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CHAPTER XX  
THE KENNETH WORTHLEY MEMORIAL CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

# *The "20/20" Flash*

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Hey, John Roy: Happy Birthday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, Ron Lachelt

### **The Next Chapter Business Meeting:**

The next meeting is at 7pm at the

**Richfield American Legion,  
Tues, Feb 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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.

### **Upcoming Activities:**

**Monthly Activities:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month: Chapter XX, SF 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 to add to this list, just let me know, Dan at 507-647-3526.

### **After Action Reviews:**

### **Meeting Minutes: The Dec 5<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting:** Folks in attendance:

Doug DeSota	Jerry Carlson
Laurie Johnson	Jack Running
Ron Lachelt	Dave Turner
Matt Mitlyng	Dan Kaiser

Dan noted that he did not have the November Meeting Minutes ready for the Chapter. Laurie made a motion to accept the Financial Report, as given by Matt. Ron Seconded the Motion.

Under Old Business we talked about the upcoming Christmas Dinner and finalized plans, including setting a minimum bid of one hundred dollars for Steve Hudson's replica Rogers Rangers Tom-a-Hawk.

As an after Action Review, we discussed the Veterans Day activities at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the Capitol Grounds in St. Paul. After raising the National Colors, the folks who gathered early went to the Keyes Restaurant and had a great breakfast. The weather was wonderful, clear and cool, but not cold. The 173<sup>rd</sup> did a wonderful job with the program and the speech. The St. Paul Central High School Band performed wonderfully.

Jerry Carlson talked about Eagle's Healing Nest. Eagle's Healing Nest is a non-profit veterans organization in Sauk Center and more info can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/EaglesHealingNest/>

Matt made a motion to close. It was seconded by Ron and Carried

### **Meeting Minutes: The Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> Business**

**Meeting:** Folks in attendance:

Ron Lachelt                 Jerry Carlson  
Bob Pike                     Dave Nordan  
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Dan noted that he still did not have November's Meeting Minutes for the Chapter. On top of that, he also said that he did not have December's Meeting Minutes ready either. There was also no Financial Report.

Under Old Business we did an AAR on the Christmas Dinner: Bob noted that it was a wonderful time. Jerry commented that getting to meet the young soldiers in the Color Guard is always great. Ron extended his thanks and appreciation to all the folks who made the Christmas Dinner happen, from reserving the location and coordinating dinners, keeping track of names and meals, coordinating for a great guest speaker, and contributions for the Silent Auction.

Ron noted that he will be talking to Rick Pieper about coordinating with his son to have next year's Christmas Dinner at the Minnesota Historical Society location. If we can not make that happen, then we will plan on returning to the Bloomington K of C.

Then we talked about coordinating with Steve Anderson on the Chapter XV, 173<sup>rd</sup>'s mailing list with a goal of keeping all of the Minnesota Airborne "in the net."

The conversation went to what we can do for everyone. By mutual consent, we decided to try and get airborne people back into the net by getting them on our mailing list. While we are not trying replace or usurp the other Airborne groups or organizations, we decided to dedicate space in our newsletter to the other Airborne organizations.

Bob Pike and Dave Nordan said they will forward information from the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Association for inclusion in our Newsletter. Bob said he would cover the 101st

If anyone can forward information from the other Airborne organizations, we

will include as much as we can in our Newsletter.

The conversation then returned to a discussion on the mechanics of getting folks on to our mailing list. While we developed no concrete or actionable plan, if you are reading this Newsletter, call your Airborne friends and ask them if they are getting this newsletter.

Please get the name, unit, and mailing address (or email address) to me (Dan Kaiser) at 507-647-3526 or [kais0063@umn.edu](mailto:kais0063@umn.edu)

If you are wondering if some old friend of yours is on our mailing list, call or email me and I will let you know. If you know their email address, I can get the email address checked against our email list.

Moving on, Sevieng discussed US Senate Bill S.1179, which includes an Amendment that would authorize recognition of Special Guerilla Unit (SGU) veterans to be buried in National Cemeteries, provided they were US citizens or permanent residence living in the US. She asked that members of the Chapter mail letters to their Congressional reps. An example letter is included at the end of this Newsletter.

Jerry Carlson spoke on MIA/POW matters and he recommended the website [airspacemag.com](http://airspacemag.com) for your reading pleasure.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

**Editorially:** When you try to get your name, or your friends name, onto the mailing list, don't trust the guy you are giving your address to. Do a follow-up. Check on him. Check-on getting your name on the mailing.

I know this guy. I live in his skin. He will not be insulted if you check on him. He wants to save the world, but he can't even get the trash out, regularly, on Thursday mornings. If we extend the analogy of the road to hell being paved with good intentions, his road to hell is a pothole-free, six-lane super-highway that is flat and goes on for days and days and days.

If you ask to be added to the mailing

list, or just about anything else, please feel free to do a follow-up.

**From Ron:** "Nick" Brokhausen's book, WE FEW is being re-released on Amazon on April 2, 2018 in a hard cover edition. Check it out on Amazon. Nick (A Minnesota boy) will also be releasing a second volume later. John Stryker Meyer has released a new book called SOG Chronicles Vol. 1, which is a collection of stories about SOG. More volumes to follow. Order now from Amazon. Both books should be interesting as both authors are SOG veterans and write well. Good Reading!



**Forwarded** by Dave Nordan: The 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Association Website is <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/index.html>

Their last Newsletter included stories on: Help on transitioning back to civilian life; the 82nd Airborne Division Association's 72nd Annual Convention 2018, Aug. 8-11, 2018, Orlando, Florida, and the All American Week 2018, May 21-24, 2018.

From a January Newsletter: the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division and the 62nd Airlift Wing partnered for a joint exercise at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, that included a record-breaking C-17 Globemaster III formation of 36 aircraft.

From the Dec 6<sup>th</sup> Newsletter: A company of combat engineers gathered on a Fort Bragg field to complete a pilot run of the Soldier Readiness Test, a new three-phase, seven-event test, that includes "navigate" 225-pound tires, 240-pound mannequins, 40-pound sandbags and 7-foot barriers.

From Bob: On December 12, for the

second year, the Association again sponsored the Holiday Troop Support program as our way for supporting our young Troops and their Families, and the Families of Troopers currently deployed, for their service and sacrifice. We were able to provide over 500 Christmas and Holiday meals for the Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division. This project is such a wonderful success due to the donations and support of Perdue Farms, who provided over 500 chickens, and donations from our Association Chapters and Members, USAA, the New Car Dealers Association, The Bragg 'N Barn Thrift Shop, Penske Truck Rentals of East Coast Grills Inc. and the Franklin Baking Company. We would also like to thank the 82nd Airborne Division Chaplains and Chaplain Assistants for their help in coordinating this project.

We are very grateful to all our supporters for helping to make this program possible and for their continued support of this project. We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season!

The 82nd Airborne Division has identified two U.S. service members killed in northern Iraq on Sunday as paratroopers of the division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team: Sgt. Allen L. Stigler, 22, of Arlington, Texas, and Sgt. Roshain E. Brooks, 30, of Brooklyn, New York, were killed while engaging the enemy with artillery, according to the division. The paratroopers were cannon crew members assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment

The incident was not due to enemy contact and is under investigation, according to the Pentagon. No further details were released by the Pentagon or 82nd Airborne Division. Col. Pat Work, commander of 2nd Brigade Combat Team, said his team extends its most sincere condolences to the family and friends of the paratroopers.

"Sergeants Brooks and Stigler were courageous patriots and paratroopers who served our coalition and the people of Iraq with extraordinary commitment," he said.

“Their personal commitments to our campaign against ISIS were extraordinary and we are incredibly proud to have served with them.”



The 101<sup>st</sup> Screaming Eagles, Washington (AP) – About 400 soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division based in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, will deploy to Iraq as part of the military’s effort to set up a logistics base at an airfield south of Mosul. The troops are establishing a logistics hub at Qayara air base, to help Iraqi forces prepare to retake the northern city of Mosul from Islamic State militants. IS seized the city in 2014.

The U.S. troop authorization for Iraq is 4,647. The Pentagon says there are about 3,800 U.S. forces there, not including hundreds who are on temporary duty and not included in the official count.

101st celebrates 75-year anniversary: Soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division showcase their air assault capabilities by demonstrating the Fast Rope Insertion Extraction System or FRIES technique, Aug. 25 as part of the division’s 75th anniversary celebrations. Several on- and off-post events were held, Aug. 14-26 to honor past and present Screaming Eagle Soldiers, and to recognize their achievements and sacrifices.

Newly Assigned, Fort Campbell. Brig. Gen. John W. Brennan, who served as 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) commander, 2013 to 2015, assumed the role of deputy commanding general for operations.

**The Dr. Harold C. Duetsch World War II History Round Table** is committed to preserving the factual history of World War II. With the input of historians, first-hand accounts from individuals, and [travel](#) we seek to promote

the study of this influential era. Check out their website at: <http://www.mn-ww2roundtable.org/>

The Harold C Deutsch World War Two Round Table is the oldest and largest ongoing WWII lecture series in the United States and it is now in its 30th year presenting programs. The program starts at 7:00 pm on the second Thursday of every month from September through May in the [History Center](#) at Historic Fort Snelling, unless otherwise noted in the [Schedule](#). Seating is limited and it is recommended that you arrive by 6:30.

A \$5.00 [donation](#) is requested to help defray costs. Students and Vets are admitted free.

**February 8, 2018** The Berlin Airlift – First Allied Victory of the Cold War (noting 70th Anniversary.) Roger G. Miller, Author of *To Save A City*, and Veterans of the mighty endeavor will tell of Stalin’s attempt to starve out a City devastated by War and struggling to rebuild and establish a new future

**March 8, 2018** American Airpower in WWII. Conrad C. Crane, Author of *American Airpower Strategy In WWII*, and Veterans that participated in the Air Operations will describe the Strategy and individual experiences that contributed to a Victory in WWII

**March 22, 2018** Architecture of the Nazis. Ray and Josephine Cowdery, Authors of *Reich Chancellory*, will show their collection of Period pictures of the monumental Architecture of the Nazis Regime to impress their Power, and current photos of what remains

**April 12, 2018** The Greatest Field Commander – Lucian Truscott. Harvey Ferguson, Author of *The Last Cavalryman*, and Veterans that served in his Commands will reveal the experiences of what happened in Italy and France by a Commander who has been rated as the Greatest Field Commander of WWII

**May 10, 2018** To Save the Victory After Defeat. Benn Steil, Author of *The Marshall Plan*, and Veterans of the Occupation, will highlight the great success that sealed the Victory in Europe and led to the State of Peace that resulted in the establishment of NATO and European Union.

**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).

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

While Jim H. set up the Facebook account, Matt has been added as an administrator. I hope this means something to you. I presume: if you spot a problem or have a suggestion, then you can contact either guy. Of course, I am only presuming.

Okay, now, I am going back to the Twentieth Century.

**Forwarded from Ron:** Dalelyn, John Roy's daughter, sent the attached flyer. [Next page.] Her son, a Marine, was killed in Afghanistan in 2012.

Subject: New Prague Veterans Memorial Fund Raiser

Hi Ron and Cheryl, Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful holiday season. My dad is doing just fine and enjoying FL. Thought I'd reach out to you to see if you could circulate my event flyer for next month. It's our first fundraiser for the Veterans Memorial Wall we're erecting. We are also looking for silent auction items if anyone has something they'd like to donate. Our EIN number is 82-2382178.