

## SFA Indian Nations Chapter 32/50 1715 Spoke Street Oklahoma City, OK 73108

## **MINUTES 8 APRIL 2023**

SFA Chapter 32-50 met at the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Headquarters, 2101 NE 36th Street, Oklahoma City, OK, on Sat., 8 APR 2023, at 1200 hours.

### Officers Present

President: Roger "Rock" Taylor Vice President: Bill Coultrup

Treasurer/Medal Sales Coordinator/ WebMaster: Jerry Cooper

Secretary/Assistant WebMaster: Pat Carr

Assistant Secretary: Charles Watts

Chaplain/Assistant Treasurer: Dick Goodman Medal Presentation Coordinator: Doug Warden

Quartermaster: David "Sarge" Cronic

# **Opening Ceremonies**

President Rock Taylor called the meeting to order, at 1200 hrs.

Chaplain Dick Goodman led the Special Forces Prayer.

Vice President Bill Coultrup led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rafael Elias played, and the members sang the Ballad of the Green Beret.

### Guests

Mark Taylor introduced former Marine Sergeant Tom Bradbury. Ellis Edwards introduced his caregiver, Tenisha Benford.

#### Deaths

Charles Watts read the obituary of Special Forces and CIA legend, Billy Waugh, who passed away recently, at the age of 93.

# Ladies Auxiliary

Shirley Williams and the Ladies Auxiliary served a delicious stew to all in attendance.

# Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Jerry Cooper reported the following, as of 8 APR 2023:

General Fund bank balance	\$2,229.72
ROTC Medals bank balance	\$16,577.38
Green Beret Benevolent Fund	\$2,754.00

Total cash in banks	\$21,561.10
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## **Medals Report**

Jerry Cooper reported the following, as of 8 APR 2023:

Medals sold since January 1, 2023	517
Remaining Medals on Hand	1,214
Gross Sales @ \$15 per SFA Medal Assembly	\$8,673.64
Net Profit from Medal Sales	\$2,967.57

Rick Cacini's motion to approve both the Treasurer's report and the Medals Report, seconded by Jim Selders, passed unanimously.

### **CPT Dick Goodman's Recollections**

CPT(R) Dick Goodman, a helicopter pilot in Vietnam, shared most interesting recollections of inserting Special Ops teams into Laos and Cambodia. Among those Goodman dropped via fast rope, for reconnaissance on the Ho Chi Minh Trail, was our own Ranger Sarge Cronic, Goodman and Cronic worked together in numerous operations.

# Chaplain's Corner The Sins of Jesus

Ok, I know what you're thinking. Just bear with me for a while. We are in the middle of "Holy Week," the week before Easter. Actually, our family calls it Easter "Resurrection Day". Make more sense?

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, and ends on Easter Sunday. Holy Week is the center of the Christian year. The Friday before Easter Sunday is, as we all know, Good Friday, the day that Jesus was crucified. It is "good" that Jesus was crucified, because, had He not been, what would be the purpose of Him coming to earth and being one of us imperfect humans?

Yes, he was one of us, in the flesh. That's why the Bible refers to Him as the "Son of Man." He was God incarnate, born of the Virgin Mary, conceived by the Holy Spirit, and not by Joseph, His earthly father.

Jesus was born to die like the rest of us, but in a different way. He was born to die FOR the rest of us, and He knew that eons ago, before Adam. Jesus, as a man, felt pain and sorrow ("Jesus wept." John 11:35, Luke 19:41, Hebrews 5:7-9) ,and even temptation. However, He was sinless.

Don't you know that, every time Jesus walked by Romans crucifying people, as they did, publicly, He knew that someday soon He'd be up there on a cross, bleeding, thirsty, alone, and in agonizing pain? Of course He did! His mission from His Father God was to rescue mankind from eternal damnation.

God cannot allow any person to enter His Kingdom, unless they are unblemished. Since everyone has sinned, we became blemished. When Jesus died on the cross, he took on all the sins of the world, as the Son of God.

After He bore all our sins (all the people of the world since Adam, and all the people from this day until the end of time) on his shoulders, He cried as a son of man, "Father, Father, why have you forsaken me?" God turned His head away, because Jesus took all our sins upon Himself, on the cross.

Where we are all blemished or soiled by sin, we need to accept the fact that Jesus died for our sins by becoming sin. If we do, then His blood shed on the cross cleanses us from that sin. God can accept us into His kingdom because we are unblemished!

Now that's not the end of the story! I've only discussed "Good Friday". On Resurrection Sunday, God the Father resurrected Jesus back to life, defeating death for us all. Of course, we will all die a physical death here on earth, but, if we have accepted Christ as our Savior, we too will be resurrected. This is what is considered as saving our souls. This must happen before we can enter the Kingdom of God.

The sins of Jesus were actually our sins that he freely took on, allowing us to be able to be resurrected after we die, just as He was. All we have to do is say, "Yes, Lord Jesus, I accept your heartfelt offer for eternal life!"

Yes, Easter Sunday is much more than bunnies and eggs, but that is another story for another day! Need prayer, or simply want to talk things over? Call me at:405-924-0633, and we'll get it figured out! Or, email me at: dgoodman374@gmail.com

#### Old Business

Rick Cacini is assisting members in filling out applications for tax exempt status.

Historian, Maj (R) Joe Todd, is continuing to record videos of combat veterans.

Pat Carr requests submissions for The Drop.

Ellis Edwards' motion to approve the meeting minutes for 11 FEB 2023, seconded by Doug Warden, was unanimously approved.

### **New Business**

Jerry Haney obtained a trailer with benches for SFA members to ride in the 6 MAY 2023, Prague Kolache Festival parade. Member, Doug Warden, is being honored as the Grand Marshall, and we want to support him. Participating members need to be at the trailer/, in the parade staging area, not later than 0930.

Sarge Cronic is donating some antique weapons for auction/raffle by the chapter.

The Chapter voted to meet on 12 MAY 2023, even though we do not normally do so during the month of the SFA national convention, which is 22-26 MAY, 2023, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

### 50/50 Raffle

Rick Cacini won \$98 in the 50/50 raffle, \$80 of which he donated back to the Chapter. Those who wish to participate in the 50/50 drawing should bring small bills. Five dollars buys six tickets. If you have a chapter coin in your pocket when you purchase tickets, you get an extra ticket.

**Our Next Meeting** will be Saturday, 13 MAY 2023, at the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Headquarters, 2101 NE 36th Street, Oklahoma City. The entrance to parking is on the north side of NE 36th Street. The social hour begins at 1100 hours, and the business meeting begins at 1200 hrs. The building has no bar or refreshments.

De Oppresso Liber,

Charles J. Watts

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Assistant Secretary