



**SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION**  
**Chapter 32-50**  
**MINUTES 11 September 2021**

Special Forces Association Chapter 32-50 met at American Legion Post 12, 6101 NW 50th St, Warr Acres OK, on Saturday, 11 September 2021, at 1300 hours.

**Officers Present**

President Jack Farr  
Vice President Ray Williams  
Secretary Charles Watts  
Assistant Secretary Robert Kelson  
Treasurer/Chaplain Dick Goodman (absent)  
Assistant Treasurer on Siegman (absent)  
Webmaster/Medal Sales Coordinator Jerry Cooper  
Medal Presentation Coordinator Doug Warden  
Quartermaster David "Sarge" Cronic  
Assistant Quartermaster Frank Rickard

**Officers Absent** Asst Treasurer Ron Siegman; Treasurer/Chaplain Dick Goodman

**Meeting Opened** 1300 hrs, by President Jack Farr

**Special Forces Prayer** Sarge Cronic

**Pledge of Allegiance** Vice President Ray Williams

**Tapa and Ballad of the Green Beret** Rafael Elias

**New Members/Guests**

Bob Allen, a platoon leader in the 173d Infantry Brigade, in Vietnam, at the same time as our own Jerry Cooper, treated us to some most interesting recollections of his days in combat. We hope Bob will come back, or even consider associate membership.

Also present were Garnett (Mrs. Glenn) Thurmond and daughter Jennifer; Patrick Carr (formerly ODA 213, Co A, 2d Bn, 12<sup>th</sup> SFGA, in Tulsa); Robert Haugh (President, American Legion Post 12) and his veteran father, Bart Haugh.

Former 2d Bn, 12<sup>th</sup> SFGA member, Charles Porterfield, was again in attendance, and he gave a beautiful, crocheted banner to President Farr. Charles also had a book of old pictures from Co A, 2d Bn, which he donated to the Chapter.

### **Ladies Auxiliary Report**

Shirley Williams reported that Bonnie Graham has given up her Vice-Presidential duties in favor of spending more time with her grandkids. Cathy Caccini graciously agreed to step in as the new Vice President of the Ladies Auxiliary. A funeral for Sue Branham (widow of former Chapter President Marvin Branham) has not yet been scheduled.

Shirley also advised that the Auxiliary is selling hoodie SFA and SFALA sweatshirts for \$40 each. Further, the ladies continue to hand out free tickets to the men of Chapter 32-50 for the drawing on the "Quilt of Valor", at the Thanksgiving luncheon, at Madison's Restaurant, in Del City.

Our always busy ladies are also selling raffle tickets for a custom painted and lettered 30"x18" yard boulder from Boulder Designs. The boulder will be raffled at either our June or July 2022 meeting. Lastly, the ladies are selling CDs of the Ballad of the Green Beret for \$20 each.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Ron Siegman's written report stated, as of 31 August 2021, the Chapter possessed:

Checking	\$4,068.14
ROTC	14,792.19
Green Beret Benevolent Fund	5,204.00
Total	\$24,064.33

Ron also sent a warning that the Chapter is spending more than we are taking in, and the bank account cannot remain solvent without a reduction of expenses or additional funding, as follows:

Just wanted to make you aware that the Chapter bank account can't remain solvent without occasional funding from the medals account, or additional fund raising combined with a reduction of expenses. For the period January 2017 to date, the Chapter income was \$18,979, and expenses for the same period were \$24,336, for a deficit of \$5,357. During the same period the chapter received \$7,288 from the medals account, which is the only reason we still have a positive bank balance.

### **OK Military Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Cancelled and Rescheduled**

The Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony for Doug Warden and Ellis Edwards was sadly cancelled due to Covid. However, the Hall of Fame will conduct a private ceremony for Ellis and Doug on Saturday, 23 October 2021, at 1100 hours, at the Vietnam War Memorial, 1200 NW 24<sup>th</sup> Street (Military Park-east of Classen, at the intersection of N. Military Ave. and NW 24<sup>th</sup> Street). Following the outdoor ceremony, lunch will be served, at 1200 hours, at Bedlam Barbeque Restaurant, 610 NE 50<sup>th</sup> Street, OKC (SE corner of NE 50<sup>th</sup> Street and Lincoln). Although the meal is free, please RSVP to Thao Edwards, Tel: (405) 840-5816, Email: thao51@sbcglobal.net, or to Doug Warden, Tel: (405) 826-8008, Email: dougwarden444@hotmail.com, so food can be reserved. Chapter members and spouses are encouraged to attend. Dress is Business Casual.

### **Medals Report**

Jerry Cooper reported that approximately 350 JROTC Award of Excellence medals have been sold, and approximately 500 are on hand. Two thousand more medals have been ordered (by Ray Williams) at a cost of approximately \$14,200.00.

### **Oklahoma Veterans' Council Report**

Rick Caccini again reported the Oklahoma Vietnam Veterans' Museum, in Yukon, is part of a statewide Oklahoma History Museum project to record videos of veterans describing their Vietnam experiences. Rick further stated he is working with U.S. Representative Stephanie Bice to improve programs for veterans. Rick invited all SFA members to his Yukon Museum's annual banquet. on Thursday evening, 14 October 2021. The charge is \$30 per person.

### **Quartermaster Report**

Sarge Cronic reported that items he orders for members are now billed and mailed directly to the members' homes. Gene Hall's wife Reta donated Gene's large collection of military items to the Chapter, which Sarge is selling at meetings. Ray Williams has the Chapter coins, which can also be purchased at meetings.

**Chaplain's Report** Glen Williams advised that Col. Jim Selders is in the Heart Hospital North having a stent installed. He is not allowed visitors.

### **Old Business**

The National SFA Convention is next month, 21-25 October, in Las Vegas.

President Farr made the following additional comments:

IF (YOU) WANT TO ATTEND A MEETING, JUST DROP IN, EVEN ONCE A YEAR. IT'S GOOD TO RECONNECT &/OR DROP IN & SHARE A STORY WITH US ABOUT SOMETHING (IN SF OR OTHER) THAT CHANGED YOUR LIFE.

OUR MEETING TODAY MARKS THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE 9-11 ATTACKS ON AMERICA.

THE 23 OCTOBER 2021, MILITARY HALL OF FAME INDUCTION AND BANQUET FOR DOUG WARDEN AND ELLIS EDWARDS WILL TAKE RE PLACE OUR REGULAR OCTOBER MEETING.

ALL MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO EMAIL OR OTHERWISE DELIVER TO JERRY COOPER COPIES OF YOUR BEST PHOTOS (IN UNIFORM OR OTHER) FOR INCLUSION IN THE CHAPTER WEBSITE, THE DROP AND THE SFA NATIONAL WEBSITE.

ANYONE POSSESSING CHAPTER HISTORY, INCLUDING WRITTEN HISTORY, PHOTOGRAPHS, NAMES OF PAST PRESIDENTS AND STAFF, PLEASE SEND TO JERRY COOPER.

SFA MEMBERSHIP DUES MAY BE PAID TO CH 32-50 OR PAID DIRECTLY TO NATIONAL SFA ONLINE.

Our Chapter website is: [sfachapter32-50.org](http://sfachapter32-50.org)

Glen Williams recalled that the first two presidents of Chapter 50 were SGM Billy Craig and SGM Eugene Rockholt, in that order.

### **New Business**

President Farr advised the family of Jan Patronek has asked for a donation from the Green Beret Benevolent Fund. Where this would establish a precedent that would be hard to sustain, the item died for lack of a motion.

Jerry Cooper, seconded by Glen Williams, moved to change the social hour meeting time back to 1100 hours, with the business meeting to start at 1200 hours. The motion carried.

**HENCEFORTH, FOR REGULAR MEETINGS, THE SOCIAL HOUR WILL BEGIN AT 1100, AND THE BUSINESS MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 1200 NOON.**

### **Chapter Minutes**

Charles Watts' motion to approve the minutes for 14 August 2021, with a second by Robert Kelson, was unanimously approved.

### **Future Meetings**

Due to the 23 October 2021, Military Hall of Fame induction for Doug Warden and Ellis Edwards, as well as the 21-25 October National SFA Convention, there will be no regular October meeting. The Thanksgiving meal sponsored by Ray and

Shirley Williams, on 13 November 2021, at 1100 hours, will again be at Madison's Restaurant, in Del City. The Christmas party and banquet will be 11 December 2021, at 1100 hours, at American Legion Post 12, 6101 NW 50th Street, Warr Acres OK.

**50/50 Raffle**

Ray Williams won the 50/50 in the amount of \$50, which he generously donated back to the Chapter.

De Oppresso Liber,

Charles J. Watts,  
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