

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 Chapter meeting is at 7pm, on

Tues, Oct 31st, 2019

at the

Cherokee Tavern,

886 Smith Ave S, West St Paul.

They have a great environment and atmosphere with a full menu, complimented with a Tuesday Night Special— an incredible variety of hamburgers.

Parking can be a problem, but look behind the Cherokee Tavern. While the alley is usually filled, after 5pm you can park in the Cherokee Dental parking lot.

I plan to be there early for dinner, about 6 pm. Some folks show up early and socialize until the meeting. Some folks just come to the meeting. Either way, come on out and enjoy the evening.

Dues Dues Dues

If you are an Annual Dues member, then it is that time of year again, time to pay your annual dues. Go to the SFA website, <http://www.specialforcesassociation.org/about/membership/>, and at the bottom of the page you can print a membership application form, or a dues renewal form, and take care of business that way. You can also pay on-line with a credit card, on the same page.

Whether you are a current SFA member, or not, you are welcome to get the newsletter. Heck, you might already be in that category. Or, just by asking, you can get this newsletter.

(Of course, there are considerable benefits to being an SFA member: go check out the SFA website, as a place to start.)

Upcoming Activities:

Veterans Day, the 11th hour of the 11th Day of the 11th month, is Monday, November 11th. Look for the Airborne folks at the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial on the State Capital grounds in St. Paul. More information to follow.

Monthly Activities: 1st Tuesday of the Month: Chapter XX, SF Association Meeting.

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

3rd Wednesday of the Month, 7:30 pm: **Chapter XV, 173rd Airborne Brigade** is still held Hearthside Pizza, 1641 Rice St, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55117, [\(651\) 488-0549](tel:6514880549)

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

In support of Minnesota's Airborne and Veterans Groups, we invite all interest-

ed folks to receive a copy of this Newsletter. To support those Airborne folks, we do include information from those groups, when provided, in this letter.

After Action Reports: Meeting Minutes:

We cancelled the September Business meeting because of low turn out. There were only four of us. I would tell you who the other three were, but I did not write it down, and now I can't remember.

Come on out for the business meeting. Be seen. See somebody. Have a great dinner at a great restaurant.

Brunch with Babs: We had a great Saturday morning. Ron emailed:

On Saturday, September 14, we gathered at the Cherokee Tavern in W. St. Paul to meet Tom & Susan Yoe from New South Wales, Australia. They are friends of Babs and Ed Komac. Babs and Ed had met them and stayed with them when they traveled to Australia to participate in the ANZAC Days parade celebration. Babs and Ed subsequently returned two more times, once with Brad Nichols.

Tom had served tours in Viet Nam, and retired from the Australian Army with over 3500 jumps and freefalls. He formed an immediate airborne bond with Ed and Brad. Tom and Sue have been traveling around Canada and the U.S. and wanted to see Babs, so Babs suggested that they meet Ed's friends and buddies, so Chapter XX SFA, Midwest All-Airborne Alliance, and Vietnam Veterans of America members showed up to share memories of Ed and to meet each other. There were about 30 people present from the various organizations. Snacks and a sit-down lunch followed and then Tom told some humorous stories of his time in Viet Nam. Aussies can sure tell a story have such a great sense of humor!

Trudell brought along a Prop Blast mug, which was promptly filled with the appropriate libations, and we all toasted Ed and other buddies that are no longer with us.

This was one of those get-togethers that you wish would never end.

A special thanks goes out again to Babs for introducing us to Tom and Sue from "down-under" and a reaffirmation of the bonds that hold the military veterans together. Cheers Mates!

From Babs:

I can't thank the chapter enough for all of your involvement in that wonderful Brunch for Tom & Susan. The event was sooo much more than I could have ever expected. All the commentary from Eddy's piers was fantastic I laughed and I cried. Sooo many memories from such special SF&VVA members and there partners.

I will never be able to thank everyone. My heart is full: THANK YOU. I remember when Eddy was getting real close to leaving I told him that I would miss him sooo very much and that I hoped that SF and VVA wouldn't forget me. Well 31/2 years later you all have kept me in your circles. You have made this MILITARY WIFE VERY HAPPY. THANK YOU FOR BEING SUCH A WONDERFUL FRIENDS.

Thank you for your service, GOD BLESS YOU ALL,
Babs

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.

The Chapter Facebook page: is located at www.facebook.com/sfchapterXX

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.