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THE KENNETH WORTHLEY MEMORIAL CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

The "20/20" Flash

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The Next Chapter Business Meeting:

The next meeting is at the

Glockenspiel Restaurant Tues, Feb 3rd, 2015.

The Glockenspiel is near downtown St. Paul, (605 7th 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.

Upcoming Activities:

The Corregidor/Junction City/Mosul

Dinner will be in late Feb or Early March at the Fort Snelling Officer's Club; social hour at 6 pm, Dinner at 7pm. Dinner Selections are Prime Rib, Stuffed Chicken, or Walleye, at \$35.00 (\$32.00 for WWII or Korean Veterans) and you can pay at the door. When the Dinner date is set, we will also publish an RSVP date and phone number.

After Action Report:

Meeting Minutes: The January Business Meeting was on January 6th and started at 7:02 pm. Present were:

Jeff Arnold	Bob Pike
Doug Bekke	John Roy
Col. Khao	Bouachan Sinouthasy
Ed Komac	Trudell Guerue
Ron Lachelt	Jack Running

We received a note from the Pennebaker family thanking us for attending the memorial ceremony and making it very special.

Christmas Dinner AAR: There was a unanimous consensus to avoid Teal Blue cake frosting. In the Silent Auction, Trudell bid on the Cast Iron Dutch Ovens. He was surprised to find nine pocket-knives in the Dutch oven. Trudell distributed the knives to the Honor guard and wives.

Courtesy of the Midwest All Airborne Alliance, Jack distributed 4 Viking tickets to the Color Guard.

We talked about why the numbers of guests may be down. Solutions included actively recruiting Airborne and SF guys and possibly sending flyers out to VFW's and Legion.

The 173rd's Corregidor Party, at Fort Snelling Officer Club, honoring the 503rd will be on Feb 28th.

Col. Khao discussed the dedication of the Lao/Hmong monument is scheduled for summer of 2015. It will have 4 faces on the stone honoring the Hmong, Royal Lao, Lao citizens, and SF advisors. Pretty neat!

Col. Khao also passed out invitations to the 65th Royal Lao Army Celebration on March 28th, I will forward it to Doug Brown for our website.

Bob Pike gave out information about and invitations to the Vietnamese Tet celebration on Jan. 31st.

On the Fort Snelling National Cemetery Special Ops Plaque, Trudell will contact Twin City Monument to see when it will be ready. He suggested that we have the dedication in the spring or early summer when the weather is nice. The next two plaques will honor the 172nd Abn and Abn Artillery.

Doug Bekke updated us about the Vietnam exhibit at Camp Ripley. It is scheduled to open on July 18th.

From SFA National Headquarters: The First Special Service Force will be presented the Congressional Gold Medal on Feb. 3rd 2015 at 3pm in Washington D.C. The presentation can be seen on the website <http://www.speaker.gov/live>

The CD of a return trip to Italy by six veterans, accompanied by FSSF Association members can be seen at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=54tZDWt43OE>.

You can also google firstspecialserviceforce to see pages of websites.

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

The Roundtable Schedule is:

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.

Forwarded email from Bob: [Validity unknown] With the box office premiere of American Sniper, a movie about the life of Navy SEAL Chris Kyle, shattering all box office records progressive filmmaker Michael Moore used the moment to attack snipers with his tweet calling them **cowards**.

This was seen as not only an insult to the legacy of Navy SEAL Chris Kyle, credited with being the deadliest sniper in U.S. military history, but also an insult to all American military snipers and all who put on the uniform in service to our country.

Green Beret sniper Bryan Sikes took some time to pen a letter to Moore that absolutely destroyed him in an incredibly hilarious and fabulous way.

Mr. Moore-

Good afternoon there sweetheart, I hope this finds you alive and well. You can thank our men and women of the armed forces for that, by the way, and that also includes us cowardly snipers. It seems you've found time between licking the jelly off your fingers and releasing your grasp of a

bear claw to tweet some junk about snipers being cowards.

My buddies and I got a good laugh over the tweet, so I thank you. For a guy worth \$50 million dollars, you sure have quite a bit to bitch and cry about. I guess like a moth to flame, you too gravitate towards things that are popular and in the moment — in this case it's snipers. Too bad for you that your attempt at being relevant via your 70+ year old family experience has failed. It has only made you look dumber than a bag of hammers. Next time you should try something more original than going after snipers for one reason or another...that was so last month.

It's typical of "men" like you to criticize the intestinal fortitude, focus, discipline and patriotism of a sniper. It must stem from an inferiority complex or something. But hey, it's okay cupcake. We snipers are thick skinned and the efforts of world class turds such as yourself to portray us in a negative light only makes us laugh. If you and I were in the same room, I'd throw you a smile and gently pat you on the head knowing you're nothing more than a mouth breathing, Crisco sweating waste of space not even worthy of being in the presence of a sniper. It's almost funny how people like you preach things like 'acceptance' and 'not passing judgement' or 'labeling people', but then are the first to do so when a person is in some way dissimilar from you.

So tenderfoot, I leave you with this final thought: what if you found yourself in some sort of hostage situation where you were held at knife-point by some crazed person and they were dead set on making an example of you by bleeding you out on Hollywood Blvd in front of the world, and the

only way out was with the precision aimed fire of a sniper? Would you want that coward to take the shot? Because knowing how you feel about snipers such as myself and your hatred of firearms, I'd probably drop the mag, roll the bolt and go get a Jack & Coke before helping you out.

Very Respectfully,
Sikes

(Sikes is currently a Pro-Am shooter for GA precision Team Bushnell.)

And, after Bryant Gumbel's recent rant against the NRA, I feel inclined to include the website sent to me, from Mike, discussing gun deaths around the world.
<http://bearingarms.com/number-one-bullet/>

To predict the behavior of ordinary people in advance, you only have to assume that they will always try to escape a disagreeable situation with the smallest possible expenditure of intelligence.

Friedrich Nietzsche (1844 - 1900)

After two years in Washington, I often long for the realism and sincerity of Hollywood.

Fred Thompson, *Speech before the Commonwealth Club of California*

God give me strength to face a fact though it slay me.

Thomas H. Huxley (1825 - 1895)

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

Troopers:

The 75th Anniversary Celebration of the United States Army Airborne and Special Operations will be held during National Airborne Week on Wednesday, 12 August 2015 in Orlando, Florida at The Rosen Center. We have a splendid cross-section of Airborne and Special Operations Veterans on our Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

We are working to secure the same hotel rate for all Airborne Units for this event as the 82nd Airborne Division Association has for its National Convention that begins on Thursday, 13 August 2015, following the 75th Anniversary of the United States Army Airborne and Special Operations. There will be a fee to use the 82nd Association's hospitality services if you do not register for the convention. There will be more information forthcoming concerning fees.

We are also raffling off a very nice rifle, Ruger SR 762, 308 caliber along with a caliber matching Trijicon ACOG scope and a separate item being a Leupold 3x9x40 rifle scope. For tickets to these items contact Allen Schoppe, our treasurer at 281-814-2377, CSM (retired) Ron Rath at 919-803-4554 or me at 361-575-8492. Allen's address is: Allen Schoppe, 5427 Weston Drive, Fulshear, Texas, 77441-4127.

On the evening of 12 August 2015, we will have heavy hors d'oeuvres, as well as a complimentary bar with adult beverages and soft drinks. We will also have live music if donations allow, and the US Flag and the POW Banner will be jumped in.

We are seeking donations to fund the evening of 12 August 2015 so that all Airborne and Special Operations personnel, active or veterans, of these elite organizations may attend. To make your tax deductible contribution please make checks payable to the 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Project. In the left bottom memo space put "75" so that we may segregate the funds. This nonprofit project is under the umbrella of the 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Project's 501(c)3. We bring in 82nd wounded and we hope that your organization does also. The treasurer, Allen Schoppe, will send you a written receipt reflecting your donation to this nonprofit.

We want all of your elite warriors to attend.

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