

THE SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION
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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, Mar 4th, 2014.**

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.

After Action Report: The February Business Meeting was on February 4th and started at 7pm. Present were:

Jeff Arnold Rick Pieper
Col. Khao Bouachan Sinouthasy
Ed Komac Dan Kaiser

Dan Kaiser noted that he failed to email out the February Newsletter.

Ed made a motion to accept the January Meeting Minutes as published in the February Newsletter. Ed seconded the motion and it was carried.

Col. Khao discussed the United Royal Lao Armed Forces & Special Guerrilla Unit of the Vietnam War, Chapter Wisconsin 64th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, March 22, 2014, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Col. Khao and a group will be traveling from the Twin Cities to the Celebration and the invitation is extended to everyone in the

Chapter. Jeff Arnold noted that the trip was a great time last year.

Ed made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Lao vets to cover the cost of the trip. Jeff seconded the motion and it was carried.

Col. Khao also noted that he would be traveling to Washington DC to talk about Lao Vet issues. He also noted the website www.RoyalLao.org

We talked about contact from one of the local Navy JROTC units. Gardner LaMarche (Retired Master Chief and Naval Science instructor at the Washington Technology Magnet School on Rice Street in Saint Paul) called and asked if our Chapter was in the habit of presenting SFA Awards to Cadets. From our small gathering: we could not remember doing it before; we would be willing to do it if someone served as a project manager, and if a 'presenter' would be available, over the years, to make the presentations.

We discussed starting a Chapter Facebook page. While no one objected to the idea, all of us "no one's" also had limiting skill levels to execute this project. If anyone is interested in running this project, we support you: let us know who you are and what support you need.

We talked about the All Airborne Dayz at the Skydive Twin Cities Drop Zone, sometime in May or June. Except as noted in the last Newsletter, Ron Lachelt and Dan

Thorson are pursuing this issue, we had no status on the project.

Ed Komac brought in a catalog from "Medals of America." Ed had a set of miniature awards done-up through the company. The awards looked great and Ed said working with the 'old retired military guys' at the company was a great time. If you are interested, their website is www.MedalsofAmerica.com

There being no other business, Ed made a motion to close. Rick seconded the motion and it was carried

Upcoming Activities: The All Airborne Dayz at the Skydive Twin Cities Drop Zone near Baldwin, Wisconsin. Ron Lachelt and Dan Thorsen have started working on the All Airborne Dayz at the Drop Zone, near Baldwin Wisconsin.

More information will follow.

On the Veritas Magazine: Dr. Ken Finlayson, Deputy Command Historian for the United States Army Special Operations Command, and I recently sent a few emails back and forth.

Some of you might remember Dr. Finlayson, and other folks from that office, from one of the recent (?) First Special Service Force Reunions held in the Twin Cities over the last few years.

In meeting Dr. Finlayson and his staff, the Chapter was put on the mailing list for the *Veritas* magazine, a quarterly historical publication from the Command. We have been handing out the magazines ever since.

People have also gotten their individual names on the *Veritas* mailing list. If you are interested in getting on that mailing list, Dr. Finlayson wrote that you can send your name and address to him, and he will add you to the mailing list. Contact him at finlaysk@soc.mil

Now, "the rest of story...." In sending the emails back and forth, Dr. Finlayson noted that was taking an annual trip to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area in June. I, of course, offered the Chapter treating his

group to a meal during their travels, or any other help that the Chapter might be able to provide. Dr. Finlayson was quite gracious and thanked us for the offers.

From SFA HQ's: From: president <president@sfscholarshipfund.org> dated Feb 7, 2014, Subject: Special Forces Scholarship Fund

The Special Forces Scholarship Fund (SFSF) is pleased to announce its academic year 2014/15 scholarship application is now available online at <http://www.sfscholarshipfund.org/apply/>.

The deadline for submission is March 14, 2014.

The SFSF is a 501(c)3 non-profit, tax-exempt organization that awards merit based post secondary educational scholarships to the daughters and sons of current and veteran Special Forces soldiers.

Founded in 2011, the SFSF has awarded \$171,825 in scholarships to 90 deserving children of our Special Forces warriors. 47 of these scholarships were awarded for academic year 2013/2014 alone – over half of the total awarded to date – and we plan to make 2014 even better. All SFSF expenses are covered by board members so that every outside dollar donated to the fund flows through directly to scholarships for our children.

To learn more, please visit the SFSF website at <http://www.sfscholarshipfund.org/> or email inquiries to info@sfscholarshipfund.org.

Anything you can do to help us inform SFA chapters and members about this opportunity for SF kids would be awesome. Simply forwarding this email to the chapters would be a great help for our veteran members.

USASOC and USASFC(A) have been very helpful getting the word out to the active force. Veteran members not located near CONUS posts, however, have a harder time learning about opportunities like this. Please let me know if I can do anything more to help you help us keep everyone informed.

Thanks, Steve Mannell, President,
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Forwarded Through SFA National HQ's:

From: Marshall <rvnlrrp@aol.com>, dated
Feb 13, 2014, re: MACV Recondo School
Coin.

Currently being minted by the
Northwest Territorial Mint available Mid-
march, 2014. (1) Bronze Coin in Lucite
capsule: \$25 Includes shipping.

(2) 1 OZ Silver with 24K Gold plate, in
Lucite capsule and Green US Army
emblazoned Presentation Case: \$65
Includes shipping.

Each coin has a place for Recondo
Number, Instructor Number or Year served.
Cash or Check (not a company so no Paypal
or Credit Cards)

Thank You, Marshall C. Huckaby, 699
Willow Dell Drive, Senoia, GA 30276.
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An email included a Ronald Reagan
Speech that included "A Soldier's Pledge,"
written by World War I soldier. (Dang: that
President still makes me proud to be an
American Serviceman.) Watch the video at
[http://www.youtube.com/embed/rKsW6c_Cg
FY?feature=player_detailpage](http://www.youtube.com/embed/rKsW6c_CgFY?feature=player_detailpage)

From Bryan Krause: "OK class, we're
meeting in the Alps, for a little fun. The
'copter will take us to near the top of Mont
Blanc, at about 13,000 feet, and we'll work
our way down to around 3,000 feet in the
valley below.

"Our guide will be the red sail, and
we'll all have yellow sails. Try not to get
ahead of the red sail, unless you know the
up drafts and craig heights very well. And try
not to run into other sails, as well.

"The total flight will take about 10
minutes. Great scenery. You can probably
get in another run before the end of the day,
if you're so inclined and if you don't hit the
mountain, houses, power lines, or lift cables
and kill yourself!"

<<http://player.vimeo.com/video/36398302>>