



**SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION
INDIAN NATIONS CHAPTER 32-50
P.O. Box 30031, Edmond OK 73003**

MINUTES 10 July 2021

Special Forces Association Chapter 32-50 Met at American Legion Post 12, 6101 NW 50th Street, Warr Acres OK, on Saturday, 10 July 2021.

Officers Present

President: Jack Farr

Vice President: Ray Williams

Secretary: Charles Watts

Treasurer/Chaplain: Dick Goodman

Assistant Secretary: Robert Kelson

Officers Absent

Assistant Treasurer: Ron Siegman

Quartermaster: Dave "Sarge" Cronic

Chapter President Jack Farr called the meeting to order, at 1230 hours.

Chapter Vice-President Ray Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rafael Elias played the Ballad of the Green Beret.

Dick Goodman led the Special Forces Prayer.

Guests

Ray Williams introduced Harvey Pratt, a Chief of the Cheyenne-Arapaho tribe, long-time storied member of the OSBI, and Marine Corps Vietnam veteran, who was inducted into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame. Mr. Pratt spoke briefly of his career as a forensic artist which included over 5,000 drawings, 2000 tissue reconstructions, work on high profile cases (e.g., Ted Bundy, etc.), His endeavors involved travel to England, Thailand, S. America and Canada. Mr. Pratt designed the Native American Veterans' Memorial, at the Mall, in Washington D.C., which took three years to bring to fruition. The monument has audio (a tribal flag song, veterans' song and honor song).

Ladies Auxiliary Report

Shirley Williams, President of the Ladies Auxiliary, will auction two Patriotic quilts, one in November and another in December. Shirley distributed tickets for the first drawing.



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Treasurer's Report

In Ron Siegman's absence, the Treasurer's report was included in Jerry Cooper's Medals report. There is a move of chapter accounts from Bank of America to Tinker Federal Credit Union scheduled for this week.

OK Military Hall of Fame- 23 Oct 2021, 1830, hrs., Embassy Suites, Norman

Chapter members, Doug Warden (holder of two Silver Star Medals) and Ellis Edwards (recipient of MG Douglas O. Dollar Distinguished Public Service Award), are scheduled for induction into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame, on 23 October 2021, at 1830 hours, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, in Norman, OK. Chapter members are encouraged to participate. SF blazers, formal attire or business suits are the appropriate dress. Tickets, which include dinner, are \$80 per person, however, Ellis Edwards has graciously offered to purchase tickets for all Chapter members and spouses who wish to attend. Those wishing to do so should email Secretary Charles Watts to reserve tickets.

On Friday, 8 July 2021, Ellis Edwards was presented a commendation at the OK State Capitol from the Oklahoma House of Representatives citing Edwards' pending induction into the OK Mil HOF. President Farr asked Secretary Charles Watts to read the citation. The document sets forth details of Ellis Edwards' military career, Vietnam service and subsequent return to Vietnam at his own expense and risk as it was falling, to engineer the rescue of 64 former allies, as well as subsequently aid in refugee settlement. The citation was sent via email to chapter membership.

Medals Report

Jerry Cooper noted 351 JROTC Award of Excellence medals had been sold and 487 were on hand. There was \$15,812.00 in the medals account. Two thousand more medals were ordered (by Ray Williams) for approximately \$14,200.00. US Army Cadet Command, Ft. Knox, KY, has not officially recognized the SF ROTC medal for wear by JROTC cadets. Chapter member, LTC Marcus Franzen, soon to be enroute to the Army War College, volunteered to contact Cadet Command to advance the case.

Oklahoma Veterans' Council Report

None given.



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Quartermaster Report

None given. Dave was absent due to his wife Monica's critical illness.

Chaplain's Report

Dick Goodman noted Dave "Sarge" Cronic's absence owed to "Sarge's" care for his wife Monica who is being treated for cancer.

Old Business

Jerry Cooper noted the webinar by SFA National regarding the implementation of the new management program Club Express would transpire on 28 Jul (0930) and 29 Jul (1830) via Microsoft Teams. Jerry installed Microsoft Teams on his equipment and arranged for use of the clubhouse at his complex for its presentation. Jerry will send SFA an email stating chapter preference of Option 1 rather than Option 2 for implementation of the program. Option 1 would be less labor-intensive for the chapter's implementation of the program.

New Business

(1.) During its previous two meetings, the chapter discussed moving its three accounts from Bank of America to the MidFirst Bank, which will charge no fees for the accounts. Jerry Cooper made the initial arrangements. When Chapter President Jack Farr opened the matter for membership at the 10 July meeting, member Warren Wilson moved to transfer all three accounts (General Fund, Medals Account and Green Beret Benevolent Fund) from Bank of America to the MidFirstBank. Chapter member Glen Williams seconded the motion. Membership unanimously elected by voice vote to move the accounts to MidFirst Bank. Chapter President Jack Farr designated the following members to have signature authority: Jack Farr, Ray Williams, Dick Goodman and Jerry Cooper. Said members will meet on Wednesday, 14 July 2021 at the Yukon Branch of MidFirst Bank to present required documents and to sign.

(2.) Jack Farr presented chapter member Lt Col Marcus Franzen (USA) presently an SF officer serving as a battalion commander at Ft. Sill OK. Col Franzen, selected for the Army War College, will soon depart for PA. He noted the selection was a surprise, He expected about a two-year assignment elsewhere before such



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a selection and has no idea what his post-War College posting will be. He described the Facebook chapter page he renovated and the Team Room he created as a bulletin board for chapter members only.

(3.) Mark Taylor was recommended and approved for Honorary membership.

50/50 Raffle

The \$35.00 in the raffle was turned back to the chapter by the winner.

Regards,

Charles J. Watts
D-2833
Secretary