



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

**MINUTES 9 AUG 2025**

SFA Chapter 32-50 met at Golden Corral, 1501 S. Sooner Road, Midwest City, OK, 73110, on Saturday, 9 AUG 2025, at 1200 hours.

**Officers Present**

President: Russell Higbie

Vice President: Charles Watts

Treasurer/Medal Sales Coordinator/ WebMaster: Jerry Cooper

Secretary/Assistant WebMaster: Pat Carr

Medal Presentation Coordinator: Doug Warden

Chaplain/Assistant Treasurer: Dick Goodman

**Officers Absent**

Quartermaster: Rick Cacini

**Opening Ceremonies**

President Russell Higbie called the meeting to order, at 1200 hrs.

President Higbie 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**

Everyone was thrilled to see Sarge Cronic with his beautiful new fiancée, Terri. Sadly, Sarge and Terri are preparing to move away to Nebraska. Mack Law brought his son Mike; John McAllister was accompanied by his lovely wife Thu; Roger Routh brought his amazing wife Sylvia; and Jim Vaughan was accompanied by his lovely wife Linda. The ever-wonderful Thao Edwards brought her husband Ellis. Charles Watts' guests included wife Ellen, sons, Jeff, Josh and Colin, and Colin's sweetheart Sara Utterback.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer/Medal Sales Coordinator Jerry Cooper reported, as of 9 AUG 2025:

General Fund bank balance	\$7,869.94
ROTC Medals bank balance	\$22,742.07
Green Beret Benevolent Fund	\$2,754.00
Total Cash in Banks	\$33,366.01

Donations totaling \$400 have been received in memory of honorary member Johnny McCharen.

Medal Sales Report as of 9 AUG 2025:

Item	2025	2024	Difference	%
Sold since January 1st	643	453	185	40.39%
Remaining on Hand	1,128	N/A	N/A	N/A
Gross Medal Sales	\$12,860.00	\$9,324.00	\$3,536.00	37.92%
Net Profit from Medal Sales	\$3,532.37	\$4,441.75	-\$909.38	-20.47%

Doug Warden reported that 39 ROTC medal presentations were completed

Pat Carr's motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Medals Report, seconded by Jack Farr, was unanimously approved.

**Passing of Jewel Babiak**



Jewel Babiak, beloved and loyal wife of BG Paul Babiak (deceased), passed away July 21, 2025, at the age of 89. Jewel was an angel even before she got to Heaven! She was an amazing wife, mother, grandmother, teacher, and friend, who was known for her kind, gentle, and giving nature. She will be forever missed by all who knew her and loved her.

Jewel lived in Hennessey with Paul for over 40 years, and she was active in the First United Methodist Church, Friends of the Library, and Hennessey Lions Club. Even at the tender age of 89, she still mowed her yard, pulled in the neighbors' trash cans, and would do anything for anyone that needed something done.

Jewel will now be with Paul in Heaven, along with her parents and many brothers and sisters who went before her. Jewel leaves two children: Tom with wife Dorothy, and Darlene with three children, Brian with wife Jan, Karen with husband Warren, and Kelly with husband Loc; and four grandchildren: Chantelle, Christopher, Jason, and Cai.

A celebration of life will be at Hennessey 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church Friday, Aug. 22, 2025, at 4PM. Please RSVP by contacting the church at (405) 853-2569.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in honor of Jewel Babiak may be made to the following organizations: Special Forces Association Chapter 32-50 Ladies Auxiliary, Hennessey First United Methodist Church, Hennessey Lions Club, Friends of the Hennessey Library (FOL), or to the charity of your choice. Cordry-Gritz Funeral Home will act as custodian, P. O. Box 125, Hennessey, OK 73742.

### **Speaker Charles Watts**

Charles Watts spoke about his year in Vietnam (1969-70), as a Mobile Advisory Team ("MAT") leader, in Kien Tuong Province, on the Cambodian border. In addition to participating in President Richard Nixon's 1970 invasion of Cambodia, Watts made a big impression on his Vietnamese counterparts by teaching them to water ski.

### **Old Business**

Mack Law's motion to approve the meeting minutes for 12 JUL 2025, seconded by George Tabor, was unanimously approved.

Historian, Maj (R) Joe Todd, is continuing to record videos of combat veterans. If you have not recorded an interview, contact Joe at (918) 914-2179.

Please give Pat Carr your submissions for The Drop. Please also give Pat your old photographs (in uniform or out) to be preserved on the chapter website.

If you have not completed a personal biography on Team House, please do so.

### **New Business**

There is a new password Requirement for online Teamhouse. It goes into effect on 1 Sep 2025, and it applies to all SFA members. A strong password is required:

- Minimum length- 10 characters
- At least 1 upper case letter
- At least 1 lower case letter
- At least 1 number
- At least 1 symbol
- Required change annually

Jerry Cooper has submitted a proposed Chapter Equipment Inventory Procedures SOP for approval by chapter officers.

### **2025 SFA Convention**

SFACON 2025: Tuesday, 14 OCT – Friday, 17 OCT, 2025

Orleans Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV

SFACON 2025 will be held from Tuesday, 14 October to Friday, 17 October 2025, at the Orleans Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV. For the first time, SFACON will be held concurrently with the Special Operations Association Reunion (SOAR). SOAR will take place 13-16 October. The two associations will share a hospitality room, vendor area, symposiums, and events. This includes raffles and fundraising events, with all proceeds going to the Association hosting the fundraiser.

**For those who are members of both Associations, you ONLY need to register with one Association.**

SFA members may attend the SOAR cocktail hour & banquet on Thursday, 16 Oct, by registering and paying a \$100 fee on the SOA website (registration form) [specialoperations.org/soa/soar-xlix/](http://specialoperations.org/soa/soar-xlix/) Those who do not like to register online (the preferred method), you may use the paper registration form to print, fill out, and mail to the SFA National Headquarters for processing.

Group Room Rates:

Sun-Thur: \$82.48 (includes \$31.48 taxes and fees)  
Fri-Sat: \$138.98 (includes \$37.99 taxes and fees)

Use link to make reservations online (Group Code discount automatically applied)  
Reservations by telephone: 800-675-3267 Reference group code: SFAJ25C

*If calling, make sure they quote the rates shown above for our group.* Reservations must be made on or before 9/12/2025 to ensure availability and rate.

Chapter 32-50 has reserved a vendor's table at 2025 SFACON, which has been comped by National.

Ellis Edwards', seconded by Charles Watts, motion to present Shirley Williams with a plaque honoring her years of devoted service leading the Ladies Auxilliary passed unanimously.

Everett Bagley won the 50/50 raffle, in the amount of \$65, which he donated back to the Chapter. Those wishing to participate in the 50/50 drawing should bring small bills. Five dollars buys six tickets. A chapter coin gets an extra ticket.

Our Next Meeting is Saturday, 13 SEP 2025, at Golden Corral, 1501 S. Sooner Road, Midwest City OK 73110. The social hour begins at 1100 hours, and the business meeting begins at 1200 hours.

De Oppresso Liber,



Charles J. Watts  
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Vice President