laundry. I enjoy feeding the birds on the back porch. Occasionally, I have company at my house when friends come over and stay for a few days. And I get a little exercise by playing golf with my sons and friends here in Virginia. Your prayers for me were answered and I thank you for that and hope that you

will not stop praying for me.

On November 14, 2008, I was honored with an A-6 plane by the USS Alabama Battleship Park. The plane looks like the one I flew when I was shot down in Vietnam. I would like to say THANK YOU to all who were responsible for the restoration of the plane. A compartment aboard the battleship containing my memorabilia is now open to the public. I am hoping that you will be able to visit the memorial park soon. Please read the article on page 3 for more information.

As for my foundation, I am now back in helping my staff and volunteers. We are currently raising funds to support our projects in the Philippines and Ecuador. I am so blessed that for all the months that I was very ill and not able to actively work for the foundation, my staff and volun-

teers never gave up and they continue to work with little or no supervision.

I understand that our economy is not good right now and all of you need your hard earned money to support your daily needs. But if you have extra dollars and would like to donate to charity before the year ends, I hope you will include AJDF. We plan to send medical supplies and equipment to Ecuador soon and will keep you updated.

I hope your holidays are enjoyable and carefree.

Thank you and God bless you all.

Sincerely,

Jeremiah Denton



Admiral Denton honored at Mt. Soledad Memorial

The Thomas More Law Center and the American Legion, Department of California, honored the Admiral with a plaque dedication ceremony atop Mt. Soledad Memorial in La Jolla, CA, September 19, 2008.

Admiral Denton was not able to attend the dedication due to health reasons. His son, Michael Denton, received the plaque in his

father's honor. Richard Thompson, President and Chief Counsel of the Thomas More Law Center commented, "This is a great honor for both the Law Center and the American Legion. Admiral Denton represents everything good about America — a heroic patriot, a devoted husband and father, and a faithful Christian. The Law Center is proud to have



him as Chairman of our Citizens Advisory Board. Honoring him at Mt. Soledad is very appropriate, since he played an instrumental role in the Law Center's efforts to save the Cross as it is."

Wedding Blessings for Others



When Brittany Lathan and Brian Bailey, Jr., both of Mobile, were planning their wedding for October 25, 2008 they enjoyed incorporating unique ideas into the event. One of those decisions was to make a donation to a worthy cause in lieu of giving out wedding favors to all of their guests. The young couple realized that

God had blessed them, their families, and their friends in so many ways and this was a great opportunity to help others. They decided to donate their wedding favor gift money to the Admiral Jeremiah Denton Foundation.

"Wedding favors are nice additions to the festivities, but they are soon used or not needed for many," said the groom. "After Brittany and I decided upon the Denton Foundation, we contacted Admiral Denton's office where we were honored to donate our wedding favor money toward the purchase of much needed medical supplies for the clinics in Ecuador. We will share this decision with our guests at the wedding reception and we

know they will join us in celebrating not only our special day but the knowledge that they too have been honored by blessing this donation."

Brittany added, "We love Admiral Denton and Miss Jane and this is a way to honor them both and help those in need. We encourage other young couples who are getting married to consider donating to the Admiral's foundation. It is a beautiful way to celebrate God's blessings and to share those blessings with other people around the world."

Brittany and Brian had this information placed on cards at each guest's table setting at the wedding reception.

Ecuador Project Update



Volunteers of McCoskrie Threshold Foundation, headed by John Grove, delivered over 150 chairs to AJDF from Fort Walton Beach, FL to Mobile, AL.

Our plan to send the donation in August was canceled as we did not have enough items to fill the container at that time. On September 26, we finally had a full con-

tainer ready to go but had to process the paperwork first to receive a duty free entry. Our hope is to get the paperwork done right away but that's beyond our control.

As of now everything is packed and ready to be loaded in a container. Please continue helping us, especially with a monetary donation to help us pay the storage while waiting for the shipment date. We would like to say THANK YOU to everyone who donated goods and services. Thanks to McCoskrie Threshold Foundation for donating over 150 chairs, McAleers Office Furniture for donat-



ADF Volunteer, John Bachran was our forklift operator.

ing desks and office chairs, Florence Gulley Pallets for donating the pallets we used in packing the items and to Roy and Aida Pate for letting

us use their forklift. Full acknowledgements are posted on our website. We are sorry that we could not list all of our supporters here due to limited space.

Featured Volunteer—Gloria R. Finch

Gloria Rillo Finch has been a volunteer since 2005. Mother of 4, (3 sons & 1 daughter) and believe it or not a grandmother of 5. She was employed at GEM Electro Mech., Eng'g Co., LLC in Dubai-United Arab Emirates for 16 years before moving to Mobile in 2005 to join her husband Capt. Joe Finch, Sr. who is presently working in Oilfield services.

In 2007, Gloria founded AmerPhil International Foundation which helps underprivileged people here and in the Philippines. Aside from AJDF she also volunteers for dif-

ferent charity organizations like Fil-Am Society of Greater Mobile Alabama who handed gifts to children at Wilmer Homes last year, ABS-CBN "Bantay Bata I63" helping children with life threatening medical conditions, and



Gloria R. Finch

Help African International Foundation.

Gloria has been helping us in sending school supplies to children in the Philippines and collecting donations for the Ecuador projects. She was also active in the past General Election Campaign and in the church she attends every Sunday at the Holy Name of Jesus. Currently, she is a Chairman for the Philippine Cultural Booth for the Mobile International Festival last Nov. 20, 21 & 22nd. As you can see, Gloria is a very busy person.

Admiral Denton honored with A-6 Plane at the USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park



Admiral Denton, teary eyed, making his remarks at the USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park after dedication



Admiral Denton shaking hands with Mike Thompson, who was in charge of the Aircraft Pavilion and the plane's restoration



LCDR Clay Hester received an award from the Battleship Memorial Park for helping the staff in building the Jeremiah Denton Display Room and also for heading the volunteers

On November 14, 2008, Admiral Denton was surprised and emotional as an A6 Intruder, similar to the plane he was shot down in over Viet Nam 43 years ago, was rolled outside the Aircraft Pavilion at the USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park in Mobile, Alabama. He thought that he would only be attending the dedication of the Denton display room aboard the USS Alabama but got a BIG surprise afterwards. The plane even has "CDR Denton" printed below the cockpit. Bill Tunnell, Executive Director of the park,

hosted the dedication in front of a very proud audience. After the dedication, the Admiral then signed his name on the side of the plane and posed for numerous pictures, both by the media and family members.

There was a nice article by Mobile Press Register staff reporter George Werneth on the 15th of November. A link to his article is on our website so please check it out. The plane will be displayed permanently inside the Aircraft Pavilion and you are invited to visit the park at your convenience.

Prior to the dedication of the A6, a luncheon was held aboard the ship which was attended by Governor Bob Riley, Honorary Battleship Commission Chairman, Battleship commissioners, Archbishop Lipscomb, Admiral Denton's family members, other dignitaries and friends. Governor Riley lavished praise on Admiral Denton, saying the Admiral had been an inspiration to him and that he would be an inspiration to generations in the future. The governor also praised Admiral Denton for his faith in God.

Backpacks distribution, Iloilo City Philippines, September 24, 2008

On September 24, 2008, the Admiral Jeremiah Denton Foundation (AJDF) together with AmerPhil International Foundation donated school supplies and backpacks to Severo Abeto Elementary School located in Iloilo City.

The shipment from the U.S. to Iloilo City was provided free of charge by FedEx. Once again, we would like to thank FedEx for their continued support to AJDF. We are so blessed to have this opportunity. More than 200 stu-

dents received school supplies and backpacks. With your continued support to AJDF, we



would be able to distribute more backpacks to the deserving students who could not afford to

buy their own. The average income in the Philippines is about \$6/day. But most parents in areas of Iloilo are poor and are collecting recyclable materials at the dump to sell it just to buy food.

So donating educational supplies not only inspires the students but also lessens the burden of their parents. We thank you for your support. Without it, none of this would be possible.

Backpacks distribution July 14, 2008, Tabaco City Philippines

Story by Maritoni Oanes

The room was abuzz with excitement. For the first time, the pupils of Tabaco South Central Elementary School (TSCES) located in Tabaco City, Philippines will be receiving gifts from donors from the U.S. Christopher Brusola, an eight-year old, Grade 2 pupil is one of them. Aside from receiving a school bag, he excitedly reveals the bag's contents to his



Eight year old Christopher Brusola stands in front of the school building. He is carrying the new backpack he received.

classmates. He proudly shows off some pencils, crayons and notebooks. "This is an advanced birthday gift." He says to his friends, because the following day happens to be his ninth birthday. He is happy to receive a new bag because the bag he brings to school is already torn at the seams as he has been using this bag since last school year and his parents cannot afford to buy him a new one.

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Grade 5 students with their new backpacks

Christopher is one of more than 760 elementary school pupils of TSCES who received backpacks and school kits through the efforts of Admiral Jeremiah Denton Foundation in partnership with Federal Express, Humanitarian Education and Relief Services and Give a Kid a Backpack Foundation. Like most kids enrolled at a public elementary school, Christopher comes from a poor family. Access to free public education from the government is the only way for most families in the Philippines to send their children to school. Private schools would be too costly and unaf-

fordable for most families in Tabaco City, a fourth class municipality with a population of about 124,000 residents. Christopher's 30-year old father is a port stevedore who receives an income of about \$2.00 a day to support a family of six (6). Together with his younger brother, he walks about 200 meters to school everyday bringing with him five pesos (P5.00) or an equivalent of one cent to enable him to buy bread and soup during break time.

Today, TSCES has about 3,000 pupils from Grade I to Grade 6, each Grade having about 12 sections to fill a classroom of about 50 school children. Education in the Philippines is the pride and wealth of every family. As a third world country with a population of about 89 million, it is the 12th most populous country in the world where about 24 out of 100 families do not earn enough to satisfy their basic food and non-food requirements. Despite this seemingly depressing statistics, most families would still strive to send their children to school because for them, education is seen as the only tool in alleviating them

from poverty. So it is not a surprise that most pupils as poor as Christopher would go to school armed with as few school supplies as their parents can afford.

The backpacks from foundations like Admiral Jeremiah Denton Foundation are an inspiration for the poor public school children in the Philippines. Not only would these help their parents, but the bags would motivate them in their continuous desire to be educated. In fact one pupil was so touched with



the inspiring card he found inside the backpack that he vowed to study hard so he can reply with good news. From Christopher and all the TSCES faculty and students, a big thank you to all the good hearts.