Kennedy Library Foundation Honors 2005 Profile in Courage Award Recipients

This spring, the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation and the Kennedy family honored the recipients of the 2005 Profile in Courage Award. During a special trip to Boston on April 5, President Viktor Yushchenko of Ukraine accepted the 2005 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award from Caroline Kennedy and Senator Edward M. Kennedy.

The celebration continued on May 16, with a second ceremony honoring Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin, former Texas Lieutenant Governor Bill Ratliff and United States Army Sergeant Joseph Darby.

The special ceremony honoring President Yushchenko at the Kennedy Presidential Library took place during an official state visit to the United States. President Yushchenko’s trip also included a meeting with President George W. Bush as well as a historic address to a joint session of Congress.

“President Kennedy believed that one man of courage makes a majority,” said Caroline Kennedy, President of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, in presenting Yushchenko with the award. “Viktor Yushchenko embodies that belief for a new generation. In the face of corruption, intimidation and life threatening danger, he remained true to the ideals of freedom, democracy and the rule of law. His courage has inspired citizens of the world.”

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Keeping Faith with Our Mission

The human suffering caused by Hurricane Katrina has reminded us all how dependent we are on each other, on our society, and on our government.

As pundits and politicians debate the role of government in our country, we should remember the words of President Kennedy, who believed above all in the responsibility of government toward its citizens.

“I believe in government which acts, which exercises its full powers and full responsibilities. I believe in human dignity as the source of national purpose [and] the human heart as the source of national compassion.”

Last fall, the Kennedy Library Foundation bestowed one of its first John F. Kennedy New Frontier Awards on Karen Carter, a young Louisiana State Senator and education reformer whose district is in the heart of New Orleans. Today Karen is helping lead the recovery efforts in her ravaged city, and we are joining other presidential library foundations in supporting these efforts through the Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund.

The Kennedy Library is a vehicle for projecting President Kennedy’s belief that one person can make a difference, and everyone should try. We are partners in making that vision relevant to new generations of leaders, like Karen Carter, who were not personally touched by the Kennedy era, but are shaping their own. By reflecting key elements of the Kennedy legacy in the context of our times – the responsibility of government to help those in need, the ongoing struggle for civil rights, the need for support of public education, the promotion of open debate, and the search for international peace and security – the Library can inspire democratic participation and public service.

Two major projects are taking shape this fall to advance our mission. Our new world-class web site, designed by Ed Schlossberg, will be launched in January and will provide global access to our museum and all our education programs, as well as a significant selection of the Library’s rich archival resources. This project has been made possible by the generous support of individual and corporate friends. Meanwhile, plans for constructing a new Kennedy Library wing for educational programs and museum and archives storage are beginning to take shape. The National Archives has selected an architect, and Congress has appropriated initial funds for the design phase of the project.

The Kennedy Library is filled with visitors who have come to see the special new exhibit, JFK in World War II, which continues through March 2006. Meanwhile, the Kennedy Library Foundation is sponsoring many exciting new educational programs and a wide array of public forums. We are also hosting immigration ceremonies for new U.S. citizens, and making preparations for the second annual New Frontier Awards to honor young public servants, and planning for the Kennedy Library Foundation’s highest honor, the Profile in Courage Award.

Over the summer the Kennedy Library received a major increase in its collection by recovering thousands of documents, artifacts, and other important historical materials relating to the Kennedy Presidency. These items were recovered for the American people in large part because of the extraordinary work of Kennedy Library Director Deborah Leff, and the Kennedy Presidential Library archival and curatorial staff. The documents include a map of Cuba which President Kennedy had marked by hand during a briefing on October 16, 1962, noting the location of Soviet missile sites at the beginning of the Cuban Missile Crisis.

The Kennedy Library Foundation is deeply committed to the values at the heart of President Kennedy’s legacy – public service, equal opportunity, and national security within an international framework. That is our program, our mission, and our passion.

John Shattuck
CEO
John F. Kennedy Library Foundation

This popular new exhibit features a large selection of never-before-seen materials from John F. Kennedy’s military service, including Kennedy’s own scrapbook of snapshots showing him and his young comrades in arms, the actual logbook of the PT 109, Kennedy’s Navy uniform, the coconut shell on which he scratched a message that brought rescue for his crew after the PT 109 was destroyed by the Japanese destroyer Amagiri, correspondence with his family, framed photographs from the war that Kennedy displayed in his Senate office, and many other personal documents and artifacts.

One of the most popular items displayed in the exhibit was President Kennedy’s own dog tags. These tags were on special loan to the Museum from President Kennedy’s brother, Senator Edward M. Kennedy, through mid-August. These dog tags are the same ones that Lieutenant Kennedy is seen wearing in the well known photograph of him at the helm of PT 109.

The “notched” style WWII dog tag displays Kennedy’s rank of Ensign, United States Naval Reserves, Blood type ‘O’, and the date of his last tetanus shot in September 1942. In boot camp sets of two tags were worn on a white cotton cord. Later in the fields the cords were died green or replaced with a boot lace, plastic covered cable or dog tag chain.

On President Kennedy’s chain he also wore two gold medals along with his identification tags. One medal was sent to Kennedy from family friend Clare Booth Luce as a good luck charm. This medal had previously belonged to Luce’s mother and Luce herself. After Kennedy’s PT 109 boat was sunk on August 2, 1943, he wrote to his parents “If you should see Ms. Luce, tell her that her lucky piece came through for me.” The other medal is a St. Christopher’s medal.

JFK in World War II will run through March 2006. The exhibit is made possible by the generous sponsorship of Raytheon Company. The exhibit media sponsor is WCVB-TV 5.
COMING SOON TO THE MUSEUM AT THE
JOHN F. KENNEDY PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY

Wooden flag created by Joseph Dias of Fall River, Massachusetts, in 1961.

New Folk Art Exhibit to Open November 25
The Museum at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library will kick off this year’s holiday season with a special exhibit of handmade gifts presented to President John F. Kennedy during his presidency. Handmade and Heartfelt: Folk Art from the Collections of the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library will be on display beginning November 25, 2005. The exhibit will be open to the public until the fall of 2006.

These extraordinary, hand-crafted items were given to President Kennedy by ordinary citizens from the United States and countries around the world. Often not greatly accomplished works of art in and of themselves, such pieces are nonetheless important and fascinating because they so powerfully and easily relay the feelings of affection and pride with which they were made for the president and first lady.

JFK and Ireland Scheduled to Open on St. Patrick’s Day
This exciting new exhibit will explore John F. Kennedy’s relationship to his ancestral homeland through gifts presented to the president by the people of Ireland as well as documents, photographs and film footage relating to his June 1963 state visit to the country of his forbears.
Senator Edward Kennedy said, “At a critical moment in his nation’s history, Viktor Yushchenko took a strong and courageous stand for what he knew was right. He risked his life – and nearly lost it – in the ongoing struggle for democracy in Ukraine. His story is the story of honor, decency, and the will of the people triumphing over fraud, deceit and intimidation. And because of his great courage, the rule of law prevailed against the oppressive rule of the powerful over the powerless. Viktor Yushchenko is a Profile in Courage for the ages, and I know my brother would be immensely proud of him.”

A Ukrainian reformist politician, Yushchenko was elected president on December 26, 2004, after weeks of turmoil and a fraudulent election that thrust his country into chaos. Through it all, Yushchenko survived a near lethal poising by dioxin and had to be hospitalized for several weeks.

**May 16, 2005**

On May 16, Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin and former Texas Lieutenant Governor Bill Ratliff received the 2005 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award. A special Profile in Courage Award was also presented to United States Army Sergeant Joseph Darby.

“My father most admired those in public life who had the courage to make decisions of conscience without regard for the consequences,” said Caroline Kennedy. “Shirley Franklin and Bill Ratliff are an inspiration to all who serve in government, and to all Americans, for their principled and bipartisan leadership, and their willingness to make the difficult and unpopular decisions necessary for good governance. Our nation is also indebted to U.S. Army Sergeant Joseph Darby who, despite great personal risk, stood up for the rule of law and exposed the torture and scandal in Iraq.”

“In this era of intense partisan divisions, it is most heartening and
inspiring to pay tribute to the political courage of Mayor Franklin, Senator Ratliff, and Sergeant Darby, who chose first and foremost to act for the good of their community and country. President Kennedy would be proud of them,” said Senator Edward M. Kennedy.

Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin, the first woman to serve as mayor of Atlanta, was recognized for her courageous leadership in restoring fiscal stability and ethical government to Atlanta. Facing an $82 million deficit upon taking office in 2001, Mayor Franklin, a Democrat, formed an unprecedented alliance between Republicans, the business community and state government, raised taxes, cut the city payroll, and imposed a strict code of ethics. Four years later, Atlanta enjoys a budget surplus.

Bill Ratliff, former Texas lieutenant governor and state senator, was honored for a distinguished career as a courageous bipartisan leader in his state. Senator Ratliff’s most recent act of courage was to fight for a fair electoral process, becoming the only Republican legislator to object to his party’s redistricting plan. This principled action was the culmination of a distinguished career in Texas politics. Senator Ratliff also freely wrote and secured passage of landmark education legislation, and worked to improve health insurance and access to Medicaid, while maintaining an inclusive style of governing in an era of sharp partisan politics.

U.S. Army Sergeant Joseph M. Darby was awarded a special John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award for standing up for the rule of law as a soldier serving with the 372nd Military Police Company in Iraq. Darby turned in photographs to Army investigators depicting members of his unit taking part in the torture and humiliation of Iraqi prisoners at the Abu Ghraib prison. His decision to alert Army investigators to the abuse triggered a formal, and still ongoing, examination of the government’s interrogation policy. Subsequent media reports and the publication of the photos sparked worldwide outrage.

### Profile in Courage Award Selection Committee

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Mr. Shattuck is a former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State and a former U.S. Ambassador to the Czech Republic.
Two High School Students Share Top Honors in John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest

Allie Comet, a 17-year-old senior at Stuyvesant High School in New York City, and Kevin Zhou, a 16-year-old junior from Monte Vista High School in Danville, California, were honored by Caroline Kennedy and other members of President Kennedy's family during the May 16, 2005 Profile in Courage Award ceremony for their prize-winning entries in the national John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest for High School Students.

The annual Profile in Courage Essay Contest invites students from across the nation to write an essay about a political issue at the local, state or national level and an elected official in the United States who has acted courageously to address that issue. The contest is a companion program of the Profile in Courage Award. The essay contest is sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation and generously supported by Fidelity Investments.

Allie Comet's winning essay described the political courage displayed by Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr. of Atlanta, Georgia, who was called upon by President Kennedy to testify in support of the groundbreaking civil rights legislation he was urging Congress to enact. Kevin Zhou's winning essay described the political courage of Humboldt County, California District Attorney Paul V. Gallegos who challenged the environmental practices of Pacific Lumber Company, the region's largest and most influential private-employer, committing what many people believed would be political suicide.

This year, 2,459 students submitted essays from across the nation, including all fifty states, Puerto Rico, and overseas American schools in Guam, France, and Korea.

Fidelity first began supporting the national essay contest in 2001, and has helped to extend the program by promoting the contest and by providing technical assistance for the development and management of the contest website at www.jfkcontest.org.

45 Years Ago

September 12, 1960:
Senator John F. Kennedy addresses the Greater Houston Ministerial Association in Houston, Texas on the issue of religion.

September 26, 1960:
First Kennedy-Nixon debate.

November 8, 1960:
John F. Kennedy elected the 35th President of the United States.

January 20, 1961:
Presidential Inauguration. John F. Kennedy was the first American President born in the twentieth century.
Senator John F. Kerry was honored on February 28, 2005 with the Kennedy Library Foundation’s Distinguished American Award.

The prestigious award recognizes men and women who have played significant roles in American public affairs who have honored President Kennedy’s legacy of public and community service.

Senator Edward M. Kennedy made the presentation to Senator Kerry via a live telephone hookup broadcast to the capacity crowd in attendance at the Kennedy Presidential Library. Senator Kerry was presented with a bronze bust of President Kennedy in recognition of his lifelong commitment to public service, a career that includes service in the United States Navy (1966-1969) during which he was decorated for combat in the Vietnam War; assistant district attorney for Middlesex County, MA (1977-1982); lieutenant governor of Massachusetts (1982-1984); U.S. Senator representing Massachusetts since 1984; and Democratic candidate for U.S. president in 2004.

Following the presentation of the award, Senator Kerry participated in a Kennedy Library Forum with Pulitzer Prize winning Boston Globe columnist Tom Oliphant.

In conjunction with the Kennedy Library Forum Series, the Distinguished Visitor Program hosts prominent speakers at the Kennedy Library who have played significant roles in American public affairs, as well as heads of state and other leaders who have fostered international understanding.

Past recipients of the Distinguished American Award include President George H. W. Bush, President Bill Clinton, Harry Belafonte, James Farmer, Helen Thomas, Congressman John Lewis, former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, former Secretary of State James Baker, Daniel Schorr, John Kenneth Galbraith, and Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr.

The Kennedy Library Forums series is sponsored by Bank of America, Boston Capital, the Lowell Institute, and the Corcoran Jennison Companies. Media sponsors for the Forums are The Boston Globe, 90.9 WBUR, and boston.com. Raytheon Corporation and Nixon Peabody provide additional support for the Distinguished Visitor program.
New JFK Biography Available for Children

There has been little written specifically for children about President Kennedy—but Shelley Sommer, the author of *John F. Kennedy: His Life and Legacy*, (HarperCollins) is one of the most qualified people to write about this subject. Sommer worked at the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation for 15 years, and her service to the Library not only made her an expert on JFK but also earned her the respect and trust of the Kennedy family.

On March 7, Caroline Kennedy, who has written a fascinating and stirring introduction to Sommer’s new biography, welcomed Shelley Sommer back to the Kennedy Library where they met with 150 school children to answer questions ranging from writing and history, to growing up in the White House.

Sommer, who is currently studying for her Master’s degree in children’s literature at Simmons College, first proposed the writing project to Caroline Kennedy after discovering that there has been little written specifically for children about President Kennedy. She has generously designated a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the book to the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation.

*John F. Kennedy: His Life and Legacy* is illuminated by many historical sources. Anecdotes from Senator Edward Kennedy and White House staff are presented alongside remarkable photos from the Kennedy family collection—many of which have never before been published.

Avoiding dry historical narrative, all of the information in this biography is presented in a child-friendly way. Copies of this book can be purchased through the Kennedy Presidential Library’s Museum store.

The book also presents the foreign and domestic politics of the Presidential years as well as other fascinating areas of JFK’s life, including his childhood relationship with his siblings, his sickly health as an adolescent and life for the first family in the White House.

Sommer’s book has been well-received. One review noted, “This is a well-written, child-focused account of the life and times of John F. Kennedy...What this book does achieve is to provide what those truly interested in history hope for—an engaging tale of a real man (whom we follow from boyhood, youth to adult), with lots of interesting and relevant information for today’s younger ones who so long for real life heroes, warts and all (as distinct from fictional creations) by which to measure themselves and their developing ideals and from whom to learn lessons (good and bad) from real life.”

Sommer worked for the Kennedy Library Foundation for fifteen years, first as the director of public relations and then as the director of the Profile in Courage Award. In addition to her graduate work at the Center for the Study of Children’s Literature at Simmons College, Ms. Sommers works at the Inly School in Scituate where she manages the library and chooses books for a literature group of 6th graders. She lives with her husband and son on the South Shore of Massachusetts. This is her first book.
Missing JFK Materials Return to the Kennedy Library

On July 13, the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum announced the arrival of previously missing documents, artifacts, and other historical material from the presidency of John F. Kennedy. These items were recovered by the National Archives and Records Administration, on behalf of the Kennedy Presidential Library, from the estate of Robert L. White. Kennedy Presidential Library archival and curatorial staff spent several years working with the National Archives general counsel to obtain their return.

Robert White obtained the historical material belonging to the American people from Mrs. Evelyn Lincoln, President Kennedy's secretary, who improperly removed and then sold or gave away the material. Mrs. Lincoln was entrusted with the responsibility of safekeeping President Kennedy's personal effects, historical items and writings. Rather than turning over all of these materials to President Kennedy's family and to the National Archives, Mrs. Lincoln kept a large number of these items and eventually gave or sold them to Mr. White.

These priceless items include thousands of pages of documents and artifacts from John F. Kennedy's career as a public servant. Among the items recovered from Mr. White's estate are signing pens used by President Kennedy to sign Public Laws, Executive Orders and International Treaties; a piece of wood originally from the floor of the U.S. Senate that was incorporated into the platform for the 1961 inaugural ceremony; letters, notes, and schedules from President Kennedy and his staff documenting the official business of the White House including matters of National Security, as well as important files from his years as a U.S. Senator.

Also recovered by NARA in a separate agreement reached last fall is a map of Cuba (seen on the front cover) used and annotated by President Kennedy when he was first briefed by the CIA on the Cuban Missile Crisis. Mr. White obtained the map from Mrs. Lincoln and subsequently sold it. The Justice Department filed a lawsuit on behalf of the National Archives and secured its return last fall.

“I'd like to congratulate our archival and curatorial staff who worked so hard to get these items back for the American people, along with the National Archives General Counsel. Together, we have retrieved these treasures for posterity, and we hope people will come see them at the Kennedy Library and Museum in the future,” said Deborah Leff, Director of the Kennedy Presidential Library.

Many of the documents that were recovered by the National Archives are now available to researchers at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library. The Library's Research Room is open 8:30 am – 4:30 pm each weekday, and is closed on weekends and Federal holidays.
An Evening with the President’s Council

On Thursday, March 31, 2005, Senator Edward M. Kennedy and Paul G. Kirk, Jr. hosted the President’s Council of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation. This gathering, which includes a cocktail reception and dinner, is held each year in the Mural Room of the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum and recognizes those individuals and institutions, listed below, whose annual support of $25,000 and above helps to preserve and perpetuate President Kennedy’s legacy. Caroline Kennedy and Paul Kirk co-chair this growing group of leading supporters.

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2005 May Dinner Reaches $1 Million!

The 17th Annual May Dinner on Sunday, May 15, 2005 proved to be an extraordinary success with contributions exceeding $1 million to support the mission of the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum. Co-chaired by board members Gerard Doherty and Heather Campion, the annual black-tie dinner celebrates President Kennedy’s May 29th birthday.

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A Gift from the Greatest Generation: Creating a Legacy for the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation

Don Wilson and his wife, Susan, have lived very active and useful lives. After serving in the Air Force in World War II, Don became a foreign correspondent for LIFE magazine, covering several wars in the Far East and eventually running its Washington Bureau. Don helped the Kennedy Administration explain its crucial policies worldwide during one of the most dangerous periods in American history—the Cuban Missile Crisis—when he served as deputy director of the United States Information Agency.

Susan is an educator and activist who, for over 30 years, has helped young people, first as an education policy maker and then as a tireless pioneer in efforts to promote sex education as Executive Coordinator of the Network for Family Life Education at Rutgers University.

They are the embodiment of the “Greatest Generation” and are excited about the work that is happening at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum to encourage current and future generations to embrace the values of freedom, democracy and service that President Kennedy championed.

Don and Susan Wilson have made a generous provision for the Kennedy Library Foundation in their estate plans.

“We are grateful for the leadership of Don and Susan Wilson and encouraged by their commitment to ensuring that the legacy of President Kennedy is preserved and perpetuated for generations to come,” said John Shattuck, CEO of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation.

For more information on how to support the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum through your estate plans, please call Lori Britton, Director of Capital Support, at 617-514-1580.

Bank of America has renewed its sponsorship of the Kennedy Library Forum Series with a three-year commitment of $225,000 to support the Forums through 2008.

“This is an extraordinary and generous gift,” said Chairman Paul G. Kirk, Jr. “This support from Bank of America, together with that of our other Forum sponsors, provides us with the ability to reach and inspire citizens with informative and engaging programs. We are most grateful.”
Kennedy Library Foundation 2005 Grants and Fellowships

Each year in the spring and fall, the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation provides funding awards through a number of research grants to scholars and students. The purpose of these grants is to help defray living, travel, and related costs incurred while doing research at the Kennedy Presidential Library Archives. Grant applications are evaluated on the basis of expected utilization of available holdings of the Library, the degree to which they address research needs in Kennedy period studies, and the qualifications of applicants.


To learn more about Kennedy Library Foundation Grants and Fellowships, go to www.jfklibrary.org.

Teachers Get First-Hand Accounts of the Cold War

President Kennedy’s close advisor Theodore Sorensen and Brandeis University Professor David Engerman discuss the Cuban Missile Crisis.

During the last week of June, the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum held a week-long educational institute for public school teachers featuring nationally prominent speakers such as presidential advisor Theodore Sorensen and journalist Seymour Topping, the first American correspondent stationed in Vietnam after World War II. The institute gave teachers an account of the Cold War through the Kennedy years from those who witnessed this tumultuous period of American and world history first-hand. The program was made possible by a Teaching American History grant from the US Department of Education in conjunction with the Boston Public Schools.
Kennedy Library Forums

Eyes on the Prize Revisited, January 17
Callie Crossley, producer of Henry Hampton’s Eyes on the Prize, joined producers Judy Richardson and Judith Vecchione to discuss the award winning documentary about America’s civil rights movement.

Combating Global Poverty, February 6
Dr. Lincoln Chen, Director of Harvard’s Center for Global Poverty and Dr. Paul Farmer, who for the last 20 years has worked with poor communities to combat infectious diseases discuss global poverty. Nobel Prize-winning Harvard economist Amartya Sen also took part in this discussion which drew the largest crowd of the season at the Kennedy Presidential Library.

A Conversation with Tim Russert, February 15
Tim Russert, host of NBC’s Meet the Press, signs his book Big Russ & Me after discussing politics and his 20 year broadcast career at a Kennedy Library Forum.

John Kenneth Galbraith: His Life and Times, April 17
Boston Globe columnist James Carroll, author Richard Parker and former United States Secretary of Labor Robert Reich discuss the life and career of John Kenneth Galbraith.

Bob Herbert, May 9
Upcoming Forums

The Future of Social Security
Sunday, October 9, from 2:00 to 3:30 pm

JFK, MLK and RFK: 1960-1968
Sunday, October 23, from 2:00 to 5:15 pm

A Conversation with Walter Cronkite
Wednesday, October 26, from 2:30 to 4:00 pm

The United Nations in the 21st Century
Thursday, November 3, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm

What's Happened to the News Media?
Monday, November 7, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm

The Presidency of LBJ
Sunday, November 20, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm

The Correspondence of Ernest Hemingway and A.E. Hotchner
Monday, November 28, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm

Commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Nuremberg Trials
Friday, December 9, starting at 10:00 am

A Tribute to Sargent Shriver
Monday, December 12, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm
* to be confirmed

Doris Kearns Goodwin, Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln
Sunday, December 18, from 1:00 to 2:30 pm

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The Search for PT 109, June 13
Max Kennedy describes the collision of PT 109 and the Japanese destroyer Amagiri before joining Dr. Robert Ballard to discuss the documentary The Search for PT 109.

A Conversation with World War II PT Boat Veterans, June 27
PT Boat Veterans Dick Keresey, William Battle, Paul “Red” Fay and PT 109 veteran Maurice Kowal speak with NECN’s Scot Yount about their heroic experiences during World War II.

Shirin Ebadi, May 8
Nobel Peace Prize-winner Shirin Ebadi speaks about her life’s work promoting human rights, equality for women and freedom of speech in her native Iran and throughout the world.

Tom Brokaw, May 20
Tom Brokaw discusses World War II and his book The Greatest Generation.
Chris Abani Receives Hemingway/PEN Literary Award

Patrick Hemingway, son of Nobel Prize-winning writer Ernest Hemingway, presented the prestigious Hemingway Foundation/PEN Award for a distinguished first book of fiction to Chris Abani, author of *Graceland* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux), at the April 10 award ceremony hosted by the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, the world’s principal center for research on the life and work of Ernest Hemingway, and PEN/New England, a branch of the international organization of writers, editors and publishers.

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Richard Russo was the ceremony’s keynote speaker.

The annual $7,500 Hemingway Foundation/PEN Award has become America’s best known prize for a distinguished first book of fiction. The award was founded in 1976 by the late PEN member Mary Hemingway, the writer’s widow, both to honor the memory of Ernest Hemingway and to draw attention to first books of fiction. Since her death in 1986, the Ernest Hemingway Foundation has endowed the award. It was through the efforts of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, a charter member of the Friends of the Hemingway Collection, that the Hemingway Foundation/PEN Award ceremony was permanently moved from New York to the Kennedy Library in 1992.

This spring, with continued support from a Save America’s Treasures grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Kennedy Presidential Library celebrated its first year of preservation work on the Ernest Hemingway Collection, the world’s largest collection of the Nobel prize winning author’s papers and artifacts. All of Hemingway’s letters written from when he was nine years old in 1909 to the time of his death in 1961 were conserved at the Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) in Andover, Massachusetts. This preservation task included 2,500 letters, each one individually assessed and treated. Among the correspondence conserved was a letter from Ernest Hemingway written in Paris to his friend, Ezra Pound, in 1927, discussing Modernism in literature. Another letter conserved was Hemingway’s January 20, 1961 letter of regret to the President and Mrs. Kennedy’s invitation to the inauguration, in which he couldn’t resist noting “how beautiful Mrs. Kennedy was” as he watched the address on television.

In the coming months, staff will direct preservation efforts towards Hemingway’s manuscripts, including his novel, *The Old Man and the Sea*; incoming correspondence from family, friends, publishers, and fellow writers such as Gertrude Stein, F. Scott Fitzgerald, and John Dos Passos; and Hemingway’s considerable collection of non-print materials, such as his war medals and brass sculptures of African wildlife.

For more information, including how to join the Friends of the Hemingway Collection, please visit our website at http://www.jfklibrary.org.
Archives Opens Sargent Shriver Collection

In February, the Archives made available for research the personal papers of Sargent Shriver, brother-in-law to President Kennedy, and a man who offered this nation decades of public service as the first director of the Peace Corps, as the first director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, and as United States Ambassador to France.

The collection also covers Shriver’s role in John F. Kennedy’s 1960 Presidential campaign, his 1970 bid for governor of Maryland, his 1972 campaign for the Vice Presidency (when he was the Democratic Party nominee), and his 1976 campaign for the Presidency. The papers, a collection of approximately 200 feet, span the years 1948 to 1976, with the bulk of the collection dating from 1955 to 1972. Included is never-before-made public correspondence between Shriver and Lyndon B. Johnson, Robert F. Kennedy, Edward M. Kennedy, Peter Lawford, Hubert H. Humphrey, Adlai Stevenson, and many U.S. congressmen, and bishops of the Roman Catholic Church.

Two members of the Kennedy Presidential Library staff were honored on May 4 at the 2005 Excellence in Government Awards, sponsored by the Greater Boston Federal Executive Board. These awards honor federal employees who have distinguished themselves with exceptional performance, integrity, and dedication to public service among the nearly 50,000 federal employees in the Greater Boston area.

Sam Rubin in the Education Department was named a 2005 Excellence in Government Award Finalist for “Outstanding Diversity Contribution,” recognizing his extraordinary work in creating and orchestrating a Civil Rights Institute.

Ron Whealan in the Archives received the 2005 Excellence in Government top award for creativity and innovation, recognizing his leadership and initiative in launching the award-winning Kennedy Presidential Library web site (www.jfklibrary.org).

Kennedy Library Hosts John J. Moakley Public Speaking Program for Boston Teens

On August 15, the Kennedy Presidential Library’s Education Department hosted a two-week summer program for 19 urban students. This extraordinary program was devoted to helping boys and girls from the Boston public schools to improve their self-confidence and speaking ability. During the program, students learn how to craft and deliver a persuasive speech. At the culmination of the institute, students delivered a final speech that they researched and wrote themselves to an audience of peers, parents, and invited guests at a banquet dinner in the Stephen Smith Center at the Kennedy Library. This program was made possible by a grant from The Boston Globe Foundation.
Nuclear Weapons Discussed as Alternative to Ground War in Combating Chinese Aggression

On August 25, the Archives at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library declassified and made available for research a tape recording of a May 9, 1963 National Security Council Meeting during which Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Maxwell Taylor met with President Kennedy to discuss how to defend India against a possible attack by China.

The advisors cautioned the President that before any substantial commitment was given to India the US should recognize that nuclear weapons would have to be used in a defense of the region.

In one excerpt, Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara is heard telling President Kennedy: “before any substantial commitment to defend India against China is given, we should recognize that in order to carry out that commitment against any substantial Chinese attack we would have to use nuclear weapons... Any large Chinese Communist attack on any part of that area would require the use of nuclear weapons by the US, and this is to be preferred over the introduction of large numbers of US soldiers.”

The release of the recordings generated international news coverage including major stories in *The New York Times* and *International Herald Tribune*.