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*Quarters Number One, Home of the Commanding General
Fort Lewis, Washington, Christmas 1968*

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President's Report

The year 2006 has provided many highlights relating to the Museum. I would like to thank the following people for their contributions to the museum throughout the year:

To Alan Archambault and the Museum staff, for running such a superb facility, one that leaves visitors consistently amazed and impressed. Working at the Cannon Shop, I frequently receive compliments on our exhibits and interesting artifacts.

To Alan and his staff again, for the Museum tours conducted for the general public and other special groups, in particular this year for the hundreds of ROTC cadets attending ROTC summer camp at Fort Lewis. These tours have been a "win-win" for all concerned.

To members of *The Friends*, for such strong support of the Fort Lewis Memorial Park. In September, the statue of Sergeant John Ordway was dedicated, complementing the statue of Captain Meriwether Lewis dedicated earlier. *The Friends* played a significant role in making the statues a reality, including the detailed sketches of Lewis and Ordway by Alan Archambault, conduct of a fund-raising golf tournament, financial support provided by individual members, and members of *The Friends* serving on the statue committee.

To Marion Ball and the dedicated Cannon Shop volunteers, who continue to operate a gift shop that provides a consistent revenue source for *The Friends*, with which we support the Museum. This year, we added the ability for Cannon Shop patrons to pay for purchases with their credit card, a move that has seen a significant sales increase and almost surely a record year for The Cannon Shop.

To the Board of Directors of *The Friends*, for actively supporting Museum activities such as outreach efforts, and for planning our excellent periodic brunches and programs. The program featuring Dr. John Jewell, sculptor of the Lewis and Ordway statues, and the

program that demonstrated current and future soldier individual equipment were memorable.

And finally, to you, loyal member, for the support you have provided in the past and continued to provide this year to *The Friends* and the Museum. May you and your loved ones enjoy the blessings of Christmas and a truly Happy New Year!

Ian Larson

P.S. Please mark your calendars for 28 January 2007, the date of our next membership brunch meeting, to be held at The Cascade Club at Fort Lewis. The brunch program is being coordinated. An information flyer and reservation form will be mailed out in early January.

Curator's Report

As we rapidly approach the end of another successful year, I would like, once again, to express my sincere appreciation for all that the *Friends* do for the Fort Lewis Military Museum. Without the support of *The Friends*, the Museum staff could never achieve our goals of educating and inspiring our military and civilian visitors with the wonderful story of Fort Lewis and the units that served here through the years.

The New Year promises to be full of challenges and achievements as we continue to collect, preserve and interpret our priceless military heritage. We have plans to update and expand our existing exhibits and create new exhibits with recently acquired materials. One exciting recent donation consists of photographs and correspondence related to the German Prisoner of War Camp located on Fort Lewis during World War II. This is a subject we had very little on up to now.

I would like to wish all our Museum *Friends* the Warmest Holiday Greetings and hope the New Year is full of peace, happiness, and good health.

Alan H. Archambault



Yuletide Scenes of Fort Lewis Past



The Fort Lewis Main Gate, c. 1965.



The Hostess House (now the Family Resource Center).



Members of the 3rd Signal Company of Fort Lewis with Santa, 1936.



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Happy Holidays

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