

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

The "20/20" Flash

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New Members: We added Brandon Straight to the Newsletter mailing list. At the last Chapter meeting Nate Anderson introduced his teammate and friend Brandon Straight. (I think) Nate and Brandon knew each other on active duty. Brandon was in 5th Group and the two of them are now in 20th Group, out of the Chicago area. Their team, at a minimum, is being relocated to either eastern Illinois or Indiana. Brandon now works for the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The Next Chapter Business Meeting:

The next meeting is at the

Glockenspiel Restaurant Tues, Nov 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.

Dues Dues Dues

It is that time again. If dues apply to you, please send your forms and money through the Chapter (that way we get a slice of your dues to cover some expenses) to:
Chapter XX, SFA,C/O Matt Mitlyng, 3759
Tower Pond Road, Anoka, MN 55303-8308

Upcoming Activities:

The 11th Hour, of the 11th Day, of the 11th Month: Veterans Day

at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the Capitol Grounds in St. Paul. Some folks will be there at 7 am to raise the National Colors over the Memorial. This year's Flag will be John Roy's Grandson's Flag.

Breakfast will follow at the Kelly Inn, a short walk to the east. Set up follows breakfast, with the Ceremony beginning at 11:00 am. You are invited to attend a part, or all of the activities. See you there.

Christmas Dinner: Dec 6th, read the Flyer.

The Corrigedor Dinner: Sometime between Feb 16th and Mar 16th, more info to follow.

After Action Report: Meeting Minutes:

The October Business Meeting was on 7 October and started at 7 pm. Present were:

Nate Anderson	Bill Rouleau
Jeff Arnold	John Roy
Doug Bekke	Brandon Straight
Ed Komac	Jerry Carlson
Ron Lachelt	Trudell
Matt Mitlyng	Jack Running
Bob Pike	Dan Kaiser

As noted on the first page, Brandon Straight was introduced to the Chapter.

Bill made a motion to accept the September Meeting Minutes, as printed in the October Newsletter. Jeff seconded the motion and it was carried.

John made a motion to accept the Financial Report, as given by Matt. Bill seconded the motion and it was carried.

Bob Pike reviewed some of the laws on VA benefits that he had dug up. Ron made a motion that Bob be authorized to represent the Chapter on issues concerning the Burial and VA Benefits for our Vietnam War allies, the Lao, Hmong, Khmer, etc. Matt seconded the motion and it was carried.

We discussed the Lao Fundraising activity on October 11th, Bob Ericson's Birthday Party, and Veterans Day. On Veterans Day, information is listed on the first page.

On Christmas Dinner, we found volunteers to cover the cost for the Color Guard members and their dates. (10 people.) We found volunteers for most of the dinner Toasts. And we confirmed other details for the dinner.

On AARs:

The Chapter Picnic was a great time. We need to do a better job promoting the event: advertise, advertise, advertise.

Tee-It-Up-For-The-Troops was quite successful. Bill Rouleau presented a donation from that organization to the Chapter.

The Chapter sweatshirts were handed off to Jeff for the Lao Fundraiser. Ordering more sweatshirts and t-shirts was discussed and approved.

The combined Newsletters, under the Midwest All Airborne Alliance, was briefly discussed. So far, everyone has liked the idea. More to follow.

Jack Running noted the St. Paul Pioneer Press's section, Sainted and Tainted. Mike Clark and the VVA Honor Guard, present at many veterans funerals, were highly praised for their professionalism, dedication, and contributions.

Jack Running also spoke on the Minnesota Military Museum's "Featured Veteran of the Month" presentation to honor Jerry Huntington. Jack said it was a moving day, that he was glad he went, and he thanked Doug Bekke for the Museum's hard work.

Someone attended the last Midwest All Airborne Alliance meeting and relayed the idea of having a Midwest All Airborne Alliance All Airborne Days at Camp Ripley. The idea is still in the discussion stage. More to follow.

Nate Anderson (I think) mentioned that Campaign Specific license plates may soon be available for Minnesota cars. Again, more to follow.

Jerry Carlson spoke on MIA/POW issues.

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

Projects:

Lao Veteran's Issues: from Col. Khao:

Dear brothers in arms and friends,

On behalf of the United Royal Lao Armed Forces & Special Guerrilla Units Veterans during the Vietnam War, I am very pleased to beg this call to all of you to support the Khmer (Cambodian, the Lao and the Hmong and all freedom fighters from Laos) to get H. Res 596 passed by the House of Congress this coming session. Please spread the word.

I would like you to join our team, the Coalition of Southeast Asian Veterans lead by Mr. Scott Walker, who is an Attorney at Law.

We would like to invite you to go to DC and express your willingness to support us to your congressman or congresswoman. If you can not go, please call, email, or write to your congressmen.

Again as a combat veteran from the Kingdom of Laos, who was wounded twice, captured twice, I need your support greatly. Please also log to: www.royallao.org to learn more the fighters from the Kingdom of Laos who fought as US allies and as US Surrogate Army.

Please be advised that more than fifty thousands Lao fighters lost their lives and one Hundred Twenty thousands men were wounded during the war.

Highest Regards, Khao Insixiangmay

Col. Khao also sent two attachments with his email. I have forwarded those documents to Doug Brown for posting on the Chapter Website, in the Documents section, listed as scan0009 and scan0023.

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

Other Information:

WWII History Roundtable: The Minnesota Historical Society and Historic Fort Snelling are holding the Dr. Harold C. Deutsch World War II History Round Tables at the Historic Fort Snelling Visitor Center, 7pm on the nights noted below. If you want a chair then you should be there by 6:15. The Roundtables are normally well attended.

You can get more information at their website www.mn-ww2roundtable.org

The Roundtable Schedule is:

Nov. 13, 2014 Dr. Harold C. Deutsch

Lecture: The O.S.S. Douglas Waller, author of Wild Bill Donovan, presents a profile of Donovan and a review of some of their notable Operations.

Dec. 11, 2014 Christmas at Bastogne - The German Offensive on Christmas '44 Leo Barron and Don Cygan, authors of No Silent Night, and Veterans of Bastogne will reveal a much overlooked battle and a turning point of the Battle of the Bulge.

Jan. 8, 2015 The Myth of the German Offense - Success that led to Failure John Mosier, author of The Blitzkrieg Myth, and Veterans of the Eastern European Front will show the flaws in the German Offensive tactics that eventually failed.

Feb. 12, 2015 Italian Struggle - Not the Soft Underbelly Tim Brady, author of A Death in San Pietro, and Veterans of the Italian Campaign will discuss the brutal fighting of the U.S. Operations moving from Salerno towards Rome.

March 12, 2015 The Logistics of War - Beans and Bullets to the Soldiers Dr Jerry Brown, Professor of History at US Army CGSC, and Veterans of Supply Operations will show the importance of Logistical Operations in winning Wars.

March 26, 2015 Return to the Philippines - The Road to Japan Dr Nathan Prefer, author of Leyte, and Veterans of the Leyte Campaign will discuss the Command controversy and tactical operations of General MacArthur's Return.

April 9, 2015 Air War in the Mediterranean - British and American Operations Col Robert Ehlers, author of upcoming book The Mediterranean Air War, and Veterans of Air Units in the Southern Theater will show the importance of the Southern Front of Operations.

May 14, 2015 Retrospective Look at Goals of 8 WWII Leaders Dr Gerhard Weinberg, author of A World at Arms and Visions of Victory, will review the territorial and other aims of eight World War II Leaders on this 70th Anniversary of V-E Day.

From the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs Legislative Reports:

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