

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

*The "20/20" Flash*

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**The Next Chapter Business Meeting:**

The next meeting is at 7pm at the  
**Richfield American Legion,  
Tues, Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

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:**

**The 67<sup>th</sup> Royal Lao Army Day:** will be in  
March, in Brooklyn Park. More info to follow.

**Two Harbors Heritage Day Parade:** The  
Two Harbors Heritage Days Parade might  
be bigger and better this year. We are  
working on a Fishing excursion for Friday,  
July 7<sup>th</sup> on Lake Superior. The Charter  
Captain is a Marine friend of Keith and Jean.  
We will let you know as more plans are  
solidified. The parade is on Saturday, July  
8<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Monthly Activities**

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month: Chapter  
XX, Special Forces Association Meeting.

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month: Chapter  
XV, 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade Association at  
the Hearthside Pizza, 1640 Rice Street, St.  
Paul.

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month: Midwest  
All Airborne Alliance at the Richfield  
American Legion, 6501 Portland Avenue  
South, Richfield.

If you have a group that you would  
like included on this list, just let me know,  
Dan at 507-647-3526.

**After Action Reviews: Meeting Minutes:**

**The Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Business Meeting** started at 7  
pm and members present were:

Jeff Arnold	Sevieng Suparat
Ron Lachelt	Bridget Cronin
Matt Mitlyng	Dan Kaiser
Bob Pike	

Bob made a motion to accept the  
November and December Meeting Minutes,  
as published in the January Newsletter.  
Matt seconded the motion and it was  
carried.

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

We began with a conversation on  
Fundraising. That conversation included a  
discussion on the Chapter's overall  
purposes. First, in my words and something  
that I had never thought of: is the difference  
between passive fundraising and targeted

fundraising. That is, passive fundraising covers our typical costs/operations, postage, printing, etc. Targeted fundraising is for a particular purpose. Passive fundraising is hard to get enthused about while targeted fundraising will build on itself.

Motivation for the contributor follows along those lines. Motivation comes from fundraising that is special or unique. It is tangible. It could be for assisting families of fallen soldiers, reintegration help for soldiers, educational assistance, support SFA National goals, etc. When you have focus, the motivation is easy to find.

We discussed the Chapter's focus: do we have one?, what is it?, why should people join or help? While we have the Association mission, with its projects/ideas, (<http://www.specialforcesassociation.org/about/mission-statement/>), we need to formalize or list our Chapter's specific purposes, plans, or goals.

Now, to be honest, this conversation had most of us scratching our heads in confusion. For me, it had been so long since I thought about these things that I had not really thought about them in any detail; living and believing in the SFA Mission was always enough focus for just-little-ol'-me.

We then noted that we did not have to set any goals that night, (my head was swimming in thought anyway) but that we need to think about and address these issues as we move forward. To that end, Matt Mitlyng was asked to draft-up a survey for researching these topics.

We then shifted the discussion to upcoming activities. Trudell and Ellen were planning their post-Christmas Party. (Because of the short notification period we sent out information on the Chapter email list. Sorry if you did not hear about the party. And if you did not get word by the email list, send Matt Mitlyng an email ([mitlyng@gmail.com](mailto:mitlyng@gmail.com)) and you can be added to the Chapter email list.)

We briefly discussed the 67<sup>th</sup> Royal Lao Army Day in March, in Brooklyn Park.

We will send more information as soon as possible.

We schemed and planned and dreamed and talked about the Two Harbors Heritage Days Parade and possible fishing trip. Ron was asked to coordinate with Keith on a better flyer for the Parade and to try and plan the Fishing Excursion.

Ron spoke about the efforts to nominate John to the Ranger Hall of Fame. More info to follow.

As an AAR to the Christmas Dinner: We had a great speaker who contributed well to the night. Two years in a row with great speakers.

We should have had a designated photographer to insure we get pictures. The Flyer should have noted that the KC Hall was on American Blvd East or West (again, my boo-boo, and my apologies.)

The Silent Auction was another great event and we need to start thinking soon about next year's Silent Auction.

We have to find something, in addition to the dinner, for the spouses.

We need a better promotional plan. The Flyers are good, but we need to get them distributed better and we need to find other ways to promote the activity.

The next Christmas Dinner is scheduled for December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Someone suggested making the dinner free for World War II and Korean Vets and spouses. Everyone liked the idea so look for it at the next Christmas Party.

Dan noted the Minnesota Military Museum Veteran's Registry. Nods of approval and murmurs of support were given.

Ron was going to look into the details and procedures for SFA memberships for widows and family members.

Bob made a motion that the Chapter donate \$200.00 to SFA National Headquarters for post-hurricane costs. Jeff seconded the motion and it was carried.

Dan brought up his newsletter problem: how to mention the passing of members, family members, and friends, and their health or hospitalization status. He just

never knows what to say and he can never find the right words. Dan thinks this section is not being done well enough. Dan is looking for help on this topic. Ideally, if you hear of the passing or health status of a chapter member, family member, or friend, then send an email to Dan ( [kais0063@umn.edu](mailto:kais0063@umn.edu)) with a verbatim text of what he can cut and paste into the Newsletter.

There being no further business, Bob made a motion to close. John seconded the motion and it was carried.

**Forwarded by SFA National HQ's:** a request from Chapter 34 has been included in this Newsletter. (It was edited for space, eliminating just the white space, so that I could also include the following.)

**And**, an information paper on the Facebook group Special Forces Brothers was emailed to the Chapter. I could not cut and paste it in today's technology, so I used old technology and I cut it and pasted it to the end of the Newsletter.

**From Jeff Thielen, Executive Director, Minnesota Military Museum on the Veterans Registry:** The Veterans Registry was established to help preserve Minnesota Veterans Stories as told in their own words or the words of their family and friends.

The Registry is a way for Veterans to document and share their military story with family and friends and preserve a record of their service. Please go to <http://www.mnmilitarymuseum.org/veterans/registry/> to record your personal story and please help promote this FREE service for Minnesota Veterans. Thank You.

**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

**The Chapter Facebook page:** is located at [www.facebook.com/sfachapterXX](http://www.facebook.com/sfachapterXX)

2016-17 WORLD WAR II HISTORY ROUND TABLE 30<sup>th</sup> Season, was a misprint. The good information is: 7 pm at the Ft. Snelling Visitor's Center. POC Don Patton, 612-867-5144

Feb 9 - Nazi Hunters - Seeking Justice for perpetrators of the Holocaust. Andrew Nagorski, author of Nazi Hunters will discuss the search for Nazi Criminals that evaded capture at the end of the War and sought sanctuary outside Europe

Mar 9 - Mobilization of U.S. Industrial Machine – Fighting a Global War. Maury Klein, author of Arsenal of War and Workers in Minnesota Defense Industries will present the transformation of peacetime companies into a Military Goliath

Mar 23 - Minnesota Born Unsung Architect of Army Doctrine. Mark Calhoun, author of General Lesley J. McNair will discuss the little known contributions of a true Hero who transformed a fledgling fighting force to Victory

Apr 13 - Last Mission of “Jerk’s Natural” - with the 93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Group. Gregg Jones, author of The Last Mission and Veterans of European Air War will discuss the dangers of the bomber missions to destroy German armaments

May 11 - Final Major Battle in Western Europe – Battle of Bulge. Hal Winton, author of Corps Commanders of Bulge and Veterans of Battle of Bulge will discuss critical decisions and mistakes that resulted in a hard fought Victory

Staff Ride, 23 May - 7 June: Market Garden, Eban-Emal, Remagen, Waterloo, Huertgen, Battle of Bulge