

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

## *The "20/20" Flash*

President: Ron Lachelt  
[Lachelts@gmail.com](mailto:Lachelts@gmail.com), 952-882-1249  
Webmaster: Doug Brown  
[bftc@hutchtel.net](mailto:bftc@hutchtel.net)  
Chapter Website: [www.sfa20.org](http://www.sfa20.org)

**April 2020**

425 3rd Street West  
Winthrop, MN 55396

Treasurer: Matt Mitlyng  
[Mitlyng@gmail.com](mailto:Mitlyng@gmail.com), 763-257-9404  
Secretary/Editor: Dan Kaiser  
[kais0063@umn.edu](mailto:kais0063@umn.edu), 507-647-3526  
[www.facebook.com/sfchapterXX](http://www.facebook.com/sfchapterXX)

### **The Next Chapter Business Meeting:**

The Chapter meeting for March has, of course, been cancelled because of coronavirus. With the Cherokee Tavern closed, and safety concerns as a guideline, cancelling the meeting seemed appropriate. And: we will see about a meeting in May.

**Monthly Activities:** Editorially, I presume all of the following groups are putting their meetings and activities on hold. Check with the groups for true and latest status. If I hear differently, then I will let you know.

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month: Chapter XX, SF Association Meeting.

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month, 7:30 pm: **Chapter XV, 173<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**The Dr. Harold C. Deutsch World War II History Round Table** meets at 7:00pm on the second Tuesday of every month from

September through May at the Minnesota History Center in St. Paul.

April 9, 2020 (THUR). **THE FIRST AMERICAN TANK BATTLES OF WWII — DEFENSE OF THE PHILIPPINES.** Don Caldwell, author of *Thunder on Bataan*, and veterans of the Pacific War, will discuss the valiant effort of the National Guard 192nd and 194<sup>th</sup> Tank Battalions to hold off attacks.

May 12, 2020, **REMEMBERING THE 75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF V-E DAY.** Steve Harding, author of *The Last Battle*, and veterans of the final days of War in Europe, will discuss the idea of the last redoubt and climactic end of WWII in Europe.

**The Vietnam War Roundtable** is held at Concordia University, St Paul's Buetow Auditorium.

Monday, April 20, 7:00pm, The Invasion of Cambodia, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. On April 30th 1970, President Nixon ordered American forces to invade Cambodia and destroy North Vietna-mese military supply bases and sanctuaries. This aspect of Nixon's "fighting withdrawal", of US Forces from Vietnam, brought Cambodia into the war and caused huge unrest in the United States. American veterans of the campaign and Cambodians will discuss the invasion and it's legacy.

Monday, May 18, 7:00pm, The 1970 Kent State and the Student Strike, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The invasion of Cambodia prompted unrest on campuses across the

country, most notably at Kent State University in Ohio. On May 4, after several days of conflict, members of the Ohio National Guard killed four students and injured nine. These events inspired other student strikes, including at the U of M and Mankato State. Former student activists will recount these tumultuous times on MN campuses.

**After Action Reports: Meeting Minutes:**

We did a March Business Meeting, but, again, I don't have the Meeting Minutes with me as I sit here typing. Look for the Meeting Minutes in the next Newsletter.

**Editorially:** I do feel bad about the crappy job I have been doing on getting out a great Newsletter. If you will allow the extension and mutilation of the metaphor: My road to hell is so well paved with good intentions it is like a four lane highway. Downhill. Both ways.

This will be another short Newsletter. All of my planning (to do a little work on the next Newsletter every few days) gets screw up, just by life passing by. As a teacher, the past three weeks with "distance learning" has been the most recent adventure to consume my life, my time, and me. It really has been fun. It has also been a crazy, fast paced, constantly changing challenge. (Hmmm, who else has lived through stuff

like that?) But I am not making excuses. Really.

Alas, I only ask that you judge me by the next Newsletter. I will get on the next Newsletter with a better plan and I will get you a better product. Just watch.

**We did get an email** on the Midwest All Airborne Alliance. It did not disband. The folks who we heard from (and I would tell who they are, but I forgot where my notes are) said they decided not to hold meetings through the winter, and that they would have another meeting sometime in the spring.

More information to follow.

**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](http://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.