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The "20/20" Flash

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New Members: We received word through SFA National HQs that **Matthew Marasch** has joined the SFA and he is now on Chapter XX's roll. (Since I have not reached out to Matt yet, I can not pass along any other information. And, when we get info, we will send it along.)

Jeff Luikart has contacted the Chapter, he got our email from **Mike McElhiney**. As of this typing, I have not emailed Jeff, but I think Ron L. has been in contact.

Jeff was in Chapter 16, but he is interested in getting on Chapter XX's roll. "I am looking forward to becoming more active in the group since my retirement from the Army last fall and my move back to Minnesota. I retired from the Army last September, after 29.5 years. My background in Special Operations was as a 18CW7 in 1st Group and Little Bird and Blackhawk pilot in the 1/60 and 4/160 SOAR(A)."

Gentlemen, Welcome to the Chapter.

The Next Chapter Business Meeting:

The next meeting is at 7pm at the

**Richfield American Legion,
Tues, Aug 2nd, 2016**

The Richfield American Legion is at 6501 Portland Avenue south.

I plan to be there early for dinner,

about 6:15. Some folks show up early and socialize until the meeting. Some folks just come to the meeting. Come on out.

Upcoming Activities:

From an email: Khao Khinsixiangmay,
Subject: Re: Invitation

Hello all, Please forward my invitation to all of your members.

Thanks, Khao Insixiangmay

INVITATION ບັດຄືນ

The United Royal Lao Armed Forces Special Guerrilla Units Veterans of the Vietnam War (URLAF SGU) cordially invite you to participate in a fundraising party:

Where: The Knights of Columbus,
1114 American Boulevard W., Bloomington,
MN 55420

When: On August 6, 2016 from 7:00 PM to Midnight.

At the party, we will have an opportunity to meet our Southeast Asia veterans who fought the same war. You will also enjoy Lao Lumvong Dance.

Hope to see you at the Event. Sincerely,
Khao Insixiangmay

Jumping with the Best,
tandem skydiving at the Baldwin, Wisconsin
Drop Zone is

Saturday, August 20th,

with a back-up date of August 27th. Jumps will start at 3 pm and, when you make arrangements through the Chapter, the cost is \$189. A barbeque and drinks will be served.

Midwest All Airborne Memorial Stone Dedication is

Saturday, September 17th

Details are to be determined. Activities typically include unveiling Memorial Stones in the Airborne Circle, Fort Snelling Cemetery and a BBQ.

Congressional Medal Of Honor Society Convention: Minneapolis-St. Paul will host the 2016 Medal of Honor Convention October 4 to 8.

The Medal of Honor Convention Kick-off event is October 5 at the US Bank Stadium. Tell your veteran friends and family members. All vets are invited, they want 1000 vets minimum to attend this free event welcoming the 50 or so Medal of Honor recipients to Minnesota.

<http://www.mohtwincities.com/>

More information will follow on the Convention. The website above was interesting, unfortunately I have not made the time to look at it in more detail.

A big thanks to Troy Lindstrand for forwarding this information.

After Action Reviews:

Meeting Minutes: The July 5th Business Meeting

started at 7 pm and members

present were:	John Roy
Jeff Arnold	Sevieng Suparat
Ron Lachelt	Jerry Carlson
Bob Pike	Dan Kaiser

Bob made a motion to accept the June Meeting Minutes, as published in the July Newsletter. John seconded the motion and it was carried.

Under Old Business, Ron Lachelt sent the check for the five brick pavers at the SFA National HQ, remembering Bill Story, Ted Johnson, Gary Pennebaker, Ed Komac, and Allen Lloyd. Ron will look into informa-

tion on four other Chapter members and getting their brick pavers done.

There were no additions to the June 11th Minnesota Memorial to Special Forces in Laos unveiling, as reported in the July Newsletter.

On Upcoming Activities, we talked about the Two Harbors Heritage Days Parade: flags, transportation, and Bob's ¾ Ton Truck.

We then discussed the August 20th Jumping With The Best at Baldwin Drop Zone in Wisconsin. The jump is dedicated to the Sicily Jump during World War II.

We finished up-coming events with the Midwest All Airborne Memorial Stone Dedication: Saturday, September 17th, more info to follow.

Bob talked about legal stuff for our Allied Forces; Laos, Viets, and Khmer; to gain access to the VA. A vote on Recognition was scheduled for July 6th.

Sevieng distributed brochures on the SGU National Monument, honoring the service and sacrifice of the Lao/Hmong Special Guerilla Unit during the Vietnam War. The Monument will be built in Bristol, Connecticut. You can get more information at the website sgunationalmonument.org

Ron Lachelt provided a copy of the JFK Special Warfare Museum Association May newsletter, the "Museum Musing." The Newsletter included an article on the Museum move to a new location: across the street from the JFK Chapel. You can find the Museum website at www.jfkwebstore.com

Dan brought up the Medal Of Honor Convention which will be in the Twin Cities October 4th through the 8th. Dan asked if we, the Chapter, would be interested in hosting some kind of lunch for the SF Medal Of Honor Convention attendees. There was interest in this and Dan said he would pursue the issue.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

Other Information:

From Jim Hovda: Re the SFA Convention in Fayetteville, 12-17 Jun 2017: the Doubletree Hotel is already booked full except for suites. I just reserved a room at the Comfort Inn (they have it as the Red Roof Inn) for \$104.95 plus tax. They are next door. Getting a place to stay will be a priority issue.

From SFA HQ's: A few months ago I attended a reunion in Sevierville, TN at the Tennessee Air Museum of the members of Operation Tail Wind. The owner of the museum had a flyable A1E that he took around the pattern. There was a symposium emceed by Chapter 78 and SOA member, Tilt Meyer, consisting of a few of the Tailwind team and both Air Force and Marine aviators who supported SOG projects. It is long, but interesting to hear what occurred 45 years ago as told by the people who were there. <https://vimeo.com/166371295>
Cliff Newman, Executive Director, Special Forces Association

Forwarded through Thomas L.: A story on a young Medal of Honor recipient and his service dog is at <http://undertheradar.military.com/2016/07/he-lp-a-medal-of-honor-recipients-service-dog/>
Editorially: I have watched the story but I can not authenticate its veracity.

And: A WCCO Report on Medal Of Honor Recipient Plans Program For Elementary Students
http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2016/07/25/medal-of-honor-elementary-program/#.V5cy-R0Fa_Y.facebook

From Mike K.: You may have heard on the news about a Southern California man who was put under 72-hour psychiatric observation when it was found he owned 100 guns and allegedly had 100,000 rounds of ammunition stored in his home. The house also featured a secret escape tunnel.

By Southern California standards, someone owning 100,000 rounds is considered "mentally unstable," however, In Pennsylvania, he'd just be called "Neighbor."

In Arizona, he'd be called "an avid gun collector."

In Idaho, he'd be called "a novice gun collector."

In Utah, he'd be called "moderately well prepared," but they'd probably reserve judgment until they made sure that he had a corresponding quantity of stored food."

In Kansas, he'd be "A guy down the road you would want to have for a friend."

In Montana, he'd be called "The neighborhood 'Go-To' guy."

In Alabama, he'd be called "a likely gubernatorial candidate."

In Georgia, he'd be called "an eligible bachelor."

In North Carolina, Virginia, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas, Missouri and South Carolina he would be called "a deer hunting buddy."

And in Texas he'd just be "Bubba, who's a little short on ammo."

Forwarded by Mike: Two thousand years ago, there may not have been liberals as we think of them today, but some of the ideas that underpin the whole ideology were floating around. In Greece, some of the greatest minds in human history gave us their thoughts, these are their words of wisdom, more than 2,000 years old.

1) "The real destroyer of the liberties of the people is he who spreads among them bounties, donations and benefits." --

Plutarch

2) "When you are offended at any man's fault, turn to yourself and study your own failings. Then you will forget your anger." -- Epictetus

3) "The worst form of inequality is to try to make unequal things equal." -- Aristotle

4) "Justice means minding one's own business and not meddling with other men's concerns." -- Plato

- 5) "Toil is no source of shame; idleness is shame." -- Hesiod
- 6) "Good people do not need laws to tell them to act responsibly, while bad people will find a way around the laws." -- Plato
- 7) "We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office." -- Aesop
- 8) "The most virtuous are those who content themselves with being virtuous without seeking to appear so." -- Plato
- 9) "When there is an income tax, the just man will pay ore and the unjust less on the same amount of income." -- Plato
- 10) "Our object in the construction of the state is the greatest happiness of the whole, and not that of any one class." -- Plato
- 11) "Knowledge becomes evil if the aim be not virtuous." -- Plato
- 12) "This and no other is the root from which a tyrant springs; when he first appears he is a protector." -- Plato
- 13) "Those who have virtue always in their mouths, and neglect it in practice, are like a harp, which emits a sound pleasing to others, while itself is insensible of the music." -- Diogenes
- 14) "We praise a man who feels angry on the right grounds and against the right persons and also in the right manner at the right moment and for the right length of time." -- Aristotle
- 15) "We regard wealth as something to be properly used, rather than as something to

- boast about. As for poverty, no one need be ashamed to admit it: the real shame is in not taking practical measures to escape from it." -- Pericles
- 16) "Republics decline into democracies and democracies degenerate into despotisms." -- Aristotle
 - 17) "Only the dead have seen the end of war." -- Plato
 - 18) "The curse of me and my nation is that we always think things can be bettered by immediate action of some sort, any sort rather than no sort." -- Plato
 - 19) "Society is well governed when its people obey the magistrates, and the magistrates obey the law." -- Solon
 - 20) "A system of morality which is based on relative emotional values is a mere illusion, a thoroughly vulgar conception which has nothing sound in it and nothing true." -- Socrates

As always: on the next DROP Input: If you have pictures or news for Chapter section of The Drop, please email the info and/or pictures to Ron Lachelt at Lachelts@gmail.com. You can also drop off your pictures or news at the next Chapter meeting. Thanks! Ron

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