



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

### **MINUTES 12 AUG 2023**

SFA Chapter 32-50 met at the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Headquarters, 2101 NE 36th Street, Oklahoma City, OK, on Sat., 12 AUG 2023, at 1200 hours.

#### **Officers Present**

President: Roger "Rock" Taylor  
Vice President: Bill Coultrup  
Treasurer/Medal Sales Coordinator/ WebMaster: Jerry Cooper  
Secretary/Assistant WebMaster: Pat Carr  
Assistant Secretary: Charles Watts  
Chaplain/Assistant Treasurer: Dick Goodman  
Medal Presentation Coordinator: Doug Warden

#### **Officers Absent**

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**

Oklahoma Military Hall Of Fame recipient and SF veteran, Maj (R) John Mullins, not only visited our meeting, but he joined the Chapter! Welcome! Our one-man recruiting detachment, Jerry Cooper, brought Airborne and Pathfinder veteran, Don Keeton. Also attending was former Marine, Tom Bradbury. Further present because of Jerry were 173d INF BDE vets, Tim Austin and Larry Bennett. Also present were long-time SFA friends, Cpt (R) John Farris and his lovely wife, Col (R) Kelly Zachgo. John came in response to Jerry Cooper's Invitation to Oklahoma Rangers. The following wives made the meeting better: Thao Edwards, Faith Zimmerman, Thu McAllister, Shirley Williams and Keely Selders. Roger Routh brought his wife Sylvia and his daughter, ROTC Cadet Zoey Routh.

#### **Deaths**

Mike Holland's wife, Janet, passed away, on July 30, 2023.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer/Medal Sales Coordinator Jerry Cooper reported, as of 2 AUG 2023:

General Fund bank balance	\$1,987.64
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ROTC Medals bank balance	\$2,292.77
Green Beret Benevolent Fund	\$2,754.00
<b>Total Cash in Banks</b>	<b>\$7,034.41</b>

Item	2023	2022	Difference	%
Medals sold since January 1st	642	519	129	23.69%
Remaining 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 from Medal Sales	\$3,452.18	\$2,060.62	\$1,391.56	67.53%

Ellis Edward's' motion to approve the meeting minutes for 8 JUL 2023, seconded by Pat Carr, was unanimously approved.

### **New Business**

#### **Presentations to Vietnamese Airborne Veterans**

We presented Chapter 32-50 challenge coins and SFA Certificates of Appreciation to the following thirteen (13) Vietnamese Airborne Veterans. The original band of forty Airborne troopers escaped from Vietnam as a group, in 1975, and they lived communally for their first few years in Oklahoma City. Although, when they arrived, the majority had only elementary educations, and few could speak English, by applying their Airborne disciplines, remaining together as a group and by helping one another, they proved the American dream is still alive. Almost all are now loyal American citizens, and they still honor their unbreakable bonds of brotherhood. Presentations were made to the following Vietnamese veterans by the following members:

#### **Recipient**

CPT Hanh Le Nguyen  
 LT Suc Mau Le  
 LT Mai Thanh Le  
 LT Minh Dinh Pham  
 LT My Huu Le  
 SFC Hao Van Phan  
 SFC Nay Nguyen  
 CPL First Class John Viet Nguyen  
 CPL First Class Ly Van Luong  
 PFC Sat Ngo  
 Tien Quan  
 PVT2 Duke Van Tran  
 PVT2 Dung Anh Nguyen

#### **Presenter**

COL Jim Selders  
 MAJ Jerry Cooper  
 CPT Dick Goodman  
 LTC Nokey Klutts  
 CPT Ellis Edwards  
 SGM Ray Williams  
 SGM Everett Bagley  
 Duke Ellis  
 Roger Routh  
 George Tabor  
 Doug Warden  
 Par Carr  
 Butch Graham

J.O. Dickey, seconded by Ellis Edwards, moved to make the Vietnamese Airborne Veterans honorary members of Chapter 32-50. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Selders, seconded by Ellis Edwards, moved to renew Chapter 32-50's commitment to support the Oklahoma State OCS honor graduate. The motion passed unanimously.

Rick Cacini announced the Yukon Veterans' Museum banquet is 19 OCT 2023.

### **Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame Presentation Banquet**

Please save Saturday, 28 OCT 2023, on your calendars, as our own Vice President, COL(R) Bill Coultrup, will be inducted into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame. The 2023 banquet will be from 1800 to 2130 hours, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 2501 Conference, Norman, OK. Seven SFA Members have previously been inducted:

CPT Ellis D. Edwards- 2021  
SSG Douglas Jason Warden- 2021  
CSM George Wilson Hunt- 2019  
SGM Eugene Rockholt- 2017  
LTC Michael E. Sloniker- 2013  
CSM Everett Bagley Jr- 2012  
MAJ GEN Douglas O. Dollar- 2007

To purchase tickets at \$85 per person, click on the below website:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-oklahoma-military-hall-of-fame-induction-banquet-tickets-671667705187>

You will be asked, "Which inductee group would you like to sit with?"

Wewoka, OK, native, Larry Pierce, is also being inducted. Pierce was KIA 6 SEP 1965, while serving with the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade, in Vietnam. He was awarded the Medal of Honor on 24 FEB 1966. Oklahoma Chapter 18 of the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade Association was named in his honor. SFA Chapter Members, Jerry Cooper and George Tabor, both served with the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade in Vietnam. Several Chapter 18 Members attend our monthly Chapter meetings.

### **SFA CARNIVAL CRUISE**

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](mailto: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 President.

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.

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](mailto:specialforces2024cruise@gmail.com)

### **Old Business**

George Tabor's motion to approve both the Treasurer's report and the Medals Report, seconded by Roger Routh, 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.

### **50/50 Raffle**

Rick Cacini won the 50/50 raffle in the amount of \$125, all of which he donated back to the Chapter.

**Our Next Meeting** will be Sat, 9 SEP 2023, 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles J. Watts". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and a stylized "W".

Charles J. Watts

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Assistant Secretary