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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 a

New Location

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at 7pm, on

Tues, Mar 5th, 2019,

at the

Cherokee Tavern,

formerly the Cherokee Steak House at 886
Smith Ave S, West St Paul.

I used all of my computer skills, but I could not get a good map image from any of the map programs that I tried. So, I made a quick strip map of where the Cherokee Tavern is located. The strip map is attached.

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.

Upcoming Activities:

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

1st Saturday of the Month: **Ranger**
Breakfast at the Perkins on Lyndale in

Bloomington, at 10 am. An informal gathering and all are invited.

3rd Wednesday of the Month:

Chapter XV, 173rd Airborne Brigade

Association at the Hearthside Pizza, 1640 Rice Street, St. Paul.

3rd Thursday of the Month: **Midwest**

All Airborne Alliance at the Richfield American Legion, 6501 Portland Avenue South, Richfield.

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 in this letter. Remember Red Green's line "We're all in this together." If you have a group, or information, to add to this list, just let me know: Dan, at 507-647-3526.

After Action Reports: We had planned a meeting for February 5th. Unfortunately, it was also the date of the first February snow storm/blizzard. I tried. From my small town in Minnesota's corn country, I started driving toward the Twin Cities. And I turned around in the first small town that I came to. I would have turned around sooner, but the roads were so crappy I was not brave enough to try and turn around before I got to the next town.

Two folks were able to make it. From all reports: Dinner was great, the company

was great, all of the world's problems are solved, and they went home.

See you on March 5th.

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.

For The History Buff:

The Dr. Harold C. Duetsch World War II

History Round Table is committed to preserving the factual history of World War II. With the input of historians, first-hand accounts from individuals, and [travel](#) we seek to promote the study of this influential era. Check out their website at: <http://www.mn-ww2roundtable.org/>

The Harold C Deutsch World War Two Round Table is the oldest and largest ongoing WWII lecture series in the United States and it is now in its 31st year presenting programs. The program starts at 7:00 pm on the second Thursday of every month from September through May in the [History Center](#) at Historic Fort Snelling, unless otherwise noted in the [Schedule](#). Seating is limited and it is recommended that you arrive by 6:30.

A \$5.00 [donation](#) is requested to help defray costs. Students and Vets are admitted free.

March 14, 2019; *Intelligence from the Skies*, Rob Ehlers, Author of *Targeting the Third Reich*, and Veterans of the Air War in Europe will discuss the use of intelligence in targeting and damage assessment.

March 28, 2019; *The Contributions of Women in Air War*, Sarah Byrn Rickman, Author of *WASP: of the Ferry Command*, will present the many and varied contributions of Women Pilots in training and operations of the Air Force.

April 11, 2019; *The Chief of Logistics in the European Theater – LTG J.C.H. Lee*, Hank Cox, Author of *The General Who Wore SIX Stars*, and Veterans of logistical operations in support of offensive operations will tell the value of support of supply.

May 9, 2019; *Remembering the 75th Anniversary of the Normandy Landings*, Stephen Alan Bourque, Author of *Beyond the Beach*, and Veterans of the June 6th Landings on D-Day will discuss the struggle that ended with the liberation of Europe.

<https://www.mnvietnam.org/roundtable/>

The Vietnam War Roundtable 2018-2019 is a new series at Concordia University. This is an opportunity for veterans, students, and those interested in the war and its legacy to gather the third Monday of each month to honor, remember and understand this tumultuous time.

Directions: Join us at the Concordia University's Buetow Auditorium on Hamline Avenue just south of Interstate 94. Parking is free.

Concordia University, St Paul
300 Hamline Avenue North
St Paul, MN 55104

March 18, 7PM, Women Nurses in the Vietnam. Approximately nine thousand U.S. military nurses served in Vietnam during the U.S.- Vietnam war. Though women did not serve in combat, nurses encountered the consequences of war on a daily basis as they cared for its casualties — military and civilian, American and Vietnamese. Like so many other Vietnam veterans, they struggled with their wartime experiences once they returned home. The fact that they were women veterans added another layer of difficulty to their readjustment, however. The assumption was that all veterans were men. In Minnesota, a handful of nurses who had served in Vietnam banded together as sister veterans and offered each other the help, support, and recognition that no one else had. Join Dr. Kim Heikkila for a discussion of nurses' experiences during and after the war, with a special focus on this unique group from Minnesota.

April 15, 7PM, Reporting on the War – Impact of the News Media. Don Shelby, a Vietnam War veteran who went on to become prominent news anchor in the Twin Cities, will reflect on his experiences and take a broader look at the news media's impact on public opinion at home and the feelings of service men and women overseas.

May 20, 7PM, The Minnesota Connection to the Battle of Soui Tre. In 1966 a significant number of Minnesota men entered the army together, trained together, deployed to Vietnam together, were assigned together in units of the 25th and 4th Infantry Divisions, and found themselves fighting together in the bloody Battle of Soui Tre in March of 1967. The Fire Support Base at Soui Tre was commanded by then Lieutenant Colonel Jack Vessey, a Minnesotan, who received the nation's second highest award for valor at Soui Tre and went on to become the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the nation's highest ranking military officer during the Reagan Administration. Major General Rick Nash, the recently retired Adjutant General of the Minnesota National Guard, will give a brief overview of his extensive knowledge of General Vessey's leadership skills. Retired Army Chaplain Colonel John Morris will give an overview of the battle based on his research for the book he is writing on General Vessey, and numerous veterans of Soui Tre will discuss their varied participation in the battle.

Forwarded by the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs: There will be a Veterans Job Fair at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center Wednesday, March 13, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. sponsored by the TSES Program. Featured businesses will include: Cargill, State of Minnesota, Science Museum of Minnesota, Wells Fargo, Mystic Lake Casino, 3M, and see the flyer for over 20 more.

No registration required, please come prepared for a potential interview and don't forget your resume. On-site resume review and interview preparation will also be provided. Wednesday, March 13, 2019, 1:30 - 4 p.m., Minneapolis VA Medical Center, One Veterans Drive, Minneapolis, MN 55417

<http://mn.gov/mdva/news/events/index.jsp?id=1066-371374> or

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And: his year's Veterans Day on the Hill rally will take place Wednesday, March 20. Veterans Day on the Hill is hosted by the Minnesota Association of County Veterans Service Officers, the Minnesota Commanders' Task Force, and the United Veterans Legislative Council of Minnesota. The schedule will be:

10:30 - Free Veterans and supporters pre-rally lunch presented by the DAV of MN at the St. Paul Armory (600 Cedar St.)

12:45 - Veterans March to the Rally, starting from the Veterans Services Building (20 W. 12th Street)

1:30-2:30 - CTF, UVLC, and MACVSOG present Rally in the Rotunda

<http://mn.gov/mdva/news/events/index.jsp?id=1066-363395>

From Dave Nordan: The 82nd Airborne Division Association Convention is set for 2019. From the 82nd Airborne Division eNews <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/index.html>

The Washington, D.C. chapter is honored and humbled to host the 73rd Annual Convention of the 82nd Airborne Division Association. The Washington, D.C. chapter fully understands the historic importance to honor our Association born out of blood and brotherhood, and to honor those paratroopers and glidermen who paid the ultimate sacrifice and gave their lives for freedom in the liberation of Europe 75 years ago. [Click here](#) for registration.