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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, Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014.**

The Glockenspiel is near downtown St. Paul, (605 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Dues Dues Dues**

It is that time again. If dues apply to you, please send your forms and money through the Chapter (that way we get a slice of your dues to cover some expenses) to:

Chapter XX, SFA, C/O Matt Mitlyng, 3759 Tower Pond Road, Anoka, MN 55303-8308

## Upcoming Activities:

**Christmas Dinner:** Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, read the Flyer.

**The Corrigedor Dinner:** Sometime between Feb 16<sup>th</sup> and Mar 16<sup>th</sup>, more info to follow.

**After Action Report: Veterans Day** was at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the Capitol Grounds in St. Paul. More information for the Newsletter, as an AAR, will follow.

## **Meeting Minutes: The November Business Meeting** was on November 4<sup>th</sup> and started at 7:05 pm. Present were:

Doug Bekke	Bob Pike
Doug Brown	John Roy
Col. Khao	Bouachan Sinouthasy
Ed Komac	Trudell Guerue
Matt Mitlyng	Dan Kaiser
Gary Pennebaker	

Doug Brown made a motion to accept October Meeting Minutes, as printed in the November Newsletter. Ed seconded the motion and it was carried.

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

On upcoming events, we discussed Veterans Day, Christmas Dinner, and The Corrigedor Dinner. On Christmas Dinner, everything seemed ready.

## **On the Christmas Dinner: RSVP by Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)**

The Corrigedor Dinner will be in the late February/early March time period. More information to follow.

On AARs: The Lao Fundrasier was a great success. Col Khao extended his thanks and appreciation to everyone who was able to attend.

On Projects: We reviewed what we know and we talked about what to do next. Bob Pike will continue to work on this project.

Dues, dues, dues.

Thanks to a benevolent contributor we now have another style of sweatshirt: same forest green with the SF shoulder-sleeve-insignia on the breast pocket-area. It looks good.

We talked about the November WWII History Roundtable: the OSS and Bill Donovan will be the topic. December's Roundtable is on Bastogne.

Col Khao discussed the Royal Lao Armed Forces Day on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business, Ed made a motion to close. Doug Brown seconded the motion and it was carried.

### **Projects:**

**Lao Veteran's Issues:** from Col. Khao:

Dear brothers in arms and friends,

On behalf of the United Royal Lao Armed Forces & Special Guerrilla Units Veterans during the Vietnam War, I am very pleased to beg this call to all of you to support the Khmer (Cambodian, the Lao and the Hmong and all freedom fighters from Laos) to get H. Res 596 passed by the House of Congress this coming session. Please spread the word.

I would like you to join our team, the Coalition of Southeast Asian Veterans lead by Mr. Scott Walker, who is an Attorney at Law.

We would like to invite you to go to DC and express your willingness to support us to your congressman or congresswoman. If you can not go, please call, email, or write to your congressmen.

Again as a combat veteran from the Kingdom of Laos, who was wounded twice, captured twice, I need your support greatly. Please also log to: [www.royallao.org](http://www.royallao.org) to learn more the fighters from the Kingdom of Laos who fought as US allies and as US Surrogate Army.

Please be advised that more than fifty thousands Lao fighters lost their lives and one Hundred Twenty thousands men were wounded during the war.

Highest Regards, Khao Insixiengmay

Col. Khao also sent two attachments with his email. I have forwarded those documents to Doug Brown for posting on the Chapter Website, in the Documents section, listed as scan0009 and scan0023.

**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](mailto:Lachelts@gmail.com). You can also drop off your pictures or news at the next Chapter meeting. Thanks! Ron

### **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](http://www.mn-ww2roundtable.org)

The Roundtable Schedule is:

**Dec. 11, 2014 Christmas at**

## **Bastogne –**

**The German Offensive on Christmas '44** Leo Barron and Don Cygan, authors of No Silent Night, and Veterans of Bastogne will reveal a much overlooked battle and a turning point of the Battle of the Bulge.

**Jan. 8, 2015 The Myth of the German Offense - Success that led to Failure** John Mosier, author of The Blitzkrieg Myth, and Veterans of the Eastern European Front will show the flaws in the German Offensive tactics that eventually failed.

**Feb. 12, 2015 Italian Struggle - Not the Soft Underbelly** Tim Brady, author of A Death in San Pietro, and Veterans of the Italian Campaign will discuss the brutal fighting of the U.S. Operations moving from Salerno towards Rome.

**March 12, 2015 The Logistics of War - Beans and Bullets to the Soldiers** Dr Jerry Brown, Professor of History at US Army CGSC,

and Veterans of Supply Operations will show the importance of Logistical Operations in winning Wars.

**March 26, 2015 Return to the**

**Philippines - The Road to Japan** Dr Nathan Prefer, author of Leyte, and Veterans of the Leyte Campaign will discuss the Command controversy and tactical operations of General MacArthur's Return.

**April 9, 2015 Air War in the Mediterranean - British and American Operations** Col Robert Ehlers, author of upcoming book The Mediterranean Air War, and Veterans of Air Units in the Southern Theater will show the importance of the Southern Front of Operations.

**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.

**An AAR on November's Roundtable**  
(Forward from Matt):

A good Round Table last night.

Douglas Waller gave a detailed presentation on the life William "Wild Bill" Donovan, his leadership, innovative management and unorthodox style of getting the mission done.

There was a veteran there (I didn't get his name) who shared his experiences as Donovan's temporary aid when Donovan

came to confer with Chang Kai-Shek and his OSS team leaders in Kunming, China. He was a young LT and had only been in China for a few months with the OSS.

One humorous story he told us was when they had a big banquet with all the Chinese leaders, he was called to stand behind Donovan and serve as a stand-in to drink for all the toasts that were made. (Donovan didn't drink.) He said he ended up slamming about six big glasses of nasty Chinese Vodka. Needless to say he felt like shit the next day. General Donovan thanked him for drinking the toasts and he gave him an ancient jade statue to show his gratitude. Donovan told him he probably would have died if drank all that Vodka.

Rich

**The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs Friday Digest for November 21st** included the Christmas Dinner invitation. A big thanks goes out to Mike McElhiney and Nate Anderson. You can see the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs Friday's Digest at <http://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MN/DVA/bulletins/de0888>

You can receive the legislative updates via email by clicking [here](#).