

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 meeting is at the

Glockenspiel Restaurant Tues, Sep 1st, 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.

Upcoming Activities:

Minnesotans' Military Appreciation Fund is sponsoring "Say Thanks Day" at the Boy Scout Camp at Ft. Snelling, 10 Sep-13 Sep. Highlights are The Wall That Heals, a traveling 250' by 60' replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, tandem parachute jumps from the Patriot Parachute Team, and a number of other activities for adults and kids.

Volunteers are needed to guard the wall and to read off the names of Minnesota's fallen Vietnam soldiers. Interested in Volunteering? call [1-877-668-4269](tel:1-877-668-4269) and ask for Skip. Check out Minnesotans' Military Appreciation Fund at thankmntroops.org for more information.

Jumping With The Best, Tandem and Freefall Jumps at the Baldwin Drop Zone was rescheduled because of high winds on

the Drop Zone. Jumping With The Best is now on

Sat, Sep 12th at 3pm.

See the enclosed flyer.

All Airborne Days have been changed to

Sat, Sep 12th

at the Richfield American Legion.

Veterans Day: Nov 11th at 11am at the State Capital Grounds. More info to follow.

Christmas Dinner: The Christmas Dinner is December 5th at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Bloomington. The enclosed flyer is still in the draft version, which means: I typed it all up by myself and we have not had a chance to find and fix any boo-boo's.

After Action Reviews: Meeting Minutes:

The August Business Meeting was on August 4th. Present for the meeting:

Jeff Arnold	Jenny Boll
Doug Bekke	Jerry Carlson
Col. Khao	Laurie Johnson
Ron Lachelt	Skip Krawczyk
Matt Mityling	Jack Running
John Roy	Dawn
Art Videen	

AAR's:

"Minnesota Voices of the Vietnam War" exhibit at the Camp Ripley. Everyone

who attended had a great time. Doug Bekke thanked us individually for being present. We all had a great time seeing the exhibits (the younger versions of older members), the speakers, seeing Camp Ripley, and meeting some of the younger soldiers of today.

Hmong/Lao Celebration. Those that attended had a great time. It was a hot day, but the award ceremony to chapter members was appreciated. (I was unable to attend, so it is a bit sketchy. I was able to include a couple of pictures in The Drop.)

Col. Khao thanked everyone for attending the Hmong/Lao celebration and handed out awards to those of us that could not attend. They now have 27 members supporting House Resolution 210, so they will have a hearing before the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

The upcoming Jumping with the Best was discussed. Ron will purchase food, (Burgers, brats, buns, sodas, and water) and asked that others bring a couple of coolers to keep stuff cool. Laurie asked if we would like other food brought along, I said "Of course!" I explained the design of the t-shirts for the Jump. Everyone seemed to think they sounded great, but didn't volunteer sizes.

Motion was made by John Roy and seconded by everyone present to sponsor Jenny Boll for a jump at Baldwin. Jenny is a friend of Jill Stephenson and we were introduced to her at Trudell's birthday party. Jenny is an ironworker with a great sense of humor and is thrilled to be able to jump.

Jeff Arnold introduced Skip Krawczyk. Jeff met Skip at a breakfast and found that Skip works with the Minnesotans' Military Appreciation Fund. This year they are concentrating on Vietnam Veterans. Their group is sponsoring "Say Thanks Day" at the Boy Scout Camp at Ft. Snelling, 10 Sep-13 Sep. Highlights are The Wall That Heals, a traveling 250' by 60' replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, tandem parachute jumps from the Patriot Parachute

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Skip is involved with a number of other activities supporting veterans, so he will be a great resource for us. We gave him a card from Bridget Cronin so they can be in contact. Check out Minnesotans' Military Appreciation Fund at thankmntroops.org for more information.

Jack Running stated that the Midwest All-Airborne Alliance get together will be at the Richfield American Legion on 12 Sep.

Motion to adjourn at 7:45. Seconded by everyone. Submitted by Ron Lachelt.

The Two Harbors Heritage Days Parade was on Saturday, July 11th, and it was another great weekend. Check the next issue of the Drop for some pictures.

Other Information:

From Jim Hovda: Vets Monument In Killear, MN. Next time you head north fishing and go thru Killear, check out the new veterans monument that was constructed in 2014. It's cool! It was a combined effort of the American Legion and VFW. It is well worth your time. Some well thought out and patriotic ideas were put forth.

Through SFA HQ's: ----Original Message-----

From: SFA88 <SFA88@comcast.net>

To: sfahq <sfahq@aol.com>

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: J. Shaffer <jtsinusa@yahoo.com>

To: John Deschamps

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Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 2:12 PM

Subject: Updates

John,

I know that you're in the loop on what's going on with Joey over in the PI. I believe you've been in touch with Roo about him. Gene Wesley is now over there and will remain for about a week.

We had Joey's medical treatment records reviewed by doctors aboard a US Navy hospital ship that's berthed in Subic right now and they said that he's receiving better care than they could give him. They recommended he not be moved until he's more stable. He had to have a tracheotomy a few days ago but we're hopeful that things are beginning to move in the right direction.

If you can push out the following link, it's a fundraiser that we started to try to raise enough to cover his medical expenses and perhaps eventually get him a medical evacuation which TRICARE will not cover.

We've collected about \$30k so far and up to this point. Gene Wesley, me and Dano from Thailand, have been kicking in to cover costs. We're just trying to increase our exposure on the fundraiser to hopefully attract more contributors.

Joey could have another 3-5 weeks in the ICU and we just can't cover that much on our own or come up with the funds to medevac him. We really need to get the word on the fundraiser out to as many people as possible and ask them to push it out further.

[Joey Fink's Give Forward fundraiser for medical expenses](#)

Thanks, Joshua Shaffer Ph: [+93-79-198-0962](tel:+93-79-198-0962)

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.)

From Mike: All of us who have ever worked with tools will recognize the truth in these descriptions:

SKIL SAW: A portable cutting tool used to make boards too short.

BELT SANDER: An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

WIRE WHEEL: Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, 'Oh shit'. Will easily wind a tee shirt off your back.

DRILL PRESS: A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting the freshly-painted project which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

HACKSAW: One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

WISE-GRIPS: Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

TABLE SAW: A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity. Very effective for digit removal!!

BAND SAW: A large stationary power saw primarily used by most shops to cut large pieces into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the trash after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge. Also excels at amputations.

PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER: Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER: A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws.

PRY BAR: A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50 cent part.

