



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

MINUTES 10 SEPTEMBER 2022

SFA Chapter 32-50 met at the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Headquarters, 2101 NE 36th Street, Oklahoma City, OK, on Saturday, 10 Sep 2022, at 1200 hours.

Officers Present

President: Jack Farr
Vice President: Ray Williams
Secretary: Charles Watts
Treasurer: Jerry Cooper
Medals Administrator: Jerry Cooper
Assistant Treasurer/Chaplain: Dick Goodman
Website Administrator/Assistant Secretary: Pat Carr

Officers Absent

Quartermaster: Rick Cacini
Assistant Treasurer: Ron Siegman

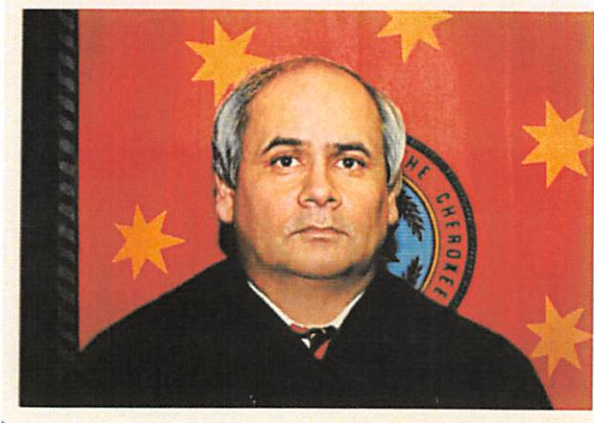
President Jack Farr called the meeting to order at 1200 hours.
Chaplain Dick Goodman led the Special Forces Prayer.
Vice President Ray Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Rafael Elias played, and the members sang the Ballad of the Green Beret.

Guests

Oklahoma County Sheriff, Tommy Johnson, who generously allows our chapter to meet at the Sheriff's headquarters, was present for the award of a certificate of appreciation by Chaplain Dick Goodman, on behalf of the chapter. Also present were Curtis Stapleton, Eric Humphries, Keith McCormack, Paul Carpenter and Paul's cousin Jake Jacob.

Honorary Member, Dwight W. Birdwell (Medal of Honor)

New honorary member, Dwight W. Birdwell, spoke about his actions on 4 July, 1968, when he risked his life to rescue American soldiers stranded in a Communist occupied village. Birdwell exposed himself to heavy fire to reach a damaged armored personnel carrier. He loaded the wounded onto the APC, and evacuated them to safety. In addition to the Medal of Honor received for his exploits on 31 January 1968, Birdwell was awarded two purple hearts and two Silver Stars for Bravery for his courageous actions in later battles. Dwight Birdwell is an American hero of the same order as Audie Murphy!



Dwight also told the story of Gen. (Decd) Glen Otis, who was Birdwell's battalion commander and a lieutenant colonel at the time of the Vietnam actions. A man of faith, Gen. Otis persisted for fifty years in his ultimately successful efforts to garner the Medal Of Honor for Sp/5 Birdwell!

Treasurer's Report as of 31 Aug 2022:

Treasurer Jerry Cooper reported the following balances as of 31 Aug 2022:

General Fund	\$3,542.89
Medals account	\$8,382.39
Green Beret Benevolent Fund	\$2,754.00
Total	\$14,679.28

Medal Sales Report as of 31 Aug 2022:

Medals sold since January 1, 2022	572
Remaining Medals on Hand	1,851
Net Profit from Medal Sales	\$2,234.41

Ellis Edwards' motion to approve the Treasurer's report and medal sales report, which was seconded by Robert Kelson, passed unanimously.

Passing of Monica Cronic, wife of Sarge Cronic

Chaplain Dick Goodman announced that Monica Cronic, wife of beloved member, Sarge Cronic, passed after a five-year battle with cancer. The original prognosis was only 2-3 months. Our prayers continue to be with Sarge. Funeral arrangements will be announced.

Passing of MSG (Ret) Chris Napier

Jack Farr announced the passing of MSG (Ret) Chris Napier, a former member of 12th SFGA. No service is scheduled.

Old Business

The 2022 National SFA Convention is week after next, in Colorado Springs, 20-24 Sep, 2022. Jack Farr, Ray Williams and Pat Carr plan to attend. Jerry Cooper has prepared a Power Point Slide Show on Chapter 32-50's ROTC medals program, to be shown at the general membership meeting.

Jerry has also prepared the following items for our chapter vendor's Table:

- i. Medal Sales Notebook
- ii. Power Point Slide Show for Vendors Table
 1. Sample Medal and sample Certificate
 2. 25 JROTC Medals & Ribbons in Presentation Boxes
- iii. Handouts
 1. Pricing and Shipping Flyers
 2. "How to establish & maintain SFA AOE Program" document
 3. "Generic" Chapter 32-50 Business Cards

THERE WILL BE NO OCTOBER MEETING!

Our next meeting will be the Thanksgiving luncheon, on Saturday, 11 NOV 2022, at Madison's Restaurant.

The Oklahoma Military Hall Of Fame Induction Banquet is Sat, 29 OCT 2022, at the Embassy Suites, in Norman. Members are strongly encouraged to attend.

If anyone can find a pizza company that is willing to deliver to the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Headquarters, we would try pizza at meetings again.

Historian/MAJ (Ret.) Joe Todd is continuing to record videos of combat veterans. He can be contacted at (918) 914-2179.

Please give Pat Carr your submissions for The Drop.

Please also give Pat Carr your old photographs (in uniform or out) to be preserved on the chapter website. We still need names of chapter officers since inception.

Seven members met for lunch, in Tulsa, with Rock Taylor, on Fri, 9 Sep 2022.

Ellis Edwards' motion to approve the meeting minutes for 13 Aug 2022, seconded by Robert Kelson, was unanimously approved.

New Business

Pat Carr and Rick Cacini Assume Duties

Pat Carr has assumed duties as Chapter Webmaster and Website Administrator. Rick Cacini is assisting Jerry Cooper as ROTC Medals Coordinator, until Jerry steps down, when Rick will take over.

50/50 Raffle

Ray Williams won \$70.00 in the 50/50 raffle, 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.

Our Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be Thanksgiving luncheon, on Saturday, 13 Nov 2022, at Madison's Restaurant. The social hour begins at 1100 hours, and the business meeting begins at 1200 hrs.

De Oppresso Liber,



Charles J. Watts
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Secretary