



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

### **MINUTES 12 NOVEMBER 2022**

Special Forces Association Chapter 32-50 met for our annual Thanksgiving luncheon, at Madison's Restaurant, 4747 SE 29th St, Del City, OK, on Saturday, 12 November 2021, at 1100 hours.

#### **Officers Present**

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

#### **Officers Absent**

Treasurer: Jerry Cooper  
Assistant Treasurer: Ron Siegman

Sarge Cronic returned thanks for a wonderful Thanksgiving feast, generously provided by the Ladies' Auxiliary.

At 1200 hours, Master of Ceremonies Butch Graham called the meeting to order. Chaplain Dick Goodman led the Special Forces Prayer.

President: Jack Farr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

#### **Guests**

Sixty-four turkey dinners were served to members and guests.

#### **Award of Quilts of Valor**

Ladies Auxiliary President Shirley Williams introduced Laura Sylvester, President of the Oklahoma Quilting Sisters. Ms. Sylvester introduced her volunteer quilters, who each contributed countless hours to honor twenty-one (21) SFA members with "Quilts of Valor." The quilters were: 1) Laura Sylvester, 2) Patty Manna, 3) Lenny Manna, 4) Katherine Hladik, 5) Janet Brawe, 6) Beth Owens, 7) Sheila Gage, and 8) Lisa Steinbron. The Quilting Sisters may be contacted c/o

Laura Sylvester

Piedmont Area Quilters, Attn: Quilting Sisters,  
14320 Locust Street, Piedmont, Oklahoma 73078.

Members presented with Quilts of Valor were:

- 1) BG Paul Babiak
- 2) Everett Bagley, Jr.
- 3) Rick Cacini
- 4) Pat Carr
- 5) Jerry Cooper
- 6) J.O. Dickey, III
- 7) Ellis Edwards
- 8) Jack Farr
- 9) Dick Goodman
- 10) E.R. "Butch" Graham
- 11) Jerry Haney
- 12) Wilson Hunt
- 13) Robert Kelson
- 14) Nokie Klutts
- 15) Frank Rickard
- 16) Marvin Shire
- 17) Mike Sloniker
- 18) Roger Taylor
- 19) Charles Watts
- 20) Larry Willhite
- 21) Glen "Bud" Williams

The following members have previously received quilts: MG Douglas Dollar, Rafael Elias, McEdward Law, Charles Oleary and Jim Selders. Those honored by the award of a Quilt of Valor are deeply grateful to the quilters, and especially to Shirley Williams, who has worked on this project for years.

**Treasurer's Report as of 31 Aug 2022:**

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

General Fund	\$3,906.87
Medals account	\$8,937.14
Green Beret Benevolent Fund	\$2,754.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,598.01</b>

**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 Jim Selders, passed unanimously.

## **Chaplain's Corner**

Chaplain Dick Goodman presented the following devotional for Veterans' Day:

The day before the mid-term elections, I went to a Veteran's Day program, in Mustang, at the Mustang Performing Arts Center, sponsored by Mustang schools. My granddaughter, Malak, attends Mustang Middle School, and is in their sixth grade choir.

The place was packed! Before the singing began, they asked for all the Veterans to stand, from all the different services, as their own service song was played. The audience then gave a standing ovation for all the "Heros"

Fortunately, my granddaughter was in the front row, so I was in a great location for videoing her in the performance. As the kids started singing patriotic songs, I began recording you know who. As my iPhone scanned the kids while they were singing, I zoomed in. It was amazing to me just how involved and interested those kids were as they performed! Their faces were focused on the choir instructor as he waved his hands during the production. It was obvious they had practiced for hours on the songs, and all of them knew all the words. The song list began with the Revolutionary war and continued all the way through the Vietnam War, Iraq and Afghanistan. Tears came to my eyes, as I knew then that this country is still filled with flag waving, freedom-loving patriots. From now on, if I ever start to doubt if this freedom is going to last, I'll remember those little patriots on that stage singing those age old songs we all know, and know that this nation is Under God, Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for All!

It is because of you combat veterans first, and other military veterans that this is the most wonderful nation on Planet Earth! I say to you all on this Veterans Day, "Welcome Home Soldier, job well done!"

## **Old Business**

Thank you to the ladies of Chapter 32-50 for the Thanksgiving luncheon! It was enjoyed by all.

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.

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.

Horn Photography of El Reno, OK, photographed the luncheon and the Quilt of Valor presentations.

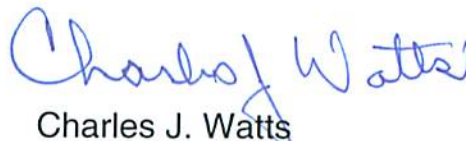
**Report On 2022 National SFA Convention**, in Colorado Springs, 20-24 Sep, 2022. Ray Williams and Pat Carr attended, presenting Jerry Cooper's slide show on Chapter 32-50's medals program, at the general membership meeting.

**Report On Oklahoma Military Hall Of Fame Induction Banquet.** The following members attended the Oklahoma Military Hall Of Fame induction banquet, on 29 OCT 2022: COL Jack Farr, COL McEdward Law and date, COL Jim and Keeley Selders, Ray and Shirley Williams, Ellis and Thao Edwards, Doug Warden, Sarge Cronic, Allen Battles, Butch and Bonnie Graham, Jerry and Paula Cooper, Charles and Ellen Watts, Johnnie and Cindy McCharen, Rick and Kathy Cacini. LTC Cacini served as master of ceremonies for the inductions. Among the recognitions, was a special presentation honoring Medal of Honor recipient and honorary Chapter member, Dwight Birdwell.

**New Business** Webmaster Rick Cacini continues to assist Jerry Cooper as ROTC Medals Coordinator, until Jerry steps down, when Rick will take over.

**Our Next Meeting** will be the Christmas luncheon, at Madison's Restaurant, 4747 SE 29th St, Del City, OK, on Saturday, 12 November 2021. The social hour begins at 1100 hours, and the meal begins at 1200 hrs. Those wishing to participate in the "dirty santa" gift exchange should bring a present with a value up to \$25.00.

De Oppresso Liber,



Charles J. Watts  
D-2833  
Secretary