



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

MINUTES 08 JUL 2023

SFA Chapter 32-50 met at the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Headquarters, 2101 NE 36th Street, Oklahoma City, OK, on Sat., 08 JUL 2023, at 1200 hours.

Officers Present

President: Roger "Rock" Taylor

Vice President: Bill Coultrup

Treasurer/Medal Sales Coordinator/ WebMaster: Jerry Cooper

Assistant Secretary: Charles Watts

Chaplain/Assistant Treasurer: Dick Goodman

Medal Presentation Coordinator: Doug Warden

Officers Absent

Secretary/Assistant WebMaster: Pat Carr

Quartermaster: David "Sarge" Cronic

Opening Ceremonies

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

Vice President Bill Coultrup led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chaplain Dick Goodman led the Special Forces Prayer.

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

Guests

Charles Watts brought his son, Jeff Watts, and two of his grandsons, Charlie Watts and Tom Watts. Jerry Cooper again brought Tim Austin and Larry Bennett from the 173d INF BDE Association. Jerry Cooper also again Invited 22 Rangers living in Oklahoma.

Deaths

Our prayers and heartfelt condolences go out to David Laukat, who recently lost his beloved wife Debbie.

Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary presented an amazing meal of chicken and dumplings

Chaplain's Corner- You Did It!

When I was a kid, I was throwing my baseball on the roof of our house and catching it as it came rolling off and through the air. Somewhere in the process, one of my throws didn't go high enough to make it to the roof, and crashed through the living

room window. The next thing I heard from my buddy Ricky was, "You did it!" I paid for a new window with my weekly \$1.25 allowance. I never forgot that moment.

While teaching my son to dive from the one meter board at the public pool, he reluctantly leaned over to go off the board, and made the most beautiful belly-flopper of all time! As he dog-paddled to the side of the pool, I noticed he was crying from the pain and embarrassment of the whole ordeal. When I told him, "Nate, you did it!", his tears turned into a big east, west snaggle-toothed smile, from ear to ear. One of the stories above was a tale of frustration and regret. The other was a tale of accomplishment through determination and pain.

As this country birthed itself from tyranny in 1776, and fought for other oppressed people for well over two hundred years, our military has been both hero or villain in the eyes of many of our citizens. We know the Vietnam War was very unpopular in the United States, and many of us and our comrades in arms were treated unfairly and with rudeness. The Vietnam Veteran fought this war because he wanted to defeat the enemy overseas and not have to fight in our homeland. And he did it with honor and pride!

Now, our grateful nation is proud of what we did, even though, at the time, it didn't want to be there, and some even hated you for going there. Since then, the USA has been in many conflicts and military actions, and, as time has evolved, the people of this great nation have reflected and remembered the 58,220 brave soldiers who gave their lives for the freedom of this nation, and hence, the entire world, and some forty years later is grateful. Is your story one of frustration and regret, or one of accomplishment through determination and pain? I think you know the answer to this question. And guess what? You did it! Have a wonderful Independence Day, because you earned it! A warrior after God's heart is a man of integrity. (Psalm 15:1-5)

Treasurer's Report:

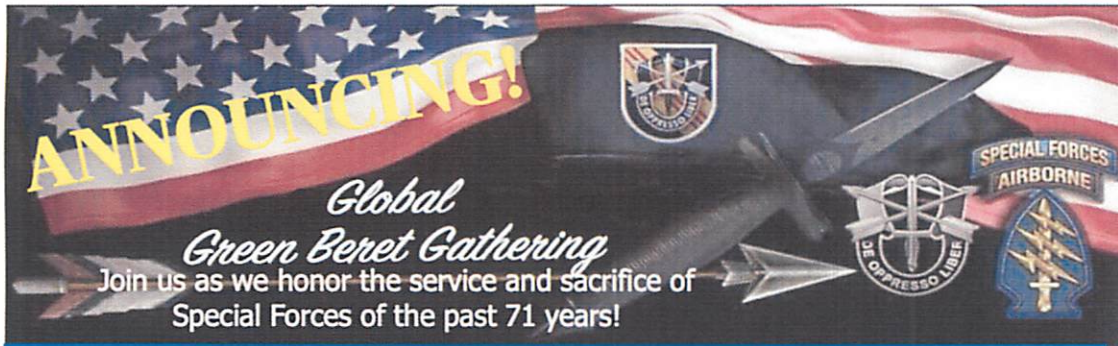
Treasurer/Medal Sales Coordinator Jerry Cooper reported, as of 8 JUL 2023:

General Fund bank balance	\$2,051.50
ROTC Medals bank balance	\$2,320.67
Green Beret Benevolent Fund	\$2,754.00
Total Cash in Banks	\$7,126.17

Medal Sales Report, as of 8 JUL 2023:

Item	2023	2022	Difference	%
Sold since January 1	642	519	129	23.69%
Medals on Hand	3,089	N/A	N/A	N/A
Gross Medal Sales	\$9,642.00	\$7,781.00	\$1,861.00	23.92%

Net Profit	\$3,452.18	\$2,060.62	\$1,391.56	67.53%
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CARNIVAL CRUISE

OCTOBER 19TH – 24TH 2024

SAILING FROM TAMPA, FL

Day	Port of Call	Arrival Time	Depart Time
Sat	Tampa, FL		4:00 PM
Sun	Fun Day at Sea		
Mon	Bimini	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
Tue	Nassau	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
Wed	Fun Day at Sea		
Thu	Tampa, FL	8:00 AM	



Embark on this historic **fully-chartered** Special Forces reunion/convention cruise and experience an **inclusive** experience featuring world-class dining, Broadway-style entertainment, exciting kids programs, expansive recreation and spa facilities, plus TWO beautiful ports of call in The Bahamas!

Reserve your cabin today and embark on an adventure that will reignite the fire within and create memories that will last a lifetime. Together, let's honor the past, celebrate the present, and embrace the future!

Register at: <https://sfali.org/cruise-pre-registration-page/>



Contact email: Legacy4SFA@gmail.com or www.SFALL.org



Learn more at: <https://www.specialforcesassociation.org/sfacon-2024/>

SFA Legacy Initiatives has signed a contract with Carnival Cruise Lines to charter an entire ship for SF, Family, and friends. The Carnival Paradise will provide an exclusive cruise experience departing from Tampa, FL on October 19, 2024. The current planning itinerary will include the following events that will also support many SF small businesses during this epic event:

October 17-18 Pre-cruise gatherings, USSOCOM events, golf tournament, poker run, supporting local SF businesses with Scuba dives, off-shore fishing, boat trips, & more

October 19 - Board the ship, SF Swag, Regimental Colors flying from the mast, sail away party with nationally known music artist(?)

October 20 - Day at Sea, beer and wine tasting from SF owned breweries and wineries

October 21 - Bimini

October 22 - Nassau with a shore party at the SF owned "The Bearded Clam Sports Bar", support other SF businesses with shore excursion

October 23 - Day at Sea, SF liquor tasting from SF owned distilleries

October 24 - Return to Tampa-more activities like football games, hockey games, etc...

We have over 1,000 passengers already registered during the pre-registration phase.

Register today at: specialforces2024cruise@gmail.com.

During the 2023 SFA Convention (SFACON), the membership voted that this cruise will also be the venue for 2024 SFACON. SFA Chapter VIII (8), Hawaii Chapter, has stepped up to take the lead on organizing the traditional aspects of SFA conventions during the cruise. Many of you have been great sponsors and friends of the Special Forces Association and have provided support to past conventions. If you have specific questions regarding support to 2024 SFACON then please contact Pete Tingstrom, SFA Chapter VIII (8) President, at specialforces2024cruise@gmail.com.

Prepare to be inspired by an exceptional lineup of keynote speakers who have conquered adversity and achieved remarkable success, both during and after their military service. Hear stories of resilience, leadership, and triumph, drawing upon the lessons learned from your time in the Special Forces and applying them to your civilian life. Potential speakers include: The Originals, Medal of Honor Recipients, Commanders of various organizations like USSOCOM, USASOC, etc. The 1st SFG and Detachment A/Berlin have already committed to conduct their reunion on the ship. We are in discussions with SOA, 5th SFG and others to do the same.

Early registration will help guarantee a cabin category of your choice since some categories will sell out quickly. All registrations prior to **June 24, 2023** will be in a drawing for prizes including a 2-cabin category upgrade (or \$1,000.00), 1-cabin category upgrade (or \$500.00), and other prizes TBD. Please register early, we need to see our numbers of where we are at in the next 30 days. If we don't meet our goal we will have to open this up to the Night Stalker Association, Rangers, Civil Affairs and other organizations to fill up the ship. There has never been an opportunity like this before, so don't be the one

who sees the pictures, videos, smiles and memories after this is all over, wishing you had attended. Make the commitment today and sign up. We will be posting new information to the SFA Teamhouse and SFACON 2024 website soon.

Rooms are designed for two occupants. If you don't have someone to come with you, we have started a forum where folks can find someone to defray the cost of the room.

<http://pub24.bravenet.com/forum/static/show.php?usernum=1987450266&frmid=10393&msgid=0>

What is included: Cabin in selected category for 2 passengers, taxes, port fees, and gratuities. 3 sit down meals a day, snacks and more throughout; non-bottled water, lemonade, iced tea, hot chocolate, and some coffees and teas. Also includes things like a Brunch, Fast Food, around the clock buffet, and ice-cream bar, Vegas type production shows, water slides, comedy club, activities for kids, competitions, etc.

Make Lifelong Connections: Strengthen the bonds forged in the crucible of the Special Forces and form new connections with like-minded individuals who share a common mission and purpose. The reunion cruise is a chance to expand your network, exchange ideas, and collaborate with fellow warriors who are making a difference in various fields.

So don't miss out on this extraordinary gathering of elite warriors. Reserve your spot today on this Global Gathering of Green Berets and embark on an adventure that will reignite the fire within and create memories that will last a lifetime. Together, let's honor the past, celebrate the present, and embrace the future.

Help plan activities and join my planning committee. Contact info is below.

DON'T MISS THE BOAT!

De Oppresso Liber,
Pete Tingstrom
President SFA Chapter VIII (8) Hawaii
Special Forces 2024 Cruise Lead Planner / SFACON 2024 Chair
specialforces2024cruise@gmail.com

COL(R) Bill Coultrup wowed us again with a presentation on the Phillipines

Old Business

George Tabor's's motion to approve both the Treasurer's report and the Medals Report, seconded by Rick Cacini, passed unanimously

Historian, Maj (R) Joe Todd, is continuing to record videos of combat veterans. Contact Joe if you have not recorded an interview.

As always, Pat Carr requests submissions for The Drop.

Ellis Edwards' motion to approve the meeting minutes for 10 MAY 2023, seconded by David Laukat, was unanimously approved.

New Business

Please save Saturday, 28 OCT 2023, on your calendars, as our own COL(R) Bill Coultrup will be inducted into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame on that date.

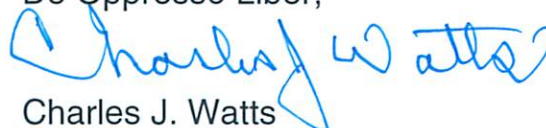
J.O. Dickey passed out Veterans' Administration informational documents.

50/50 Raffle

In Secretary Pat Carr's absence, there was no 50/50 raffle.

Our Next Meeting will be Sat, 12 AUG 2023, when we will entertain members of the Vietnamese Airborne Veterans Association. As usual, our meeting will be 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.

De Oppresso Liber,



Charles J. Watts

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Assistant Secretary