

## The IABTI Fund Serves Our Members

The IABTI Fund was created to serve the long term educational and benevolent interests of the bomb technician and investigator community by promoting explosives safety and awareness, and benevolence through research, education and other constructive efforts. More specifically, the Fund encourages the inclusion of explosives instruction in security training curricula, promotes the collection of educational materials and information, provides scholarships, and promotes forums and media through which the principles and techniques of explosives safety and security can be taught, reported, discussed and published.

To accomplish these goals, the Association is expanding its reference library and is exploring ways to display artifacts and share library materials. The Fund cultivates close working relationships with the private sector to promote bomb security, explosives and improvised explosive device awareness and countermeasures and investigation training, and is working to develop educational materials, seminars and programs directly and in partnership with other professional organizations.

Scholarships and benevolent activities are focused on serving our membership and their families who are in need of assistance for education and in times of crisis.

An IABTI Benevolent / Scholarship Fund has been established for dependants of active IABTI members who are enrolled or planning to enroll as a full-time undergraduate or graduate student in an accredited two year, four year, or vocational school.

## Passing Parade

Pol Sen Sgt Maj Kitti Mingsuk 1960 – 2011

> Raymond Ruland 1930 – 2009

> > Bill Schmitt 1922 – 2010

Sgt Jason Smith, USMC 1981 – 2010

Pol Sgt Maj Kritsada Thong-or 2011

Charles Wood, Royal Logistics Corps 1976 – 2010

- Applications will be reviewed by the IABTI Board of Advisors. The Advisors will submit a written recommendation to the IABTI Executive Board. Selection criteria will be based solely upon academic merit, school and community involvement, and financial need.
- The IABTI Executive Board shall review all applications forwarded by the Board of Advisors and determine monetary awards based upon need and available funding. Awards shall be utilized for student's tuition, books, fees, and/or oncampus housing.

## Completed Application packets must be submitted on or before April 1st of the Award Year.

Award priorities in order of distribution shall be:

- The dependant family members of any IABTI member who is killed or injured in the line of duty shall be eligible.
- IABTI dependant family members who have never received prior IABTI benevolent / scholarship funding.
- IABTI dependant family members who apply.

Members can access the Application Package online at: www.iabti.org.

