

THE SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION
CHAPTER XX
THE KENNETH WORTHLEY MEMORIAL CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

The "20/20" Flash

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The Next Chapter Business Meeting:

The next Chapter meeting is at 7pm, on

Tues, Feb 4th, 2020

at the

Cherokee Tavern,

886 Smith Ave S, West St Paul.

They have a great environment and atmosphere with a full menu.

I plan to be there early for dinner, about 6 pm. Some folks show up early and socialize until the meeting. Some folks just come to the meeting. Either way, come on out and enjoy the evening.

Monthly Activities: 1st Tuesday of the Month: Chapter XX, SF Association Meeting.

1st Saturday of the Month, 9:30 am, the **Ranger** Breakfast at the Perkins on Lyndale in Bloomington. An informal gathering and all are invited.

3rd Wednesday of the Month, 7:30 pm: **Chapter XV, 173rd Airborne Brigade** is still held Hearthside Pizza, 1641 Rice St, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55117, [\(651\) 488-0549](tel:6514880549)

In support of Minnesota's Airborne and Veterans Groups, we invite all interested folks to receive a copy of this Newsletter. To support those Airborne folks, we do include information from those groups, when provided, in this letter.

After Action Reports: Meeting Minutes:

January Business Meeting. We did have a business meeting In January. Last month I could not find my notes for the December Meeting. This month, prior planning has fallen apart and "we" now have piss poor performance.

Between having the bug—a low temperature, stuffed up head, sore throat, and malaise—that lasted over ten days and my computer going to the junk heap, time is of the essence and now I am just trying to get the Newsletter in the mail.

Excuses; man, if only my mom could see me now! Look for the December and January meeting minutes in the next Newsletter.

Christmas AAR: Chapter XX held it's Christmas Party on December 7th, 2019 at the Cherokee Tavern in Saint Paul. This was a change of venue from last year and it worked well.

The event was well attended by about 50 people, both veterans and family members. There was a wide variety of airborne soldiers ranging from Midwest All-Airborne members, USMC veterans, Rangers, Lao and Vietnamese veterans. WWII vets included Hal Roed (82nd Abn) and Wayne DeHaven (17th Abn.)

I was able to meet Doug DeSoto, who was one of the founders of Chapter XX and

we had a nice discussion of some of the early members who are no longer with us.

Jack Running led us in a brief prayer. Ron Lachelt gave some remarks about the chapter's previous years activities. The dinner menu was great and there were SF/Airborne themed cakes for dessert.

Due to the low ceilings and long flag-poles, we had the flags "in place" when we began activities. While we did not have our traditional color guard of Apple Valley/Lakeville Airborne Recruiters, several of the guys who had been doing it for years still came to the dinner. Either way, no problem—we had "The Duke" was watching over the Flags.

It was nice that the weather cooperated with us this year also. In years past, we have had some nasty conditions to deal with but this year was good.

A thank you from Chapter XX SFA goes out to the staff of the Cherokee Tavern for accommodating us and providing great food and a great atmosphere for our gathering. It was nice to look out over the tables and see everyone enjoying each other's company.

If you have suggestions for next year's party, feel free to contact Chapter officers so we can refine the process of planning for next year. We noticed a couple of things that we need to add, but are open to any new thoughts that benefit the chapter.

Since we are all getting a bit older, and driving at night gets to be a problem, if you know of someone who would like to attend, but driving is problematic, let us know so we can arrange a car pool arrangement.

Thank you all for sharing this evening with us. DOL, Ron

Extracts from an email CSM Joshua King, 1st Battalion, 5th SFGA, sent to SFA HQ's. CSM King is working on a project of the unit's history and he is looking for assistance from those who served in 1st Battalion. "Our

goal is to increase the overall knowledge and display 1st Battalions history within the unit.

"The end state will be a visual timeline displayed within the halls of Battalion's building, containing significant events/pictures/and stories (similar to the Group Museum). This will also result in a book or consolidated binder our battalion's history.

"As a side note we will also take significant artifacts, photos, memorabilia, (only with a story behind it) and put it on display if individuals would like to send them to us.

"I look forward to the dialog and products this will create."

"Thank you again, I look forward to the results.

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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.

The Chapter Facebook page: is located at www.facebook.com/sfachapterXX

While Jim H. set up the Facebook account, Matt has been added as an administrator. I hope this means something to you. I presume: if you spot a problem or have a suggestion, then you can contact either guy. Of course, I am only presuming.

Okay, now, I am going back to the Twentieth Century.