

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

The "20/20" Flash

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The Chapter extends its sincere condolences to Steve Anderson on the passing of his wife.

The Next Chapter Business Meeting:

The next meeting is at 7pm at the

**Richfield American Legion,
Tues, Dec 6th, 2016**

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. Come on out.

Upcoming Activities:

Christmas Dinner: The Chapter Christmas Dinner is December 10th at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Bloomington. If you did not make reservations, you are still welcome to stop by and enjoy the company.

Monthly Activities

1st Tuesday of the Month, Chapter XX, Special Forces Association Meeting.

1st Saturday of the Month, Ranger Breakfast at the Perkins on Lyndale in Bloomington, at 10 am. An informal gathering, all are invited.

More info to come: Midwest All Airborne Alliance, Chapter 15 of the 173rd, etc.

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.

Copies of the membership or renewal forms are enclosed with this Newsletter. (You can also download them from the Chapter website, www.sfa20.org, or the SFA website,

<http://www.specialforcesassociation.org/about/membership/>) If you use the traditional paper forms to join or re-new, please mail the forms to: Chapter XX, SFA

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You can also pay your renewal and membership dues on-line, at the SFA website noted above.

Of course, on the plus side, 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.

After Action Reviews: Meeting Minutes:

The Nov 1st Business Meeting: I was there. I took notes. And, now that I am trying to get this newsletter out—in a hurry,

of course—I don't have my notes with me. Look for these meeting minutes next month.

OSS Congressional Gold Medal Act

Passed By Congress: FALLS CHURCH, Va., Dec. 1, 2016 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- The Office of Strategic Services (OSS) Congressional Gold Medal Act (S. 2234) was passed by the House of Representatives yesterday. The OSS was the World War II predecessor to the CIA, the US Special Operations Command and the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research. It was created in 1942 by President Roosevelt who appointed Gen. William Donovan, a World War I Medal of Honor recipient, as its director. Donovan is the founding father of the US intelligence and special operations communities.

The OSS drew its personnel from every branch of the military. Its Maritime Unit was a predecessor to the Navy SEALs. Its Jedburghs and Operational Groups were predecessors to the Green Berets, the US Army Special Forces. The 801st/492nd Bombardment Group ("Carpetbaggers"), and other elements of the US Army Air Corps, the air arm of the OSS, were predecessors to the Air Force Special Operations Command. The Marines who served in the OSS were predecessors to the Marine Corps Special Operations Command. It drew its operational swimmers from the US Coast Guard.

The Congressional Gold Medal is Congress' highest civilian honor. The bill, which was passed by the US Senate earlier this year, now goes to President Obama for his signature.

More information about the OSS Congressional Gold Medal Act, including photographs, are available at <http://ossociety.org/goldmedalact.html>.

Source: The OSS Society, Inc.

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

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

2016-17 WORLD WAR II HISTORY ROUND TABLE 30th Season, Don Patton, 612-867-5144, www.mn-ww2roundtable.org
TIME: 7:00 P.M. (except as noted on 7 Dec)
PLACE: Fort Snelling Visitor's Center

Dec. 10, 2015 Early Naval

Operations – after Pearl Harbor Stephen Moore, author of Pacific Payback and The Battle for Hell's Island and Veterans of Naval Carrier Operations. ([PDF](#))

Jan. 14, 2016 Struggle on the Eastern Theater of Operations Dr. Roger Reese, author of Why Stalin's Soldiers Fought, and Veterans of the War on the Eastern European Front. ([PDF](#))

Feb. 11, 2016 Liberation of German Concentrations Camps John McManus, author of Hell Before Our Eyes, and Veterans of Liberation and Internees. ([PDF](#)) ([YouTube](#))

March 10, 2016 From the OSS to CIA Director Douglas Waller, author of Disciples will discuss Dulles, Colby, Helms, and Casey. ([PDF](#)) ([YouTube](#))

March 24, 2016 (4th Thursday) Birth of the New Age of War – Atomic Bombs and Rockets Jim Eckles, author of Trinity and Pocket Full of Rockets. ([PDF](#)) ([YouTube](#))

April 14, 2016 Southern Invasion of France – Operations Dragoon and Anvil LTC Scott Wheeler, author of Jacob L. Devers, and Veterans of Seventh Army. ([PDF](#))

April 28, 2016 (4th Thursday) Navy UDT Teams – The beginning of the SEALs Pat O'Donnell, author of First SEALs ([PDF](#)) ([YouTube](#))

May 12, 2016 Potsdam – Agreement to settle Allied Victory in WWII Dr Michael Neiberg, author of Potsdam ([PDF](#)) ([YouTube](#))

