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The "20/20" Flash

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The Next Chapter Business Meeting:

The next meeting is at the

**Glockenspiel Restaurant
Tues, May 5th, 2015.**

The Glockenspiel is near downtown St. Paul, (605 7th St W) and the meeting starts at 7:00 pm. <http://www.glockenspielrestaurant.com/>

Some folks show up 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 down.

We are expecting a representative from a group working on the preservation of the Tri-care Health Care System. The meeting is informal and informational and is not yet part of the official meeting. The person who contacted me is an SFA member from South Carolina and he works with the group. I have not been able to vet either the individual or the organization yet.

Upcoming Activities:

The Chapter presentation at the Washington Technology Magnet School JROTC Award Program is on 6 May at 1:30 pm. Bob Pike will be making the presentation to Cadet Yang Vang, who is planning on enlisting in the Army. If you can make it, the school is at 1495 Rice Street in Saint Paul.

The Two Harbors Heritage Days Parade should be on July 11th. Mark your calendars

and, if you need to, make your hotel reservations soon. More info to follow.

The "Minnesota Voices From Vietnam" Exhibit at Camp Ripley's Minnesota Military Museum is opening on July 18th.

Jumping With The Best, Tandem and Freefall Jumps at the Baldwin Drop Zone. Since the last Chapter meeting we have had several phone conversations about the Jump. The folks working on the jump recommend that we do the Jump in August, due to planning constraints. We will be looking at having the Jump, probably, the weekend after All Airborne Days.

After Action Reviews: Meeting Minutes:

The April Business Meeting was on April 7th and started at 7:01 pm. Present were:

Jeff Arnold	Bob Pike
Doug Bekke	John Roy
Doug Brown	Jerry Carlson
Ed Komac	Trudell Guerue
Ron Lachelt	Dan Kaiser

Doug made a motion to accept March Meeting Minutes as printed in the April Newsletter. Ed seconded the motion and it was carried. There was no Financial Report.

We did an AAR on the 65th Royal Lao Army Celebration Day on March 28th. Then we discussed upcoming activities including the next Memorial Stone in the Airborne, the

Chapter presentation at the Washington Technology Magnet School JROTC Award Program, Jumping With The Best at the Baldwin Drop Zone in Baldwin Wisconsin, the Two Har-bors Heritage Day Parade, and the Minnesota Military Museum's Exhibit "Minnesota Voices From Vietnam" at Camp Ripley.

Doug Brown and Ron Lachelt did talk about their experience at the Gander Mountain "Academy" Range in Lakeville. It was an afternoon that included shooting weapons in the latest simulator environment.

The Chapter did order and receive a set of DVDs on the history of SF. Ron had the DVDs and the DVDs should be available at the next Chapter meeting.

Jerry Carlson spoke and handed out information on POW/MIA issues.

Doug Brown made a motion to close. Ron seconded the motion and it was carried.

Other Information:

WWII History Roundtable: The Minnesota Historical Society and Historic Fort Snelling are holding the Dr. Harold C. Deutsch World War II History Round Tables at the Historic Fort Snelling Visitor Center, 7pm on the nights noted below. If you want a chair then you should be there by 6:15. The Roundtables are normally well attended.

You can get more information at their website www.mn-ww2roundtable.org

The last Roundtable this year is: **May 14, 2015 Retrospective Look at Goals of 8 WWII Leaders** Dr Gerhard Weinberg, author of *A World at Arms* and *Visions of Victory*, will review the territorial and other aims of eight World War II Leaders on this 70th Anniversary of V-E Day.

From The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs: The Federal and State Legislative Updates for the week of April 27 - May 1, 2015 are now available at our [Legislative Affairs page](#).

News updates and press releases from Minnesota Congressional Representatives are available at our [Congressional Corner](#).

For questions regarding state or federal legislation, please contact a member of the MDVA Legislative Team:
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The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration staff sent out the following email (extract):

Dear Commemorative Partner,

We are excited to bring you the second issue of the "VWC SITREP" ([click here](#)). In this issue, we highlight what defines a commemorative event, along with instructions on accessing our Commemorative Partner Reference Guide.

If you missed our first issue, you can find it, as well as all other VWC SITREPs, at: http://www.vietnamwar50th.com/media_center/vwc_sitrep/.

Finally, you will be receiving a call in the coming months from our staff as we confirm your contact information and plans for upcoming commemorative events.

Thank you again for what you are doing to thank and honor our Vietnam veterans and their families! We look forward to our continued partnership!

Chapter 38, Fort Campbell, Kentucky is sponsoring their annual 5th SFG reunion September 16th to the 20th. The Reunion website is:

<http://www.sfa38.org/sfa38/index.php/5th-group-reunion>

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

(Editorially, since I have gotten way better at adding photos to the newsletter, please include me in the "cc" line for any pictures that you email to Ron.)