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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Chris Wilkerson

2025 is off to a busy start for the National Board of Officers with several initiatives.

The planning for the 2025 Convention is underway. If you haven't received the word, this year's convention will take place in conjunction with the Special Operations Association in Las Vegas 14-17 Oct. It will be similar to the 2021 convention, but this will differ as we are running concurrently, sharing space and have an option to attend two banquets. This is also the first convention being completely ran by the NBO Convention Committee, not the local Chapter. Any questions, remarks or volunteers need to be sent to SpecialProjects@SFANBO.org rather than Harold Wheeler or Chapter 51.

In the aftermath of the hurricanes last fall, we have established a Humanitarian Assistance & Disaster Relief Committee. Their focus is to prepare for future disasters by not only responding but ensuring we have equipment and supplies available for precautionary and immediate delivery. The intent is to prepare our members in harms-way with the tools to maintain communication and be prepared to provide relief to their families and communities.

We are still looking for a couple volunteers for other new initiatives. One person is needed for the Benevolent Organization Committee. The requirement is to be a point of contact between other 501c3 organizations that support the community and ensure our membership is made aware of upcoming opportunities. There are plenty of trips, equipment, assistance that often goes unclaimed and the intent of this committee is to inform the membership about them. Secondly, we're considering the establishment of a second virtual Chapter, one that members-at-large receive information from and would require a Chapter board of officers. Both roles require little more than primarily checking and forwarding email traffic. Please let us know if you're interested in assisting.

The votes that were completed last summer were shelved following the cruise and Constitution Committee informing us that the process the vote occurred was unconstitutional. We have returned to using the June 2013 version of the Constitution after amendments by the previous NBO were also deemed unconstitutional.

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On 15 Feb, the ballot in this publication was emailed and posted on Teamhouse. Every effort to get maximum participation is being made with this current ballot. In May we will send the ballot via USPS to anyone that hasn't already responded. Mail comes at a cost, \$.73 per envelope to be exact. That said, I ask that all of you vote online or by sending the paper ballot back as soon as possible. If you do not wish to participate in this vote or future ones, or desire to be removed from further communication, please email Secretary@SFANBO.org and request to be placed in an "inactive" role.

On a personal note, I'm in full transition mode and looking forward to retiring later this year. If Chapters have events that I should attend, please send an invite and I'll make effort to be there.

v/r

Chris Wilkerson, President, SFA NBO

THE DIRECTOR'S CUT Mike Goodrich

Numbers:

As of 20 February 2025, there are 11,494 members. The breakdown is: 5,146 (Decade), 4,960 (General), 1,388 (Associate), 34 (Honorary).

Constitution Change:

The window is open for voting on the proposed changes to the SFA Constitution. Members have until 1 May 2025 to return their ballot to HQs. I strongly encourage every member to take the time to vote on these important changes.

Final Formation:

In addition to the TAPs notification that I publish in the Drop there is also a Final Formation listing that can be found on our website under the Documents tab. I encourage all our members to visit and utilize this valuable source of information.

Club Express:

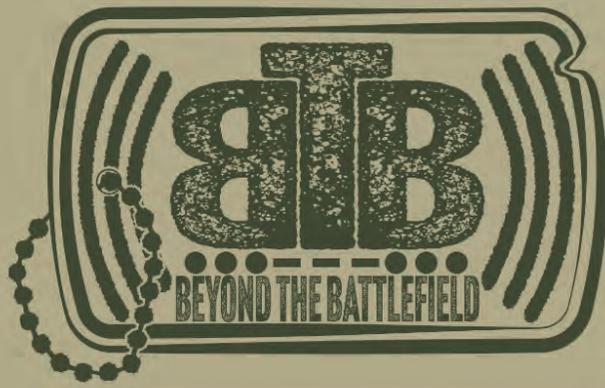
The window for annual membership renewal began on 1 October. Annual members should have their dues to HQs by the end of January 2025. Club Express is a valuable tool for Chapter Secretaries to manage their membership. Please make time to reach out to members who have let their membership lapse and encourage them to renew. HQs will assist where needed. Finally, some members have seen their access to Club Express data change while HQs is completing its' annual database security review. This is done to ensure the integrity of our database and that our member's personal information continues to be secure. Please contact HQs with any questions.

The Drop:

I want to remind the Chapter Secretaries that it is their responsibility to ensure their Chapter Masthead is up to date and that all Chapter Drop input is sent directly to the editor (sfaeditor@10-power.com). Also, it is incumbent upon each member to ensure that HQ has your current address.

A Tip of the Beret:

Chapter 78, Chapter 62, the Green Beret Foundation, the Special Forces Foundation, have again stepped up with their generous support of the recent SFQC graduates. A special shout out to **Mission BBQ** for their excellent work in making the student picnics truly a gastronomic delight.

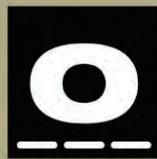


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TAPS

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*Rest easy, sleep well my brothers.
Know the line was held, your job is done.
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Others have taken up where you fell, the line has held.
Peace, peace, and farewell*



WILLIAM AKRIDGE

M-6278



COL (R) William D. (Dave) Akridge, 77 passed away at his home in Cabot, Arkansas on November 29th, 2024. Dave enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1966 following his graduation from high school. He was selected to attend OCS in 1967 and was commissioned a 2nd, Lieutenant. In 1971, Dave volunteered for duty with MACVSOG and was assigned to TF3AE as an Operations Officer. Dave was released from active duty in 1972 and immediately joined the U.S. Army Reserve from where he retired in 2007.

Among his many awards and decorations are the Bronze Star (2 OLC), the Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), the Air Medal, The Army Commendation Medal (w/V, 4 OLC), the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Reserve Achievement Medal (3 OLC), the Combat Infantryman's Badge, and the Parachutist's Badge. He is survived by his wife (Heidi) and daughters (Heather, Juanita).

A funeral service was held on December 6th, 2024 at Moore's Funeral Home in Cabot, Arkansas. Interment is at the Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery in North Little Rock, Arkansas.



GARNETT EUGENE BELL

M-2937



Garnett 'Bill' Bell, 85, of Lavaca, Arkansas passed away on January 25th, 2025. Bill enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1960 and was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division. In 1968, Bill returned from Vietnam and volunteered for Special Forces duty, was awarded his qualification in 1969, and assigned to the 6th SFG(A).

In 1973, Bill was reassigned to JPRC. Bill was evacuated from the roof of the American Embassy in Saigon on the final day of the Republic of Vietnam. He would later return to postwar Vietnam as Chief of the U.S. Office of POW/ MIA Affairs in Hanoi.

After retiring from the federal government, Bill worked as an investigator for the 12th Judicial District of Arkansas. He is survived by his wife (Nam-Xuan Pham), son (Scott), and daughters (Andrea, Elisabeth).

Funeral services were held on January 31st, 2025 at the National Cemetery in Fayetteville, Arkansas.



WILLIAM BIZZAK

D-4500



William Bizzak, 78, of Sierra Vista, Arizona passed away on September 21st, 2024. Bill was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1968 and served with distinction for 26 years.

He volunteered for Special Forces duty and was awarded his qualification later in 1968. This began a 23-year SF career in the 10th SFG(A) and Detachment "A" Berlin first as enlisted and then as a Warrant Officer. His final duty station was Ft. Huachuca, Arizona where he was honorably retired from active duty in 1993.

Following his retirement, Bill worked for the Department of Defense.

He is survived by his wife Renee. A graveside ceremony was held at the Southern Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery on December 13th, 2024.



GODFREY BOUDREAU

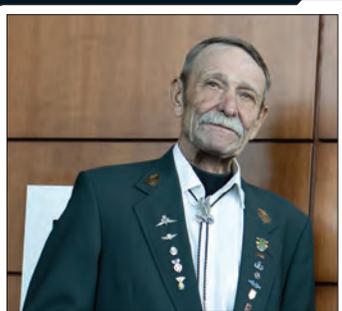
D-2520



Godfrey Boudreaux, 94 of Lacombe, Louisiana passed away on January 8th, 2025. Godfrey joined the 20th SFG(A) in 1960 and was awarded his Special Forces qualification in 1962.

He was honorably retired from the Army National Guard after 40 years of service. In his civilian life, Godfrey worked and retired from both Bell South and AT&T.

He is survived by his wife (Katherine), sons (Marc, Guy), and daughters (Yvette, Michelle, Jeannine, Allise). A celebration of life was held on January 18th, 2025 at the Williams Funeral Home in Pearl River, Louisiana.



RONALD BROCKELMAN

M-854



Ronald Brockelman, 86 of Emporia, Kansas passed away at his home on December 4th, 2024. Ron enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1959, volunteered for Special Forces duty in 1963. He was awarded his qualification in December of 1963 and assigned to the 7th SFG(A). Ron served most of his 21-year military career in Special Forces. He served with distinction in the 5th (B-53, MACV-SOG), 6th, 7th, 8th, and 10th SFG(A). As a testament to his dedication to his craft, while serving as a Team Sergeant in the 10th SFG(A), Ron led 6 members of his team through Ranger Course 3-73 where he was selected as the distinguished honor graduate at age 37. Ron was honorably retired from active in 1981. Among his many awards and decorations are The Purple Heart (1 OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Ranger TAB, the Scuba Badge, and the Master Parachutist's Badge.

Ron is survived by his sons (Franklin, Ronald), daughter (Nancy), stepson (James), and stepdaughter (Micheale). A funeral service was held at the Lowry- Funston VFW Post 1980 in Emporia, Kansas on December 12th, 2024.



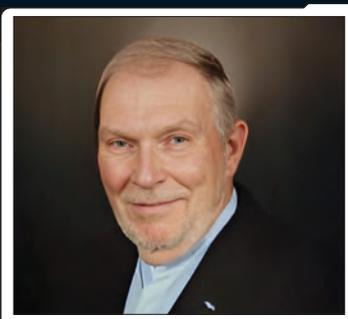
MARVIN BROWN

D-5511



Marvin Brown, 73, of Waco, Texas passed away on January 21st, 2025. Marvin enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1976 and volunteered for Special Forces duty. He was awarded his Special Forces qualification in 1978 and assigned to the 7th SFG(A). Marvin was reassigned to the 10th SFG(A) in 1981. After a tour as an ROTC Instructor, he was reassigned in 1993 to the 10th SFG(A). Marvin was honorably retired from active duty in 1998.

He is survived by his wife (Anna) and sons (Jason, Timothy). A celebration of life was held at the Lake Shore Funeral Home in Waco, Texas on January 29th, 2025.



CHARLES BUCKLEY

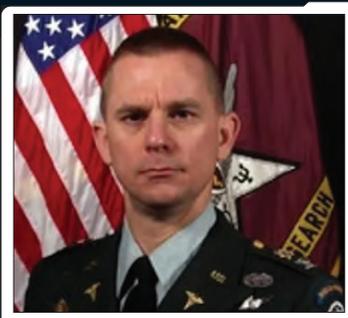
D-7508



Charles Buckley, 84, of Parkville, Maryland passed away at his home on December 18th, 2024. Charles was assigned to the 77th SFG(A) in 1959. He was awarded his Special Forces qualification ('3') in 1961 while assigned to the 10th SFG(A). After a tour with MACV in Vietnam, Charles returned stateside to the 7th SFG(A). In 1964, Charles was reassigned to the 1st SFG(A) in Okinawa, Japan. Charles applied for and was accepted into Officer Candidate School and, upon graduation, he was again returned to the 10th SFG(A).

In 1968, Charles was reassigned to the 5th SFG(A) in Vietnam where he assumed command of SFOD-A 106. After recovering from wounds sustained in combat, Charles was reassigned to the U.S. Army Training Center at Ft. Dix, New Jersey. Charles retired from active duty after having served three tours of duty in Vietnam. He is survived by his wife (Mary) and sons (Charles, Michael).

A funeral Mass was held at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glyndon, Maryland on January 3rd, 2025.



BRIAN CAMPBELL

D-7426

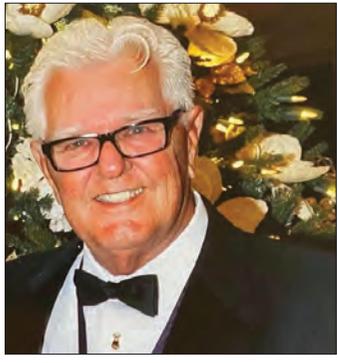


COL(R) Brian Campbell, 65 of Mertzon, Texas passed away on December 13th, 2024.

Brian enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve in 1976 and served for five years before transitioning to the U.S. Army as a 2nd Lieutenant in 1981. In 1986, he volunteered for Special Forces duty and upon completion of SFOC he was assigned to the 5th SFG(A).

During his 30-year military career, Brian would serve in the 160th SOAR, the U.S. Central Command, Commander of the U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory and Commander of the McAfee Army Health Clinic. Among his awards and decorations are The Legion of Merit (1 OLC), the Bronze Star, the Special Forces TAB, the Combat Medical Badge, the Master Flight Surgeon's Wings, and the Parachutist's Badge. He is survived by his wife (Susie), son (Cole), and daughter (Carol).

A funeral service was held at the Sherwood Cemetery in Mertzon, Texas on February 8th, 2025.



GERALD CAMPBELL

A-3034



Gerald 'Jerry' Campbell, 81, of Melbourne, Florida passed away on November 14th, 2024. Jerry enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1960 and was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division. Upon his honorable discharge from active duty in 1966, Jerry joined the U.S. Army Reserve and served with the 2nd and 11th SFG(A). Jerry graduated from the University of Houston in 1974 and began a successful career in the oil and gas industry. He is survived by his wife (Dala) and sons (Travis, Samuel, Todd).

A celebration of life was held at the Indian River Colony Club Chapel on November 26th, 2024. Interment to be at the Houston National Cemetery.



WILLIAM CAPASSO

D-6945



William Capasso, 65 of Malden, Massachusetts passed away on December 7th, 2024. Bill was serving with the 75th Ranger Regiment in 1979 when he volunteered for Special Forces duty. He was awarded his qualification as a Special Forces Medical Sergeant and was assigned to the 10th SFG(A) where he served until 2002. Bill was discharged from active duty and joined the 19th SFG(A) in Rhode Island where he was accepted into the U.S. Army Physician Assistant Program. He served in this capacity for several years before retiring as a 1st Lieutenant. Up until his death, Bill was a Physician's Assistant in the vascular surgery department of St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Brighton, Massachusetts.

Among his awards and decorations are the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Special Forces TAB, the Ranger TAB, the Scuba Badge, the Military Freefall Badge, and the Master Parachutist's Badge. Bill is survived by Leotie, Chenoa, and Sanuye Capasso. A funeral service was held the Keefe Funeral Home in Arlington, Massachusetts on December 12th, 2024 followed by a private interment.



CHARLES CHANEY

M-8929



Charles Chaney, 80 of Clearwater, Florida passed away on November 5th, 2024. Charles enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1962 shortly after graduating from high school. He was assigned to the 8th Artillery in the Republic of Korea until 1964 when he was reassigned to the Military Assistance Command in Vietnam. In 1967, Charles volunteered for Special Forces duty and was awarded his qualification in 1968. His first SF assignment was with the 10th SFG(A).

In 1975, he was reassigned to the JFKUSASWC as an instructor at Camp Mackall, North Carolina. After a brief tour with the 7th SFG(A) MI Detachment, Charles finished his military career as an ROTC instructor at the Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, Florida. Among his awards and decorations are

the Meritorious Service Medal (1 OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (1 OLC), the Army Achievement Medal, the Air Medal, The Purple Heart, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Ranger TAB, the Scuba Badge, and the Master Parachutist's Badge. Charles is survived by his wife (Lois), and daughter (Onnaliesia). No services are planned at this time.



THOMAS COURTNEY, JR.

D-2984



Thomas Courtney, Jr., 91 of Fayetteville, Georgia passed away on December 16th, 2024. Tom joined the Army National Guard in 1950 shortly before graduating from high school. He was called to active duty and fought in the Korean War. Returning stateside, Tom requested Airborne training and was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division. In 1961, he volunteered for Special Forces duty. He completed his training and was assigned to the 5th SFG(A). After a tour with the Special Warfare Command as a Weapons Instructor, Tom was reassigned to the 7th SFG(A) until 1964 when he was transferred to the 8th SFG(A) in Panama. Tom retired from active duty in 1983 while serving as the FORSCOM G-3.

Among his many awards and decorations are The Silver Star, the Bronze Star (1 OLC), The Purple Heart (4 OLC), the Combat Infantryman's Badge (w/star), and the Master Parachutist's Badge. He is survived by his son (John) and daughter (Rebecca). A memorial service was held on January 20th, 2025 at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, Georgia.



HUBERT DUPREE

M-595



CSM(R) Hubert Dupree of Virginia Beach, Virginia passed away on February 8th, 2025. During Hubert's Special Forces career he served with the 6th, 7th, and 10th SFG(A) as well as the 46th SF Company in Thailand. Among his awards and decorations are The Bronze Star (w/v, 2 OLC), the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Combat Medical Badge, and the Parachutist's Badge. Retiring from active duty, Hubert began a new career as a Production Manager and Estimator for several Norfolk, Virginia tile companies.

He is survived by his son (Michael) and daughter (Linda).

A celebration of life was held at the Graham Funeral Home in Chesapeake, Virginia on March 8th, 2025. Interment is at the Riverside Memorial Park in Norfolk, Virginia.



WARNER FARR DMOR

D-3258



COL(R) Warner "Rocky" Farr, 76 of Tampa, Florida passed away on November 20th, 2024. Rocky enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1967 and volunteered for Special Forces duty. He graduated from SFQC in 1968 and was assigned to the 7th SFG(A). Soon thereafter, Rocky volunteered for duty in Vietnam and was reassigned to MACV-SOG (CCS). Returning stateside, Rocky attended the Defense Language Institute prior to his reassignment to Detachment "A" in Berlin, Germany. Completing his tour, Rocky returned to the states as an ROTC Instructor at Northeast Louisiana University where he completed his university studies.

In 1978, he was reassigned to Ft. Sam Houston, Texas as an instructor for the Special Forces Medical Course for a period before being accepted into the Uniform Services University of Health Services medical school. Rocky received his Doctor of Medicine degree in 1983. As a member of the Department of Defense Tactical Combat Casualty Care Committee, Rocky established training requirements for battlefield care and routinely conducted training for deploying medical personnel. His contributions to Special Operations medicine are immeasurable. Rocky retired from active duty in 2013 as the third longest serving U.S. Army soldier.

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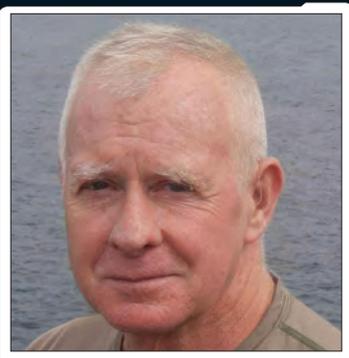
WARNER FARR DMOR

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Among his awards and decorations are Defense Superior Service Medal (1 OLC), the Legion of Merit, The Bronze Star (1 OLC, w/V), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (5 OLC), the Air Medal (w/2 device), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Presidential Unit Citation, the Valorous Unit Citation, the Meritorious Unit Citation, the Combat Medical Badge (w/Star), the Special Forces TAB, the Pathfinder Badge, the Scuba Badge, and the Master Parachutist's Badge. After his military retirement, Rocky became an Associate Clinical Professor at the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine. Rocky is survived by his wife (Kathleen) and sons (David, Timothy).

A graveside ceremony was held at the National Cemetery at Ft. Sam Houston on December 20th, 2024



KEVIN FEENEY

D-4233



Kevin Feeney, 75 of Goffstown, New Hampshire passed away on January 1st 2025. Kevin enlisted in the U.S Army in 1968. He volunteered for Special Forces duty and was assigned to the 5th SFG(A) in Vietnam in 1970. Returning stateside upon completion of his tour, Kevin was honorably discharged from active duty and joined the 11th SFG(A) where he served until 1987. Kevin was an avid member of the YMCA and served as a program director during his time there. He is survived by his wife (Kathleen) and daughter (Meghan). A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

TRUMAN FOY

D-182



Truman Foy, 95 of Burlleson, Texas passed away on January 9th, 2025. Truman volunteered for Special Forces duty in 1953 and was assigned to the 10th SFG(A). He was a career SF soldier who also served with the 77th, 1st, 5, and 3rd SFG(A). Serving with the 5th SFG(A) in Vietnam, Truman was awarded the Bronze Star for valor. He is survived by his wife (Barbara), stepson (Billy), and stepdaughter (Nana). A memorial service was held on January 25th, 2025 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Burlleson, Texas. Interment is at the Squaw Creek Cemetery in Glen Rose, Texas.



THOMAS GALLEN

M-3516



Thomas Gallen, 92 of Bradenton, Florida passed away at his home on February 5th, 2025. Tom enlisted as a paratrooper in the Korean War and became a legacy member of the 10th SFG(A) that deployed to Bad Tolz, Germany in 1953. He was awarded his Special Forces qualification in 1954. Tom was honorably discharged from active duty in 1955. He returned stateside where he completed his education at the University of Florida. He practiced law from 1960 until 1985 when he was elected to the 12th Judicial Circuit as a circuit judge. He served in that position until his mandatory retirement in 2002. Tom is survived by his wife (Linda), sons (Tommy, Michael), and daughters (Mary, Kathleen). A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the SS Peter & Paul the

Apostles Catholic Church in Bradenton, Florida on February 14th, 2025 followed by a private burial at Fogartyville Cemetery.

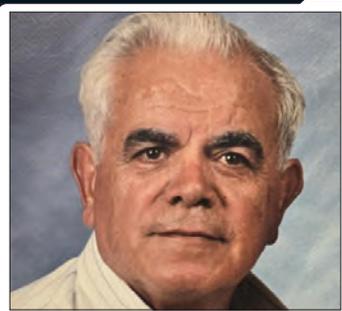
**EDWARD GESICK, JR.**

M-1908



Edward Gesick, Jr., 81 of Sequin, Texas passed away on January 13th, 2025. Ed graduated from Texas A & I in 1965 and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Completing IOBC and Airborne training, Ed volunteered for Special Forces duty. He graduated from SFOC in 1966 and was assigned to the 8th SFG(A). Ed was reassigned to Vietnam and the 5th SFG(A) in October of 1966. Returning from convalescent leave in 1968, Ed was reassigned to USSOUTHCOM and the 470th MI Group before being honorably separated from active duty. Among his awards and decorations are The Bronze Star (w/V, 1 OLC), The Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal (w/V, 1 OLC), the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Parachutist's Badge.

Following his service in the U.S. Army, Ed returned to Texas where he began a second career as an educator. He is survived by his son (Patrick), and daughters (Kimberly, Laura, Christine). A funeral service was held at the Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church in Sequin, Texas on February 8th, 2025. Interment is at the San Geronimo Cemetery in Sequin, Texas.

**RUFUS GUERRERO**

M-3092



Rufus Guerrero, 92 of Sanford, North Carolina passed away on February 13th, 2025. Rufus enlisted in the U.S. Army as an Airborne Infantryman and served with the 187th RCT in the Korean War.

He volunteered for Special Forces duty and was awarded his qualification while assigned to the 8th SFG(A) in Panama. In 1968 he was reassigned to the 5th SFG(A) in Vietnam. Returning stateside Rufus was assigned to the 6th SFG(A).

Rufus was retired from active duty in 1972. He is survived by his wife (Beth), sons (Richard, Gregory) and daughter (Emilia). A memorial service was held at the Rogers Pickard Funeral Home in Sanford, North Carolina on February 18th, 2025. Interment is at the Pocket Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Sanford, North Carolina.

**FELICIANO GUZMAN**

D-2388



Feliciano "Guz" Guzman, 87 of Elgin, Texas passed away on December 19th, 2024. Guz enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1954 at the age of 17. In 1961 he volunteered for Special Forces duty and was assigned to the 7th SFG(A).

Over his 16-year Special Forces career, Guz served with the 1st, 5th, 7th, and 8th SFG(A). Among his awards and decorations are The Bronze Star (w/v), the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Scuba Badge, and the Master Parachutist's Badge.

Guz retired from active duty in 1982 and began a new career with the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network and later with the U.S. Customs. He is survived by his wife (Maria), son (Michael), and daughters (Olivia, Veronica). A funeral service was held at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Elgin, Texas on January 4th, 2025.



FREDERICK HALL

M-1910



Frederick Hall, 84 of Oak Hall, Virginia passed away at his home on December 5th, 2024. Fred enlisted in the U.S. Army upon graduation from high school. Upon completion of basic and AIT, he was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division.

While assigned there, Fred was accepted to attend Officer Candidate School. As a newly minted 2nd Lieutenant, Fred was sent to Airborne, Air Assault, and the Special Forces Officer Course. Graduating from SFOC, Fred was assigned to the 1st SFG(A) in Okinawa, Japan. In 1969, he was reassigned to Vietnam with the 199th Infantry Brigade. Fred was honorably retired from active duty in 1982 after 25 years of service. Among his awards and decorations are The Bronze Star (w/V, 2

OLC), The Purple Heart, the Air Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal (2 OLC), the Combat Infantryman's Badge, and the Master Parachutist's Badge.

Leaving active duty, Fred continued his service to his community and young people with SHORE UP! Inc. in Salisbury, Maryland. He is survived by his brother (Donald) and sister (Christine). A funeral service was held at the Bennie Smith Life Celebration Center in Salisbury, Maryland on December 15th, 2024.

JAMES HARRISON

M-7461



James Harrison, 79 of Cle Elum, Washington passed away at his home on December 10th, 2024. Jim enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1965 and upon completion of Airborne training volunteered for Special Forces duty. He was awarded his qualification as a Special Forces Communications Sergeant in 1966 and assigned to the 3rd SFG(A).

In 1967 Jim was reassigned to the 5th SFG(A) in Vietnam (B-56). He served as the communication launch site NCOIC at Song Be and Quan Loi as well participating in Hatchet Force operations. Jim was honorably discharged from active duty in 1968. Among his awards and decorations are The Silver Star, the Bronze Star, The Presidential Unit Citation, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, and the Parachutist's Badge.

A graveside service was conducted on December 20th, 2024 at the Laurel Hill Memorial Park in Cle Elum, Washington.



GARY HART

M-8182



Rev. Gary Hart, 71, of Vernon, Connecticut passed away on November 13th, 2024 after an extended illness. Gary was awarded his qualification as a Special Forces Medical Sergeant in 1977 and was assigned to the 10th SFG(A). He was honorably discharged from active duty in 1979.

After graduating from the Andover Newton Theological School, Gary was ordained as a minister in the United Church of Christ. During his career of service, Gary worked as a homeless outreach clinician, church pastor, and resident chaplain for the VA hospitals of Lexington, Kentucky.

He is survived by his wife (Laura) and daughter (Grace). A memorial service was held on December 3rd, 2024 at the Ladd-Turkington & Carmon Funeral Home in Vernon, Connecticut.



PATRICK HEMINGER

D-993



Patrick Heminger, 84, of Miami, Florida passed away on October 18th, 2024. Pat volunteered for Special Forces duty in 1963, was awarded his qualification in 1964, and assigned to the 3rd, SFG(A). During his long and successful career, Pat would also have assignments with the 1st, 5th, 10th SFG(A), and the 46 SF Company in Thailand.

A graveside service was held the Woodlawn Park South Cemetery in Miami, Florida on October 24th, 2024.



DANIEL HIGGINS

M-3747



Daniel Higgins, 77 of New Orleans, Louisiana passed away on December 30th, 2024.

Daniel served in the U.S. Army Reserve and was a member of the 2nd SFG(A) prior to its' deactivation. He is survived by his sons (Michael, Brian) and stepdaughters (Connie, Tisa).

Services are planned for a later date.

ROBERT HURTLE

M-9835



Robert Hurtle, 78 of Pelzer, South Carolina passed away on January 5th, 2025 at the Richard Campbell Veterans Home.

Bob was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army in 1969. Upon graduation from Airborne and Ranger schools he volunteered for Special Forces duty. In 1970, he was promoted to 1st Lieutenant and assigned to the 10th SFG(A) at Ft. Devens, Massachusetts.

Bob was honorably discharged from active duty and transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve in 1971. Among his awards and decorations are the National Defense Service Medal, the Ranger TAB, and the Parachutist's Badge.

He is survived by his wife (Alice), son (William), and daughter (Kathryn).

Funeral services are pending at this time.



DEAN JENSEN

M-14795



Dean Jensen, 74 of Dubuque, Iowa passed away on February 1st, 2025 at the Unity Point Finley Hospital. Dean earned his qualification as a Special Forces Engineer Sergeant in 1970 and was assigned to the 7th SFG(A).

In 1971 he was reassigned to the 46th SF Company in Thailand. Returning stateside, Dean was again assigned to the 7th SFG(A) before being honorably discharged from active duty in 1972.

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DEAN JENSEN

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After his discharge Dean returned home and was employed by the John Deere Dubuque Works until his retirement. He survived by his wife (Lori) and son (Adam). A funeral service was held at the Egelhof, Siegert & Casper Funeral Home and Crematory on February 8th, 2025.



RUDOLPH JOHNSON

D-2614



Rudolph "Rudy" Johnson, 89, of Comfort, Texas passed away on February 1st, 2025. Rudy enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1955 after attending classes at Texas A & M University.

After tours of service in Germany, Korea, and Vietnam Rudy volunteered for Special Forces duty. He was awarded his "S" in 1970. Rudy was honorably retired from active duty in 1979. Rudy was a valued member of Chapter 15 and often served as their chaplain.

He is survived by his wife (Lois Ann) and daughters (Rennye, Dana). A funeral service was held at the Comfort Baptist Church on February 22nd, 2025.

DAVID JOHNSTON

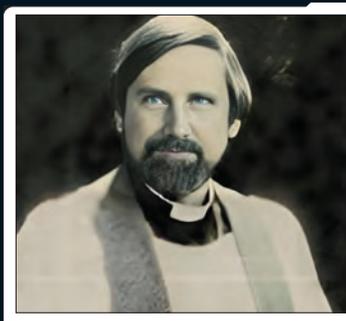
D-7844



David Johnston, 67, of Monument, Colorado passed away on December 9th, 2024. David was awarded his Special Forces qualification in 1980 and assigned to the 10th SFG(A).

In 1984, he left active duty and joined the 11th SFG(A) until 1991 when he returned to active duty with the 10th SFG(A). After tours with USAFC (19th SFG(A)) and SOCEUR, David retired from active duty after 35 years of service.

He is survived by his wife (Claudia) and daughter (Sarah). Per David's wishes, no services are planned.



JACK JONES

M-9254



Rev. Jack Jones, 88 of San Angelo, Texas passed away on December 4th, 2024. Jack enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1963 and volunteered for Special Forces duty and graduated from SFQC the following year. In 1965, Jack was assigned to the 10th SFG(A) at Flint Kaserne, Germany. He was honorably discharged from active duty in 1966. Returning home, Jack completed his education and taught drama at Henderson County Junior College before entering the seminary. He received his Master of Divinity degree in 1977 and served the Diocese of Northwest Texas until 1984 when he was appointed Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in the Diocese of West Texas.

Jack is survived by his wife (Virginia), son (John), and daughter (Julie). A funeral service was held at St. John's Episcopal Church in Sonora on December 13th, 2024, with interment in the church's Columbarium.

LEWIS JONES

D-3793



Lewis Jones, 83, of Manchester, New Jersey passed away on December 24th, 2024. Lewis enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1959 and after Basic and Airborne training he was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division.

He was discharged from active duty in 1962 and joined the 11th SFG(A). Lewis was honorably retired in 1994. In civilian life, Lewis worked for Roadway Express as a tractor trailer driver. He is survived by his wife (Madeline), son (Lewis), and daughter (Christine).

A memorial service for Lewis was held at the Anderson & Campbell Funeral Home in Manchester, New Jersey on January 4th, 2025.

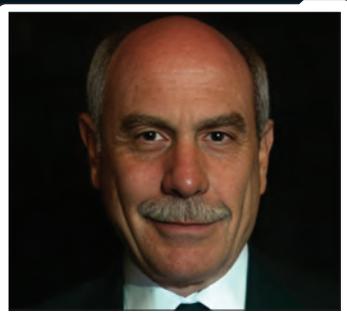
WILLIAM KOMENDA

D-4158



William Komenda, 88, of Sandown, New Hampshire passed away on January 9th, 2025. Bill joined the U.S. Army Reserve in 1962 and volunteered for assignment with the 11th SFG(A). He was awarded his Special Forces qualification in 1966 and was honorably retired in 1995. In civilian life, Bill worked as a draftsman and engineer.

He was a valued member of his community and SFA Chapter 54. Bill is survived by his sons (Brian, Daniel), and daughter (Diane). Funeral services are planned for a later date. Bill was cremated and his ashes are interred at the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery.



ALBERT KRENZ

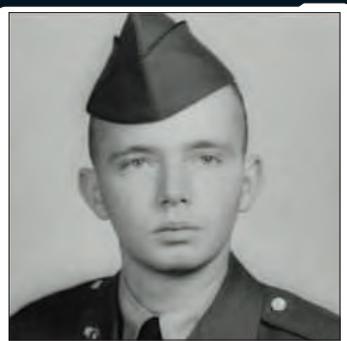
D-5046



Albert Krenz, 80, of Brookfield, Illinois passed away on December 29th, 2024. Al joined U.S. Army Reserve in 1966 and was assigned to the 12th SFG(A). He was awarded his Special Forces qualification in 1969. Al was honorably retired from the U.S. Army Reserve in 1986. In civilian life Al worked for the Robert Bosch Corporation for 34 years.

Al's career in the automotive service department was marked by his exceptional expertise in technical matters and his passion for European cars. His bilingual abilities and technical acumen made him ideally suited for the role of Director of Service for North America. Al is survived by his wife, Elly.

Services and interment to be at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, Illinois at a later date.



FREDERICK LEENHOUTS

M-2715



Frederick Leenhouts, 86 of St. Petersburg, Florida passed away on January 28th, 2025. Returning stateside from his second tour of duty in Vietnam, Fred volunteered for Special Forces duty. He was awarded his Special Forces qualification in 1970 and assigned to the JFK Center for Military Assistance.

In 1971 he was reassigned to the 8th SFG(A) in Panama until 1973 when it was redesignated 3rd Bn, 7th SFG(A).

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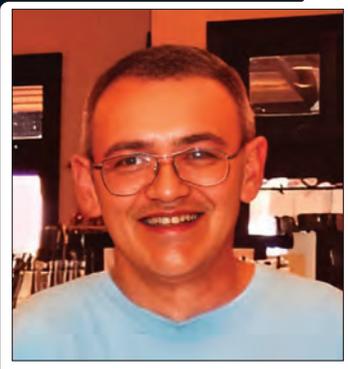
FREDERICK LEENHOUTS

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Fred was honorably retired from active duty in 1977. Among his awards and decorations are the Bronze Star, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Parachutist's Badge. Fred is survived by his sons (Gregory, Michael).

A funeral service was held at the Bay Pines National Cemetery in St. Petersburg, Florida on March 7th, 2025.



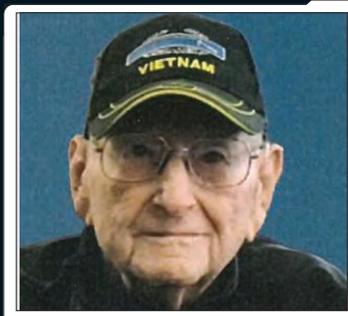
ROBERT LEONARD, JR.

M-2636



Robert Leonard, Jr., 75 of Charles Town, West Virginia passed away on October 9th, 2023 at the Washington Hospital Center. Bob enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1966 and upon completion of his initial training was assigned to Vietnam. In 1969, he was reassigned to the 8th SFG(A) in Panama where he was awarded his Special Forces qualification. In 1971, Bob was reassigned to the 1st SFG(A) in Okinawa, Japan. Returning stateside, Bob was honorably discharged from active duty to begin a career with the Central Intelligence Agency. He fully retired in 1997.

Bob is survived by his son (Sean) and daughter (Heather). A graveside ceremony was held on October 27th, 2023 at the Pleasant View Gardens in Baker Heights, West Virginia.



FRED LINDSEY

M-13414



Fred Lindsey, 94, of Carmel, Indiana on November 24th, 2024. Fred was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army in 1964 upon his graduation from the USMA.

Fred was appointed the Deputy Commander of OP-35 and later the Commander of CCS. He was honorably retired from active duty in 1972. Among his awards and decorations are The Bronze Star (w/V, 1 OLC), the Legion of Merit (1 OLC), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Presidential Unit Citation, and the Parachutist's Badge. In retirement, Fred authored "Secret Green Beret Commandos in Cambodia and Laos" to honor the men who served in MACV-SOG (CCS). Fred is survived by his daughters (Cheryl, Roberta).

A funeral service was held at the Orchard Park Presbyterian Church on December 7th, 2024. Interment is at the Crown Hill Cemetery.



RANDALL LONG

D-4715



Randall Long, 76 of Gainesville, Georgia passed away on December 22nd, 2024. Randall had a 41-year military career serving with the U.S. Airforce, the Air National Guard, the U.S. Army Reserve, and the U.S. Army.

He was awarded his Special Forces qualification as a Special Forces Medical Sergeant in 1982 while serving with the 11th SFG(A). He was called to active duty in 1991. He was attached first to the 5th SFG(A) and subsequently the 10th SFG(A).

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RANDALL LONG

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Following his military service, Randall was employed by the Hall County Sheriff's Department and the Roswell Police Department. He is survived by his wife Linda. A funeral service was held at the Memorial Park Funeral Home on December 27th, 2024. Interment is at the Memorial Park Cemetery.

JAMES MADISON

M-4894



James Madison, 85, of Salineville, Ohio passed away on November 7th, 2024 after a brief illness.

Jim graduated from SFOC in 1967 and was assigned to the 10th SFG(A). In 1969, he was reassigned to the 5th SFG(A) in Vietnam where he served with MACVSOG (CCC). Retiring from active duty, Jim continued serving his community as an agent with the Multistate Narcotics Agency. Later, he work as a general manager of an automobile dealership, and long-haul truck driver before retiring for good in 2005. Jim is survived by his wife (Judy), sons (Lonnie, Jason).

It was Jim's wish that his body be donated to the Cleveland Clinic for study and research.

BRYAN MCDONOUGH

A-2233



Bryan McDonough, 82, of Laurel Springs, New Jersey passed away on January 4th, 2025.

Bryan was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant upon graduation from Gonzaga University in 1964. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam as a Platoon Leader with the 173rd Airborne. Among his awards and decorations are the Bronze Star (2 OLC), The Purple Heart, the Air Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry (w/Plam), the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Ranger TAB, and the Parachutist's Badge. Bryan is survived by his wife (Fredrica) and daughters (Christine, Heather, Angela). A private interment was held at the Holy Cross Cemetery in Dover, Delaware on January 17th, 2025.



RICHARD MCNATT

D-1895



Richard McNatt, 84 of Lizella, Georgia passed away on January 12th, 2025.

Richard enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1959. He volunteered for Special Forces duty in 1966, was awarded his Special Forces qualification in 1967, and assigned to the 6th SFG(A). In 1969, Richard was reassigned to the 5th SFG(A) in Vietnam where he served with MACVSOG (CCS, CCC, CCN). Returning stateside in 1971, Richard was assigned to USAIMA Recon Committee. In 1974, he was assigned briefly to the 7th SFG(A) before joining the 10th SFG(A) in Bad Toelz, Germany. Richard was honorably retired from active duty in 1979 after 20 years of service. Among his awards and decorations are The Bronze Star (w/V, 2 OLC), The Purple Heart (2 OLC), the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal (60 device), the Vietnam Civil Action Medal, and the Parachutist's Badge.

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RICHARD MCNATT

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He is survived by his sons (Richard, Mark) and daughters (Gabriele, Helga, Susan). A funeral service was held at the chapel of Snow's at Macon Memorial Park Funeral Home on January 17th, 2025. Interment is at the Macon Memorial Park Mausoleum.

JAY MILLER

A-2906



Jay Miller, 81 of Boise, Idaho passed away on February 3rd, 2025. Jay enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1962 and was assigned to the 8th SFG(A) in Panama as a supply specialist. He was honorably discharged from active duty in 1964.

Jay later built a successful career, first in the family construction business and then as the owner of a private investigative firm. He is survived by his daughters (Emily, Summer, Hailey). A celebration of life was held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Boise, Idaho on February 14th, 2025 followed by interment at the Veterans Cemetery in Boise.



EDGAR MORALES

D-1661



Edgar Morales, 86 of San Antonio, Texas passed away on November 22nd, 2024.

Edgar volunteered for Special Forces duty in 1961 and was awarded his qualification in 1962. In 1967, he was reassigned to the 5th SFG(A) in Vietnam (B-52). Completing his tour, Edgar joined the 8th SFG(A) in Panama for a year before returning to Vietnam in 1969 (MACV-SOG, CCC). Returning stateside, Edgar was assigned to the 7th SFG(A).

Edgar finished his military career as the senior ROTC instructor at San Jose State University. Retiring from active duty, Edgar joined the US Marshalls Service where he served for 20 years. Edgar would later serve as the Litchfield, Maine Police Chief. Edgar is survived by his wife Rita. A funeral Mass was held on December 5th, 2024 at the St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Interment is at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.



DENNIS MORGAN

D-3730



Dennis Morgan, 67, of Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania passed away on January 31st, 2025 at Allied Hospice of Scranton. Dennis enlisted in the U.S. Army upon graduation from high school in 1976 and was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division. In 1978, he volunteered for Special Forces duty and was awarded his qualification in 1979.

Dennis' Special Forces assignments include the 1st, 5th, and 10th SFG(A). A funeral service was held at the Lawrence E. Young Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania on February 7th, 2025.



MILLARD MOYE, JR.

M-1582



Millard Moye, Jr., 85 of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania passed away on February 3rd, 2025. Millard enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served for 6 years before transferring to the U.S. Army. He was serving in the 82nd Airborne Division when he volunteered for Special Forces duty.

Millard completed SFQC and was assigned to the 1st SFG(A) in Okinawa, Japan in 1970. Later that year he was reassigned to the 5th SFG(A) in Vietnam (MACV-SOG, CCC). Completing this combat tour, Millard was reassigned to the 7th SFG(A) in Panama and ultimately the 10th SFG(A) in Ft. Devens, Massachusetts.

In retirement, Millard worked multiple government jobs for the Federal Aviation Administration and the U.S. Postal Service. He is survived by his son Millard and daughter Myrna. Interment will be at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies at a later date.



BOBBY PEACE

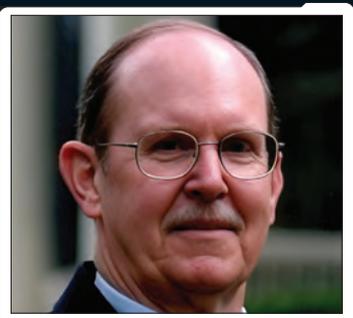
D-3963



Bobby Joe Peace, 76 of Tampa, Florida passed away on January 29th, 2025. Bobby was awarded his qualification as a Special Forces Engineer Sergeant in 1970 and assigned to the 7th SFG(A). In 1973 he was reassigned to the 10th SFG(A) in Bad Toelz, Germany.

Bobby returned stateside for a tour with the Engineer Committee at SWC. Bobby was honorably retired from active duty in 1990 after 22 years of service when he began a new career with the Advanced Manufacturing Group.

Bobby is survived by his wife (Marcia), son (Mark), and daughters (Kimberly, Shannon). A celebration of life was held at the Culew Memorial Gardens in Tampa, Florida on February 4th, 2025.



WALTER PENN III

M-1131



Walter Penn, III, 84 of Martinsville, Virginia passed away on January 30th, 2025 at the Kings Grant Retirement Community. Walter was awarded his Special Forces qualification in 1966 and assigned to the 5th SFG(A) in Vietnam.

Returning stateside in 1967, Walter was discharged from active duty and joined the 11th SFG(A). Among his awards and decorations are The Silver Star, The Purple Heart (1 OLC), the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Parachutist's Badge.

Walter later earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Virginia Law School and practiced in numerous capacities throughout his career including Virginia Assistant Attorney General, and Henry County Prosecutor. He is survived by his wife (Melinda) and sons (William, Coates, John).

A memorial service was held at the Christ Episcopal Church in Martinsville, Virginia on February 8th, 2025.



JOHN PICCOLO

M-116



John 'Jack' Piccolo, 77 of Long Beach, New York passed away on December 3rd, 2024. Jack was assigned to the 5 SFG(A) (CIDG) in 1966. Returning stateside, Jack was discharged from active duty and began a new career with the U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service, Park Police, New York Field Office.

Jack was a first responder after the terror attacks of 9.11.01 as well as the American Airlines Flight 587 crash in Bell Harbor, New York. For that act of heroism, Jack was awarded the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association National Life Saving Award and National Bravery Award. He is survived by his wife (Ann) and daughter (Mary Ann).

A funeral Mass was held at the St. Ignatius Martyr Church in Long Beach, New York on December 11th, 2024. Interment is at the Calverton Nation Cemetery.



ROBERT PIKE

A-3882



Robert Pike, 74, of New Richmond, Wisconsin passed away on February 10th, 2025. Bob was raised in southern Ontario and moved to the United States in 1968 when he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was assigned to the 10th SFG(A). In 1970, Bob was reassigned to the 5th SFG(A) in Vietnam. Returning stateside following his tour, Bob was honorably discharged from active duty. Among his awards and decorations are The Silver Star, The Purple Heart, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Army Commendation Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, and the Parachutist's Badge.

Leaving active duty, Bob worked as a restaurant manager and architectural draftsman. He is survived by his wife (Maxine) and daughter (Heather). At his request no services will be conducted.



BOBBY PRUETT, SR.

D-2892



CSM(R) Bobby Pruett, Sr., 83 passed away in Louisville, Kentucky on December 1st, 2024. Bobby enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1961 as a combat engineer. In 1968, he volunteered for Special Forces duty. He was awarded his qualification and assigned to the 6th SFG(A) until 1969 when he was reassigned to the 5th SFG(A) in Vietnam (B-52). Returning stateside he was again assigned to the 6th SFG(A). After tours with the 46th SF Company and a second tour in Vietnam, Bobby was reassigned to the 10th SFG(A). Bobby's last assignment was at the Southern Illinois University as a Professor of Military Science.

Among his awards and decorations are The Silver Star, The Bronze Star (w/V, 2 OLC), the Air Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, and the Master Parachutist's Badge. Bobby is survived by his daughter Katherine. A graveside ceremony was held at the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery on December 7th, 2024

**LAWRENCE REMENER**

D-7357



Lawrence Remener, 86 of Woodbridge, Virginia passed away on November 22nd, 2024. Lawrence was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army upon graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1962. He began his Special Forces career in 1964 by requesting a transfer from the Berlin Brigade to the 10th SFG(A) in Bad Toelz, Germany. Subsequent assignments included the 6th SFG(A) at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina and the 5th SFG(A) in Vietnam where he served as the operations officer of Detachment B-34 and commander of Detachment A-343.

Lawrence retired from active duty in 1985. Among his awards and decorations are The Silver Star, the Bronze Star (1 OLC), the Legion of Merit, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Ranger TAB, and the Parachutist's Badge. Following his military service, Lawrence was a Senior Soviet Analyst with the BDM Corporation.

He is survived by his son (Jonathan) and daughter (Megan). Lawrence will be interred at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York at a later date.

**JOE RICKS, JR.**

D-7507



Joe Ricks, Jr., 67 of Calderitas, Quintana Roo, Mexico passed away on January 25th, 2025.

Joe was awarded his "S" in 1978 and assigned to the 7th SFG(A) briefly before reassignment to the 10th SFG(A) in Bad Tolz, Germany. Joe returned stateside in 1982 for a tour with the 5th SFG(A).

In 1984, Joe was assigned to DET-A/PSSE-B. He was reassigned to the USAJFKSWC in 1985. Joe finished his Special Forces career with the 3rd SFG(A) in 1992. Among his awards and decorations are the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal (1 OLC), the Army Achievement Medal (2 OLC), the Special Forces TAB, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, and the Master Parachutist's Badge. He

is survived by his son (Cody) and daughter (Lauren).

A graveside service was held at the Kingsley Lake Cemetery in Starke, Florida on February 8th, 2025.

JACK ROWLAND

A-717



Jack Roland, 89 passed away at the Thomson-Hood Veterans Center in Wilmore, Kentucky. Jack served honorably with 11th Airborne Division in Korea and later supported Special Forces operations during the Cuban missile crisis.

After his discharge from active duty, Jack worked as the District Sales Manager for the Ford Motor Company. He is survived by wife (Mary) and sons (Conor, Kemp). A memorial service will be held at the Centenary Church in Lexington, Kentucky on April 14th, 2025. Interment to be at Camp Nelson National Cemetery in Nicholasville, Kentucky.



ROY RUPPERT, SR.

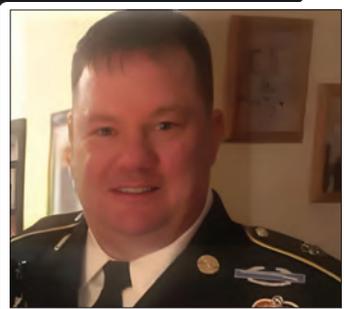
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(COL) (R) Roy Ruppert, Sr., 90, passed away at his home in Loudon, Tennessee on December 21st, 2024. Roy entered the U.S. Army after graduation from West Virginia University.

11 years of his 33-year military career was spent assigned to the 16th and 19th SFG(A). Roy was the former owner of Southeastern Energy in Louisville, Tennessee.

He is survived by his son (Michael) and daughter (Vanessa). A funeral service was held at the Davis Funeral Home in West Union, West Virginia. Interment is in the West Union Masonic Cemetery.



WILLIAM SHIVLER, JR.

D-9345



William "Bill" Shivler, Jr., 56 of Tipp City, Ohio passed away on November 16th, 2024.

Bill enlisted in the U.S Army where he served in various units before volunteering for Special Forces duty in 2003. He was awarded his TAB in 2004 and assigned to the 5th SFG(A).

In 2013 he was reassigned to the 1st Special Warfare Training Group for three years before returning to the 5th SFG(A) in 2016. Bill was honorably retired from active after 29 years of service.

Among his awards and decorations are The Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star (4 OLC), the Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC), the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Ranger TAB, the Special Forces TAB, the Military Freefall Badge, and the Master Parachutist's Badge.

Bill is survived by father William.

A funeral service was held at the Neal-Tarpley-Parchman Funeral Home in Clarksville, Tennessee on December 7th, 2024.

NEIL SWEET

D-7442



Neil Sweet, 73, of Twin Lake, Michigan passed away on December 27th, 2024. After being honorably discharged from the U.S. Marine Corps, Neil continued his military service by joining the 12th SFG(A) in 1979.

He was awarded his Special Forces qualification in 1985. As president of the Vietnam Vets Motorcycle Club for many years, Neil exemplified a deep commitment to his fellow veterans. He is survived by his son (Neil, Jr.) and daughter (Traci).

No funeral arrangements are planned at this time.

**THOMAS TWOMEY, JR.****D-3706**

CSM(R) Thomas Twomey, Jr., 94 of Fayetteville, North Carolina passed away on December 23rd, 2024.

Tom was a combat veteran of both the Korean and Vietnam Wars having served with the 3rd Infantry Division and the 5th SFG(A) respectively.

He is survived by his wife (Erika), sons (Thomas, Rodger, and Richard), and daughters (Jo Ann and Audrey).

No services are planned at this time.

JAMES WELLS**D-6393**

James O. Wells, 93, of Montpelier, Virginia passed away on January 9th, 2024. Jim enlisted in the U.S. Navy at the age of 17 and served for two years before transferring to the U.S. Army. He volunteered for Special Forces duty in 1959.

During his twenty-year Army career, Jim served with 77th, 7th, 10th SFG(A), the PRU (Vietnam).

Among his awards and decorations are the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the United Nations Korean Service Medal, and the Parachutist's Badge.

Retiring from active duty, Jim became a North Carolina State Trooper. He is survived by his sons (James, Gary) and daughter (Patricia). There will be a private memorial service held in his honor at a later date.

JOHN WILLIAMS**M-13304**

John Williams, 78 of Vero Beach, Florida passed away unexpectedly on November 26th, 2024. John enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1963. In 1967, he volunteered for Special Forces duty, successfully completed the Special Forces Engineer Course, and was assigned to the 6th SFG(A).

Later that year, John was reassigned to the 5th SFG(A) in Vietnam where he joined SFOD-A 109 (Thuong Duc). Returning stateside, John was again assigned to the 6th SFG(A) before being honorably discharged from active duty.

In civilian life John had a long and distinguished career as an Operations Agent with Delta Airlines.

Among his awards and decorations are the Vietnam Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal (w/60 device), the Presidential Unit Citation, the Meritorious Unit Citation, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, and the Parachutist's Badge.

John was a valued member of SFA Chapter 75.

He is survived by his wife (Lavina). Interment is in a family plot in Beverly Hills, Michigan.

OTHER FALLEN COMRADES

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Nicholas Pazuros		December 13th, 2024
Dennis Allard	M-12942	December 30th, 2019
Wayne Uptagrafft	M-9644	July 5th, 2023
Kenneth Pride, Jr	M-5922	March 2nd, 2024
Homer Pence	A-4250	January 30th, 2022
Bill Bolanos	M-14683	February 2nd, 2021
Raymond Derby	D-967	December 2nd, 2022
William Guenon	A-3221	July 13th, 2023
Adolph Perthuis	M-215	February 16th, 2023
Harry Parrish, Jr	A-1437	August 1, 2009
Frederick Peters	M-9295	November 7th, 2017
Michael Harding	M-1829	July 2nd, 2024
John Anderson		December 3rd, 2024
James T. Robinson	D-3125	February 7th, 2025
Ronald McCracken	D-4658	February 25th, 2019
Boncrossy Blankeney	D-4605	September 16th, 2019
Thomas B. Connell, Jr	D-8062	June 28th, 2020
Heriberto 'Eddie' Limas	M-1493	December 20th, 2020
Alfred John Thurston	D-3720	September 18th, 2020
Donald Sweigart	M-13556	November 16th, 2020

CONDOLENCES

WE RESPECTFULLY SEND OUR CONDOLENCES



Carol Ann Shank

Condolences to Stanley Shank on the passing of his wife Carol Ann on December 5th, 2024.



Joint SOAS/SFA POW/MIA Committee Update

This last December, while on vacation to Vietnam with his wife Chan, Mike Eiland took some time to meet with the DPAA Joint Team Detachment Commander and other officials to discuss current and future operations regarding the search for unaccounted for service US service members. Mike submitted this extensive report of his visit.

Mike Eiland is an active member of the Joint SOA/SFA POW/MIA Committee.

David Gordon, Chair, Joint SOA/SFA POW/MIA Committee

16 December 2024

MEMORANDUM for SFA/SOA POW/MIA Committee

Subject: AAR – Eiland Meetings in Hanoi, 6-10 December 2024

Contacts:

- COL TJ Bouchillon, USA, Defense Attaché
- Mike Najim, TDY Stony Beach officer
- Hai Nguyen, Director of the Unseen Legacies of the Vietnam War Project at Harvard Kennedy Center
- MAJ Daniel Romans, USMC, Marine Attaché
- LTC Travis Walter, USA, Commander, DPAA Detachment 2

I. DEVELOPMENTS IN ARCHIVAL ACCESS

Two tracks have developed that hold promise for increased access to SRV archives. Initial indications are positive on both tracks.

Track one: The SRV Deputy Minister of Defense Sr LTG Vo Minh Luong visited the US National Archives in late-July of this year as part of a greater trip to Washington, Boston, and Hawaii. His father had fought against the US 25th ID, and he was given documents and information that pertained to his father's situation.

The Defense Attache Office believes this was a key driver behind the SRV government's decision to slowly begin a process of reciprocal access to Vietnamese national archives.

When visiting Hawaii and the DPAA lab on the same trip, the deputy minister presented GEN Flynn with some artifacts of the 25th ID that were recreated with the help of Harvard-contracted researchers.

(Documents were PAVN intelligence assessments of 25th ID strength, capabilities, and force disposition -- none related to PW/MIA cases).

"Two tracks have developed that hold promise for increased access to SRV archives. Initial indications are positive on both tracks."

Track two: Separately, the US Embassy Hanoi Public Affairs Officer established contact with the Director General (DG) of the State Records and Archives Department of Vietnam, Dang Thanh Tung. The DG volunteered that Vietnam has a new law directing that archives be more open to direct access; he is determined to fully implement that law.

On 10 December 2024 a delegation from the embassy, including Ambassador Marc Knapper, members of the Defense Attaché Office (Stony Beach), and DPAA Detachment 2, joined a team of Harvard researchers to visit National Archives Center III in Hanoi.

(The exact structure of the Vietnamese national archives is not clear. There are six centers under the Director General: three in Hanoi, two in Saigon, and one in Dalat.)

The Harvard team is from the Harvard Kennedy School. It is working under a contract from DoD (not DPAA) to assist the Vietnamese in archival research related to their own war dead. This effort includes searching US archives and, possibly moving forward, assisting the Vietnamese with searching their own archives.

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(Everyone I spoke to on the US military side emphasized the effort to help the Vietnamese recover remains of their own war dead as very helpful to gaining their cooperation on our interests.) Whatever information the Harvard team acquires is forwarded to National Steering Committee 515 of the SRV Ministry of National Defense (MND).

The DG volunteered that Vietnam has a new law directing that archives be more open to direct access; he is determined to fully implement that law.

There is no connection to VNOSMP, nor does 515 forward the information to the national archives. Currently the information is vetting through the MND Political Dept before release to VN families]. DG Tung has asked the Harvard team to share the information with his organization also.

Following is an excerpt from the US Embassy Facebook page about the visit:

"#AmbassadorKnapper toured the National Archives Center III with the Harvard Global Vietnam Studies Initiative for an insightful discussion on finding, archiving, and sharing wartime documents and artifacts to facilitate the location and identification of missing persons. He also learned about the history of Vietnam's national emblem.

Collaboration among archivists and researchers in the United States and Vietnam supports reconciliation and can provide closure and healing to Vietnamese families."

It remains unclear to me what the modalities for access to SRV archival materials will be. It is also unclear to me how the MND relates to the national archives.

However, it is clear that significant steps toward access have been taken, and that the indications for further progress are positive.

What we can do:

- Encourage the memberships of SFA and SOA to look for and turn over any physical or written materials related to NVA or VC individuals as a step toward enhancing SRV cooperation on gaining information on our own missing.
- Keep DPAA at all levels and the Defense Attache Office in Hanoi aware of our special interest and willingness to cooperate in cases of SF and/or MACVSOG missing.

A word of caution: Things are going in a positive direction now, but still at a sensitive stage.

Our best COA is to take a supportive stance and not to engage in an operational sense in the process that is underway. Attempted direct involvement by outside elements, however well-intentioned, could upset the apple cart.

II. STONY BEACH MATTERS

- The Harvard project is very well-received by the Vietnamese side. Helpful in securing SRV cooperation.
- Stony Beach has interviewed four Unit 75 veterans. They are very old and reluctant to go out on the trail.
- Efforts to locate and interview Montagnards are on hold since the incident in Dak Lak Province in which a police outpost was attacked and eight policemen killed. Contacting Montagnards is always sensitive, but in the current sensitive environment it is impossible.

- Exploitation of ARVN records, e.g., PW interrogation reports, might produce useful leads. Finding such records is a challenge.
- Ishi's idea of paying the SRV to do archival research is worth trying, as long as (a) strict standards of quality of information are enforced, and (b) no money is paid up front.

III. MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS

- DET 2 has no problem getting MI-17 helicopter support from both Northern Helicopter Company and Southern Helicopter Company as long as they are scheduled 90 days ahead. The latter also has helicopters operating in Indonesia and India (firefighting) so there is a possibility it could be stretched thin.

Each company is periodically inspected and certified (not sure which US organization does this - FAA?).

- DET 2 has no liaison with the K Teams. It doesn't look like there are plans to establish liaison.
- The DATT said "we are careful to not use the term "MIA" when referring to PAVN war dead or unaccounted for. We reserve that term for missing Americans."
- Ambassador Knapper has visited the large ARVN cemetery near Bien Hoa to pay respects to those buried there. His predecessor twice-removed, Ted Osius, established the precedent in 2017 after a long period of nagging the Vietnamese government to facilitate visits and to permit the families to do maintenance on the graves.

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In general, though, the government has no interest at all in ARVN losses.

IV. MEL

	All sites	Open sites
Vietnam	51	23
Laos	62	18
Cambodia	7	2

Laos Issue Update:

During the DPAA Family/VSO Quarterly Update on January 29, 2025 the following information was provided concerning the current issues of diplomatic protection for US employees (and

their families) who are permanently assigned to our detachment (DET) there. The Lao Government has not agreed to provide that protection. In resuming Joint Field Activities (JFA) last fall, DPAA institute mitigation measures to Protect their personnel.

Recognizing the latter is not sustainable, they have begun steps that will eventually relocate all US personnel from the Laos DET by 2028.

The US personnel supporting operations in Laos will do so TDY from DPAA's Det in Bangkok. The dedicated LAO employees will continue to work in the DET in Vientiane. DPAA does not anticipate in degradation on their operations in Laos.

David Gordon, Chair, Joint SOA/SFA POW/MIA Committee.



- ▼ *Ambassador Knapper, four Harvard researchers, and National Archives staff at National Archives Center III in Hanoi (taken from the SRV National Archives Facebook page).*





SFA Chapter 72 is partnering with Swim With A Mission and Camp Resilience to offer some great prizes in an online raffle being run in conjunction with the June 28th, 2025 Green Beret With a Mission Challenge (GBWMC).

It is a charity event soldiers face in their missions and is led by Green Berets. You can learn more about the GBWMC (and see videos) at <https://bit.ly/4gv3nJC>. The proceeds of the event support SFA Chapter 72 and Camp Resilience, which runs outdoor therapeutic retreats for military personnel, veterans and first responders.

Several of the prizes offered may be of interest to SFA members. They include:

- 4 engraved Sig Sauer 1911x .45 Cal or M-17 9mm pistols in a customized display case (see the example on the right that was raffled off at the 10th SFG Return to Devens event last fall.)
- V-42 stiletos engraved with the SF crest
- A gift basket from Leatherwood Distillery, owned by a 5th SFG vet, that includes things like "Snake Eater" bourbon!



Scan to enter raffle!



— SFA CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

1. Do you support adding a 7th elected member to the National Board of Officers? *Yes or No*

CURRENT CONSTITUTION VERBIAGE:

Section 1. Association Officers. The Association officers govern the Association during their two-year term in office. Association officers are elected from the voting membership during an election year. Elections are held in accordance with Article VIII, Elections. The officers serve without compensation, but the president, with approval of the Association officers, may authorize travel expenses for the conduct of Association affairs. The Association officers consist of six voting members: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of External Communications, and Project Management Officer.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL VERBIAGE:

Section 1. Association Officers. The Association officers govern the Association during their two-year term in office. Association officers are elected from the voting membership during an election year. Elections are held in accordance with Article VIII, Elections. The officers serve without compensation, but the President, with approval of the Association officers, may authorize travel expenses for the conduct of Association affairs. The Association officers consist of seven members: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of External Communications, Special Projects Officer and Adjutant. The President is not a voting member of the Board unless one of the other six positions of the Board is vacant, requiring the President to become a sixth voting member, only for the duration of the vacancy.

ISSUE:

The President currently votes in all NBO decisions requiring approval or disapproval. A majority of the votes are motions the President proposes.

DISCUSSION:

Adding a 7th elected officer, the Adjutant, removes the voting power from the President.

2. Should Associate Members have the right to serve in an elected position at the Chapter Level? *Yes or No*

CURRENT CONSTITUTION VERBIAGE:

C. Office Holding Rights. A member must meet the prerequisites as outlined in Article IV, Section II, paragraph B, and subparagraph (1) to be elected as an Association officer. A member must meet the prerequisites as outlined in Article IV, Section II, paragraph B to be elected as a chapter officer. All members, to include honorary and associate members, may serve on any Association or chapter committee or ad hoc body. Committees or positions are not elected positions and will be appointed by the National Board of Officers as required. At the Chapter level, any deviation from this paragraph will be dealt with on an individual chapter basis by majority vote of Chapter

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL VERBIAGE:

C. Office Holding Rights. A member must meet the prerequisites as outlined in Article IV, Section II, paragraph B, and subparagraph (1) to be elected to the National Board of Officers. A member must meet the prerequisites as outlined in Article IV, Section II, paragraphs B or C to be elected as a chapter officer. All members, to include honorary and associate members, may serve on any Association or chapter committee or ad hoc body. Committee and ad hoc body

positions are not elected and will be appointed as required. At the Chapter level, any restriction to this paragraph will be considered on an individual chapter basis by majority vote and placed in the Chapter by-laws.

ISSUE:

Article IV, Section II, para B covers Special Forces qualified members. Article IV, Section II, para C covers Associate Members. Current Constitution restricts Associate members from holding elected officer positions at the Chapter level.

DISCUSSION:

If approved, this amendment will change the Constitution to allow Associate members to hold office but will allow Chapters to restrict Associate members from office if voted on and added to their by-laws. "You can add to but not take away...."

3. Redefine "Immediate Family"? *Yes or No*

Yes or No, Amend ARTICLE IV, Section II, Paragraph C - Associate Member (Definition of Immediate Family)

Voting YES - changes the definition to: Immediate family is defined as surviving widow/partner, adult children and siblings, and parents of a Special Forces qualified member.

Voting NO - no change to the current Constitution – "Immediate family is defined as surviving widow and children of SF KIA."

ISSUE:

Current verbiage does not include all the immediate family and only has provisions for those who KIA.

DISCUSSION:

IRS guidelines for a 501c19 defines immediate family as surviving widow/partner, adult children and siblings, and parents of a servicemember. This change would allow immediate family members of all deceased Special Forces qualified members to become members.

4. Provide Medal of Honor Recipient Free Life Membership? *Yes or No*

Yes or No – Amend Article IV, Membership, Section IX. Dues and Fees, C. Life Membership Fee

Voting YES - adds "Special Forces qualified persons who are awarded the Medal of Honor will be presented a SFA Life Membership at no cost to the recipient."

Voting NO - no change to the current Constitution

ISSUE: Recognition of SF-qualified MoH recipients

DISCUSSION:

Numbers involved will not have an adverse impact on SFA. There is a total of 61 living MoH recipients from all services, and many of the living GB members are already members.

V/r

Chris Wilkerson, President, SFA NBO



BOOK REVIEW

***Grit to Glory* by Darrell Utt – A Journey of Resilience, Leadership, and the Warrior’s Spirit**

Review by: Doug Livermore

In *Grit to Glory: A Green Beret's Journey from West Virginia to the Streets of Baghdad*, Darrell Utt delivers a gripping memoir that is much more than a recounting of military exploits. It is a story of transformation, endurance, and leadership forged through hardship. Utt takes readers on an unforgettable journey from his humble beginnings in rural West Virginia to the crucible of modern warfare in Baghdad, capturing the essence of what it means to serve as a Special Forces soldier.

The memoir opens with vivid scenes from Utt's childhood, where he builds the foundation for the "grit" that later defines his life. Growing up in a small West Virginia town, Utt faced his share of challenges and learned early on the value of hard work, resilience, and community. These early life lessons became crucial to his development as a Green Beret, preparing him for the physical, emotional, and mental demands of service in the U.S. Army Special Forces.

When the narrative transitions to his time in the military, the pace intensifies, immersing the reader in the high-stakes world of Special Forces operations. Utt's accounts of his 2006 deployment to Baghdad as team sergeant of Operational Detachment Alpha (ODA) 043 are raw, detailed, and deeply personal. He walks us through the intricacies of unconventional warfare, from planning and executing complex missions to engaging with local partners for intelligence gathering and security operations.

Each mission is a reminder of the razor-thin margin between life and death in combat and the profound responsibilities carried by those in leadership roles.

Utt doesn't shy away from sharing the difficult moments—those times when the burden of leadership weighs heavily. Yet, these moments provide some of the most powerful lessons in the book. His reflections on loss, the chaos of war, and the challenges of maintaining morale among his team give the memoir its emotional depth. Through it all, the bonds of brotherhood among Special Forces soldiers stand out as a recurring theme, illustrating the unique camaraderie that sustains them through even the darkest days.

One of the most valuable aspects of *Grit to Glory* is the introduction of Utt's "Grit Code." This set of eight principles—developed from his experiences on and off the battlefield—serves as a guide for anyone seeking to overcome adversity and lead with purpose. These principles emphasize resilience, adaptability, and accountability, offering practical wisdom that transcends the military context. While the book is filled with action and high-stakes drama, it's these life lessons that leave the most lasting impression.

Utt's writing style is both accessible and engaging, striking a balance between gritty realism and thoughtful reflection. He brings readers directly into the action with vivid descriptions and

a conversational tone that makes even the most complex military operations easy to follow. At the same time, his introspective moments invite readers to pause and reflect on their own lives, drawing parallels between the challenges he faced in combat and the challenges we all face in our personal and professional journeys.

Beyond its military context, Grit to Glory resonates as a story of perseverance and transformation. It's a powerful reminder that adversity can be a catalyst for growth, that leadership is forged in the crucible of hard experiences, and that grit is often the defining trait that separates success from failure. Utt's journey is a testament to the human spirit's capacity to endure, adapt, and thrive.

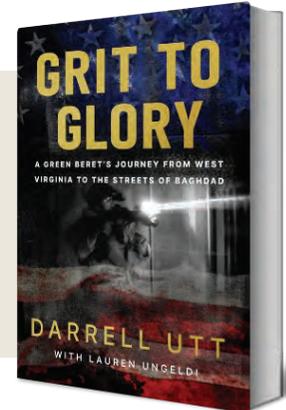
For those interested in military history, leadership, or simply an inspiring story of overcoming the odds, Grit to Glory is an essential read. Darrell Utt has not only provided a valuable contribution to the

literature on Special Forces operations but has also given readers a practical and inspiring blueprint for resilience and success.

For further insights into Utt's experiences and the philosophy behind the "Grit Code," you can explore his interview at the link below:

<https://youtu.be/jDfmSXk9D0w?si=ii7cxhgxZWRsRMpy>

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MON 22nd	TUE 13rd	WED 24th	THU 25th	FRI 26th	SAT 27th
	Registration Country Inn & Suites Clarksville TN 1600-2000	Registration Country Inn & Suites Clarksville TN 1000-1600	Registration Country Inn & Suites Clarksville TN 1000-1600	Registration Country Inn & Suites Clarksville TN 1000-1600	President's Breakfast Chapter Safehouse 10355 Bell Station RD Oak Grove KY 0800-1000
<u>Flag Football Tournament</u> Fryer Stadium FTCKY 0800-1200 Championship Game 1100	<u>THOR3 Competition</u> 5th SFG Turf Field FTCKY 0700-0900	<u>Airborne Operation</u> Bastogne DZ FTCKY 1000-16000	<u>Prayer Breakfast</u> Hall of Heroes FTCKY 0800-1000	<u>Golf Scramble</u> Cole Park GC FTCKY 0700-1700	<u>Reunion Bike Ride</u> Chapter Safehouse Registration 0800-1000 Wheels Up 1000
<u>Softball Competition</u> FTCKY 1200-1600	<u>Softball Finals</u> FTCKY 1200-1600	<u>Chapter 38 Nashville Trip</u> Nashville Area 0900-UTC	<u>Open House</u> 5th SFG Footprint 1000-1430	<u>Catfishing Trip</u> Clarksville Marina 0700-1300	<u>Color Run & 5K</u> 5th SFG Footprint Fort Campbell Ky 0900-1100
		<u>Family Picnic</u> Bastogne DZ FTCKY 1000-1600	<u>FRG Tent Sale</u> 5th SFG Footprint 1000-1430	<u>Staff Ride (distillery tour)</u> local area 0800-1630 Departs from Country Inn and Suites	<u>Family Obstacle Course</u> 5th SFG Obstacle Course 0930-UTC
	<u>Hospitality Room</u> 1600-2400	<u>Old and New Mixer</u> Hall of Heroes FTCKY 1400-1800	<u>Family Shoot</u> Range 70 FTCKY 1000-1430	<u>Reunion Dinner</u> The Silo Event Ctr 110 John Rives RD Hopkinsville KY 1800-2130	<u>Group Picnic</u> Gabriel Field 1600-2130
		<u>Hospitality Room</u> 1600-2400 President's Welcome (1830)	<u>Hospitality Room</u> 1600-2400	<u>Hospitality Room</u> 1600-2400	<u>Hospitality Room</u> 1600-2400



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By Pete Tingstrom

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This was a Green Beret experience like no other. More than 1,600 Special Forces alumni, Gold Star Families, friends, and loved ones embarked on a five-day cruise from Tampa, FL, to the Bahamas. The SF Regimental flag proudly flew from the ship's mast each day as we sailed through the Caribbean.

The adventure began with a Sail-away party featuring Gary Sinise and the LT Dan Band. We hosted ODA, Company, and Group reunions, along with formal dining for BN/SFG (A) and gatherings centered around shared experiences such as MFF, Combat Diver, SOTIC, SFARTAETC, Vietnam, OEF, OIF, and more. Symposiums provided an opportunity for our members and guests to hear directly from the commanders of USSOCOM, USASFC, and other distinguished leaders.

To support SF small businesses, vendor tables were set up onboard, while exciting events awaited at our ports of call in Bimini and Nassau. With all our needs met in one place, there were no worries about drinking and driving—just camaraderie and unforgettable experiences.

Many attendees arrived in Tampa early or stayed late to explore the city, visiting Ybor City's Cuban district, the aquarium, professional sports venues, golf courses, and USSOCOM HQs. The Special Forces Brotherhood Motorcycle Club (SFBMC) even organized a motorcycle ride for enthusiasts before the cruise. For those seeking adventure on the water, we also arranged fishing and diving excursions.



THIS TRULY WAS A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EVENT, BRINGING TOGETHER THE SPECIAL FORCES COMMUNITY LIKE NEVER BEFORE.

The Special Forces Association (SFA) typically secures a convention location two years in advance. However, for 2024, no one had stepped up—until Pete Tingstrom, President of the MSG Earl Kalani Memorial Chapter VIII in Honolulu, Hawaii, took the lead.

Pete had tremendous support from Kevin Harry of the Special Forces Legacy Initiatives (SFLI), a 501(c)(3) organization that fully funded and managed 100% of the cruise registrations. He was also joined by Carle Hurst, spouse of Mike Hurst, who took on the challenging role of Travel Agent, handling over 800 cabin reservations—all without taking a dime. Thanks to their dedication and teamwork, this event became a reality.

Pete led the first-ever National Cruise Committee, bringing together members from across the United States to make this historic event happen. While living in Hawaii, he successfully coordinated an event based in Tampa, Florida—a remarkable feat.

The committee included Kevin Harry, Carlie Hurst, Mike Hurst, Chris Bell, Bonnie Cooper, Pete Lowell, Phil Grounds, Pam Wolf, Danny Pauley, JD Campbell, and Jerry & Joyce Mallare. Thankfully, some members were based in Tampa, assisting with scouting venues and hotels for pre-cruise activities. We also had 3 x all-stars from Carnival Charter Team (Michelle Fleites, Victoria Capps, Dan Polulak), and of course the President of Carnival (Christine Duffy). Their dedication and teamwork played a crucial role in making this event a success.

John Joyce of Excalibur Industries designed the SFACON logo with valuable input from Pete and the cruise committee.

DAY 0: FRI 10/18 TAMPA

Scuba-Diving Day Trip / Recert with trilogy scuba

- 0900: SOCOM Command Briefing at MacDill Theater (Speaker: SOCOM Chief of Staff - MG Guillaume "Will" Beaurpere)
- 1030: SOCOM Memorial Event (Troy Daland / Ken Wolf)
- 1030-1530 Motorcycle Ride (POC: SFBMC) with 40 motorcycle enthusiasts
- 1500-1700 SFA NBO October Chapter Leader's Social followed by the 4th Quarter NBO Chapter Leader's Meeting at the Tampa Tap Room (POC: Chris Wilkerson; we had 71 personnel attend in person and many online via Zoom)
- 1630-UTC 5th SFG Happy Hour/Gathering at the Yard House Downtown Tampa (POC: Dean Franks)
- 1800-2200 1st SFG 40th Reactivation Anniversary Party at the Barrymore Hotel Tampa Riverwalk (Pool Deck) (POC: Phil Grounds) where 227 attended



DAY 1: SAT 10/19 EMBARKATION DAY / ATTIRE: CRUISE CASUAL

- 1000-1200: Gary Sinise & the LT Dan Band entertained in the parking area outside of Terminal 3. We had over 829 attend the free concert
- 1045: Passenger Boarding began
- 1200-1400 Sister Luv concert on the Lido Deck
- 1300: VIPs meet with select individuals (Rex Lounge)
- 1400: Passenger Boarding complete
- 1400: Onboard Cake cutting and Welcome/Thank you remarks/Flyover by VIPs: Special Forces Legacy Initiatives (SFLI) and other VIPs
- 1445-1600 Carnival Fun Team led our Sail Away Party on the Lido Deck
- 1600: Ship Departed
- 1600: Green Beret Club Opened (Rotterdam Martini Bar) 9 Aft
- 1620: Parachute Demonstration IVO Peter O.Knight Airport (President of Carnival Cruise Lines, Christine Duffy tandem skydived out of C-23 aircraft right over the ship)
- 1630: 1st SFG Photo on Deck 15 Fwd (Sun Deck)
- 1645: 3rd SFG Photo on Deck 15 Fwd (Sun Deck)
- 1700: 5th SFG Photo on Deck 15 Fwd (Sun Deck)
- 1715: 7th SFG Photo on Deck 15 Fwd (Sun Deck)
- 1730: Panama Photo on Deck 15 Fwd (Sun Deck)

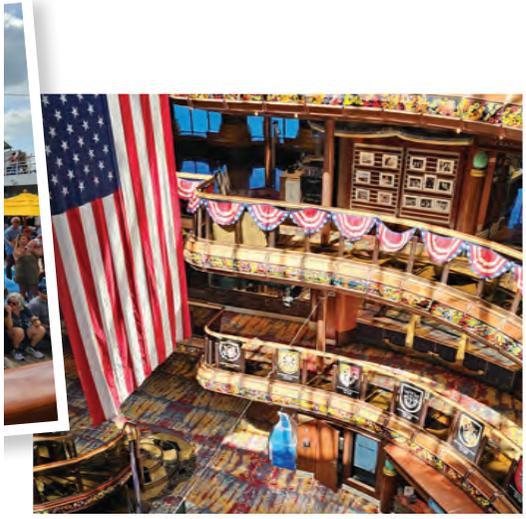


DAY 2: SUN 10/20 AT SEA / ATTIRE: CRUISE CASUAL

- 0800: Interdenominational Service in the Queen Mary Lounge (POC: Chris Bell), 9 Aft
- 0900: Icons of SF (Fred Rice talked about COL Nick Rowe, Susan Rowe, COL Aaron Bank and Robin Moore) in Queen Mary Lounge, 9 Aft
- 1000: Military Appreciate Gathering (Cruise Director/Sister Luv) in Normandie Lounge 8 Fwd
- 1200: Horse Soldier Story (POC: Perry Blackburn) in Queen Mary Lounge, 9 Aft
- 1200: Green Beret Club Open at Rotterdam Martini Bar, 9 Aft
- 1300: SFA On-line Teamhouse Briefing / Overview (Pete Tingstrom) in Queen Mary Lounge, 9 Aft
- 1400: SFLI/GBF/CDF/SOA Updates (20min/20min/5min/5min) in Queen Mary Lounge, 9 Aft
- 1500: Guardians of the Green Beret Presentation (POC: Rich Lallo) in Queen Mary Lounge, 9 Aft
- 1700: SFA Author Reading/Raffle 10 min ea (Brenda Morris, Joe Hastings, Michael Jackson, Scott Mann) in Queen Mary Lounge, 9 Aft

DAY 3: MON 10/21 8AM - 4PM FREEPORT, THE BAHAMAS (HAWAIIAN THEME DRESS NIGHT)





- 0900: Poker Run on board the ship
- 1200: Green Beret Club Open at Rotterdam Martini Bar, 9 Aft
- 1330: The Green Berets (Movie) in Queen Mary Lounge, 9 Aft
- 1500: 10th SFG Photo on Deck 15 Fwd (Sun Deck)
- 1515: 19th SFG Photo on Deck 15 Fwd (Sun Deck)
- 1530: 20th SFG Photo on Deck 15 Fwd (Sun Deck)
- 1545: SWC Photo on Deck 15 Fwd (Sun Deck)
- 1600: Combat Divers on Deck 15 Fwd (Sun Deck)
- 1600: Hawaiian Themed Music (Sister Luv) in Tex Lounge
- 1600: SF Beer/Wine/Liquor Tasting in Queen Mary Lounge, 9 Aft by a number of SF-owned companies

DAY 4: TUE 10/22 8AM-4PM NASSAU, THE BAHAMAS (PIRATE THEME DRESS NIGHT)

As desired: Bearded Clam Party (POC: Chip Bunner)

- 1200: Green Beret Club Open at Rotterdam Martini Bar, 9 Aft
- 1400: SF Berlin "Det A" 39th SF Movie + Q&A (Charlie Duckett and Bob Mitchel) in Queen Mary Lounge, 9 Aft
- 1500: 6th SFG Photo on Deck 15 Fwd (Sun Deck)
- 1515: 8th SFG Photo on Deck 15 Fwd (Sun Deck)
- 1530: 11th SFG Photo on Deck 15 Fwd (Sun Deck)
- 1545: 12th SFG Photo on Deck 15 Fwd (Sun Deck)
- 1600: Son Tay Raid Movie in Queen Mary Lounge, 9 Aft
- 1600: 46th Company Photo on Deck 15 Fwd (Sun Deck)
- 1615: MACV-SOG Photo on Deck 15 Fwd (Sun Deck)
- 1630: Berlin/Det A Photo on Deck 15 Fwd (Sun Deck)



DAY 5: WED 10/23 AT SEA (CRUISE ELEGANT/FORMAL DRESS NIGHT)

- 0900: SFA General Membership Meeting (Chris Wilkerson) in Normandie Lounge 8 Fwd
- 1030: Operation Pineapple Express Story (Scott Mann) in Normandie Lounge 8 Fwd
- 1130: Unknown Heroes: Behind Enemy Lines at D-Day Movie (Sponsored by theGBF) in Queen Mary Lounge, 9 Aft
- 1200: Green Beret Club Opened at Rotterdam Martini Bar, 9 Aft
- 1200: Last Out - Elegy of a Green Beret Movie (Scott Mann) in Queen Mary Lounge, 9 Aft
- 1430: Banquet Prelude Entertainment (Sister Luv) in Normandie Lounge 8 Fwd
- 1500: Banquet Welcome by President Chris Wilkerson/Guest Speaker was Chris North/Awards (SFA) in Normandie Lounge 8 Fwd
- 1630: Banquet Cocktail Hour / Photo Sessions (All) in Rotterdam Bar / Promenade Deck and Rex Lounge, 9 Aft
- 1730: Movement to Dining Room (All signed up) Elation/Destiny Restaurant Deck 8
- 1800: Banquet Opening Remarks (All signed up) Elation/Destiny Restaurant Deck 8
- 1810: Dinner (All signed up) Elation/Destiny Restaurant Deck 8



DAY 6: THU 10/24 - SHIP ARRIVES TO TAMPA / ATTIRE: CRUISE CASUAL

- 0800: Ship arrived to Tampa
- 1130: Time to be off the ship
- TBD: Ybor City Underworld Film (SFA Ch 11 member Steve Hollingshead Producer) at The Bad Monkey Bar
- TBD: Mafia Tour in Ybor City Tour Guide: Scott Ditcher (also Author of the book "Cigar City Mafia") start at King Corona Cafe (\$35 tour price)
- 11am-2pm: Lunch at the Columbia Restaurant



Throughout the cruise, our members were able to tell their stories on the EverydayGsd (Get Shit Done) Podcast, produced by Justin Escue (Producer) and Interviewed by the incomparable Darin Bibeau. Watch our member's interviews at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCg3K0QNq5CvTt48hBoBcPUw>. Also available on Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/show/7yHF0q3fHlUmaCrUlosMeL>.

Some of the members already posted from their interview are: Episode 58 (MG David "Johnny" Baratto), Episode 59 (Pete Tingstrom), Episode 60 (JP Cervantes), Episode 61 (Pat Flatley), and Episode 62 (Chris Wilkerson).

Lastly, to those who volunteered to support the various activities we planned, the professional development and symposiums on the ship, entertainment, etc. So many to thank, and I hope I remember all of them: Dream Vacations, Carnival Paradise Crew, Sister Luv, Red7Tees, John Joyce (Excaliber Industries), Various liquor/wine companies (Horse Soldier Distillery, Heritage Distilling Co, Four Branches Bourbon, Tributum Wines, Vista Del Rey Vineyards, Wisconsin Veteran Farm, LLC, etc), Tampa Tap Room, Special Forces Charitable Trust (SFCT), Yardhouse Downtown Tampa, Special Forces Brotherhood Motorcycle Club (SFBMC), Masters Tiki Grill, Chip Bunner (The Bearded Clam), Vincent Pestilli/Kevin Paicos (donated pistol for raffle), Jeremy Miller (Lionfish Cyber Security), Joe Hastings (donated items for silent auction), Roy

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During and after the cruise, I received hundreds of heartfelt thank-you for bringing this event to life. We laughed, we cried—it was truly the best gathering of Green Berets I have ever been a part of. Everywhere you went on the ship, you'd run into another brother-in-arms—some you hadn't seen in decades. The camaraderie and reconnections made this an unforgettable experience. The cruise was so successful, many are already ready to go again. 🇺🇸





SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE 2025

www.specialforcesassociation.org/sfacon-2025/

EARLY WARNING ORDER

- WHEN:** 13-17 OCTOBER 2025
- ELIGIBILITY:** SFA Members in good standing are eligible to register.
- WHERE:** The Orleans Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV
Reserve online: <https://bit.ly/3ErdtOi> or by phone 800-675-3267
- RATES:** Sun – Thurs: \$82.48 (includes \$31.48 taxes and fees)
Fri – Sat: \$138.98 (includes \$37.99 taxes and fees)
- SFACON Group code: SFAJ25C
Deadline to reserve a hotel room: 12 September 2025
- REUNION FEES:** Registration for reunion fees will open 1 April 2025.
- FULL – \$285 per person - Includes Hospitality, Luncheon, SFACON Banquet
- OR
- DAILY – \$100 per person per day
Tuesday – Hospitality
Wednesday – Hospitality & Luncheon
Thursday – Hospitality
Friday – Hospitality & SFACON Banquet
- VENDOR TABLES – \$150 each table (must be pre-approved)
- REFUNDS:** All requests for refunds must be submitted to the Registrar.

Updates will be posted on the SFACON 2025 website:

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If you have any questions or need additional information, contact the Registrar.

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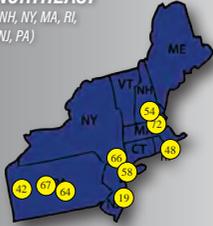
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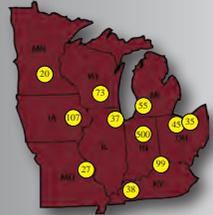
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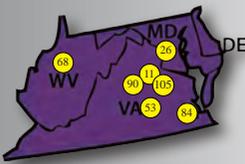
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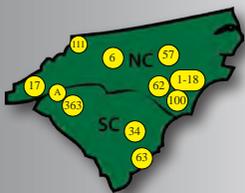
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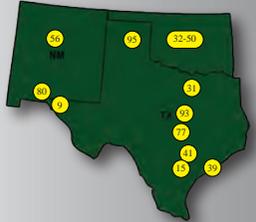
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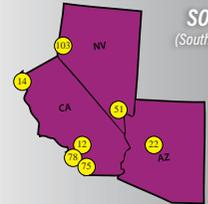
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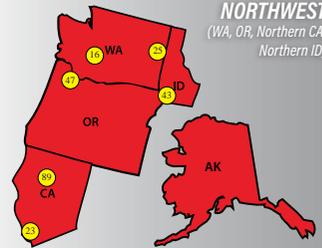
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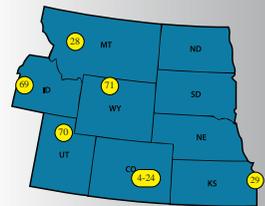
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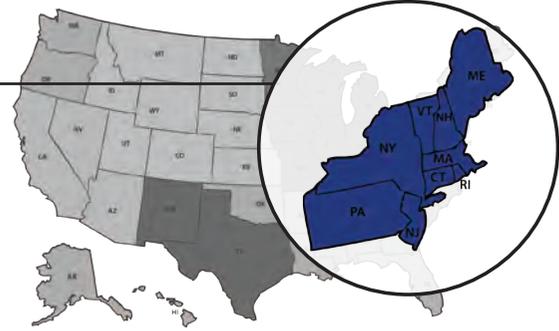
REGION I

Northeast Region

(NEW HAMPSHIRE, NEW YORK, MAINE, NEW JERSEY, RHODE ISLAND, PENNSYLVANIA)

CHAPTERS: XIX (19), XLII (42), XLVIII (48), LIV (54), LVIII (58), LXIV (64), LXVI (66), LXVII (67), LXXII (72)

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CHAPTER XIX

The Ed Muller & Jim Miller Memorial Chapter



PRES : Myles Cappiello
VICE : John Wilson
SEC : Lou Hernandez
TRES : Bob Leicht

New Jersey

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Norwegian Foot March

Chapter 19 conducted its 2nd annual Norwegian Foot March. The Chapter obtained approval to hold the march from Norwegian Defense Attaché in D.C. 140 service members from all branches except Coast Guard and Space Force started at 00:01hrs. Rucks checked for the required 24.25 lbs. The American Red Cross collected food donated by the marchers. AF JROTC Cadets staffed Water Point 1. 79 marchers earned the NFM badge by completing the distance in the required time for their gender and age group. The 82nd Airborne Association had Water Point 2. The course was 9 miles out and 9 back on varied surfaces. Directional arrows and chem lights marked the course. Marcher mix: 140 started (131 active and reserve, 3 retired military, 4 veterans, and 2 civilians). Badge results: 79 earned a badge (youngest earner was 18; oldest, 64; average age, 29). FBI explorers weighed rucks. Marchers checked in at the registration desk, Ms. Susan Satkowski, Honorary Norwegian Consul out of Philadelphia, said a few words of encouragement. Two Norwegian soldiers, one of whom came in with a blistering time of 2hrs and 42min. The 87th Medical Group in support treated twisted ankles, pulled muscles, and exhausted marchers. The opening ceremony included words from Base Commander, CAPT Howell. The 63rd Army Band played U.S. and Norwegian National Anthems. The 87th Security Force Squadron patrolled the route and picked up dropouts.

<https://sfa19.org/norwegian-foot-march-2024/>



Norwegian Foot March



Validation Exercise

Validation Exercise

On Thursday November 21, 2025 at a range on the outskirts of Fort Dix, 13 members and friends of Chapter 19, plus 4 Cadets from Rutgers Army ROTC, served as role players in a sequence of fast-paced scenarios designed to help prepare a four-person Army Civil Affairs Team (CAT) for deployment. The scenarios were centered on a fictitious camp in an ODIN country formed by refugees fleeing hostilities in an adjacent country (see ODIN - OE Data Integration Network for more about the ODIN area study). CA BDE planners wrote an excellent set of scenarios and Chapter 19 added some tweaks.

The CAT's specific mission in this case was to find out all they could about the camp's situation. Chapter 19 members played various foreign roles such as border guards, UNHCR rep, Doctors w/o Borders, CAMFED rep, human rights NGO rep, camp nurse, and camp director. Rutgers ROTC cadets played protesters to distract the CAT as they moved without a break through a series of five separate meetings with area and camp reps.



Chapter Holiday Party

This was about our 10th role play with CA since the beginning of 2020. The CATs are sharp and diligent. They make us proud.

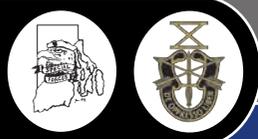
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Chapter Holiday Party

The Chapter held their Holiday Party at our favorite establishment, Woody's Roadside Tavern. This get together joined the Chapter with members of Chapter 66, the 82nd Airborne Division Ass'n, and special guests, Norwegian Consulate who presented Norwegian Foot March Awards. As you might imagine, a good time was had by all.

<https://sfa19.org/chapter-holiday-party-2024/>

PRES : Al Tolleson
 VICE : John Nottell
 SEC : Steve Kelley
 TRES : John Hardman
 SGT at ARMS : Chris Carreiro



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CHAPTER XLVIII
 The Rhode Island Chapter

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Rhode Island

Many years ago, Chapter 48 started to compile a list of the names of departed brothers that evolved into our Roll Call of Remembrance. The list was primarily made up of those who had served in one of the several SF units that had been in the RI National Guard structure over the years. The list was expanded to add the name of any SF soldier with a connection to Rhode Island when a family member or a chapter member requested that his name be added.

We created a tab on our former website that listed the names and when you clicked on the name, a photo, if available, and a bio/obit was presented. The Roll Call of Remembrance can still be accessed at www.48SFA.net/RCOR.php Each Memorial Day the list is read at our ceremony conducted at our monument located at the RI Veterans Memorial Cemetery. In addition, their names are engraved in granite paving stones that compose the walkway at the monument.

In December 2024, we initiated an independent effort to honor our departed brothers by placing wreaths on their resting places. Previously we had participated in an established formal program which restricted us to honoring only our brothers who were buried in the RI Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Lacking the constraints imposed by the formal program, we were able to place wreaths on graves located in 9 cemeteries located in RI, 5 in CT and 1 in MA. Their service ranged from WWII, Korea, Vietnam and the Global War on Terror.

SFC Paul Rochford, aka: Rocky, was an 18-year-old who served with the 17th Airborne Division during WWII. He would later join Company D, 16th SFGA. SFC Joe Bourassa served with the 187th Regimental Combat Team in Korea and made two combat jumps. He would later join Company C, 5/20SFGA.



Chapter 48 honoring CPT Ronld M. Goulet, St. Bernard's Cemetery, Enfield, CT



Chapter 48 honoring SFC Joseph W. Bourassa, St Mary's Cemetery, Uxbridge, MA



Chapter 48 honoring SFC Paul R. Rochford Forest Chapel Cemetery, Barrington, RI

Chapter XLVIII (48) Continued...



Steve Kelley and the Adjutant General of Rhode Island and the Commanding General of the Rhode Island National Guard BG Andrew J. Chevalier

CPT Ronald Goulet was born in North Smithfield, RI. He served with MACV-SOG. He was KIA during an operation conducted in Cambodia. His grave proved challenging to locate. The cemetery does not have section or plot markers. Mike "never say quit" Wong, after two attempts, was finally able to complete the mission. SFC Eric Minor was a member of Company A, 2/19SFGA. He died on Thursday Oct. 14, 2004 as a result of wounds received in a terrorist attack while working for the State Department security contractor DynCorp in the country of Iraq. He is buried in New Mansfield Center Cemetery, CT.

The Rhode Island National Guard conducted a Change of Command ceremony on 31Jan25. The outgoing Commander was MG Christopher Callahan and the incoming Commander is BG Andrew Chevalier. The ceremony was attended by several members of Chapter 48. Chapter 48 is well represented at the RING headquarters. BG Tom Sarrouf, former commander A/2/19SFGA and SOD-G, is the Assistant Adjutant General (Army). Tom is also a Life member of Chapter 48. Mike Wong, former SGM, A/2/19SFGA and CSM, SOD-G is the CSM RING. Mike is also a Life member of Chapter 48. We congratulate BG Andy Chevalier who has been a good friend to SF in RI.

54 **CHAPTER LIV**
 The LTC William F. Buckley Memorial Chapter
 Boston, MA www.sfob54.org



PRES : Kevin Paicos
VICE : Michael Fuenfer
SEC : Alan Kornacki
TRES : George Durfee Jr.



Bill and Susan Friberg are recognized for recently sponsoring a visit by chapter members to the Wright Museum of World War II



Kevin Casey and his son Evan receive thanks for sponsoring an annual fishing trip on Cape Cod



Chapter President Kevin Paicos presents Fran O'Leary with the Member of the Year Award

Chapter 54 members and their guests assembled on December 14th for a Christmas Party at Longfellow's Wayside Inn - an historic site located in Sudbury, MA.

Fran O'Leary received the Member of the Year Award in recognition of his extraordinary success selling tickets for pistol and shotgun raffles that are important sources of income for our chapter. Fran has also staffed our annual foreign weapons shoots and recruited many of his neighbors and friends to attend those events.

Chapter President Kevin Paicos also recognized several sponsors at the party who provided financial support for other chapter activities during 2024 - including Kevin and Evan Casey who sponsored our annual Cape Cod Striper fishing trip, Bill and Susan Friberg who sponsored our trip in October to the Wright Museum, the law firm of Brainsky Levinson who sponsored our Christmas party, and Carl and Susie Ingrao of 4 Seasons Firearms who sponsored our annual cook-out. And of course special thanks were extended to Vin and Lin Pestilli who, via their generous donations annually of a pistol and shotgun, allow the Chapter to raise over \$15,000 each year to support our Scholarships and activities.



Chapter 54 members and guests who attended the annual Christmas party at Longfellow's Wayside Inn

Ch. 54 Member Bob Hunt was the winner of the H&K pistol raffle this year...a beautifully engraved H&K P30SKS.

We plan to organize several special events during 2025 - in addition to the traditional Summer cookout and Christmas party -- for chapter members who live in New England. Because 2025 marks the sesquicentennial of the start of the Revolutionary War, many activities will be scheduled this year in Massachusetts. We also may support visits to the Wall That Heals (the replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial) when it travels to New Hampshire and Maine.

Chapter members Bill Komenda and Kevin Feeney recently passed away. Bill served in the U.S. Army from 1954 until 1995 before retiring as a Sergeant First Class. He was assigned to Company A, 1st Bn/11th SFGA for 31 years as a Demolitions Sergeant and Intelligence Sergeant.

After enlisting in the US Army in 1968, Kevin Feeney served with the 5th SFGA in Vietnam as a Medic on Detachment A-322 in northern Tay Ninh Province at a surveillance camp located 4 kilometers south of the Cambodian border. Kevin was awarded the Bronze Star for his Vietnam War service. He later served with Company A, 1st Bn/11th SFGA and with the 20th SFGA before retiring with the rank of Master Sergeant. They will be sorely missed. RIP Brothers.

PRES : Ronny Diz
VICE : Fred Bradbury
SEC : Lance Finick
TRES : Dominic Filippone
SGT AT ARMS : Tom Fedele



CHAPTER LXVI
 The Kedenburg-Bucca Memorial Chapter

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West Point, NY



Many thanks to new chapter member Tom Aldrich who as also a member of the Darien Country Club in Darien, CT, hosted our January chapter meeting at the club.

This meeting began with an excellent zoom presentation on nutrition and healthy living habits as they apply to dealing with PTSD and other mental health issues.

Chapter LXVI (66) Continued...

Following the presentation was a short business meeting and then a great private buffet lunch. Member's spouses attended and we met new chapter members Chris Fields and Nick Harding for the first time. We also gained another new member Tom Bouchard as local SF veterans were invited to attend. Our next meeting in February will feature a guest speaker on financial strategies. This is also open to all area SF veterans. Planning for Region 1's second Sig Sauer Academy shooting day in May is ongoing.

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72**CHAPTER LXXII**

The Trojan Horse Chapter

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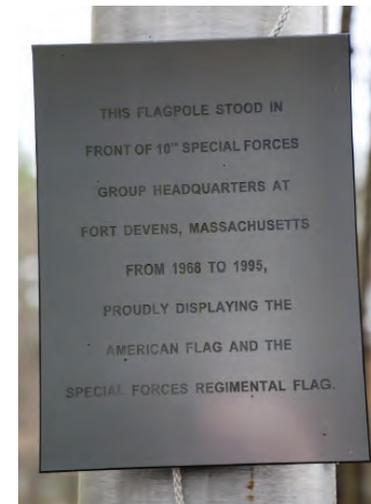
PRES : Richard Giero
VICE : Jim Crispin
SEC : Harry Miller
TRES : Paul Miller

Greetings from the Granite State and the New England Trojan Horse Chapter.

The Chapter's annual Christmas party was hugely successful and very well attended. Special thanks to Jan Crispin and Elaine Reinitzer for spearheading the pot-luck dinner, as well as Frank Clayton for his culinary expertise and preparation of the entrees. For the past several year's we've held our party at the Merrimack, NH VFW and we're honored to share our feast with many of the vets who happen to be there that day. We are now in the planning stages of our annual summer BBQ which will be held on June 21st and is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Ayer Rod and Gun Club, Ayer, MA.



From Left: Jerry Lee, Leon Bly, Ken Ross, Bill Picknell, Bob Charest, Gary Hart, Phil Jobert, Mike Nelson

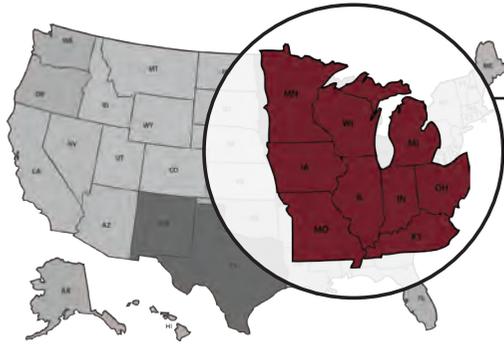


We are also gearing up and looking forward to supporting the annual "Green Beret with a Mission Challenge" (GBWMC). The GBWMC is the philanthropic arm of Camp Resilience of which both organizations are headed up by our Chapter member Kurt Webber. The "Challenge" which is held in June also serves as the Chapter's annual fundraiser with several members volunteering as walkers, point sitters and G-chiefs.

A few of our Chapter members were recently interviewed by Richard Marsh who is writing an historical account of the New Hampshire Veteran's Cemetery in Boscawen, NH. His book will not only recount the history of the cemetery but will also tell the stories of the various monuments at the cemetery. Al Lentsch, Max Quayle and Harry Miller were interviewed and shared their knowledge of the Chapter's history and the relocation of the monument and flagpole which were originally on Fort Devens. (See photo's above)

Please don't hesitate to reach out when traveling through New England as we have several "safe houses" available to fellow Green Berets. Also please feel free to contact our Secretary, Harry Miller at 603-321-5070 or harry.e.miller58@gmail.com for anyone trying to locate/reconnect with our members.

De Oppresso Liber



REGION II

Midwest Region

(MINNESOTA, WISCONSIN, MICHIGAN, ILLINOIS, OHIO, MISSOURI, KENTUCKY)



CHAPTERS: XX (20), **XXVII (27)**, XXXV (35), XXXVI (37), XXXVIII (38), XLV (45), LV (55), LXXIII (73), XCIX (99), CVII (107), D (500)

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 VICE : John Wilcox
 SEC : Dan Kaiser
 TRES : Bill Rouleau



CHAPTER XX

The Kenneth Worthley Memorial Chapter

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Minnesota

We held our Christmas Buffet Luncheon at Majestic Oaks Golf Course in Ham Lake, MN. We have found that a luncheon worked better than a supper due to the unreliable night driving conditions.



Bill Bray and Jim Hovda



Tim Kirk talking to guests, Keith Larson on his left

Keeping with the importance of December 7th we chose to celebrate our only WWII veteran. CSM Bill Bray served on a naval torpedo bomber and was shot down in 1944 near Palawan after a successful mission sinking a transport ship. Ditching 22 miles away, with 4 fatalities among the crew, they were picked up by coast watchers and escaped and evaded with them until they were evacuated by submarine. We honored him at the party for his service 60 years ago. Bill served in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. Ranger and SF qualified he has seen a lot of history!



Chapter Members Xmas 2024

Chapter XX (20) Continued...

Chapter members in the group photo picture are from the back row L to R: Burce Wozniak, John Wilcox, Ron Lachelt, Doug Bekke, Doug Brown, Keith Larson. Front row L to R: Jim Hovda, Dan Kaiser, Bill Bray, Tim Kirk, Bill Rouleau

Mike McIlhiney informed us that the Minnesota DAV will be celebrating their 100th anniversary on April 24. LTC Mark Nutsch will be the guest speaker. He was the team leader of ODA 595 during the initial UW in N. Afghanistan. His team became known as the Horse Soldiers. This will be a great event.

We just received word that a Chapter XX member, Robert "Bob" Pike passed away. He was a Canadian paratrooper that served the United States in Vietnam as a helicopter crew chief and was shot down 3 times during Lam Son 719. No injuries. He went to Rhodesia after Vietnam and served with the Selous Scouts. He was an active member of Chapter XX and worked hard to establish benefits for our SE Asian Allied Veterans. He also wrote a number of military oriented books. He will be especially missed.



Bob Pike on the right

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CHAPTER XXXV

The Christian Girard/Daniel West Memorial Chapter

PRES : Paul Collins
 VICE : JP Guidry
 SEC : Leone DiCesare
 TRES : David Pritash
 CHAPLAIN : Buck Wolford

Northern Ohio

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Greetings to our SF Brothers from NE Ohio Chapter XXXV.

Chapter XXXV held our annual Christmas Party on December 7th at The Medina Veteran's Hall:



Pictured L-R Linda Saul, Col. and Tina Krompecher, Jim and Jeannie Tisone



Pictured (L-R) McHugh, Krug, O'Grady, Buck, Taylor, Collins, DiCesare, Zurawski, Nesline, Lustig, Pearce, Kiehl, Karttunen, Tisone, Pritash and Krompecher

Many thanks to Chapter Member, Col. (R) Dave Taylor, for organizing this event. A special Thanks to Mrs. Sue Taylor for the wonderful room and table decorations.

Chapter XXXV Chaplin, Dr. Buck Wolford, D. Min., BCC, served with the 75th Ranger Regiment prior to his Special Forces career.

Below is a picture of Buck as a young Ranger being inserted into Mogadishu, Somalia in October 1993 in what would become the Battle of Mogadishu part of Operation Gothic Serpent.



"The United States deployed Task Force Ranger to Mogadishu as part of Operation Gothic Serpent in August 1993 to capture Aidid. Task Force Ranger was comprised of soldiers from the 75th Ranger Regiment and 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment-Delta, helicopters from the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, and other special operations personnel. Major General William Garrison commanded the task force."

"The mission dramatically changed when the clan fighters struck a Black Hawk, call sign Super Six One, at 4:15 PM with an RPG, causing it to crash four blocks northeast of the Olympic Hotel.

One week earlier fighters had shot down a 10th Mountain Division helicopter and subsequently desecrated the bodies of those who had died in the crash.

Task Force Ranger had subsequently developed a contingency for a downed helicopter to prevent this from happening again. As soon as the helicopter crashed, air assets were directed to fly to the crash site and evacuate survivors while the Rangers located at the nearest blocking positions and some of the special operations forces from the target immediately ran to the crash site.

The Rangers wanted to secure the site before nearby armed clansmen could overrun the downed helicopter."¹

"No battle since the Vietnam War had killed so many U.S. troops.[19] Casualties included 18 dead American soldiers and 73 wounded."²

¹ Modern War Institute Case Study #9-Mogadishu Liam Collins, Jayson Geroux, and John Spencer | 10.03.24

² Wikipedia Battle of Mogadishu (1993)

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CHAPTER XXXVII

The MG Michael D. Healy Memorial Chapter

Chicago, IL

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PRES : Patrick Crimmins
 VICE : Mark Radziszewski
 SEC : William Stach
 TRES : Michael Tuman



Our Treasurer presenting a donation to VPH



1st Group new member reaction to the drawing

Greetings to all our SF Brothers from Chicagoland Chapter XXXVII.

On the 13DEC24 our Chapter held its annual Christmas party at the Great Escape in Schiller Park Illinois. We had a good turnout from the usual suspects, and we were overjoyed to see several new faces in attendance from our Chapter. The Chapter was well represented by first time guests from the 1st, 5th and 7th Groups not to mention the 12th Group who helped us enjoy the evening. A first-time guest who recently separated from the 1st Group just happened to win our raffle and generously donated the proceeds back to the Chapter! A tip of Beret to you Sir. That selfless gesture helps our Chapter in providing charitable donations to those in need. A donation was also presented to Veterans Path to Hope, a local group who assists homeless veterans who want a chance to rebuild their lives. Overall, a good time was spent with our brothers and extended family. Thank You all for coming and we shall see you again in 2025.

This year not only marks the US Army's 250th Anniversary but also Chapter XXXVII's 40th Anniversary, and we shall celebrate both on 26APR25 at our 28th Annual Military Ball to be held at the Fountain Blue Banquet and Convention Center in Des Plaines Illinois. We are planning events to commemorate both Anniversaries throughout the year and will add such events on Teamhouse as time progresses.



5th Group member & wife during gift exchange with Santa's helper



7th Group member with handmade gift from 12th Group member

Tragically, we must highlight the recent loss of two of Chapter XXXVII’s long-serving officers. Past Vice President and Scholarship Chair Paul Jenista and Past President Albert Krenz both left us in late 2024, and our hearts weigh a tad heavier with their absence. Their dedication and service have profoundly impacted our Chapter, and they will be sorely missed by all who had the honor of knowing them. DOL

Our webpage at www.sfa37.us is back up and running smoothly with new features being added all the time. Also, please check out our Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/SFAch37> for updated future events.

PRES : Joel Pruitt
 VICE : Joshua Burch
 SEC : Michael Cunningham
 TRES : Israel Betanzos




CHAPTER XXXVIII
 The LTG William P. Yarborough Chapter

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www.sfa38.org Fort Campbell, KY



Thanksgiving list



Remembering the Fallen Christmas 2024



Santa and Cindy Lou



Wild hog in Texas

Greetings from Middle Tennessee, South Central Kentucky and Ft Campbell. We hope that each of you are having a great start to 2025. The Chapter continues to be on solid financial ground and our membership continues to grow. Our relationship with the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) remains solid.

The holidays during November and December saw the Chapter spreading cheer and assistance. During Thanksgiving, the Chapter passed out all the fixings, including turkeys, for a holiday meal to 70 Soldiers of the 5th Special Forces Group. None of it would have been possible without the generous donation from David Corlew and the Journey Home Project. In December, we were able to provide \$500 gift cards to 19 families of the Unit to ensure their children received a little something at Christmas.

Remembering our fallen, especially during the holidays has always been a priority for the Chapter. A special thanks for the donation over 120 Christmas wreaths go out to Nathan Clark and the Lowes Corporation. Nearly 100

Soldiers, Gold Star families and Chapter members turned out this year to place Christmas wreaths on all the trees on Gabriel Field. We also continued our participation in the Wreaths Across America event at Resthaven Cemetery in Clarksville Tennessee.

Chapter 38 held its annual Chapter Christmas Party in early December. Over 200 Chapter members, friends, families and the Unit gathered for food and fellowship and of course a visit from Santa. Thanks goes to the ladies of the Chapter, Santa- Ray White, Grinch- Branson Enlow, and Cindy Lou- Heidi Hubbard! A good time was had by all.

Chapter XXXVIII (38) Continued...

In early February 2025, three former Legionnaires participated in a Veterans Hunt in Southwest Texas. For three days, 12 veterans hunted wild hogs and coyotes out of two small helicopters on a 125,000-acre ranch harvesting over 200 hogs and 100 coyotes. Patriot Healing Adventures from New Jersey sponsored the hunt. Thank you, Kevin Downes, Jeff Mortensen, Kirk Chagnon, Toni Regelski, and Rich Vancleft. And thank you Kevin Breedlove, Patriot Catfishing, for referring us to a great organization whose mission is to help veterans and first responders.

We are getting closer to the installation of the Vietnam Memorial portion of our Gabriel Field Legacy Project. By the time you get this, we should have it gifted to the Army and the 5th SFG(A), and ready for dedication prior to the Annual Gold Star Ceremony 17 May 2025. The Chapter and the Night Stalker Association are in the initial planning phase of the Nightstalker/Legion Memorial Shoot to be held at Cross Creeks Sporting Clays, Palmyra Tennessee, 26-19 June 2025. All proceeds go towards supporting the Soldiers and family of the 160th Special Operations Regiment and the 5th SFG(A). Planning is underway for the 64th Annual Reunion/Legion Week. The dates are 20-27 September 2025 (see ad this addition). For more information visit our website at sfa38.org. Hope to see you at one of these events.

Strength and Honor.

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CHAPTER XLV
The Buckeye Chapter

Central Ohio

www.sfa45.org



PRES : Mark Arnold
VICE : Patrick Enlow
SEC : Andy Schneider
TRES : Chadd Kuhn



Chapter member Jim Wetz stands among the "The 76" riders



Chapter members Jim Wetz and Z Krompecher stand with MSG Taraska of B/2/19th SFG(A) at the Special Forces static display at the Ride

Chapter 45 held its 9th annual Freedom Ride fundraiser in Athens, Ohio. The event was managed by chapter member Jim Wetz with the great Americans of AMVETS Post 76 Ohio leading and hosting the ride. Over 80 riders participated in the event hosted by AMVETS Post 76 Riders Group, led by the Riders' president Terrie Berringer.

The Ride was supported by the Athens City Police Department, the Athens County Sheriff's Department, the Ohio State Highway Patrol, the Athens City Fire Department and the Athens County EMS Department. As part of the ride, riders passed underneath a giant American flag that was hung from an Athens Fire Department ladder truck. Logan City American Legion Post 78, Athens City American Legion Post 21, and Albany City AMVETS Post 93 also supported the ride. These posts and all the law enforcement agencies listed above escorted the riders throughout the ride and provided traffic control as well. After the ride Jim Wetz and Mark Arnold presented a plaque of appreciation to the great Americans of AMVETS 76 in Athens, OH.

Chapter 45 is pleased to announce that we have been able to increase our scholarship program to bestow two annual \$3,000 grants of tuition assistance for chapter members, their immediate family members and grandchildren. The tuition assistance can be applied toward any post-high school education including universities and vocational training. This increase in funds was accomplished through our successful Freedom Ride and 3 Gun Shoot fundraising events.



Terrie Berringer, of "The 76" riders, registers a rider



Chapter President Mark Arnold and chapter member Jim Wetz present "The 76er" Riders with a plaque of appreciation for their support and coordinating the fundraising Ride

Like other chapters, we meet regularly, and we meet twice monthly in two locations. Our average monthly attendance is over 40 members. To see the chapter's latest news, upcoming events, and memorials go to www.sfa45.org.

PRES : Doug Sherd
 VICE : Mike Jaciuk
 SEC : Chris Mize
 TRES : Doug Morgan



CHAPTER LV
 The Michael May Memorial Chapter

55

www.sfchap55.org

Michigan

Michigan Chapter 55 is in the middle of another fine winter. Our last meeting was in November and the next one will be in April after all the snow is gone. In the meantime, the staff has been working on recruitment for the Chapter. Many of our members are Vietnam era veterans who are aging out at ± 80 years of age and are facing all the challenges that come with that. Because of our state's location, we do not have a recruiting opportunity close to an active SF Group or military base and, given the average age of our current membership, our ability to contact and recruit new members is very limited.



We are striving for an infusion of younger SF veterans to begin to take the reins of running the Chapter, and who have contacts of other potential new members. All SF soldiers are trained leaders and the recent "War on Terror" has generated the best trained and most technically capable soldiers that have ever served. We need new ideas along with more vision and energy that this younger generation can bring.

Sick call: our current Chapter President, Doug Sherd, will finish his second two-year term at the end of this year. He has a health challenge that required a recent hospital stay and ongoing issues related to that which will limit his mobility and activity level for the remainder of his term. We will support him any way we can and the Chapter staff will pick up the slack.

Chapter LV (55) Continued...



At this time it is appropriate to support and pray for our country's newly elected administration. Hopefully, they will bring new energy and vision to running the country just as our Chapter is looking to the future.

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CHAPTER LXXIII

The Great Lakes Chapter

PRES : Tim MacGillis/Rubin Littmann
VICE : Bruce Wozniak
SEC : Greg Smith
TRES : Mark Muehl

Pewaukee, WI

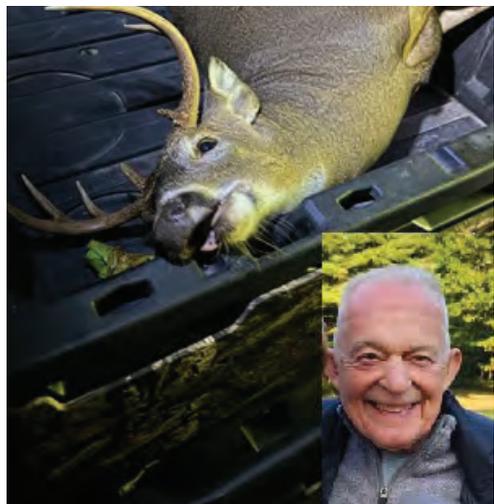
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Greetings from Wisconsin.

Chapter 73 is looking forward to the leadership of incoming co-presidents Tim "Mac" MacGillis, and Rubin "Rube" Littmann along with incoming vice-president Bruce Wozniak. A hail and farewell will be held at the chapters February 15th, 2025 annual dining out.

Mac will gavel in the winter business meeting at 1400 hrs at Mackinaw's Bar and Grill in Green Bay, WI. Dinner will follow the meeting at 1800 hrs, cocktail hour will begin at 1700.

Chapter 73 will conduct a business meeting July 19th 2025 in Madison, WI at the Wisconsin Veterans Museum the meeting coordinator is chapter secretary Greg Smith.



CSM(R) Ed Prucha with harvested buck



Outgoing chapter vice-president Jerry Smith.



Outgoing chapter president Dan Wilke

A behind the scenes tour will be given to the chapter, more information to follow on the events calendar in Teamhouse.

The annual fall picnic held at Pineland Campground, Ft. McCoy, WI marks the end of chapter events for the year. Chapter members were still very active, with several attending the SFCON 2024 cruise. Packer football and deer hunting are also popular activities during the fall season in Wisconsin.

Chapter members Ed and Mark Prucha, along with Mark's son Alex, harvested 5 bucks and 2 does from their property near Kewaunee, WI. CSM(R) Ed Prucha, 85 years young, is pictured with a buck he harvested with a crossbow from a tree stand. The Pruchas had no problem filling their freezer with venison during the 2024 deer season.

The Packers had a winning season (11-6). Post season was disappointing with the Pack losing to the Super Bowl winning Philadelphia Eagles in the NFC wildcard game.

A reminder to all chapter members, please update any phone number, email address, or mailing address changes in your Teamhouse member profile. An alternative is to contact chapter secretary Greg Smith or chapter Teamhouse administrator Jim Trimby with the changes. Greg or Jim can access the Teamhouse database to update your contact information. This is especially important to members that receive a printed copy of the Drop.



Chapter VP Bruce Wozniak, R, with good friend Ben Niedzwiecki at SFCON 2024

PRES : Don Wolfe
VICE : Ted Riggs
SEC : Tom Hudson
TRES : Ted Riggs



CHAPTER XCIX
The Bluegrass Chapter

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www.sfa99.org

Louisville, KY

Chapter 99 held our Annual Christmas party once again at Diorio's Pizza & Pub to celebrate our brotherhood, accomplishments, and the holiday season to close out 2024.

As we head into 2025, our focus for the year is health and happiness. To kick it off we had LTC (Ret) Pat Marques who owns and operates Neurotraining, a brain based approach that uses a unique and thorough understanding of the body's nerves and nervous system to help you get the most out of the precious time you are able to dedicate each day to your optimum health, performance, and wellness. Pat walked us through a few drills on mobility, flexibility, and visual drills that helps you immediately assess your ability. You can learn more at www.neurotrainingeducation.com.



LTC(Ret) Pat Marques explains his Neurotraining philosophy



LTC(Ret) Pat Marques, former 10th SFG(A), Division I wrestler at Indiana University and rugby legend at Ft. Bragg

Chapter XCIX (99) Continued...

Additionally, Pat is offering a FREE 4-6 week program to introduce his training to the SFA community. If interested in participating contact Pat directly: pat@cshpr.com.

We will be holding our Annual Memorial Golf Scramble at Woodhaven Country Club in Louisville on Monday, 2 June 2025, at 1pm. Registration from 12-12:45 with 1pm shotgun start. Cost is \$125 person or \$500 per team, with prizes going to Top 2 teams, longest drive, and closest to the pin. We also have a \$10,000 Hole-In-One, sponsored by Reisert Insurance, so come out and join us. Proceeds go towards our annual JROTC scholarship program, soldier/veteran assistance program, and Chapter expenses.



Don Wolfe & George Mason hold up our colors at The Bearded Clam, Nassua, during an excursion from the Global Gathering of Green Berets



Don & Kim Wolfe with George & Joan Mason, Christmas Party, December 2024

Bluegrass Chapter 99 continues to have in person meetings on the second Thursday of even months, at 1800 hrs, watch for the invite to know the location. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting, and don't forget we still have about 120 bottles of our Woodford Reserve Personal Selection for sale for \$50 per bottle to members, and \$60 for anyone else; contact John Holevas if you'd like to get one.

De Oppresso Liber! COL(R) Don Wolfe, President Chapter 99

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CHAPTER CVII

The Galen Kittleson Chapter

PRES : Mike McElmeel
VICE : Jerry Jochum
SEC : Mike Woods
TRES : Jordan Conrad

Cedar Rapids, IA

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Chapter 107 had its members meeting at the Iowa state capital building on January 11, 2005 to discuss chapter business and upcoming chapter events, as well as a hot wash of those that were at the SFACon and cruise.

After the meeting the chapter met at the Iowa Taproom for food and camaraderie.

January 31st was military appreciation day for the Iowa Wild Hockey Team in Des Moines, Iowa. Chapter president Mike McElmeel was in attendance with former teammate, Master Sergeant (retired) Darrell Utt.

Utt is touring the country talking about his book, Grit to Glory, describing his experiences in the military and Special Forces.





PRES : Jeremy Miller
VICE : Ken Hurst
SEC : Adam Jennings
TRES : Jerry DePold
EXTERNAL COMMS: Blake Miles



CHAPTER D
 The Hoosier Chapter

500

www.specialforcesac500.org

Indianapolis, IN

Chapter 500 was able to get a few of our members together for different local meetups and gather a few times this last quarter for some camaraderie and laughs. We were also able to celebrate the retirement of one of our members, Dan Schwarz, from his service to 20th Special Forces Group and show our appreciation for all he's done for the nation.



Green Beret Jersey



Dan Schwarz Retirement Ceremony with Chapter President Jeremy Miller



Small Group Meetup

We're currently working on expanding our reach to add new Special Forces veterans who find their way back home (or to their new home) in Indiana and inviting them into our lively group chat conversations and future events. In the next few months, we plan on organizing some regional meet-ups in different parts of Indiana and linking everyone together over a Zoom meeting to get even more interaction between our members since it is a challenge to find the best date and time to gather everyone in the state together physically!

If you're in the Indiana area and would like to join, reach out to blakemiles@protonmail.com or message us through our website. We'll confirm your SFA membership and get you invited!



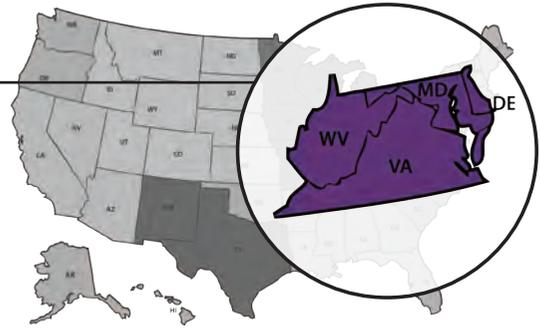
REGION III

Mid-Atlantic Region

(VIRGINIA, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
WEST VIRGINIA, MARYLAND)

**CHAPTERS: XI (11), XXVI (26), LIII (53), LXVIII (68), LXXXIV (84),
XC (90), CV (105)**

**Chapters in red did not submit input for this quarter*



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CHAPTER XI

The National Capital Chapter

Washington, DC

www.sfa11.org



PRES : Ray Oden
VICE : David Jackson
SEC : John Schram
TRES : David Lewis



SFA Chapter 2024 Christmas Party. (L-R): Larry and Leslie Reimer, Lloyd Glover, Art Mott, Virginia Norton, John Schram, Thuy Hugo, Stan Koller, Marita Jackson, Marylou Glover, MG Alexander, John Michael Kupik, David Jackson, Matt Visnovsky, & Wade Ishimoto

For Thanksgiving, Ray Oden went to London. While staying at the St Ermin's Hotel he found and exhibit in the lobby by the London Clandestine Warfare Collection displaying artifacts from the Special Operations Executive (SOE).

St. Ermin's was the first headquarters of SOE when Churchill stood it up in 1940. The SOE, also known as Churchill's Secret Army, formed the basis of the SAS and took over an entire floor of St. Ermin's Hotel for its headquarters during WWII, whilst MI6 were stationed two floors above. But it wasn't long before SOE relocated as MI6 was interfering in their operations. I guess the US is not the only nation that has friction between members of its Intelligence Community!

Our Chapter Secretary Emerita, Dr. Virginia "Ginny" Norton, once again hosted a delightful and well-attended Chapter Christmas Party in December. Thank You, Ginny!

Chapter Treasurer Dave Lewis conducted a Polar Plunge for the Special Olympics on 15 FEB and garnered donations of \$6,225! As there are NO admin or overhead costs, it all goes to support the athletes.

We have had a long series of very cold temperatures here in Northern Virginia and the water temp of the Potomac River reflected that. It was overcast and dreary and a cold rain started just before Dave started plunging. It was a masochist's dream! But it was still a good time. BRAVO ZULU, Dave!

Chapter XI tries to represent the Regiment at every Special Forces Soldier's funeral at Arlington National Cemetery and to assist the family and friends of our comrades-in-arms.



February's monthly LTC James K. Waters Memorial Ranger-SF Breakfast at American Legion Post 176, 6520 Amherst Ave, Springfield, VA 22151

Since November, we have been honored to celebrate the lives of MAJ Stephen Joel Miles [5th SFGA, ISSA] and CW4 Jorge Weninger, [5th SFGA-VN, 7th SFGA with multiple overseas assignments, with combat deployments to the Belgian Congo, Dom Rep, VN, El Sal, and Panama.]

Please let Chapter XI know of any upcoming SF funerals in Arlington or in the DC area so we can reach out to the next of kin and support them. You never know if the family will be alone at the ceremony of their Green Beret. Chapter XI works hard to prevent that!



Oden visited London for Thanksgiving and found this exhibit to the SOE's first Headquarters at St Ermin's Hotel



Chapter XI Treasurer Dave Lewis conducted a Polar Plunge for the Special Olympics on 15 FEB and garnered donations of \$6,225!

Each month the Chapter is still active in the LTC James K. Waters Memorial RANGER-Special Forces Breakfast. We rally at 0800 Hours at American Legion Post 176, 6520 Amherst Ave, Springfield, VA 22151. If you're in the neighborhood, please join us!

The 2025 SF Regimental Birthday Ball will be on Friday, May 2, 2025, at the Army Navy Country Club, Arlington, VA. This year, the Chapter will honor the Veterans of TASK FORCE DAGGER-America's First Response to 9/11. We've already got support coming from the US Army Color Guard, the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps and the US Army Chorus; so, it will be a night to come, enjoy, and remember! Save the date and join us!

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CHAPTER XC

The MSG Richard L. Ferguson Memorial Chapter



PRES : Greg Discavage
 VICE : Rick Morris
 SEC : John Cupp
 TRES : Bob Ponzio

Fredericksburg, VA

www.sfach90.org

Greetings from Chapter XC in Fredericksburg, VA.

Now that the holidays are behind us, we can relax a little and focus on upcoming Chapter business. Our next SF/Ranger breakfast gathering is scheduled for March 22nd.

Our quarterly breakfasts are open to all in the SOF community. We continue to promote camaraderie and support for all special operations personnel in our area. Check out our website calendar for more information regarding Chapter events.



SFA Chapter 90 Holiday Dinner Party at the Alpine Chef in Fredericksburg, Virginia

In December the Chapter raffled off three rifles:

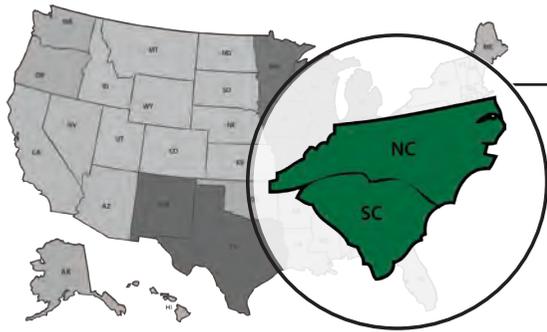
- A Ruger American Hunter in 6.5 Creedmoor
- Browning X-Bolt AB-3 Hunter in .300 Win Mag
- A Remington 700 BDL in .308.

Nearly all raffle tickets were sold, which generated a nice chunk of change for our charity fund. We hold several raffles during the year to generate funds for worthwhile charities. Check out our web site for future raffle information.

We didn't conduct much Chapter business in November and December due to holiday preparations and commitments. After the hustle & bustle of the holidays, we held our annual holiday dinner party in January. This year we gathered at the Alpine Chef in Fredericksburg to raise a glass or two and enjoy authentic German faire. We had a great turn out with more than 50 Chapter members and their families attending. The food was spectacular, the camaraderie great, and for some of the older 10th Group veterans - the gathering was reminiscent of Bad Tolz.

We have initiated planning for our annual William "Bill" Billingslea Memorial Charity Golf Tournament to be held on Friday, 16 May 2025, at the Gauntlet Golf Course located in Fredericksburg, VA. This is our primary fund raising event that supports our Chapter's SF Scholarship program, as well other charitable activities. If anyone is interested in playing in the tournament or being a sponsor, please go to our website www.SFACH90.org, or contact Joe Wieland directly at jmw355@comcast.net. The tournament is always great fun and it's for good cause. We hope to see some familiar faces there.

Chapter 90 meets the first Friday of every month at 2000 hours at Moose Lodge 2215, 422 Eskimo Hill Rd, Stafford, VA. They are great hosts with an affordable bar! As always, the team room is always open to all SF teammates. If you are travelling through the area, reach out through e-mail at SFACH90@gmail.com or visit our website at www.SFACH90.org.



REGION IV

Carolinas Region

(NORTH CAROLINA, SOUTH CAROLINA,
7th, 3rd, SWC, SFC_{MD})



CHAPTERS: I-XVIII (1-18), VI (6), XVII (17), XXXIV (34), LVII (57), LXII (62), LXIII (63), C (100), CCCLXIII (363), Detachment "A"

**Chapters in red did not submit input for this quarter*

PRES : Jeff Rinaldi
VICE : Blake Nelson
SEC : Marcus Washington
TRES : Mike Locklear



CHAPTER I-XVIII

Aaron Bank, Samuel S. Theriault, and Matthew "Matt" Williams Memorial Chapter

1-18

www.sfa1-18.com

Fayetteville, NC



Chapter President Jeff Rinaldi (right) and VP Blake Nelson (left) present Honorary Membership Certificates to Brad List and Kevin Haviland



Chapter Members enjoying the Holiday Feast complete with turkey, beef roast, ham and many other dishes

Greetings from the original Aaron Bank, Samuel S. Theriault, and Matthew "Matt" Williams Memorial Chapter 1-18 of Fayetteville/ Fort Bragg.

This quarter, we continued strides in chapter objectives, executing organizational outreach and collaboration with other organizations, making definitive impacts and growing new and reclaimed members. We buried several great members and spent time visiting our sick and hospitalized members. We presently have 667 active members and a few hundred inactive.



Members of Class 338 and Chapter 1-18 Members and guests at the SFQC BBQ



Members of Class 338 and Chapter 1-18 Members and guests at the SFQC BBQ enjoying a great meal

Chapter I-XVIII (1-18) Continued...

At our December Chapter Meeting/Holiday Party, over 50 members and guests showed up for an amazing display of food and fellowship. Brad List and Kevin Haviland were recognized as honorary members of the chapter for their years of continued service, loyalty and dedication and presented with certificates.

On January 21st, the chapter in conjunction with our ongoing partnership of John "Tilt" Meyers and Chapter 78, sponsored another SFQC Graduation BBQ for Class 338 with over 150 new Green Berets. A warm reception was had with food contracted by Mission BBQ.

Well wishes to our longtime Secretary of six years, Andre Battiste Sr. who stepped down to tend to out of state family issues. He will remain as an active chapter member. In his stead, new chapter member Marcus Washington has stepped up to take the charge.

Work continues on our 64-acre compound which includes new fencing, roads and other cosmetic improvements to the team house. Soon we will experience having Piedmont Natural Gas/Duke Energy put a temporary pipeline through our property using seven acres of our land for which we will be compensated. We have extended the use of our grounds to the USAJFKSWCs SF Warrant Officers, birthday parties, weddings and have even have Electrical License Renewal Certification training run by a member. In February, longtime chapter member Don Talbot led the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society through Field HAM Radio Training culminating in an Emergency Operations Exercise whereby the chapter placed first in the nation. As a token of gratitude for the use of our facility, the chapter donated \$210.00 to Chapter 1-18.

Chapter 1-18 meets at 1:30pm on the second Saturday monthly. We are located at: 1509 Zinnia Court, Fayetteville. Follow us online at via Teamhouse at <https://teamhouse.specialforcesassociation.org/SFACH1-18>, www.SFA1-18.com or on Facebook at 'SFA Chapter 1-18'. If desirous of receiving email updates from the chapter, email the Secretary Marcus Washington at: Q_Rator@yahoo.com.

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CHAPTER XVII

The COL Jerry "Robin" Sage Memorial Chapter

Maggie Valley, NC

www.sfchapter17.com



PRES : Phil Hanson
 VICE : Mike Cavanaugh
 SEC : David McCracken
 TRES : Bill Gunn
 SGT at ARMS : Benny Wyrick



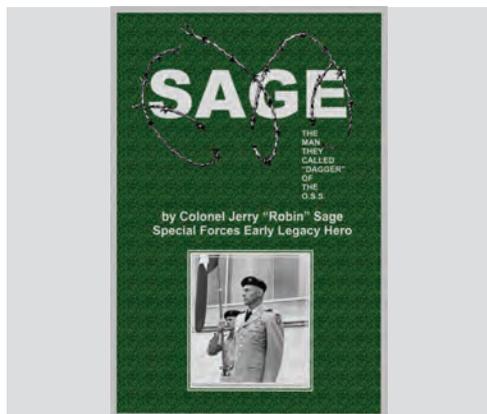
Left to right: Sergeant First Class Rathbone, Distinguished Graduate, Sergeant Major Phill Hanson (Retired) President Chapter 17 Special Forces Association, and Sergeant First Class Carpenter, Honor Graduate



Chapter 17, the Col. Jerry "Robin" Sage Chapter, held its first meeting on Saturday January 18, 2025 and have redesigned our Chapter Patch

Our President SMG (Ret) Phil Hanson traveled to Fort Liberty (Bragg) for graduation of the Special Forces Intelligence Sergeants 18F Course 003-24 on 22 November 2024, at 9 AM in Banks Hall.

Phil presented the Distinguished Graduate SFC Rathbone with a hard bound Jerry (Robin) Sage book and a Chapter Challenge Coin. Additionally, he presented SFC Carpenter, Honor Graduate, with a soft bound Jerry (Robin) Sage book and Chapter Challenge Coin. Chapter 17 provides a copy of the Jerry (Robin) Sage book to the top graduate in all the Special Forces MOS Courses, to include the SERE Courses. The Jerry (Robin) Sage book has some great background on part of our history and lineage. It should be a part of every Quiet Professional's library. Books (soft bound, hard bound and limited numbered editions) are available through our Chapter, as are the Chapter Challenge Coins.



Chapter 17 republished the book SAGE by COL Jerry "Robin" Sage. SAGE recounts COL Sage's experiences as a German POW during WWII and was the basis for the movie, The Great Escape

Chapter 17, the Col. Jerry "Robbin" Sage Chapter, held its first meeting on Saturday January 18, 2025. The meeting was held at the Dodge City Steak House, 895 Russ Ave, Waynesville, NC 28786, at 12:00. This was our first meeting we've been able to have since Hurricane Helene blew through Western North Carolina. Special guests were Chapter 363 (Greenville, SC) President Pat Fensom and his wife Mollie. We have redesigned our Chapter Patch, Decal and Shirts. We've added Col. Sage's call sign "The Dagger" to these items. They also complement our new coins.

Chapter 17 (The Jerry "Robin" Sage Memorial Chapter) has republished the book SAGE, which is the memoir of COL Jerry "Robin" Sage. Sage was an OSS officer who was captured by the Germans during WWII. During his three years of captivity in a German POW camp, Sage helped work on the three-tunnel escape project that helped formed the plot for the movie The Great Escape. After WWII, he commanded a Regimental Combat Team in the Korean War and commanded 10th SFGA in Europe during the Cold War. He completed his lifetime of public service as "Teacher of the Year" in South Carolina. Check the book's web site at www.oldmp.com/sage to order paperback, hardback, and hardback limited edition. Kindle version link also on the website.

PRES : Vic Allen
VICE : Tom Galbicsek
SEC : Gary Smith
TRES : Mark Carey



CHAPTER LXII

The MSG Lowell Stevens Memorial Chapter

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Southern Pines, NC



Some photos from the annual Christmas Celebration

Greetings from Southern Pines in the Sandhills of North Carolina. The heat and dry conditions of the fall and early winter have now changed to cold and dry, although on January 21-22, we had measurable snow for the first time in three years. January was one of the coldest in North Carolina history.

On December 11, 2024, the chapter held its Annual Christmas Celebration at our VFW safehouse. We had over 100 participants and great food and a good time was enjoyed by all.

Upcoming in March, the chapter will be supporting the yearly world-wide Sniper Competition held on Ft. Bragg. This is a great event each year and military shooters from around the world assemble to compete for top prizes.

As always, anyone in the neighborhood is invited to stop in for one of our monthly meetings on the 1st Saturday of each month at 1800 hrs at the VFW at 615 South Page Street in Southern Pines, NC. De Oppresso Liber



Some photos from the annual Christmas Celebration



Some photos from the annual Christmas Celebration



Some photos from the annual Christmas Celebration



PRES : J.P. Cervantes
 VICE : Mike Martin
 SEC : Mark Peters
 TRES : Kyle & Susana Hiser

Since the last issue of the Drop, Chapter 100 has been very busy supporting numerous community events.

The Chapter sponsored and participated in a Service Before Self Festival hosted by the Carthage Masonic Lodge 181 which honored military service members, veterans, law enforcement, firefighters and emergency medical technicians for their selfless service to the community.

Additionally, Chapter 100 participated in the fifth annual Fit4Life Trunk or Treat along with local police, emergency Services, and various community groups and organizations that benefited over 1000 families. AT the event Maximus Hiser (son of Kyle & Susana Hiser) won second place for the trunk display.



Fit4Life Trunk or Treat



Dirtbag Farmers Market

Chapter 100 participated in the Spring Lake Mural dedication as a Gold Sponsor. 'The Special Forces Soldier' mural honors Spring Lake veterans, and beyond.

In November, Chapter 100 along with the Highland Games and Continue the Mission participated at the Dirtbag Farmers Market to raise awareness of the chapter and its activities throughout the community.

Chapter 100 also had a presence at the Robin Sage CULEX, the monthly 3rd SFG Alumni luncheons, as well as providing support along with the SF Charitable Trust (SFCT) to a 3rd SFG leader professional development (LPD). In addition, the current Chapter President J.P. Cervantes, former Chapter President Ron Bryant and other Chapter members attended the SFA Convention/Cruise/Re-Union.



Spring Lake Mural



Green Beret Jingle Jog

Our last event of 2024 was the 13th Annual Green Beret Jingle Jog held on 7 December 2024 at Dirt Bag Ales / Dirty Whiskey Craft Cocktail Bar. This year we had 662 registered runners, and after the race Chapter 100 donated \$1000 to Continue the Mission in support of their activities to provide service dogs to veterans in need.

As we roll into 2025 the Chapter is already planning a Tactical Application Shoot on Saturday, 22 March, 2025 at the Oak Grove Training Facility in Hoffman, NC. Additionally we have begun planning for the 23rd Annual Stanley L. Harriman Charity Golf Classic on Saturday, June 21, 2025 at Gates Four Golf & Country Club.

PRES : Pat Fensom
VICE : Kevin Berry
SEC : Ralph Longello
TRES : John Kelly
SGT at ARMS : Jake Dunn



CHAPTER CCCLXIII
MG James A. Guest - "The Special Forces Soldiers Chapter"

363

Greenville, SC



Jake Dunn, SGT at Arms for CH 363, shares his experiences from Iraq and Syria to Clemson ROTC students



LTG(R) Beaudette, Gold Star Family and sons of SSG Tony Olaes (KIA 9/20/2004) and CH 363 president during Military Appreciation Day at Clemson

Chapter 363 closed out 2024 with several engagements involving the community, educating the public about Special Forces, and a joyous Christmas Party. In November, CH 363 presented two lessons to Clemson University's ROTC program. On two separate occasions, CH 363 members shared their experiences from Vietnam and GWOT. Clemson invited CH 363 to participate in their Military Appreciation Week, which culminated with a booth on gameday.



Vietnam Veteran and CH 363 Secretary Ralph Longello was awarded the SF Tab from COL Dwyer



COL Ken Dwyer spoke of his combat experience, serving with SF Brothers, and persevering through combat injuries and challenges of life

Chapter CCCLXIII (363) Continued...

The booth at Clemson was well attended and provided us an opportunity to connect with the Gold Star family of SSG Tony Olaes, who served with 3d SFG(A) and was KIA on September 20, 2004. LTG(R) Fran Beaudette, former CG of USASOC, was also in attendance that day and spent time at CH 363's booth.

Our Christmas dinner at Furman University was a huge success. Our guest speaker, COL Ken Dwyer, shared an inspirational and challenging message. The dinner included the awarding of the SF Tab to CH 363 Secretary Ralph Longello and a silent auction that raised funds for CH 363 to Charlie Mike in 2025.

The first quarter of 2025 will be busy and eventful for CH 363. Between January and April, CH 363 will have our monthly gatherings, presentations at Clemson University, an 8-mile ruck to raise funds to send ROTC students to the Bataan Death March in White Sands, NM, and a CH 363 sponsored range day. Reach out if you find yourself in the Upstate, SC area and join us.

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Detachment "A"

Berlin Brigade 1956-1984

<https://detachment-a.org>



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Email : DetALiveDrop@gmail.com

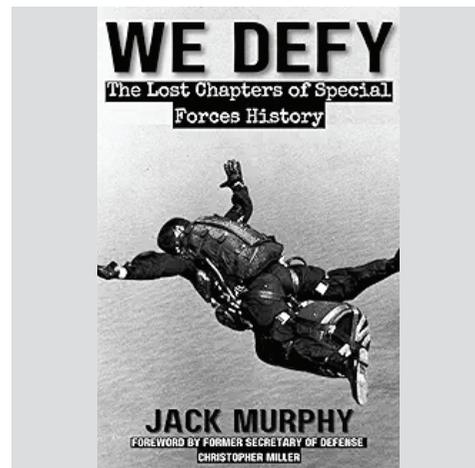
Bob Charest's Tribute Film to all past and present Detachment "A" Berlin Brigade members was presented at our September 2024 Detachment "A" function in Greenville, SC, and was also presented on the SFA Cruise.

Jack Murphy has a new book out entitled *We Defy: The Lost Chapters of Special Forces History*. Included: "Detachment A, the undercover Green Beret sabotage teams in Berlin during the Cold War."

There will be an upcoming final film titled "The Ghost Units that DID exist" which is in the works. This film is being dedicated to the history and legacy of all our Detachment "A" folks past and present, and the DET-A/SOG connection of those DET-A folks who served in both of these classified units. Upon completion, it will be posted on the Detachment-A website and YouTube, and a link will be sent to all Detachment "A" members.



Dr. Chris "Vinnie" Feudo



Jack Murphy's New Book We Defy

The film will be shown at our 2025 Detachment "A" Berlin Brigade get together which will again be in Greenville, SC 11-14 September 2025.

Our guest speaker will be Dr. Chris "Vinnie" Feudo, former Detachment "A" member, Team 5 Leader, and later the S-3. Vinnie served from 1978-1981.



REGION V

Florida Region

(10 CHAPTERS; FL)



CHAPTERS: 0, VII (7), XXI (21), XL (40), XLIV (44), LX (60), LXXIV (74), LXXVI (76), LXXXV (85), LXXXVIII (88)

**Chapters in red did not submit input for this quarter*

PRES : John Vislosky
VICE : Richard Whitman
SEC : Suzie Gaspard
TRES : Phil Devon
QUARTERMASTER : Susan Micelli



CHAPTER XXI

The Bob Salzman Memorial Chapter

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Orlando, FL



John & Gayle Erskine next to the Village VA Clinic's Patriot Tree



Christmas Party Hospitality Room. L to R: John Fryer, Bob Johanson and JD Bath

On 6-8 December we held our Chapter XXI Christmas Meeting and Party.

Attendees in the hospitality room and at the luncheon meeting included:

Suzie Gaspard, John & Anna Fryer, JD and Shirley Bath, John and Gayle Erskine, Jim Day, Richard and Sheila Whitman, John Johanson, Bob and Janet Johansen, John and Sharon Haralson, Sue Micelli, Don and Diana Augustin, Jimmy Summerhill, Bill Schulz and John and Betty Vislosky.



Christmas Luncheon and Meeting Clockwise Bob and Janet Johanson, John Fryer, Don & Diana Augustin and Anna Fryer



Christmas Party Hospitality Room. The Ladies of Chapter XXI L to R: Betty Vislosky, Sharon Haralson, Sheila Whitmore (back row L), Shirley Bath, Gayle Erskine (back row R), Suzie Gaspard and Anna Fryer

Chapter XXI (21) Continued...

In addition, John and Gayle Erskine volunteered at The Villages VA Clinic over Christmas and passed out candy canes to Veterans at the Clinic. They along with the Vets also honored the Veterans by putting up stars on the Patriot Christmas Tree with their name and branch of service. Many Vets put up a star with the name of a Soldier who had been killed in action.

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CHAPTER LX

The Richard J. Meadows Memorial Chapter

Tampa, FL

www.specialforces.org



PRES : Brian Wilson
VP of Operations : Pat Rizzi
VP of Support : Keith Hanley
SEC : Amy Sitze
TRES : Jim Fagan



A Team House Welcome

Chapter LX members welcomed in 2025 spending time with family and friends and looked forward to what is to come this year.

Chapter LX is sad to say that due to circumstances outside of our control, we still have not opened the doors to our Team House. Who knew that the project would encounter so many obstacles causing delays? But on the bright side, we have the persistence and the will to see it to the end. The dream is alive, as you can see by the pictures. The inside is mostly done. The building stands tall and proud for all to see traveling down Dale Mabry. And we are ready to welcome everyone in as soon as we are able to hold the keys and call it our own.

Events we are looking forward to hosting once the Team House opens: Monthly meetings, SpringFest, our annual Chapter LX Scholarship Banquet, and the Christmas Party, just to mention a few. We will host the TGBA Veteran's Benefit Social quarterly and the main event space can be used for promotions, retirements, and whatever occasion that will bring people together. And let's not forget the Underground Tavern which will be a place for all veterans, active duty, and retirees to gather sharing war stories, seeing old friends and making new ones. Most of all it will be a Tampa home for all the Brothers and Sisters of the Regiment. We can't wait to invite you in.



The Banquet Room



The Team House Standing Tall & Proud



The Underground Tavern

Our meetings are held every 2nd Thursday of each month at the American Legion Post 139 (at least till the Team House opens). If you are in the local area and have not attended the meetings, we hope you find the time to join us. And if you find yourself in the area, please join us. We look forward to seeing you.

PRES : Kevin McKeown
VICE : John Nettles
VICE : Ed Parker
SEC : Bobby Coburn
TRES : Allen Bryant



CHAPTER LXXIV
The CPT Bob May Memorial Chapter

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www.ch74sfa.com

Central Florida

Chapter 74 Annual Rendezvous will be held 07-08-09 Nov 2025 at the Ocala Conservation and Youth Center, 7325NE 170th Ave, Silver Springs, FL 34488. Any SF individuals and spouses who desire to attend are welcome to come and join the festivities. It is a family oriented get together. Please RSVP to John or Ed so we can ensure food for everyone.



Chapter 74 Members with the Slow and Go Smokehouse Staff



Chapter 74 Members Landy Sella, Barb Sella and SJ Ray

We will have bonfire and social time on Friday Night, our meeting, a memorial service, BBQ lunch and range firing on Saturday followed by a bonfire Saturday night.

Our 2nd Quarterly meeting was held at the Low and Slow Smokehouse in Lakeland, FL on 01 Feb 2025 with a start time of 1130. We had a good turnout and updated members on upcoming National activities as well as Chapter 74 projects. The manager (Kim) and our server (April) ensured everyone had plenty to eat and drink. The BBQ was excellent and the space provided was excellent for our group. If you enjoy BBQ and want to relax this is a place to visit. We will be back...



Chapter 74 Members George and Maryanne Herrington and Sally Nettles enjoying food and friends at Quarterly Meeting at Slow and Go



Chapter 74 Business meeting at Slow and Go Smokehouse 01 Feb 2025

Chapter LXXIV (74) Continued...

Our next Quarterly meeting will be held at the Deland Stockyards Restaurant in Deland, FL on 03 May 2025 with a start time of 1130. We hope to have a good turnout as we will be planning our November Rendezvous.

If any at large members in the central Florida area are interested in joining our chapter or attending any meetings or activities, please contact any of the officers and we will let you know our schedule.

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CHAPTER LXXVI
The Pan-American Chapter

Miami, FL

www.sfach76.blogspot.com



PRES : Ed Pijuan
VICE : Roger Kidder
SEC : Al Hernandez
SEC : Jason Psaltides
TRES : Jim Trice



At our last Chapter meeting, Al Hernandez (our fund-raising savior) hawking 50/50 raffle tickets. Also, from left to right are Eddie Pijuan, Mark Phillips, and Vito Ecklund



Mrs. Grace O'Donnell. A highly respected friend of Chapter 76 sadly passed away on 24 Jan 2025

Greetings from Chapter 76 of South Florida! We hope this message finds you well. We continue to do our best to be supportive of our brothers and their families. This quarter we donated monies to the Special Forces Charitable Fund to help with efforts in North Carolina as well as to SFA's special needs fund. Last quarter we also donated to the SFA memorial grounds.

We also wanted to share our sorrow regarding Grace McDonnell. She is a retired Major with the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office (MDSO). Her career at MDSO was amazing. She was the first Cuban female police officer hired by the then Dade County Public Safety Department. She and her husband, Jim, have been great supporters of our Chapter for over a decade. Grace attended many of our Chapter gatherings to present Quilts of Honor to our members. In the collage above, you can see Grace honoring four of our members with quilts.



A party our Chapter will never forget. In 2017, Chapter 76 hosted all Green Berets and families serving in SOCSOUTH at our annual chapter gathering. Chapter members, along with spouses, kids, and significant others, had a wonderful time. Also, special on that day was Fred Jaca and Jim Anson receiving their Quilts of Honor. PS That is Grace McDonnell on the far right in red.



In memory of our beloved Fred Conrod and Cy Mermelstein. Chapter 76's two dearly departed members who served in WWII with the First Special Service Forces, aka "The Devil's Brigade"

If you are visiting South Florida, please do not hesitate to reach out to us if we can be of help. Stay safe and vigilant and always watch your six.

PRES : Pete Marceau
VICE : Richard Deininger
SEC : Bill Sander
TRES : George Bennett



CHAPTER LXXXV

The Treasure Coast Chapter

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www.sfachapter85.com

Jensen Beach, FL

Greetings from SFA Chapter 85 (LXXXV) on the Florida Treasure Coast:

We are off to a great start in 2025. On 25 January, over a dozen members of Chapter 85 and several wives attended the annual PURPLE HEART CANE CEREMONY at the US Navy Seal Museum on N Hutchinson Island in Ft. Pierce, Fl. This year, the Purple Heart Cane organization presented over 50 Hand Carved Canes to Purple Heart recipients. The guest speaker was MG(R) Michael S. Repass.

The photos show L to R: SFA member; SM(R) Sylvester Ray, 5th Special Forces Group, B52, Project Delta Vietnam who lives in Melbourne, Fl. with two members of SFA Chapter 85: CSM(R) Mark Duwell and CSM Brian Huston (still on active duty) receiving their canes in the ceremony; the PH canes to be presented and a small section of the huge crowd where organizer Lloyd Lasenby (SFA Chapter 85 member) arranged special seating for SF veterans and their family. It was an outstanding program dedicated to recipients of the Purple Heart. If you live in the area or are on vacation, it is not to be missed. If you have been awarded the Purple Heart, you are eligible to receive a cane. For more information, please contact the Purple Heart Cane Project at: <https://purpleheartcaneproject.org/>



3 Recipients



One section of the crowd



Some of the hand carved canes

Chapter 85 is very active in presenting certificates and medals to JROTC graduates in St Lucie, Martin and Palm Beach Counties. This year we will present medals and certificates at over 20 high schools in Palm Beach, Martin and St Lucie counties in Florida. It is always satisfying to see the enrolled cadets and their parents who support the program.

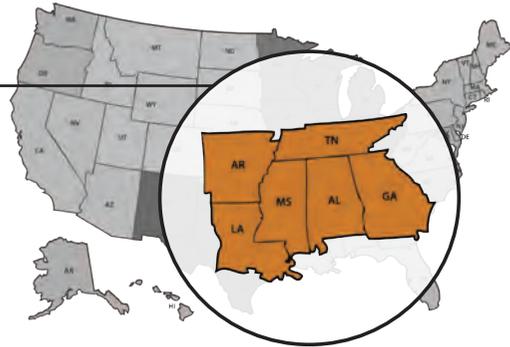
If you are a Special Forces veteran and in our area on vacation or have moved here permanently, we would like to meet with you for coffee or lunch. We generally meet at Mission BBQ, 1407 NW St Lucie Blvd, Port St Lucie, 34986 at 1130h on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Please give Bill a call at 954 336 8445 to confirm dates and times.



REGION VI

Southeast Region

(GEORGIA, ALABAMA, MISSISSIPPI, LOUISIANA, ARKANSAS, TENNESSEE, 20TH SFG)



CHAPTERS: **XXX (30)**, **XXXIII (33)**, **XLIX (49)**, **LIX (59)**, **LXXIX (79)**, **LXXXI (81)**, **XCII (92)**, **XCI (111)**

*Chapters in red did not submit input for this quarter

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CHAPTER LIX

The Joe C. Alderman Memorial Chapter



PRES : Sam Seetin
VICE : Bill Carty
SEC : George Sommerfield
TRES : VACANT (PRES ACTING)

Georgia, USA

www.SFALIX.org



LTC (Ret) Charlie Mendoza Inducted into Ga Mil Vet Hall of Fame



Some of the 15 SF at Christmas Party

Our Chapter 59 members have been busy. During this Winter we saw the loss of two esteemed soldiers and the former president's spouse, who was the heart of our chapter. These were MSG Richard "Dick" McNatt, and CSM (Ret) Thomas Courtney, and Trish Hadden, the Chapter PAO. Their legacy is felt deeply as Trish honored our servicemen at the Fort Moore Military Cemetery. As spring arrives, we look forward to rejuvenation and growth, with plans to recruit new members to strengthen our chapter.



Attendees at Feb 10 SFA Chap 59 Mtg - 01

Our Chapter made a significant contribution of \$500 to assist with flood relief efforts in Western North Carolina. The community spirit was evident at the Joint MOAA/SFA Christmas Party, which saw a great turnout and heartfelt connections among members. In recognition of combat valor service, LTC (Ret) Charlie Menendoza was inducted into the Georgia Military Veterans Hall of Fame, Nov 2. These accomplishments highlight the dedication and impact of SF and our members.



Attendees at Feb 10 SFA Chap 59 Mtg - 02

Our Chapter also proudly donated \$1,000 to the Gabriel Legacy Project in memory of MSG(d) Richard McNatt. His generosity has allowed our chapter to host meetings at Divers Supply in Macon, Georgia, fostering a sense of community and collaboration.

Many members had the opportunity to enjoy the SFA Caribbean Cruise last October. It was a wonderful experience to meet the new, capable, and dedicated National Board of Officers, and observe their leadership, engage with heroes, and reconnect with old friends.

As part of our ongoing commitment to education, we are preparing to fund three scholarships and support six Georgia Universities with medals. Additionally, we aim to honor select JROTC students with certificates, ribbons, and challenge coins, recognizing their hard work and achievements. Our

Chapter is also concerned about the overlapping memberships among SOF associations, which can dilute our collective impact. We hope that the SFA Drop Magazine will attract more advertisers to ensure its continued publication in both hard copy and electronic formats, maintaining the highest quality at the lowest cost.

Together, as we move into spring, our chapter remains dedicated to honoring our Special Forces family, supporting our community, and fostering connections among our members.

PRES : Michael Turello
VICE : Joel Reynolds
SEC : Ennis "Chip" Bailey
TRES : Ed Tutor



CHAPTER LXXIX
 The Bryan F. McKnight Memorial Chapter

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Pearl, MS

SFA Chapter 79 donates Starlink to C Co 2-20 SFG(A).

This is the second donation of an initiative started by Rick Stone (SFA-79) and Cody Espinoza (C/2-20 SFG) based on a request of what the SFA could do for C/2-20 that would be the most beneficial. The Starlink systems, donated by SFA-79 to C/2-20 SFG, have been utilized globally on numerous occasions demonstrating its usefulness and reliability for training events as well as deployments to the Mideast.



Chapter LXXIX - Starlink donation pictured from L-R: Joel Reynolds, Cody Espinoza, Mike Turello, Rick Stone

According to Cody Espinoza, C/2-20 Operations Sergeant, "these systems enable us to offer mobile internet solutions wherever we go eliminating the need to depend on local internet or cellular services" for some tactical communications. Additionally, from the MWR perspective soldiers can communicate with friends and family while deployed to remote locations.

Starlink is a satellite internet service developed by SpaceX, and designed to provide high-speed broadband internet access globally, particularly in remote and underserved areas. Non-geostationary orbit communications satellite constellations operate in the high-frequency bands above 24 GHz, to enable a wider geographic impact. Satellites employ optical inter-satellite links and phased array beam-forming and digital processing technologies in the Ku and Ka microwave bands (super high frequency [SHF] to extremely high frequency [EHF]) and is accessed via flat user terminals the size of a pizza box, which have phased array antennas to track the satellites.

Chapter LXXIX (79) Continued...

Terminals can be mounted anywhere, as long as they can see the sky and the network has near-global reach at latitudes below approximately 60°.

To date SFA-79 has donated six (6) regular and two (2) mini Starlinks providing each C/2-20 SFG(A) ODA's and the ODB with a unit thus greatly enhancing their communication and MWR abilities.

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CHAPTER XCII

Ola Lee Mize/CPT(R) Gary Michael Rose MOH Chapter

Madison, AL

www.chapter92sfa.com



PRES : Ken Garcy
 VICE : Lloyd Carpenter
 SEC : Tommy Smith
 TRES : Archie Baker

The November meeting of Chapter 92 was held at Surin of Thailand restaurant in Huntsville, Al.

A review of the ROTC spreadsheet with schools and points of contact for each along with primary and secondary presenters for each location was conducted. There are still several gaps to fill but we continue to seek volunteers to support this Chapter endeavor and community involvement. Due to current remodeling efforts at our "normal" meeting site an alternate venue was proposed until work is completed.



Derek Santiago won the award for best dressed at the Christmas party!



Chapter President Ken Garcy front and center overseeing the festivities

The Chapter 92 Christmas party was held at Texas de Brazil in Huntsville, Alabama on December 7th. We had an outstanding turnout of members and spouses and shared a great meal along with fellowship.

The January meeting was held at IHOP in Madison, Al due to work at the primary meeting facility. As a result of the unusual weather (4"-6" of snow) the turnout was sparse, although a few hardy individuals did make the journey. North Alabama is just not equipped for snow removal on the roads!

Chapter 92 will meet at Surin of Thailand once again in February. The meeting date has been changed to the first Saturday of each month due to several members having conflicting meetings on the second weekend.

PRES : Drue Losiell
VICE : Bob Bean
SEC : Dan Parsons
TRES : Steven Owens
SGT AT ARMS : Doug Wisnioski



CHAPTER CXI
Blue Ridge Mountains Region

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Mountain City, TN

Greetings from the great Smokey Mountains.

As you know, a lot of folks here have suffered tremendous losses and are still in need of assistance. But thanks to the hundreds of volunteers from around the country, progress is slowly being realized. There are over three hundred brothers here working with the SF Charitable Trust doing amazing things.



Chapter ladies at 2024 Gala



Chapter members at 2024 Gala

We just held our second fall Gala at the Carnage Hotel in Johnson City, TN. We had 130 people attend with a great dinner, silent auction, and Scott Ford MSG RET, as our guest speaker. He explained the difficulties his ODA experienced during the battle and conditions in the Shok Valley.



Chapter members attending for MSG {R} Greg Solewin's funeral



President Drue Losiell presents Associate Membership Certificate to COL {R} Dan Bishop

At our January meeting, we introduced our first Associate Member, Col {R} Dan Bishop. Dan is the Veterans Affairs Director at ETSU. Welcome aboard Dan!

We are a new chapter, but we are starting to get our feet on the ground, planning for a spring barbecue with range shoot. Plus, we are looking to hold our third Gala in the fall.

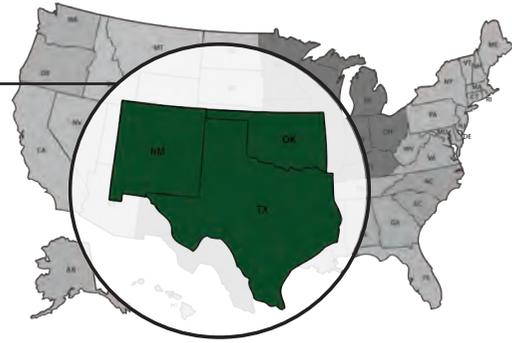
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REGION VII

Tex-Mex Region

(TEXAS, NEW MEXICO, OKLAHOMA)



CHAPTERS: IX (9), XV (15), **XXXI (31)**, XXXII-L (32-50), XXXIX (39), XLI (41), LVI (56), LXXVII (77), LXXX (80), XCIII (93), **XCIV (95)**

*Chapters in red did not submit input for this quarter

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CHAPTER IX

The Isaac Camacho Chapter



PRES : Steve Franzoni
VICE : Sean Bratton
SEC : Bill Snider
TRES : Brian Kanof
CHAPLAIN : Jesus "Chuy" Zamora

El Paso, TX

www.sfchapterix.blogspot.com

Greetings from the men of Chapter 9.

The chapter is holding all meetings in the team house right behind VFW 812 in McKelligon Canyon. We have our bathroom Connex up and running and are finishing decorations and hanging memorabilia on the walls. Meetings 1300 every third Saturday of the month.

Sick Call:

Member Leonard Pope passed away. Sylvia Alarcon - Wife of Dr. Victor Alarcon had emergency surgery at the Mayo Clinic. Walter Wilczak had bypass surgery. Vern Wilson MRSA in his knee. Gus Gonzalez' Mother-in-Law Esther G. Romero passed away. Jesus "Chuy" Zamora is recovering at PAM Rehabilitation Hospital for fluid in the lungs. Lets keep them and their families in our prayers.



Wreaths Across America



Board Installation

TAPS Notices:

We are constantly working to make our roster more efficient and in so doing we are finding inactive members who have passed away. We recently sent a TAPS for Homer Pence who died on 30 January 2022; Bill Bolanos who died in Phoenix on 2 February 2021 and CW3 Alfred John Thurston who died on 18 DEC 2020.

Wreath's Across America - December 14:

We placed 53 wreaths and had multiple family members participate this year. Steve & Monica Franzoni coordinated placement at the FT Bliss Cemetery.

28th Annual Ralph Dominguez/Jerry Montoya Food Drive:

82 boxes were prepared and donated to needy families. We had a very active committee that gathered bulk and canned food from JROTC and Quality Vegetables and Food City #2.



Food Drive



Sun Bowl Flag Detail

Sun Bowl Giant Flag Detail:

Bill has chaired this project since 2015 and Chapter 9 participants were Bill Snider, Brian Kanof, Wayne Johnson, Benji Nunez and Zach Rios – SORB Bliss.

Christmas Party:

Installations: President - Steve Franzoni, Vice President - Sean Bratton, Treasurer - Brian Kanof, Secretary - Bill Snider.

LTC Bob Chisolm Remembrance Day:

The 3rd annual remembrance of his passing was held 4 January. Bob was a Life Associate Member of SFA Chapter 9 - A-4416 (L). Bob had quite a history serving in 3 wars, and beyond. City Parks and Recreation honored Bob with the dedication of a park, appropriately renamed . . . LTC Robert "Bob" Chisolm Park.

SOG Expo April 23-24, 2025:

This year will be the same as past years with over 100 tactical vendors with a set-up day on the 22nd and vendor appreciation dinner that evening. Let us know if you want to attend.

tactical vendors with a set-up day on the 22nd and vendor appreciation dinner that evening. Let us know if you want to attend.

19th Annual CSM John McLaughlin Golf Tournament - 20 September 25:

We are planning for this years annual tournament and started to pass out forms for fund raising.

18th Annual Jerry Rainey Scholarship - August 16th Meeting:

Greg Brown will Chair again. Brad Guile Motion to change the award to 3 x 1500 Scholarships – passed.

There was a motion made to make **Pete Peral President Emeritus**. Passed – unanimously. An event to commemorate his 16 years as president was held after the Feb Meeting.

<p>PRES : Jeffrey D. Dahlby VICE : Thomas L. Tannahill SEC : Lionel Solis TRES : Merrill G. Hall SGT at ARMS : Raul I. De La Garza</p>	 	<p>CHAPTER XV The Alamo Chapter</p>	15
<p>www.sfa-xv.org</p>		<p>San Antonio, TX</p>	

Greetings from SFA Alamo Chapter XV,

The Chapter continues to grow in membership as many Green Berets decide to settle in the San Antonio area or decide to join seeking fellowship with other snake eaters.

Chapter XV (15) Continued...



Pallbearers for MSG(R) Edgar Morales funeral. L-R Fred Solis, Al Morales, Jeff Dahlby, Harold McBride, Santiago Sanchez, John Armezzani, Mike Brown, Paul Coleman and John Lopez. Many of these same pallbearers participated in the funeral of Edgar's wife LTC(R) Rita Morales also

The 2024 Annual Christmas banquet was attended by over 90 guests this year which included the announcement of our pistol raffle winner. The winning ticket was sold by Steve Damon to Mike Gaida.

Thanks to all that supported the raffle through the sales and purchase of tickets. Stay tuned as we raffie some beautiful knives from Spartan Blades and another pistol with the winners be announced throughout the year at our Jack Hogue Memorial Picnic and other events.



Annual Chapter Christmas Banquet December 2024. L-R Chuck Rose, Angie, Bob and Vicky Walker, Susan and Fred Solis, and Ron Burkett



A tip of the Beret to fellow Green Berets and Chapter XV members, Longtab owner Dave Holland (L) and head brewer Mike Brown (R) for the donation check to Jeff Dahlby (C) from proceeds following the celebration of life for Warner "Rocky" Farr

On a more somber note, the passing of MSG(R) Edgar Morales and his wife LTC(R) Rita Morales in November and December respectively and COL(R) Warner "Rocky" Farr in November forced us to bid farewell to some true heroes.

The Chapter received multiple "in memory of" donations which will go to funding our yearly scholarships. May they rest in eternal peace knowing they served proudly a grateful nation.

The Chapter continues to hold fundraisers at Fish City Grill locations with a percentage of the total proceeds going to the Chapter in support of our scholarship fund. A tip of the beret to Bob Walker who has coordinated and supported these events and a donation by North Parke Lincoln.

Chapter XV meetings are held the second Saturday of each month at 1300 hours, (lunch at noon) at VFW Post 8541, located at 2222 Austin Highway, San Antonio, TX, 78218. For more information, contact SFA CH XV president at: president@sfa-xv.org. Please take a look at our new refurbished website at <https://www.sfa-xv.org/> and sign up for our newsletter.

If you are swinging through San Antonio, please reach out as we can always use an excuse to savor some cold libations or just grab a cup of hot joe.

PRES : Roger Taylor
VICE : Bill Coultrup
SEC : Pat Carr
TRES : Jerry Cooper




CHAPTER XXXII-L
 The Indian Nations Chapter

32-50

www.sfachapter32-50.org **Oklahoma City, OK**



Cabanatuan Walk Participants

Chapter 32-50's Vice President, Bill Coultrup, participated in a recreation walk of the Rangers advance to the Japanese Prisoner of War Camp Cabanatuan in January. On January 30, 1945, during World War II, United States Army Rangers, Alamo Scouts and Filipino guerrillas attacked the camp and liberated more than 500 prisoners. The group followed the 30 mile trek by the Rangers and Filipinos. The February meeting of the Chapter had Artist Harvey Pratt as our speaker. Harvey discussed his career in Law Enforcement as a Forensic Artist. He was instrumental in the capture of felons and the identification of victims with his forensic drawings. Harvey also designed the National Native American Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC.



Rick Cacini and Bill Coultrup



February Chapter Meeting

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CHAPTER XXXIX

The MSG Roy Benavidez Chapter



PRES : Tommy Austin
 VICE : Dean McBride
 SEC : Daniel Denham
 TRES : Daniel Denham

Houston, TX



Left to Right: Karl Kumm, Carson Headley, Steve Sherman, Ron Davidson, Joe Frankie, Tommy Austin, Dan Denham, Charlie Keane, Mel Curnutt, Spencer Bitz, Dennis Smith, Tom Bridgwater

On Veterans' Day, Chapter 39 was unable to fully participate in the Houston Veterans' Day Parade. Doc Heintzleman rode his motorcycle in the parade as a dual representative of SFA Chapter 39 and the SF Brotherhood Motorcycle Club.

On Saturday 7 December 2024 we met at the Palinuro Italian Cuisine restaurant in Katy, Texas for our Christmas social and luncheon. Thirty Chapter 39 members and ladies attended. A social "hour" before dining allowed participants to renew acquaintances and meet new members. During the meal, each member introduced himself, the SF assignments he served in, his city of residence, and his wife or guest. Thanks goes to Dino McBride for coordinating the luncheon with the restaurant and the November raffle, which largely funded it.



Left to Right: Bruce Dareing, Israel Hilyer, Rick Grenfell, Mia Hilyer, E.B. Clapp, Coy Reese, Janina Hilyer, Charles Keane, Janet Keane, Chuck Kennedy, Deborah Kennedy, Nguyet Sherman, Steve Sherman, Maggie Gutierrez, Karl Kumm, Al Robb, Sonny Sonsel, Carlos Gutierrez, Tom Bridgwater, Karen Frankie, Joe Frankie, Eddie Eskola, Dan Denham, and Ako Eskola. Not shown: Bert Ward and Joshua Wathen

Dino McBride provided a summary of the money raised for the November raffle of the custom gun belt, knife, sheath, and replica black powder pistol and holster. The winner was Denny Smith's son Gene Smith. Patrick Flood updated us on the future Green Beret shoot with the Green Beret Foundation and others for Chapter 39. Dan encouraged members to visit the SF Association's Teamhouse website to update their profiles, access documents and photos, and to visit Chapter 39's website there. Dino and Janine McBride provided a few door prizes near the end.

In January, we met at the Honor Café in Conroe, Texas. The restaurant is owned by and caters to military veterans. It almost has a museum atmosphere. We had a great turnout for lunch, fellowship, and meeting with election of new officers. We welcomed new chapter members Joshua Wathen, Bert Ward, and Bruce Dareing.



Left to Right: Janet Keane, Dan Denham, Dino McBride, Janie Clapp, E.B. Clapp, Tom Bridgwater (rear), Patrick Flood (rear), Janine McBride, Tommy Austin, Al Robb (rear), Janina Hilyer, Charlie Keane, Israel Hilyer (rear), Mia Hilyer, Chuck Kennedy, Maggie and Carlos Gutierrez (rear), Joe and Karen Frankie, Sandy and Carson Headley, Steve and Nguyet Sherman, Eddie Eskola, Mua, Denise Austin, Moi and Dennis Smith, Becky Denham, and Doc Heintzleman

In February, we met at Rudy's BBQ in Webster, Texas. President Tommy Austin chaired the meeting. We were able to see several members from the southeast side of Houston at the meeting. We had a great time of fellowship.

Chapter 39 has accomplished much in the last few years. It rolled out a new chapter coin, a new logo, and an official Chapter polo shirt. We renamed the Chapter after MOH winner MSG Roy Benavidez who was from nearby Cuero, Texas.



Left to Right: Dino McBride, Tom Bridgwater, E.B. Clapp, Patrick Flood, Tommy Austin, Al Robb, Charlie Keane, Israel Hilyer, Chuck Kennedy, Carlos Gutierrez, Dan Denham (rear), Joe Frankie, Carson Headley, Steve Sherman, Dennis Smith, Eddie Eskola, Doc Heintzleman

Members have participated in JROTC award ceremonies, Memorial Day observances, Military appreciations and Veterans' Day parades, Green Beret Foundation tournaments, wreath-laying events, motorcycle rallies and memorial services, and moved the Bruce Perry Museum to an alternate location. We have supported wives, families, and friends after the unfortunate passing of chapter members and unaffiliated SF soldiers at memorial services.

Several members attend the monthly combined SF/Ranger breakfast on the second Saturday of each month. And several of us toured Camp Hope, which helps distressed veterans recover from dire circumstances. We have fully adopted the Teamhouse website where we store our chapter's past and current documents for posterity. We find it easy to enroll and validate new members and pay dues.

Chapter 39 now has an up-to-date website that is free and easy to maintain through the SFA Teamhouse.

<p>PRES : Dave Carley VICE : Chris Jay SEC : Brian Greata TRES : Tom Mead SGT at ARMS : Greg Phillips</p>		<p>CHAPTER XLI The Lone Star Chapter Austin, TX</p>	<p>41</p>
<p>www.sfa41.org</p>			



Elected chapter leadership



Award of fall scholarship

Chapter XLI held our chapter Christmas Party in December, at The Palomino in Georgetown.

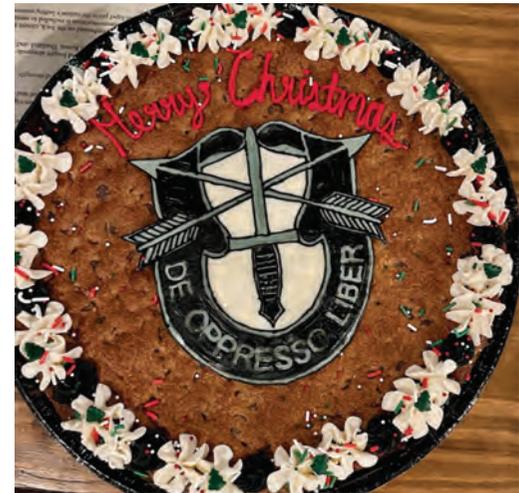
The event was well attended, with nearly 30 people in attendance. It was great to see so many chapter friends and family members out together. We had a few items of chapter business:

- 1) We announced the results of the chapter election for officers who will serve the next two years.
- 2) The chapter awarded our fall scholarship to Larry Sill's granddaughter Olivia, to further her higher education pursuits.
- 3) We heard from Mike Hurst about his efforts as the National SFA Treasurer, which are impressive and greatly appreciated!

Chapter XLI (41) Continued...



Christmas party crowd



Proper Christmas decoration

We also had a great time with a gourmet burger bar, 50/50 raffle, white elephant gift exchange, and Christmas cookie exchange as part of the holiday celebration activities. Thank you to all who could participate!

In January we met at Rudy's for chapter business and barbecue, addressing a long list of action items that needed to be completed after a focus on our Christmas party and the holidays. We also passed along a number of emerging notes of interest to the group pertaining to changes to Tricare, the VA, and SFA. Once we covered all the business, we closed the formal meeting and transitioned to enjoying brisket, sausage, company, and conversation.

The chapter held a small meeting at the Leander VFW in February, where we covered a few items of chapter business but focused most of our energy on sharing a few adult beverages and a good time.

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CHAPTER LXXX

The Chili Chapter



PRES : Robert Medina
 VICE : Benjamin Balderama
 SEC : Richard Lutz
 TRES : Daniel Ansbach

Las Cruces, NM



1st Chapter meeting of 2025

Chapter 80 members along with local veterans here in Las Cruces gather at our Veterans Memorial Park on selected holidays and mark the occasion by raising a garrison flag.



Chapter Christmas Party Dec 2024

In keeping with this commitment, on 7 Dec. members participated in raising a garrison flag at the Park in honor of Pear Harbor Day.

In the evening following the flag raising, members gathered at our team house, Mike Burleson's residence, for our annual Christmas Party.

In mid Dec. Chapter 80 participated in "Wreaths Across America" at the Ft. Bliss National Cemetery, laying wreaths at the graves of deceased chapter members as well as a few other veterans known to the chapter.

Following, wreaths were brought back to Las Cruces and placed at the Korean War, Vietnam War, and Special Forces memorials in our veterans Park.

Planning for our participation in the upcoming annual Bataan Memorial March at White Sands Missile Range is underway.

The Chapter will operate Water Point 7 at approximately the 16-mile marker along the rugged desert 26.2 mile line of march.



Roberto Medina, Ed Brady and Dan Ansbach assist Garrison Flag Raising in Veterans Memorial Park 7 Dec 2024



Rudy Reyes places a wreath at the Ft. Bliss National Cemetery Dec 2024

PRES : James "Jim" Savell
VICE : Wally Burns
SEC : Kurt Fordice
TRES : Bert Hernandez



CHAPTER XCIII
The Raymond J. Verba Jr. Memorial Chapter

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Waco, TX

Greeting from Central Texas, where winter can last an entire week!!

The Old Saying is, If you don't like Texas weather, wait a minute and it will change. Recently, we had about three days of winter followed by two days of record high temperatures followed again by a few days of blustery winds and colder temps. The Old Saying once again proved true!

This Chapter is honored to have Melissa Gentsch, daughter of Medal of Honor recipient COL Robert Howard, and her husband Frank, as Honorary Chapter members. Recently published was the book by Stephen L. Moore, Beyond The Call of Duty, the story of Colonel Howard's tours of duty in Vietnam and the actions that prompted three recommendations for the Medal of Honor. It is a read every Special Forces soldier should have in his library. The first book signing occurred in Waco, Texas, Melissa's hometown. In this day and time when America needs a rebirth of what constitutes a true hero, a movie of the life of Colonel Howard should be made. Colonel Howard was the most decorated Special Forces soldier, if not of all services, in the Vietnam War.

Chapter XCIII (93) Continued...



Stephen L. Moore and Melissa Gentsch at the Waco Book signing ,Beyond the Call of Duty



Bert Hernandez, John Householder, Lee Torbet, Jim Savell, Pat Phagan and Wally Burns

As occurs in other Chapters, Chapter 93 makes time to meet outside of regular meetings. We meet periodically at Denny's or other breakfast restaurant to rehearse and rehash our old war stories and other lies. It's not as though we forget but more to keep our exploits alive and not forgotten. Besides, friends getting together is always a good thing.



Chapter members) Wally Burns, Jon Ker, Jim Savell with the Student Command and Staff, University High Scholl JROTC

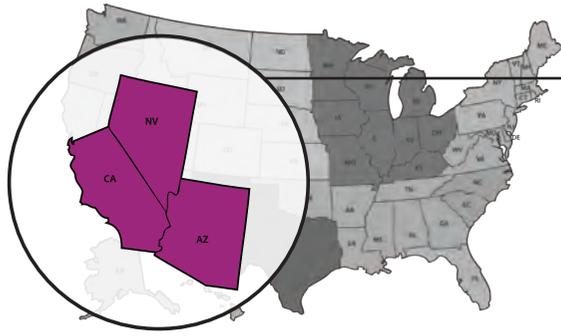
Our Chapter is active with the High School Junior ROTC programs in Waco schools. In addition to giving annual awards to the top student leader from each school that has a program, when requested we also assist in ways we can with the program itself.

For several years, we have assisted University High School Army JROTC prepare for their official briefing for certification of the program. This year President Wally Burns, Past President Jim Savell and Jon Ker heard the briefing from the student command and staff. It is always an exciting time to see kids undertaking this program for their personal improvement and future development.

Our newly elected Chapter Officers are:

- Wally Burns, President
- Chuck Masterson, Vice President
- Kurt Fordice, Secretary
- Bert Hernandez, Treasurer

STRENGTH AND HONOR



REGION VIII

Southwest Region

(SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, NEVADA, ARIZONA)



CHAPTERS: *XII (12)*, *XIV (14)*, *XXII (22)*, *LI (51)*, *LXXV (75)*, *LXXVIII (78)*, *CIII (103)*

**Chapters in red did not submit input for this quarter*

PRES : Howard "Skip" Anders
VICE : VACANT
SEC : Michael Babb
TRES : Dan DuRocher (Acting)
QUARTERMASTER : Charlie Sands



CHAPTER XXII

The Sgt. Walter B. Foote Memorial Chapter

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Greater Arizona



The Christmas Venue



Some of the raffle items

Chapter 22 had a Christmas Dinner gathering December 7th at the Holiday Inn Phoenix Airport. It was a great buffet dinner, and those in attendance enjoyed a good meal and had a good time.

We had a LOT of great raffle drawings and two big raffle items, a certified war trophy SKS (with a lamp conversion kit???) and a 1911 .45 pistol, that was won by Michael Van Hook, who elected to take the cash option.



A few distinguished guests

Spring will be busy for the Chapter as we will be recognizing outstanding JROTC Cadets throughout the valley. In addition, we will also make our annual trip to Safford for Memorial Day weekend and conduct a gravesite ceremony for our Chapter namesake, Walter Bruce Foote.

Chapter XXII (22) Continued...



The Christmas Card photo

Looking ahead, July 11-13 we will have our Summer Getaway. This year we will be returning to Alpine AZ, located in the White Mountains of eastern Arizona. We have a "block" reservation at Alpine Buckboard Cabins in Alpine, there are some great restaurants in the area, and as always, we will be conducting some weapons "familiarization" firing. So if you want to escape the valley heat in July, bring the family, guns, and lots of ammo and join us.

Anyone looking for more information on our Chapter, activities, and photos from events, is welcome to visit our website at our website www.sfa22arizona.org.

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CHAPTER LI

The Colonel Sully de Fontaine Chapter

Las Vegas, NV

<https://www.sfa51vegas.com>



PRES : Hal Wheeler
 VICE : Tom Sholtis
 SEC : Richard Doeseckle
 TRES : Steve Warner

SFA Chapter 51 continues to have some great get togethers. As usual, we meet every Wednesday morning for breakfast. This breakfast has been continuous for over 25 years at the same restaurant. January was special because we had several visitors who were in Vegas for the SHOT Show which included some Ranger Regiment guys. Tony Fusco, Gilbert Gembacz from SFA Chapter 78 (far end, center), Rob Mustoe, Howard Massingill (running for NRA Board of Directors), Peter Martinez, his son Marciano Martinez and Kenny Wright.

On Monday Jan 20, several Chapter members attended the Pre Shot Show Gathering at Centre Support in Henderson. We were given a tour of the two arms rooms containing over 20,000 firearms (<https://centresupport.com>). Also available was plenty of food, beverages and vendors. One of our Chapter members does work with the company and its nice to have friends with guns.



Pre Shot Show Gathering



Chapter Breakfast

Member Highlight: Aurelio Flores enlisted in the Army in 1964 and had already obtained a Bachelor's Degree. After completing Basic and and Infantry Training, attended OCS and received a commission as an Infantry Second Lieutenant. He then volunteered for Special Forces Training. Already fluent in Spanish, Aurelio was assigned to the 8th Special Forces Group at Fort Gulick, Panama as the XO on Team A-13 and XO/Commander of A-16. His team conducted several missions in Columbia and Nicaragua. While in Columbia, the 8th SFG was tasked to start ups the Jungle Warfare School at Ft Sherman to prepare Army and Marine prior to deployment to Vietnam.



Team A-16 Panama. Aurelio (far left)

Aurelio was then sent to DLI to learn Portuguese, returned to Panama and later trained the Brazilian Paratroopers. Aurelio's Team was instrumental in training the Bolivian Army's Infantry soldiers at Ft Gulick and later in Bolivia who were later credited with tracking down Che Guevara and killing him. Aurelio left the Army as a Captain in 1970 and joined the FBI until 1999. Some highlights of Aurelio's career were working undercover for three years documented in the book entitled "Cassidy's Run" by Thomas Wise; Class Counselor at our FBI Academy; Supervisory Special Agent of a White Collar Crime Squad for seven years in Los Angeles, California; assignment to the American Embassy, Mexico City, Mexico in the FBI Office as a Legal Attache' and Public Information Officer (PIO) for the FBI's Nevada Division. During my FBI Career I was transferred to the following FBI Offices; San Diego, California (Escondido Resident Agency), Miami, Florida, Salt Lake City, Utah, San Antonio, Texas (Austin, TX) Los Angeles California, FBI Academy at Quantico, Virginia,

back to Los Angeles, CA, Mexico City, Mexico and Las Vegas, Nevada from where he retired. After retiring from the FBI, Aurelio then worked at the State Department Narcotics Affairs Division for eleven years as an Independent Contractor in 23 cities in Mexico, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Honduras. Aurelio served as the SFA Chapter 51 President from 2015-2019. Aurelio has been married for 37 years and has a son, daughter and four grand daughters.

PRES : Marty Keef
VICE : Lee Jacobs
SEC : Charlie Inot
TRES : Mike Cates



CHAPTER LXXV
 The COL Roger H.C. Donlon MOH Chapter

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San Diego, CA

Greetings from all of us here in sunny San Diego, California. The chapter continues to do well, recruit new members, and stay active in veteran and community affairs. This past December, the Wreaths Across American ceremony at Miramar National Cemetery took place. Our chapter purchased several wreaths for the occasion. Over 10,000 wreaths were donated this past year in San Diego.

It is with great sorrow, we announce the passing of one of our members John Williams, in Florida. He was a Vietnam War veteran who served with Detachment A-109, C Company, 5th Special Forces Group from 1967-68. He will be missed by his family, Regiment and friends - Lest We Forget.

The chapter's After the Holidays Potluck Party in January, was hosted by Charlie and Susan at their home with 35 members and guests in attendance. Cliff and Karen Newman came out from Prescott, AZ, to mingle with old friends. The daughter of Col. Roger Donlon, Linda Danninger and her husband Paul were also in attendance.



L to R: Ray Striler, Gary Clark, Pat Russell, Bryan Wilson, Tony Vinca



L to R: John Boaz, Karen and Cliff Newman

Chapter LXXV (75) Continued...



L to R: Dave DeSoucy, Marty Keef, Charlie Inot, Mike Cates, Lee Jacobs



L to R: Greg Stansbury, Bill Nelson, Robert Tellez

New chapter officers were sworn in: President Marty Keef, Vice President Lee Jacobs, Treasurer Mike Cates and Secretary Charlie Inot. Everyone enjoyed the company of good friends, lively conversation, delicious food and drink. It was a great start to the New Year.

Building off the first year of success, The Col. Roger Donlon, MoH Scholarship program is gearing up to accept new applicants and grant awards to worthy recipients. We hope to continue this legacy program for many years to come.

Until next time, stay well, take care of each other and pray for the military men and women serving this great republic - De Oppresso Liber

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CHAPTER LXXVIII

The LTC Frank J. Dallas Chapter



PRES : Aaron Brandenburg
 VICE : James McLanahan
 SEC : Gary Macnamara
 TRES : Richard Simonian

Southern California

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At our November meeting, our guest speaker was Frank Sobchak, who wrote *Training for Victory*, which is a hard look at which of the things SF does for Security Force Assistance have contributed most and least to our record of training outstanding partner force units.



Our speakers I-r: COL (ret) Frank Sobchak, LTC (ret) Johann Hindert, SFC (ret) Scott J. McHugh



Chapter 78 VP James McLanahan with Special Forces Charitable Trust team at the National finals of the Tactical Games in Florence, TX, where James competed



Chapter 78 member of the year, Jim Duffy, with his usual entourage at the Christmas Party

His statistical analysis, guided by his own SF experience, presents facts that can be helpful in future SF planning, including some surprise findings. One of those is that having a large percentage of the SF team be fluent speakers of the partner forces native tongue is nowhere near as important as having each teammate be fluent in any foreign language.

Our video of his presentation is now available on our website.

Nimo Aslami, an Afghan interpreter for SF units from the age of 14, gave us an update on the highly successful Afghan community, supported by the non-profit Affordable Community Living. The community is built from Afghan fighters who were partners of SF, along with their families. The steady progress, happily growing families, learning English and trades is exemplary. They even hope to open a second Afghan community in a new location. <https://www.affordablecommunityliving.org/programs>.

SFA Chapter 78 VP James McLanahan Represents the Chapter at various events including being the special guest Speaker at Oxnard College’s Veterans Day celebration, and participating in the National Tactical Championships in Florence, TX.

Our December Christmas party was held again at the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club in Newport Beach, CA. Our speaker was Johann Hindert who talked to us about US Irregular warfare and his book German Irregular Warfare. A good time was had by all and is covered in the February Sentinel at www.specialforces78.com.



Chapter 1-18 member Eli Olivas’ displays his custom race car (which he races to honor his fallen SF brothers and to raise awareness of suicide of Special Forces soldiers) at the barbecue for soon to be graduates of SFQC Class 338, co-sponsored by Chapters 1-18 and 78

Scott McHugh, a retired 18F, was our January speaker. He talked about his time as a voting member of the Joint Enlisted Medical Advisory Commission for USSOCOM and for the Committee for Tactical Combat Care.

In 2019 he established a 1st SFG(A) program for teammates returning from Afghanistan regarding continuous threat of moral injury and PTS.

We are preparing for our second annual Valor charity luncheon occurring in April.

Our 2024 event with guest speaker Earl Plumlee, retired SF Medal of Honor recipient, was an outstanding success.

Debra Holm is adding videos of our speakers to our YouTube channel and other social media as they become available.

According to Debra, these videos and Sentinel articles are gathering a significant and growing attention online. You can see our content on Facebook, X, Instagram, and YouTube.

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CHAPTER CIII
The Battle Born Chapter



PRES : Brady Hines
VICE : Ken Snyder
SEC : Mike Black
TRES : Steve Estep

Reno, NV

Greetings from Northern Nevada and the Biggest Little City in the World.

Not a whole lot to report this quarter, but while some of the members of chapter 103 the "Battle Born" chapter attended the veterans day parade in Reno, NV.



Washington Vets Parade, Steve Johnson, Bruce Cowee, Ken Snyder and Dr. Drew Scheele



Lunch at big ed's Art Glass, Brady Hines, Don Meredith, Russ Mann and Bob Bluemer

Last November others braved the cold and snow of the Sierra Nevada foothills in Washington CA. Washington is the home of chapter member and Treasurer Steve Johnson and his wife Kim and has a long history of honoring Vets. The day starts and ends at the Washington hotel, the only hotel, bar and restaurant in town. At the Parade, along with Steve Johnson, was Bruce Cowee C7A pilot from Reno , also Dr. Drew Scheele of Bellingham WA. Scout pilot, both of whom served with Ken Snyder, chapter Vice President, in Vietnam.



Large Flag at auction (L) Brian Beetham and Steve Johnson

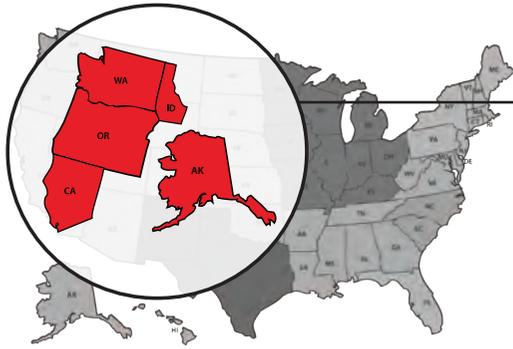
December 15, 2024, Romano's Macaroni Grill Reno NV. Members of Chapter 103, the "battle Born" Chapter gathered at the Macaroni Grill to celebrate the Holidays with dinner and drinks. Also included was an auction of a variety of treasures donated by chapter members. One of these was a giant American Flag, which we saluted to start the evening.

Besides the stars and stripes the flag had Special Forces tabs and patch on it. Part of the auction was the right to fly the flag at home for one year, that went for \$100.00.

Also auctioned off were a couple of Special Forces DUI tow hitch covers, Car Badges, Belt Buckles and a large bottle of the Devils Brigade Whiskey from Willies Distillery.

The menu included Chicken Marsala, Steak and Potatoes, and a real decadent Chocolate Cake. Some meals came with drinks and some drinks had to be retrieved from the Bar. Altogether 24 people, members and guests, and a few dollars came in for the chapter.

January 16, 2025, members of chapter 103 gathered at Big Ed's alley in downtown Reno NV. to have lunch with chapter President Beady Hines, no chapter business, just Camaraderie. Big Ed's is famous for its large portions and fair price's. In attendance was Art Glass, Brady Hines, Don Meredith, Russ Mann and Bob Bluemer.



REGION IX

Northwest Region

(WASHINGTON, OREGON, NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, NORTHERN IDAHO)



CHAPTERS: XVI (16), XXIII (23), XXV (25), XLIII (43), XLVII (47), LXXXIX (89)

**Chapters in red did not submit input for this quarter*

PRES : Bob Head
VICE : Scott Miller
SEC : Mike Barkstrom
TRES : Jim Beisley



CHAPTER XVI

The William R. Card Memorial Chapter

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Ft. Lewis, WA



January Breakfast gathering

Greetings from the occasionally snowy Pacific Northwest!

Chapter XVI members embraced the Pac NW winter with a busy schedule of activities; some of the period's highlights follow:

As it does each December, the chapter provided welcomed support and cheer to the various events of the 1st SFG(A) Annual Menton Week celebration. Food and beverages were provided by Chapter XVI for the Monday evening social and the Combined Airborne Op and Wing Exchange later in the week and - to the rousing cheers of the attendees - 8 kegs of beer was donated by the chapter for the Fight Night Championship event. The chapter also donated prizes for the Sniper and Team competitions and purchased and donated 14 Menton Ball tickets to enlisted members of the Group.

The Monday evening Menton social provided the perfect venue for the chapter's drawing of its Hawaiian Vacation raffle. The winning prize included a one week condo stay, with vehicle, in Waikiki (generously donated by chapter members Danny and Sasha Orosco) and \$1,000 for travel. Chapter members Regina and Butch Hall were the prize winners (the winning ticket was purchased by Regina who, after considerable begging by Butch, finally consented to take him along!).

In a "ONE FOR THE HISTORY BOOKS" event, the chapter's January breakfast provided the backdrop for the reunion of two GB's after 56 years. Chapter members Willi Lindner and Manfred Kropp, who hadn't seen one another since serving together in Det A - Berlin in 1969, were reunited over Saturday morning eggs and SOS.



Teammates reunite after 56 years!

Chapter XVI (16) Continued...

Manfred rejoined the chapter after a long absence but quickly recognized Willie and a much overdue reunion took place!

With the great efforts of President Bob Head and VP Scott Miller, the chapter has successfully increased its membership to 319; in addition to having recruited a number of new members, the leadership was able to bring back into the fold several expired memberships.

That's the latest from the members of Chapter XVI - we wish our Brothers and Sisters good health and cheer...
De Oppresso Liber!

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CHAPTER XXIII

The Golden Gate Chapter; In memory of SGM Jon Cavaiani MOH

San Francisco, CA

www.sfchapter23.org



PRES : Jim Ayre
VICE : Jim Shields
SEC : Bill Lynch
TRES : Jean Lavaud



Chapter 23 Honored Guests at the Chapter 23 Christmas Dinner Dec. 2024



A full house of attendees at the Chapter 23 Christmas Dinner

Chapter 23 held its Christmas gala conducted at the Benicia Yacht Club held in California Republic's original capital of Benicia. Chapter members along with family members and friends reunited with handshakes, hugs, slaps on the back, and the occasion "true tale" of past exploits. Toasts were rendered and fallen brothers were remembered prior to the meal. The banter that continued throughout the meal was a testament to the camaraderie of the Chapter.

After the meal, guest speakers Michael Savage and CW02 Sam Jimenez addressed the audience. Michael expressed appreciation to all for their service and dedication to the United States of America. Chief Jimenez updated the audience on the current direction of SF training and operations.

In 2025 Chapter 23 will be conducting "support the author events" at various locations, to include the Marine Memorial

Club and Hotel in San Francisco, chapter-wide breakfasts, lunches, and cook-outs in various locations, and is making plans for a day at the ballpark in Sacramento.

Other events may include tours of the Mare Island Naval Yard Museum, The Presidio Historic Museum, and a day aboard the USS Hornet in Alameda. While fun and camaraderie are a significant part of the Chapter's focus, the deeper purpose is to learn more about members who need support that the Chapter may be able to provide.

PRES : Stephen Durfee
 VICE : Jarad Balch
 SEC : David Erickson
 TRES : Mike Backhaus



CHAPTER XLIII
 The SGM Bradley Conner Chapter

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Coeur d' Alene, ID



Thanksgiving, Butterball Turkeys



Wyatt Goldsmith, skiing at 49' North

A quick reflection on Thanksgiving & Christmas.

Chapter XLIII was honored to donate to the American Legion Post 143. This was our 3rd year donating Butterball turkeys for their Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. We donated an ODA's worth of turkeys and two attachments from the B-Team. Thank you, Chapter members, Stephen, Marc, Mike & John, for making this special delivery.

Christmas is the perfect time to bring the Chapter & their families together. We had a great party filled with a catered lunch, live caroler, door prizes, acknowledgments & awarding the Teammate of the Year Award. This year's recipient was Alan White. Alan & his wife Mary hosted the Chapters summer BBQ several times and generously contributed to the Christmas party. We appreciate them both. A big "thank you" to the planning committee & muscles that helped prepare & set up for the event.



Christmas party, Chapter family photo



Goldsmith guidon at 49' North

Guidon:

SFC Wyatt Goldsmith (KIA 7/15/11) started skiing in Jr High. When he was able to drive, he got a job at 49 Degrees North Mountain Resort. Working at the resort allowed him to ski for free. He started as a parking lot attendant, moved up to a chair lift operator & upon completing the required emergency medicine training, became a member of the Ski Patrol. The medical training he received as a Ski Patroller really interested Wyatt. After Special Forces Selection, Wyatt entered the Q Course to become a Medical Sergeant. In 2007, Wyatt completed all the training & was assigned to ODA 174 at JBLM. When he had free time in the winters, he would head home to Colville, WA. and hit the slopes, as a Ski Patroller.

Chapter XLIII (43) Continued...

After Wyatt was killed, 49 Degrees North management reached out to Wyatt's parents, John & Lorie Goldsmith, to request a guidon with Wyatt's ODA. You can find Wyatts guidon at the top of chair one. At the end of each ski season, one of the Ski Patrollers skies down the hill, with the guidon waving in the wind, to safely store it away for the next season. The resort named a run, Green Beret. Appropriately, it is a black diamond.

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CHAPTER XLVII

The Lewis and Clark/Norman A. Doney Chapter



PRES : Stephen Walker
VICE : Danny Dietz
SEC : Mike Ward
TRES : Weldon T. Burton
SGT at ARMS : Geno Williams

Oregon & SW Washington

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November 22, 2024 - Chapter 47 members attended the dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the Oregon State Capital Grounds.



Row 1: Hono Yacapin, Lee Reese, Dennis Kein, Steve Walker, Sid Macken. Row 2: Mike Ward, Danny Deitz. Row 3: Steve Cornacchia, Geno Williams



"Welcome Home"

The memorial columns list the 790 Oregonians who gave the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial has a series of columns, not a solid wall, but a broken wall. This symbolizes the division of the war effort support and the fractured society that resulted.

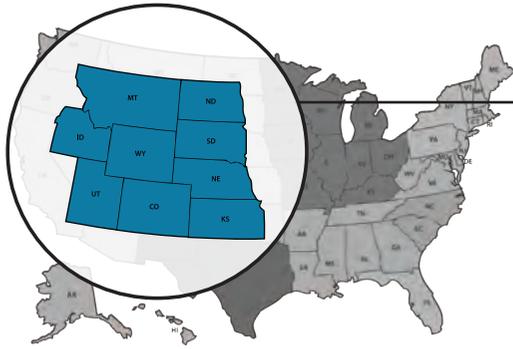
The memorial also contains special designations for those Missing in Action and Medal of Honor recipients.



Oregon Vietnam Veterans Memorial



Oregon Vietnam Veterans Memorial



REGION X

Mountain Region

(MONTANA, SOUTHERN IDAHO, WYOMING, UTAH, KANSAS, COLORADO)



CHAPTERS: IV-XXIV (4-24), XXVIII (28), **XXIX (29)**, LXIX (69), LXX (70), **LXXI (71)**

**Chapters in red did not submit input for this quarter*

PRES : Don Bennett and Howie Massingill
VICE : Tom Wisdom
SEC : Jim Kittle
TRES : Patrick Flynn



CHAPTER IV-XXIV

Charles Hosking/Al Fontes Rocky Mountain Chapter

4-24

<http://sfa4-24.org>

Colorado Springs, CO



Grüß Gott from the Mountain Chapter. It's been a busy four months, starting in November we attended the Veterans' Day parade through the downtown streets of Colorado Springs and of course the weather was fantastic, after the snow was cleared! Followed by our annual Pikes Peak Veterans Day ceremony at Memorial Park in Colorado Springs.

December had Chapter members participating with the annual Wreaths Across America event honoring our nation's Veterans. We helped at the Evergreen Cemetery in Colorado Springs, honoring our Veterans by placing wreaths throughout the cemetery. Also, in December we enjoyed our annual Christmas Party at the Mining Exchange where we swore in our newest chapter officers, back in the seat are Howie Massingill and Don Bennett as co-presidents, Tom Wisdom as VP, Patrick Flynn at returning Treasurer and Frank Swanson making a return to Secretary after a dozen years away.



Members of the Chapter help celebrate the 100th birthday of a true WWII war veteran and former POW. Ed Beck celebrated his birthday on February 7th, 2025, congratulation to Ed, we wish him the best in keeping up the traditions here in the Pikes Peak Region.

February has us back to the mountain for the 50th anniversary of the 10th Mountain Division ski-in. We represented the 99th Norwegian Special Operations (NORSO) Battalion. who trained with the 10th MTN at Camp Hale before separating and joining the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) in Europe during WWII.

The month of March has the Chapter traveling down south to the White Sands Missile Range, NM and participating in the Bataan Death March Memorial Marathon.

Chapter IV-XXIV (4-24) Continued...



Howie will be leading a team of Chapter members on this endeavor. Following the Marathon, we will hold our annual wreath laying at Memorial Park in Colorado Springs on Memorial Day, honoring all the Americans that have given the ultimate sacrifice for our great Nation.

Lastly, looking forward to the 4th of July, many chapter members will be gathering high in the Rocky Mountains on Sargent's Mesa in Sagauche County, Colorado for the remembrance ceremony the Chapter hosts every year. The event this year is the 30th Anniversary of the dedication back in 1995 and we are looking forward to a huge turn out this year.

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CHAPTER XXVIII

The Devil's Brigade Chapter

Montana

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PRES : Max Carpenter
 VICE : Tim Small
 SEC : Shawn Modula
 TRES : Bob Brugh



Montana mushers



Snow Ghosts



Lethal Street Gang

The Devil's Brigade Chapter 28 was back on the dog sleds, snowmobiles, skis and snow boards in February at Whitefish, Montana hosting guests from 1st, 5th, 10th SFGs and the Canadian Special Operations Regiment.

30+ chapter members joined the active-duty families for the week of winter sports hatchet throwing and other activities as well as great food and even greater fellowship and networking.

The keynote speaker at the "big dinner" of the week was COL Gabe Szody, the 5th SFG(A) commander who updated the group on the current events within 5th SFG(A) and the Regiment.

Concurrently, chapter's Helena based crew continued to facilitate SF team and larger formation training throughout the state.



Snow Grenade

As Winter thaws into Spring, the chapter looks forward to more events and to providing ongoing support to SF training in Montana. Chapter 28 sends a sincere thank you to our generous sponsors that make our active duty Montana get aways possible.

PRES : Frank Metayer
VP Treasurer/Membership : Eric Middlebrook
VP Communications: Michael Tomlin



CHAPTER LXIX

The Bernie Fisher Chapter

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Boise, ID



Range safety briefing prior to shooting



Mike Tomlin shooting his 30-30 at the Turkey Shoot

Greetings from the Gem State.

The chapter hosts several shooting events throughout the year. All shoots take place at our private range on the property of a member and former president of our chapter.

The chapter held its annual Sgt. Alvin York Turkey Shoot on 23 November 2024. This was combined with a Chili Cookoff. We had over twenty shooters competing for turkeys in three categories. Everyone enjoyed hot chili afterwards.

The final chapter gathering for 2024 was the Christmas Party and dinner on 3 December 2024 at a local Italian restaurant. It was a huge success with 58 chapter members and their guests.



Chapter members gather for the Sgt. Alvin York Turkey Shoot



Mike Edwards coaching a member at a shoot

Chapter LXXIX (69) Continued...

On 25 January 2025 the chapter hosted a World War II shoot. Members brought their WWII era weapons, such as, 1891 Mosin Nagant, Mauser Broomhandle c96, M1 Garand, MP40, Enfield 303, Thompson sub-machine gun .45 caliber, 1911 pistol .45 caliber, CZ27, M1 .30 caliber carbine. There were about a dozen shooters, and everyone had a good time.

If your travels bring you to the Treasure Valley (Boise, Nampa, Caldwell) of southern Idaho, call or message one of the chapter officers. Better yet, the chapter meets the first Tuesday of each month at 1830 hours at Fiesta Guadalajara Mexican Restaurant in Nampa.

70 **CHAPTER LXX**
The CSM Don DeVere Memorial Chapter
Salt Lake City, UT



PRES : John Wester
VICE : Arlo Johnson
SEC : Mike Seamon
TRES : Brent Tomlin



December saw SFA member Santa Arlo delivering his sleigh to support the 1st Battalion 19th SFGA Christmas party. Chapter officers helped provide the annual Christmas Party for the Chapter at the Timbermine Restaurant. Seventy members and spouses enjoyed the fine meal and excellent company.

Our annual business meeting was held in January at the VFW in Layton, Utah. Eighteen members attended. The budget for 2025 was discussed and approved.

Our chapter's annual Valentines dinner was held at the Timbermine, our favorite venue. Originally, sixty-four members were signed up, but due to a heavy snowstorm that evening, forty-seven were able to attend. Beau Burgess, honorary member, was awarded a certificate of recognition for his past help during his tenure as director of the Fort Douglas Military Museum.





REGION XI

Overseas Region

(OKINAWA, THAILAND, HAWAII, SOUTH KOREA, GUAM/
PHILIPPINES, AUSTRALIA, AFGHANISTAN, GERMANY, BELGIUM)



CHAPTERS: II (2), III (3), V (5), VIII (8), XIII (13), XLVI(46), LII (52), LXV (65), LXXXVI (86), XCI-CI (91-101)

**Chapters in red did not submit input for this quarter*

PRES : Peter (Pete) Tingstrom
VICE : Lynn Mariano
SEC : Weston Amaya
TRES : Jeff Strawder



CHAPTER VIII

The MSG Earl Kalani Memorial Chapter

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Honolulu, Hawaii



Cruise Group Photo: Chuck Huff, Barry Shapiro, Pete Tingstrom, Eric Johnson, Robert Loudon (missing but on the boat Linc Glenister, Chris Mulhall, Joe Harosky)



SFBMC FORT DERUSSY anniversary celebration: Pete Tingstrom, FL Associate, Linc Glenister, Chris Mulhall, Chris Price, Shaun Berry

As 2024 came to a close, The MSG Earl Kalani Memorial Chapter VIII (Hawaii) remained committed to honoring the Special Forces legacy, supporting our Green Beret community, and fostering strong veteran ties in Hawaii.

The final months of the year were marked by meaningful ceremonies, fundraising efforts, and outreach, reflecting the dedication of our members.

In October, eight Chapter VIII members attended SFACON 2024 which was planned and executed by our Chapter President, Pete Tingstrom. It was one of the most successful Special Forces gatherings ever. Held aboard the Carnival Paradise from Tampa, Florida, the event featured many activities, Symposiums, and networking opportunities.



Army Navy Game: Pete Tingstrom, FL Associate, Linc Glenister, Shaun Berry, Rebekah Durham, Gina Tingstrom, Chris North, Carlos Bautista, Jeremy "Bama" Guin

Chapter VIII (8) Continued...



Chapter VIII Christmas Party: Keoni May, Jeff Strawder, Jay Ledee, Lynn Mariano, Pete Tingstrom, Shaun Berry, Dog Joey (many had not arrived yet)

In November, members took part in Veterans Day ceremonies at Punchbowl National Memorial, the Honolulu Natatorium, and the USS Missouri. These gatherings honored the sacrifices of past and present service members and strengthened our chapter's connection to Hawaii's military community.

A highlight of the quarter was the annual Chapter VIII Luau on November 17, 2024, at Ke'ehi Lagoon Memorial. With nearly 80 attendees including the Deputy Commander of USPACOM (and fellow Green Beret, LTC Joshua Rudd), the event was a resounding success, raising funds for veterans' initiatives and disaster relief efforts. Keneke's Catering provided a traditional Hawaiian feast, and entertainment included live music, hula performances, and fire knife dancers.

As part of ongoing community support and disaster relief efforts, the chapter worked with SFA National and the Special Forces Charitable Trust (SFCT) to aid SF families affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton by building and maintaining a Common Operational Picture (COP) on our National SFA Teamhouse. Additionally, \$2,500 was allocated for Maui wildfire relief through Sheep Dog Impact Assistance, ensuring timely support for those in need from the Lahaina Fires.

In December, the Special Forces Brotherhood (SFBMC) held their Anniversary Celebration, and we held our annual Christmas Party at Pete's Hale (house).

Looking ahead, Chapter VIII is honored to take part in the Hawaii 250th Anniversary Commemoration, ensuring Special Forces contributions are recognized in this historic event. We are also working to get the production of "Last Out - Elegy of a Green Beret" out to Hawaii. As we move into 2025, we remain steadfast in our mission to honor our heritage, support our brothers-in-arms, and strengthen our veteran community in Hawaii.

Aloha and De Oppresso Liber!

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The Combat Chapters



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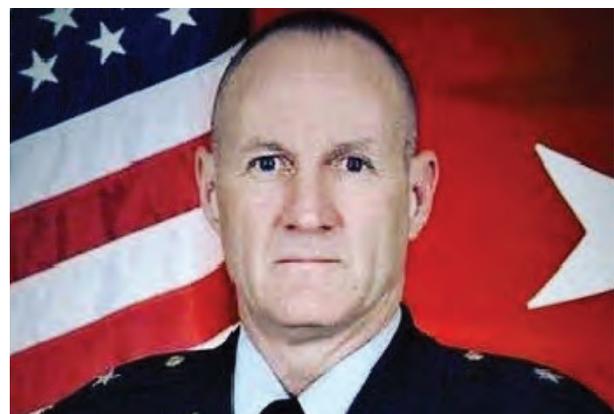
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This quarter we remember and recognize four comrades.

BG Frank J. Toney, Jr. (RIP), DMOR, made significant contributions to the US Army and Special Forces during a 30-year active duty career, including command and service with four Special Forces Groups, the Special Warfare Center and School, COMSOCCENT, and Commander, Special Forces Command.

In 2005, Frank Toney was charged with oversight of programs to accelerate the transition of critical capabilities from the US Military to Iraqi Armed Forces, in Baghdad, Iraq.

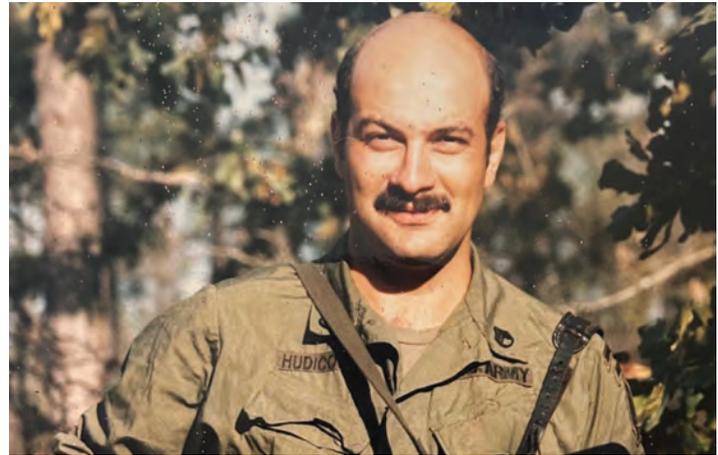
In October, 2006, he established Special Forces Association Chapter 91 (Crossed Swords), was elected the first President of the Chapter, and remains the President Emeritus.



BG Frank Toney, DMOR



MG (R) Bill Moore, HMOR-nominee



MSG (R) Phil Hudicourt, St Philip Neri-nominee

MG William C. Moore (Ret) is nominated for both Honorary Member of the SF Regiment and SFA Honorary Member. Army special operations forces today are a direct outcome of his professional foresight, tenacity and dedication.

As what is now the Army G-3, 1983-87, he successfully re-energized, enhanced, and modernized, after years of neglect, Army SOF and SMU capabilities and sustainment.

Known as the "Godfather of SOF Modernization," his oversight and guidance led to establishing SF Branch; starting SFAS for SF; reactivating 1 SFG; creating USASOC and the TSOCS; supporting creation of USSOCOM; and re-vitalizing multiple SMUs and DET-A.

MSG (Ret) Phil Hudicourt is nominated for the Saint Philip Neri Gold Medal. For conspicuous 45 years of service to Special Forces and America.

Phil's 22-year active duty military career is exceptional, always serving on the cutting edge (Rangers, 82d Abn, SF, JSOC, SMU operator in combat); and his 23-year service as a contractor includes 17 years in combat (Bosnia, Iraq) and 6 years FID. Past President, SFA-91.

SGM Ronald D. Brockelman (RIP) made significant contributions to the Special Forces Regiment and is nominated for the St Philip Neri Medal.

Ron served two tours of duty in Vietnam with Special Forces including one year with the legendary Mobile Strike Force. In 1972, SFC Brockelman (age 37) volunteered, with five of his ODA-222 team, for Ranger School--all completed it with Ron recognized as the Honor Graduate.

His team received the 10 SFG "Major Larry A. Thorne Trophy" for excellence in training in 1973.

We remember him as the best team sergeant in 3/7 SFG (Canal Zone). Bruce Hazlewood says it best: "There is not a single SF person who knew him that did not benefit. All became better SF soldiers, officers, Senior NCOs and SGMs."

Photo ODA 222: Top: SFC Nelson, Intel; SSG Miller, comms; SGT McEntyre, comms; SFC Brockelman, Team SGT, 1LT Croall, XO; SP4 Prevey, Lt Wpns; SP4 McKague, Lt Wpns. Bottom: SFC Kilmer, Hvy Wpns; SP4 John, Med; CPT Davis, CO; SGT Hazelwood, Intel; SP4 Walker, Med Supervisor; SP4 Sheckler, Eng.



SGM Ron Brockelman, St Philip Neri-nominee

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We had a special kind of brotherhood. We would have given our lives for each other, and in some cases, we did. -Jim Butler, SOA Founder

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D-10800	Harris	Michael S.	111
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D-10791	Mercier	Scott W.	57
D-10807	Rouse	Adrian	44
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D-10795	Smestad	Jeffrey	43
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D-10794	Verstraete	George J.	32-50
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D-10799	Whitcomb	Seth A.	4-24

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M-16081	Domingue	Marcus	51
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A-2722	Bankovich	Joseph A.	42
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D-10785	Canales	Adam	62
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D-3802	Collins	Michael J.	85
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M-3498	Fitzgerald	Michael E.	72
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D-10789	Garffer	Arthur	
D-10418	Garten	Jeffrey A.	76
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M-16082	Grabowski	Brendon	37
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M-16071	Harding	Nicholas J.	66
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D-10766	Hume	Michael P.	7
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M-16083	Jones	Jason D.	7
A-4647	Kearns	Pam	42
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D-10804	Kelly	Richard J.	100
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M-15356	Klein	Andrew J.	47
m-10432	Krug	Shawn	35
D-4153	Lane	Adrian K.	88
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D-8624	Marques	Daniel L.	4-24
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M-14489	Neuiszer	William R.	15
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D-5373	O'Connor	Brian E.	84
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M-15871	Schmith	Steven	26
D-10784	Staschak	William S.	111
M-16080	Tally	Jeffrey L.	56
M-16100	Taylor II	Scott L.	88
A-4609	Tesanovich	Mark	103
D-5194	Torres Jr.	Manuel M.	42
M-15087	Valperga	Daniel S.	42
D-6793	Vetter	Frank W.	42
M-16040	Volkman	John C.	500
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D-10792	Washington	Marcus	1-18
M-11577	Wathen	Joshua T.	39
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M-9149	Williams	Sean	4-24
D-6040	Wilson	John T.	60
D-3599	Witt Jr.	Glenn E.	51

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