

THE SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION
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THE KENNETH WORTHLEY MEMORIAL CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

The "20/20" Flash

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Meeting Location Problem

The Glockenspiel Restaurant has lost its lease. It is no longer available for meetings.

Without any other plan, and little time for coordination, right now we are just going to show up at the Richfield American Legion. If nothing else, we will have a drink or two. If, between now and then, we can coordinate it, then we will have a meeting at Legion. We will have to play that part as we go.

The Next Chapter Business Meeting:

The next meeting might be at the

**Richfield American Legion,
Tues, Dec 1st, 2015.**

The Richfield American Legion is at 6501 Portland Avenue south.

Use the Crosstown Freeway, Highway 62, and the Portland Ave exit and go south or use the Highway 77 and 66th Street exit and go west.

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. If we have a meeting, it will start at 7pm.

Upcoming Activities: Christmas Dinner:

The Christmas Dinner is December 5th at the

Knights of Columbus Hall in Bloomington. If you have not made your reservations, crash the party: have a cocktail or two and bid on the Silent Auction stuff. The Christmas Dinner is at the Bloomington Knights Building, 1114 American Blvd, Bloomington. (South-east of the I-35W and I-494 interchange.)

Dues Dues Dues Dues

It is that time of year again. If you are a member, we are asking you to re-new your membership. If you qualify for membership and you are not currently a member, we are asking you to consider becoming a member of the Special Forces Association.

(Of course, if you are a friend of the Chapter, or if you qualify but do not want to become a member, I will keep sending you the Newsletter until you ask me to stop.)

You can download the forms from the Chapter website, www.sfa20.org, or the SFA website, <http://www.specialforcesassociation.org/about/membership/>

And, if you go to the SFA website, you can for renew your membership on the website, by credit card.

If you use the traditional paper forms to join or re-new, please mail the forms to:

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

After Action Reviews: Meeting Minutes:
The November Business Meeting was on November 3rd and started at 7 pm. Present for the meeting:

Jeff Arnold	Bob Pike
Bill Bray	Bill Rouleau
Doug Bekke	Jerry Carlson
Laurie Johnson	Trudell Guerue
Mike McIlheny	Jack Running
Matt Mitlyng	Dan Kaiser

One the social side of things: Mike mentioned that he took most of September off and he and his wife went to Spain. Mike said he was a great time. If I heard correctly, Mike's wife is either from Spain or has relatives there.

Laurie Johnson stopped and visited John Hankes (Chapter Member and FSSF) down in Hastings. Laurie said John is as sharp as ever and he was doing great. Apparently, at least the way I am going to tell the story, John took a fall and got a little boo-boo, something with his hip. While you might think it would be a problem, John got a hold of one of those little carts and he spends his time cruising his building talking to the girls and chatting with friends.

Bill Bray talked about his recent trip to Fort Bragg. If you have not been there since 9/11, Fort Bragg has gates manned by contract security guards and Bill's stories of getting through the gates and then driving around Fort Bragg were quite entertaining.

Matt made a motion to approve the October's Business Meeting Minutes, as published in the November Newsletter. Jeff seconded the motion and it was carried.

Bob made a motion to approve the Financial Report, as given by Matt. Bill seconded the motion and it was carried.

We discussed the Veterans Day activities at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the State Capital grounds: it will go rain or shine.

We covered the Christmas Dinner. Bill R. has coordinated with the Minneapolis Recruiting Command for the Color Guard. (Most of the recruiters are usually Paratroopers.) Jeff has been working with the Building

folks and we are set there. Jerry Carlson will be prepared to cover the MIA/POW table setting, and provide an explanation on the symbolism of the table.

We noted the Chapter Facebook page, www.facebook.com/sfachapterXX

We discussed House Resolution 210. More representatives have signed on. Information on the Resolution is included below.

We discussed putting Chapter pictures on DVD or CD. The major part of the discussion was on how to make the DVD or CD user friendly and how to organize the photos. More info to follow.

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

Other Information:

On House Resolution 210: H. Res. 210 affirms and recognizes the Khmer, Laotian, Hmong, and Montagnard Freedom Fighters and the people of Cambodia and Laos for their support and defense of the United States Armed Forces and freedom in South East Asia.

From an earlier email: My brothers in Arms, I ask your immediate support by calling these Representatives to support the H. Res. 210:

1. Rep. Timothy Walz Tel: [202-225-2472](tel:202-225-2472)
2. Eric Paulsen Tel: [202-225-2871](tel:202-225-2871)
3. Collin Peterson Tel: [202-225-2165](tel:202-225-2165)
4. Rick Nolan Tel: [202-225-6211](tel:202-225-6211)

Appreciate your help, Khao

From SFA National: Please note the link to a Gofundme site to donate to the 7th SFG Memorial Wall that has been approved for Eglin AFB. Chapter 7 has been working on this project for some time and finally got the approval. Please do not confuse this Gofundme site with others that are out there. <https://www.gofundme.com/j98v3s24>
Cliff Newman, Executive Director, Special Forces Association

And: Forwarded: Go Fund Me Site for "Operation Green Beret Hero"

Folks - Please spread the word on "Operation Green Beret Hero" Go fund me site:
<https://www.gofundme.com/greenberethero>

Chapter 88 of the Special Forces Association, NE Florida, is hosting an international conference in June 2016 in Jacksonville, Fl. Special Forces Association is attempting to bring all living Green Beret Medal of Honor winners to Jacksonville to pay tribute for their sacrifice. Special Forces had 24 Medal of Honors awarded in Vietnam and six of those men are still living. Funds raised will be used to pay for travel and living expenses for the veteran, their spouse and care givers for the week-long conference.

Pass the word and please consider donating!
Bruce Pastorini, SFA Chapter 88, Secretary

And: Note the link to a new T-Shirt [SF crest on front, pocket sized, U.S. Flag on back]. If anybody wants one please order through the link www.tinyurl.com/printcorpsSF DO NOT ORDER THRU NATIONAL. Cliff Newman.

From Ron: I have found a bunch of unclaimed money for members of our family and friends. This might be a good site for our members to check out to find out if they may have some lost funds to reclaim.
<https://mn.gov/commerce/consumers/Unclaimed-Property/>

Editorially: there was a Ninety Dollar check with my name on it. Dan K.

And: The 5th Group has been modified back to the Vietnam era flash with the red and yellow stripes across it.

And: God's plan for seniors:

Most seniors never get enough exercise. In His wisdom God decreed that seniors become forgetful so they would have to search for their glasses, keys and other things thus doing more walking. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God saw there was another need. In His wisdom He made seniors lose coordination so they would drop things

requiring them to bend, reach & stretch. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God considered the function of bladders and decided seniors would have additional calls of nature requiring more trips to the bathroom, thus providing more exercise. God looked down and saw that it was good.

So if you find as you age, you are getting up and down more, remember it's God's will. It is all in your best interest even though you mutter under your breath.

Nine Important Facts To Remember As We Grow Older:

#9 Death is the number 1 killer in the world.

#8 Life is sexually transmitted.

#7 Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

#6 Men have 2 motivations: hunger and hanky panky, and they can't tell them apart. If you see a gleam in his eyes, make him a sandwich.

#5 Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years.

#4 Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing.

#3 All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

#2 In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.

#1 Life is like a jar of jalapeno peppers. What you do today may be a burning issue tomorrow.

Forwarded by Laurie Johnson: A Vietnam vet here at the office forwarded this to me. Sorry to have missed the meeting last night. It has been fun seeing everyone.

Guys – "Sort of" on the way home from up-state NY, I visited the Army Heritage & Education Center. It is located within the Carlisle Barracks just outside Carlisle, PA. It

is the second oldest US military reservation - West Point being the first. You can find the website at www.carlisle.army.mil/ahec The Carlisle Barracks is also home to the Army War College.

If you ever happen to be in the area this facility is certainly worth the time to visit. The archive and library of military records is vast. The Exhibit Trail on the grounds recreates emplacements and equipment of the major conflicts. But the unique aspect is the focus on the individual soldier. There are no exhibits of Army organizational units, such as the 101st or the 1st Cav. Rather, it is a memorabilia collection of letters, diaries, drawings, uniforms, equipment, etc. of individual soldiers who fought in conflicts as far back as the Civil War.

And the presentations are extraordinary. There is a digital Basic Training Drill Instructor - a black female - whose language has been cleaned up a bit but who could & would kick your ass. The computerized Rifle Range - "Ready on the left. Ready on the right " for the M16 proves that while I never could hit shit in the past, I still can't.

Check out the website. All in all, it's worth your time if you find yourself in the area someday.

Bernie

From Bill S.: While "Cleaning of the Stones" at the National Cemetery in Holly. I noticed a quarter placed on one of the stones. Later I also noticed a nickel placed on another stone. I was so touched with this that I took pictures. I googled about the coins, and found this out. I am very proud to share this.

A coin left on a headstone lets the deceased soldiers family know that somebody stopped by to pay their respect. Leaving a penny means you visited. A nickel means that you and the deceased soldier trained at boot camp together. If you served with the soldier, you leave a dime. A

quarter is very significant because it means that you were there when that soldier died.

Editorially: I also googled this. According to Snopes.com this is a "legend" with the current email version dating back to 2009. I have included it for two reasons: so that you have information on it, and because I like the idea. A lot. Dan K.

From Mike: I like this quote. "Fate whispers to the warrior 'You cannot withstand the storm.' The warrior whispers back 'I am the storm.'"

And: WAY COOL! More memories!!!!!!
Beany's Drive Thru - Long Beach, Ca - 1952-53. The 50's were the best years. Notice the cooks at the drive-in, no gloves handling the food. How did we survive??
Yep it's fun to watch, even Mr. "McDonalds," Ray Kroc, walking up in a suit and tie to buy a burger. Notice the DRIVE UP window speaker to order..... 1953!! This is great to watch if only for the cars and the clothes!
<https://vimeo.com/110260174>

From <http://www.quotationspage.com>:
"Experience should teach us to be most on our guard to protect liberty when the government's purposes are beneficial. The greatest dangers to liberty lurk in insidious encroachment by men of zeal, well meaning but without understanding."
Louis D. Brandeis (1856 - 1941), (*Supreme Court Justice*) 1928

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.)

The Chapter Facebook page: is located at www.facebook.com/sfchapterXX