

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

The "20/20" Flash

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While at the Two Harbors Heritage Day Parade, Dave Maurer asked about changing his Chapter affiliation to Chapter XX. We told Dave that he is welcome to be carried with another Chapter—and still get our Chapter Newsletter—or, Dave was told, that he can contact SFA National Headquarters and request to be affiliated with Chapter XX. I was told that he is going to make the phone call to SFA National. Either way, Welcome to the Chapter.

Dennis Vanden Bloomen, currently living in Eau Claire, WI, also sent an email. Dennis was in 7th Group (Panama) from 1977 to 1980. He went to Graduate school in Knoxville and returned to WI in 1994. Welcome to the Chapter.

The Next Chapter Business Meeting:

The next Chapter meeting is at 7pm, on

Tues, Aug 6th, 2019

at the

Cherokee Tavern,

886 Smith Ave S, West St Paul.

They have a great environment and atmosphere with a full menu, complimented with a Tuesday Night Special—an incredible variety of hamburgers.

Parking can be a problem, but look behind the Cherokee Tavern. While the alley is usually filled, after 5pm you can park

in the Cherokee Dental parking lot.

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:

All Airborne Days,

some time in August, will be a very informal activity. More information to follow

You're Invited

Brunch with Babs

Saturday, September 14th

11 am, Cherokee Tavern

Babs Komac will have an Australian friends of her's and Eddy's, Tom Yoe and his wife, coming to Minnesota in September. Babs has invited the Chapter to the brunch (along with Eddy's VVA Chapter.)

Babs said Eddy went to see Tom in Australia three times, including one time marching in the ANZAC Parade, and that this would be so special for Tom, giving him a chance to meet you guys.

(I see this as a social event. And, at the next Chapter Meeting, I will recommend that this event focus on the wives by ... ? Okay. I don't know how to make this center-

ed on the wives. (Have I ever mentioned that party planning is my weak suit.) But, hopefully, we will keep the conversations rotating through topics that the women might be more interested in.)

Either way, thinking that guys are reading this newsletter: you should bring your wife or significant other to Brunch with Babs. For you wives/significant others: you should tell that bum-of-a-husband that you want to get out and do something relaxing and, hopefully, entertaining.

If you have even the slight interest, we ask that you call Ron Lachelt and make tentative PSVPs, 952-882-1249 or email him at Lachelts@gmail.com.

If you have ideas that might make this interesting, I refer to the previous paragraph. Help us (all of us poor party planners) make this a good use of your time. Like: there is an antique store next door, which might appeal to the ladies. We could make this interesting to the guys by describing it as: "we will storm the antique store" after Brunch with Babs. I don't even know if this idea is interesting. Send help, send suggestions. (Editorially, the fine print: making recommendations does entail a willingness on your part to, at least, keep harassing the guys until good plans are made for any ideas.)

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** is held somewhere, they had to change meeting locations. Just drive around for a while—you will find it. They might be moving their meetings to the Cherokee Tavern. More info to follow.

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, when provided, in this letter.

After Action Reports: Meeting Minutes:

The July 2nd, 2019 Chapter Business Meeting started at 7pm. Members present at the meeting were:

Doug Bekke	John Wilcox
Ron Lachelt	Scott Walker
Matt Mitlyng	Dan Kaiser

Matt made a motion to accept the June Meeting Minutes (and titled as the May 7th Meeting Minutes), as published in the July Newsletter. Ron seconded the motion and it was carried.

Ron made a motion to accept the Financial Report, as given by Matt. Doug seconded the motion and it was carried.

We briefly discussed the Vessey Day activities: they had a great time.

Scott talked about the American Allies Day—the inaugural celebration will be June 30th, 2020.

We talked about the Two Harbors Heritage Day Parade, All Airborne Days, Breakfast with Babs, and building up membership.

There being no further business, we adjourned the meeting

An AAR on the Two Harbors Heritage Days Parade from Ron.

It's been over 20 years that Chapter XX members have taken part in Two Harbors Heritage Days. This year was a little cooler than last year, so marching in the parade was much easier.

Friday night at Keith and Jean's was fun with folks gathering at different times and having a wonderful buffet dinner. Lake trout is wonderful. Welcome to Dave Maurer and Connie! We adjourned to the teamhouse (Keith's garage) and talked about the previous year's adventures, life in general, and the passing of Eldon Bargewell.

By this time, CCN was well represented by Keith Larson, Tim Kirk, Bob Bradow, and Dave Maurer. Mike Force was represented by Gary Hedin. Our allies were represented by our best mate from Canada, Bob Pike. Dan represented the post-Vietnam and first Gulf War period. John Wilcox bridged the period from post-Vietnam through the Afghan period and a new SF addition, Sam Lakey represented the Afghan period. I just observed and listened.

John did use early Saturday Morning for reconning trailheads of the Superior Hiking Trail. Which, of course, lead to talks with the local Chapter members and promises of support for hiking the trail.

Saturday morning we gathered at the Two Harbors Firehall for the pancake breakfast and rode there via Bob's M37 and POV's. After breakfast we all returned to Keith's to relax and then put on uniforms for the parade and move to our assembly point to take our place in line. Moving over to the Black Forest Restaurant/Bar we cooled off in the shade until the beginning of the parade. Scooter and his wife showed up. For years they have driven the lead vehicle in our parade unit.

The parade went well, even though we had more stops and "mark times" than previous years. Dan blames having the parade led by a tandem of City Cops and County Sheriffs, with two vehicles side by side, and their stopping and starting.

The "problem" with being in the beginning of a 100+ unit parade is the down time, at the end of the parade, waiting for Marty's Goldenaires to enter the American Legion. Luckily, there was time for cooling off and refreshments before Marty's Goldenaires marched into the Legion and put on a show for the crowd. They performed well and we were treated to "The Ballad of the Green Berets" in addition to many other rousing songs.

Re-assembling at Keith and Jeans, we had a wonderful buffet supper and everyone had time now to talk and unwind. A few bits of news:

1. Nick Brokhausen's second book is available for preorder from Amazon, it deals with his second half year at CCN and titled Whispers in the Tall Grass.

2. Dave Maurer's book The Dying Place is also available in a number of formats on Amazon. The book is a lightly fictionalized version of his time at CCN.

We would like to thank everyone for attending. Thanks again to Bob for bringing the M37 up for the parade, it provides a nice nostalgic touch!

We are getting older now, but the years seem to disappear when we are together. The stories and humor seem to cause the ravages of time to fall away and we are, for a short time, the young troopers we once were. We are also able to remember those we knew that helped to form us and by remembering them, they live again.

Lastly, and most important, this event would not be possible without Keith and Jean opening their house for the weekend for us and especially to Jean for preparing and presenting such wonderful food. The food and hospitality mean everything to us. Thank you Keith and Jean for allowing us to spend a weekend connecting with our friends and remembering.

Hope to see you next year!

Forwarded by SFA HQ's: 1ST SPECIAL FORCES GROUP REUNION, 13 – 17 October, 2019, Las Vegas, NV.

- Plaza Hotel & Casino, 1 Main Street, Las Vegas, NV 89101, Tel: 800-6634-6575, Group Code: SPECFOR,
- Reservation cut-off date is 01September, 2019, Cost: Room for 2 @ \$35/night (extra fee for additional guests) Resort Fee @ \$15/night, Tax @ 13%
- Amenities include: self/valet parking; pool admission; fitness facilities; 2 bottles of water; local calls; and boarding pass printing (designated kiosks only).
- For reservations via the internet (because current dates only go through Aug 2019, please follow the following instructions) go

to the Plaza Hotel Casino Home Page @ <https://www.plazahotelcasino.com>

- For reservations via telephone: 800-6634-6575 - Tell the agent your code is SPECFOR.

EVENT REGISTRATION: Full Registration is \$145.00 before 14 August, 2019. After this date, the cost will be \$175.00. Partial Registration is by event – see registration form.

For questions, contact: Reunion Chairman – Phil Grounds @ (740) 409-6720 // steppingwild@gmail.com
Registration – Rick Upton @ (618) 713-2986 // chiefrick194@hotmail.com

From Dave: Forward 82nd Airborne Division Association Article: The Washington, D.C. chapter is honored and humbled to host the 73rd Annual Convention of the 82nd Airborne Division Association. The Washing-ton, 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. (For you folks who get the emailed version of the Newsletter: [Click here](#) for registration. [READ MORE](#))

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.

From Ron: Forward: Cell Phone Etiquette.

After a tiring day, a commuter settled down in his seat and closed his eyes. As the train rolled out of the station, a woman sitting next to him pulled out her mobile phone.

She started talking in a loud voice: "Hi sweetheart. It's Sue. I'm on the train".

"Yes, I know it's the six thirty and not the four thirty, but I had a long meeting. No, honey, not with Kevin from the accounting office. It was with the boss. No sweetheart, you're the only one in my life. Yes, I'm sure, cross my heart!"

Fifteen minutes later, she was still talking loudly. When the man sitting next to her had enough, he leaned over and said into the phone, "Sue, hang up the phone and come back to bed."

From Ole: Some thoughts.

When I say "the other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.

I finally got eight hours of sleep. It took me three days, ..., but whatever.

I'm bored. I think I will go to the mall, find a great parking, and sit in my car with the reverse lights on.

When someone asks what I did over the weekend, I squint and ask "Why? What did you hear?"

I don't mean to interrupt people. I just randomly remember things and get really excited.

I remember being able to get up without making sound effects...good times.

If you are sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and ask, "Did you bring the money?"

I have had my patience tested. I'm negative.

Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes; that would be boring. Spend 30 seconds in my head: that will freak you out.