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THE KENNETH WORTHLEY MEMORIAL CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

The "20/20" Flash

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From Babs Komac: I accepted Eddy's honors as he was inducted into the Ordnance Hall of Fame in July. Have a great day, Babs



The Next Chapter Business Meeting:
The next meeting is at 7pm at the
Richfield American Legion,

Tues, Oct 3rd, 2017

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.

We are expecting a guest speaker from the group Patriot Assistance Dogs at the meeting.

Upcoming Activities:

Veterans Day is at 11 o'clock, 11 November, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, State Capital Grounds, St. Paul.

Christmas Dinner is on December 9th, 2017, at the Knights of Columbus Building, 1114 W. American Blvd. Bloomington, MN 55420. Social Hour starts at 6 pm and Dinner is at 7 pm.

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.

If you have a group to add to this list, just let me know, Dan at 507-647-3526.

After Action Reviews: Meeting Minutes: The September 5th Business Meeting:

Folks who were able to attend the meeting:

Jim Behr Bob Pike Jerry Carlson
Ron Lachelt Art Videen Dan Kaiser
Matt Mitlyng

Matt made a motion to accept the August Meeting Minutes, as published in the September Newsletters. Jim seconded the motion and it was carried.

Bob made a motion to accept the Financial Report, as reported by Matt. Jim seconded the motion and it was carried. Matt noted that the SFA Membership Dues have been increased. Prices are included on the Membership Forms included as part of this Newsletter.

On Old Business: We talked about the Skydiving For Vets, Veterans Day, and the Christmas Dinner. The Roger's Ranger Replica Hatchet, that was commissioned and donated by Steve Hudson, will be auctioned off at the Christmas Dinner. A minimum bid of \$100.00 was set.

As AARs, we discussed the Memorial Stone Dedication at the Airborne Circle at the Fort Snelling National Cemetery. The final 6 Stones were dedicated and the Airborne Circle was filled in. The activities then moved to the Richfield American Legion for food and refreshment. Close to fifty people attended and it was a great time.

Under new business, Jerry Carlson introduced us to the Patriot Assistance Dogs, a group that is training dogs for a variety of services to veterans. The group is based out of the Detroit Lakes area and Jerry asked if we were interested in having a member of their group talk to our group. We told him yes and Jerry will coordinate for a member of their group to be a guest speaker at our next (October) meeting. The Patriot Assistance Dogs website is at

<http://www.patriotassistancedogs.org/default.aspx>

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7:53 pm.

From SFA HQ's: By COREY DICKSTEIN | STARS AND STRIPES Published: Sep 20, 2017, WASHINGTON — A retired Army Green Beret credited with saving multiple lives during a covert four-day mission into Laos to target North Vietnamese soldiers operating there will receive the Medal of Honor next month, 47 years after his heroic actions, the White House announced Wednesday.

President Donald Trump will present the military's highest honor to retired Army Capt. Gary Michael Rose on Oct. 23 at the White House, an upgrade of the Distinguished Service Cross Rose received in 1971. Rose was awarded the nation's second highest medal for valor just four months after the Special Forces mission in which he survived bullet and rocket wounds and a helicopter crash to provide life-saving aid to more than 100 comrades, according to the award citation.

Soldiers who served with him, lawmakers and Pentagon officials have lobbied for several years for Rose's award to be upgraded, which required a special waiver passed by Congress and presidential approval.

In an Army statement, Rose said the Medal of Honor belongs to the secretive unit he served with during the Vietnam War, the Army's Military Assistance Command Studies and Observations Group.

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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