

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, Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016**

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:**

**Congressional Medal Of Honor Society  
Convention:** Minneapolis-St. Paul will host  
the 2016 Medal of Honor Convention Octo-  
ber 4 to 8. The Medal of Honor Convention  
Kick-off event is October 5 at the US Bank  
Stadium. Tell your veteran friends and fam-  
ily members. All vets are invited, they want  
1000 vets minimum to attend this free event  
welcoming the 50 or so Medal of Honor  
recipients to Minnesota. More info will follow.  
<http://www.mohtwincities.com/>

**Veterans Day Activities:** November 11<sup>th</sup>,  
look for plans on the Veterans Day Activities  
at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the St.  
Paul Capitol Grounds.

**Christmas Dinner:** The Chapter Christmas  
Dinner is December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Knights of  
Columbus Hall in Bloomington. See the flyer  
for information and to make reservations.

### **After Action Reviews: Meeting Minutes:**

**The Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> Business Meeting** started at 7  
pm and members present were:

Col. Khao    Bob Pike    Jerry Carlson  
Ron Lachelt    John Roy    Dan Kaiser  
Matt Mitlyng    Sevieng Suparat

Bob made a motion to accept the July  
Meeting Minutes, as published in the August  
Newsletter. John seconded the motion and  
it was carried. Bob made a motion to accept  
the Financial Report, as given by Matt. John  
seconded the motion and it was carried.

Under Old Business, we covered  
After Action Reviews for the Two Harbors  
Heritage Days Parade and a Ranger  
Bowling Get-Together.

On Upcoming Activities, we talked  
about the United Royal Lao Armed Forces  
and Special Guerrilla Units Fund Raising  
Party, Jumping With the Best, and All  
Airborne Days Memorial Stone Dedication.

Ron extended the Chapter's  
appreciation to Jim and Doug for their great  
work on the Chapter Facebook Page and  
the Chapter Website.

Dan brought up the Congressional  
Medal of Honor Society Convention in the  
Twin Cities. Ron talked about the Brick  
Pavers at the Special Forces Association  
Headquarters. Jerry Carlson discussed  
MIA/POW issues.

There being no further business, the  
meeting was closed.

**Meeting Minutes: The Sep 6<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting**

started at 7 pm and members present were:

John Roy
Jeff Arnold
Ron Lachelt
Sevieng Suparat
Dan Kaiser

Since no September Newsletter was published, we had no August Meeting Minutes to Accept. There was also no Financial Report.

Under old business, John Roy talked about attending General John Vessey's Memorial Service. We also talked about the two rained-out jump attempts for Jumping With The Best at the Baldwin Drop Zone. Ron noted the extraordinary job that Bob Pike had been doing in setting up and trying to get the jump to go.

Someone discussed the Tee It Up For The Troops Golf Tournament: Mendakota Golf Course, the St Thomas Cadets, the Minnesota National Guard, and Tournament's donation to the Chapter, \$500.

In new business we noted the US Army Ranger Association Midwest Picnic in the Minihaha Falls area on September 11<sup>th</sup>, a temporary change of Meeting dates for the Midwest All Airborne meeting, piggybacking the Midwest All Airborne Picnic with the Richfield American Legion US Flag Retirement ceremony on 17 September, Veterans Day, and the Christmas Dinner.

A big Thank You goes out to the 173<sup>rd</sup>. They made a donation to a worthy charity in Pat Roy's name.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

**FYI:** If you think that you did not get the September Newsletter, you are right. And you are not the only one who did not get a September Newsletter. Unfortunately, no one received a September Newsletter.

Between a crashing computer, a misplaced thumb drive, and not being to find the hard copy back-up (which was put some place that I was sure I would remember if I ever needed it), I was not able to print the

mailing labels. So, I put off doing the whole Newsletter.

And, of course, just as I was getting ready to re-construct the mailing list (as best as I could), I found the missing thumb drive and here we are. If you interested, I have printed off another hard copy of the mailing list and now I am looking for someplace to store it, just in case I ever need another hard copy list. Hmhmhmhmhmhmhmhmhmhm.

**From the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs September** emailed Newsletter thing: Military Pension Tax Deduction, September 16, 2016. Beginning in tax year 2016, taxpayers who receive certain types of military retirement pay (including pensions) may subtract that retirement pay from their taxable income. The tax exemption on military retirement pay is effective after December 31, 2015. You qualify for this subtraction if your military retirement pay is: Taxable on the federal return, and Computed under U.S. Code, Title 10, sections 1401 to 1414, 1447 to 1455, and 12733. Taxpayers who claim this subtraction may not claim the nonrefundable credit for past military service. For tax years 2015 and earlier, military retirement pay (including pensions) *is* taxable. For more information regarding this new law, visit the [Minnesota Department of Revenue's Military Pension page](#). You can find information on military tax benefits on their [Members of the Military page](#). Permalink: <http://mn.gov/mdva/blog/index.jsp?id=1066-256105>

**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

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