

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 the

Glockenspiel Restaurant Tues, Nov 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:

Minnesota History Center's Program, "War, Disability, and the American Veteran" is Tuesday, Nov. 10, from 7-9 pm in the 3M Auditorium at the History Center, 345 Kellogg Blvd. W., St. Paul.

Veterans Day: Nov 11th at 11am at the State Capital Grounds, rain or shine. Doug Bekke is the scheduled speaker and the St. Paul Central High School Band will perform at the ceremony. The day begins with posting the National Colors at 7 am at the Minnesota Vietnam War Memorial with breakfast to follow at The Kelly Inn, just west of the State Capitol grounds. After breakfast, setting-up in the Memorial area will be completed with Ceremonies to start at 11 am.

Christmas Dinner: The Christmas Dinner is

December 5th at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Bloomington. See the enclosed flyer for information and to make reservations.

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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.

(Now, you might think that I would enclose copies of the membership or re-newal forms as part of this Newsletter. Yeah—no such luck. 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.)

I will include the membership and re-newal forms in the next Newsletter. You can also download them from the Chapter website, www.sfa20.org, or the SFA website, <http://www.specialforcesassociation.org/about/membership/> While I am not sure, the SFA website may also have an on-line option for renewing your membership.

If you use the traditional paper forms to join or re-new, please mail the forms to:

Chapter XX, SFA
C/O Matt Mitlyng
3759 Tower Pond Road
Anoka, MN 55303-8308

After Action Reviews: Meeting Minutes:
The October Business Meeting was on October 6th and started at 7 pm. Present for the meeting:
Jim Hecimovich John Roy
Col. Khao Bouachan Sinouthasy
Ron Lachelt Art Videen
Bob Pike Jerry Carlson
Bill Rouleau Dan Kaiser
Steve and Wendy Alfveby, and Ed and Babs Komac.

Jim Hecimovich was introduced to the group. Jim, a long time member of the Chapter, lives in southeast Minnesota- in the Austin area. Jim was in the Twin Cities for business and he was able to make it to the Chapter meeting

Ron made a motion to approve the September's Business Meeting Minutes, as published in the October Newsletter. Bob seconded the motion and it was carried.

AAR's: Jumping With The Best, Tandem and Freefall Jumps at the Baldwin Drop Zone, on Saturday, September 12th was great. We had a total of nine jumpers with lots of folks watching the jumps. Thank you's go out to Bob Pike (for coordinating with the Drop Zone and the jumpers), Ron Lachelt (for coordinating the food), Bridgette Cronin (for bringing so many of the jumpers) and Steve and Wendy Alfveby (for cooking the hamburgers and brats.)

While I may have overlooked other folks who also helped, and I sincerely apologize for this oversight, you should not feel left out: for those folks who I also forgot to put in the following list, again, please accept my sincere apologies.

Folks who were able to come out for the event include Ed and Babs Komac; John Roy, and he brought one of the jumpers, Jenny; Mandy Smith, our POC at the office supply store, was also able to jump; Trudell Guerue, and others.

On Upcoming Activities: As noted above, we discussed Veterans Day, Nov 11th, at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the State Capital grounds. Then we worked

on the Christmas Dinner: flags, Color Guard, toasts, cake, etc.

We then talked about past pictures of Chapter events and people. Bill Rouleau has a contact for putting our old photos onto CD's or DVD's and Bill will start a conversation with his contact on this topic. While I have a lot of pictures from earlier Chapter events, if you have old photographs that you would like to make available for inclusion in this historical record, just let us know.

Jim asked about a Chapter Facebook page. We noted that no one had been able to get any work done on it. Jim asked if he could pursue this issue and we all quickly agreed. (A few days after the meeting, Jim sent the email confirming that the work had been done. See his note below.)

Jerry Carlson spoke on POW/MIA issues and Col Khao addressed the Lao issues. Col Khao's discussion is included using an email that he sent out, below.

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

Other Information:

From Jim Hecimovich, on the Facebook page: All, We have a Facebook page. It is located at www.facebook.com/sfachapterXX, or if you Facebook, just search "Special Forces Association Kenneth Worthley Memorial Chapter XX."

From Col Khao, on House Resolution 210:
Dear all,

This is a call from the Freedom Fighters from the former Kingdom of Laos and Cambodia requesting your support by writing to or calling your House Representatives members to sponsor/co-sign House Resolution 210.

This H. Res. 210 affirming and recognizing the Khmer, Laotian, Hmong, and Montagnard Freedom Fighters and the people of Cambodia and Laos for their support and defense of the United States Armed Forces and freedom in South East Asia. Any one beside this list can call.

Please let me know who did the call to whom even if it is not a positive response. We will give you an appreciation medal and certificate. Please pass the word to your friends or colleagues.

Highest regards, Khao Insixiengmay
khinsixiengmay@gmail.com
(Enclosed please find the Resolution and the list of Sponsors.)

From an earlier email: My brothers in Arms, I ask your immediate support by calling these Representatives to support the H. Res. 210:

1. Rep. Timothy Walz Tel: [202-225-2472](tel:202-225-2472)
2. Eric Paulsen Tel: [202-225-2871](tel:202-225-2871)
3. Collin Peterson Tel: [202-225-2165](tel:202-225-2165)
4. Rick Nolan Tel: [202-225-6211](tel:202-225-6211)

Appreciate your help, Khao

The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs Friday Digest for October 30th was sent out by email. I was not able to get the individual hyperlinks working, but if you are viewing this Newsletter as an email, the following link still works: "Having trouble viewing this email? [View it as a Web page.](#)"

This Week:

- 2015 Statewide Homeless Study – Volunteers Needed
- MACV - Upcoming Events
- Veterans ID Cards Available Through Community Clinics
- The Home Depot Foundation Seeks Proposals for Rural Veteran Housing Projects
- Veterans Day Event Submissions, Deadline Oct. 30
- Minneapolis Veterans Home Fundraising BBQ, [Nov. 7](#)
- Rosemount Armory Veterans' Event, [Nov. 7](#)
- VA C&P Clinic Moving to Whipple Federal Building
- The Minnesota History Center's War, Disability and the American Veteran, [Nov. 10](#)
- Veterans Day, [Nov. 11](#)

Dakota County Veteran Services
Open House and Resource Fair
DAV - Thank a Vet

On the Minnesota History Center's program, "War, Disability, and the American Veteran."

The event, which brings together historians and veterans, is the first event in the History Center's initiative commemorating the centennial of the US involvement in World War I, which will culminate in a major new exhibit in April 2017.

The event is Tuesday, Nov. 10, from 7-9 pm in the 3M Auditorium at the History Center, 345 Kellogg Blvd. W., St. Paul. It's free and open to the public (and the museum is free that evening as well, beginning at 5 pm), though there is a charge for parking.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Looking forward to seeing you on Nov. 10. Thanks so much. Brian Horrigan
brian.horrigan@mnhs.org

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

(Editorially, since I have gotten way better at adding photos to the newsletter, please include me in the "cc" line for any pictures that you email to Ron.)

From www.quotationspage.com/

"I'm not sure I want popular opinion on my side -- I've noticed those with the most opinions often have the fewest facts."
Bethania McKenstry

"Get your facts first, and then you can distort them as much as you please."
Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)

"The opposite of talking isn't listening. The opposite of talking is waiting."
Fran Lebowitz (1950 -)