

THE SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION  
CHAPTER XX  
THE KENNETH WORTHLEY MEMORIAL CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

## *The "20/20" Flash*

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It is with sad and with heavy heart that we inform you that we have lost two Chapter members, Don Pafko and John Hankes.

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

The next meeting is at 7pm at the

**Richfield American Legion,  
Tues, Nov 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

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.

## **Veterans Day**

**the 11<sup>th</sup> hour, of the 11<sup>th</sup> day,  
of the 11<sup>th</sup> month;**

**Saturday,**

**November 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Vietnam Veterans Memorial  
St. Paul Capital Grounds**

Veterans Day Activities start at 7:00 am with the raising of the National Colors at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. We will be raising Ed Komac's Flag for this year's activities.

Then, we go to breakfast. We will go to Keys Café, 500 N. Robert St., just south

of the freeways, and enjoy a hearty breakfast and a hot cup of coffee. After breakfast, we will move back to the Capital grounds and set up the necessary equipment.

The Veterans Day activities start at 11:00. After the activities, I am used to the group going someplace for lunch, but I have not heard of any plans for this year, yet.

With this year's Veterans Day activities on a Saturday, I will be able to attend and I hope to see you there.

## **Dues Dues Dues**

SFA Membership Dues for 2018 are now due. I am enclosing the Membership Application Form and the Membership Renewal Form with this Newsletter. Next: mea culpa, mea culpa, mea culpa. The Dues Forms are for those folks who qualify for membership in the SFA. You can read the Application Form to see what the requirements are for membership. For you three folks, who are 'friends of the Chapter,' and who mailed in your applications, thank you and I am sorry.

We, the Chapter, at a Chapter business meeting along time ago, decided that we would send out the Newsletter to anyone who wanted to receive it. Our goal is to keep as many SF, Airborne, former military, family member, or interested person as informed as possible on SF, Airborne, military, and family matters. Now, when I sent out the last Monthly Newsletter, I did it

in a hurry. (Again.) And I forgot to note that the membership and annual dues are for those who qualify and are interested in having an active membership.

In conversations over the years (with SFA HQ's), everyone has been supportive of that goal. And then I stop talking. I try not to bring up the idea that I will send out the Newsletters to SF types, whether they are an SFA member, or not. If joining the SFA is not a practical thing for you, I still want to keep you on our mailing list. To quote Red Green, "We're all in this together."

(Of course, I reserve the right to do devious things, like always having a membership form available; just in case.)

If you want to go online, you can renew your dues with a credit card on the SFA website, <http://www.specialforcesassociation.org/about/membership/>. If you are mailing in your application or renewal, please mail it to:

Chapter XX, SFA  
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### **Upcoming Activities:**

**Veterans Day** is at 11 o'clock, 11 November, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, State Capital Grounds, St. Paul.

**Christmas Dinner** is on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at the Knights of Columbus Building, 1114 W. American Blvd. Bloomington, MN 55420. Social Hour starts at 6 pm and Dinner is at 7 pm.

**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 October 3<sup>rd</sup> Business Meeting:**

Folks who were able to attend the meeting:

Jim Behr	Sevieng Suparat
Doug Bekke	Jerry Carlson
Bridget Cronin	Ken Larkin
Ron Lachelt	Gordy Finley
Matt Mitlyng	Dan Kaiser
Bob Pike	

Ken Larkin and Gordy Finley, from Patriot Assistance Dogs (PAD) (<http://www.patriotassistancedogs.org/default.aspx>), spoke to our group about their service dogs. They discussed the application process, the training program, the graduation numbers and that success, and the impact the dogs have had on their lives.

While there is an application process ([http://www.patriotassistancedogs.org/PAD\\_Veteran\\_Application.pdf](http://www.patriotassistancedogs.org/PAD_Veteran_Application.pdf)), that includes a supporting letter from a doctor, Ken and Gordy asked that we get the information out to any members who may benefit from the program. And that we approach members who may be reluctant to explore the program. You can get your own dog evaluated for use as a PAD, or you can get on the list for one of the program's dogs. The training periods are one week long and upon graduation the dogs are certified as service dogs. The program did graduate forty teams this year from their Detroit Lakes facility. Donations can be made through the website.

Jim made a motion to accept the September Meeting Minutes, as published in the October Newsletter. Bob seconded the motion and it was carried.

Bob made a motion to accept the Financial Report, as reported by Matt. Jim seconded the motion and it was carried.

On Old Business: we discussed, as an AAR, the 'Skydive For Vets,' and the upcoming Veterans Day and the Christmas Dinner.

Under new business, noted that she had been able to attend the Graduation Barbecue for the most recent Special Forces Qualification Course. The BBQ is held at the SFA Headquarters and Bridget said it was a great event and she wanted to thank Cliff Newman for arranging it.

Doug Bekke mentioned that he would get the Dr. Harold C. Duetsch [Fort Snelling] History Round Table information to us. (It has been included in this Newsletter.)

Bob made a motion that we donate \$250.00 to the Patriot Assistance Dogs. Jim seconded the motion and it was carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:20 pm.

**The Dr. Harold C. Duetsch World War II History Round Table** is committed to preserving the factual history of World War II. Through 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/>

We meet at 7:00pm 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](#).

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

In Doug's email he noted: 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. But seating is limited and it is recommended to arrive by 6:30.

**November 9, 2017** The Dr. Harold C. Deutsch Lecture – Allying for Victory. William T. Johnsen, Author of The Origins Of The Grand Alliance will discuss the partnership between Roosevelt and Churchill to form an Allied Force to defeat the Axis Forces in Europe and expand into the Pacific Victory

**December 14, 2017** Victory in the Battle of the Bulge. Martin King and Michael Collins, Authors of Voices Of The Bulge and 4 new Titles on units involved in the Ardennes fighting, with Veterans of the largest Land Battle in west-

ern Europe, will reveal the struggle that led to the Victory

**January 11, 2018** Eastern Front – Final Victories. Jonathan House, Author of Stalingrad, and Veterans of the Soviet Military will describe the savage battles between the Germans and Russians that are too often overlooked by western Military Historians

**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).

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