



SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION
Chapter 32-50
MINUTES 14 August 2021

Special Forces Association Chapter 32-50 met at American Legion Post 12, 6101 NW 50th Street, Warr Acres OK, on Saturday, 14 August 2021.

Officers Present

President Jack Farr
Vice President Ray Williams
Secretary Charles Watts
Assistant Secretary Robert Kelson
Treasurer Dick Goodman
Assistant Treasurer Ron Siegman (absent)
Chaplain Dick Goodman
Medal Sales Coordinator Jerry Cooper
Medal Presentation Coordinator Doug Warden
Quartermaster David Cronic
Assistant Quartermaster Frank Rickard

Officers Absent Assistant Treasurer Ron Siegman

Meeting Opened 1240 hrs, by President Jack Farr

Special Forces Prayer President Jack Farr

Pledge of Allegiance Vice President Ray Williams

Ballad of the Green Beret Rafael Elias

New Members/Guests None

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 at the July meeting, and for the second drawing at today's meeting. Shirley also announced the ladies are selling large rocks with custom painting.

Treasurer's Report Vice President Ray Williams reported on behalf of Dick Goodman. Last meeting, membership voted to move the chapter bank accounts to MidFirst Bank, which will charge no fees. Jerry Cooper reported that chapter officers designated to have signature authority, Jack Farr, Ray Williams, Dick Goodman and Jerry Cooper met on Wednesday, 14 July, 2021, at the Yukon branch of MidFirst, to sign signature cards, completing the move.

Ron Siegman's written report stated, as of July 31, 2021, the Chapter possessed:

Checking	\$4,109.14
ROTC	\$15,797.64
Green Beret Benevolent Fund	\$5,156.00
Total	\$25,062.78

OK Military Hall of Fame- 23 Oct, 2021, 1830 hrs, Embassy Suites, Norman
Chapter members, Doug Warden and Ellis Edwards, as well as former Green Beret, Cloyce Choney, 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.

Medals Report

Jerry Cooper reported that approximately 350 JROTC Award of Excellence medals have been sold, and approximately 500 are on hand. Two thousand more medals have been ordered (by Ray Williams) at a cost of approximately \$14,200.00.

Oklahoma Veterans' Council Report

Rick Caccini reported the Oklahoma Vietnam Veterans' Museum, in Yukon, is part of a state project to record videos of veterans describing their Vietnam experiences. Rick also reported that Chapter Vice President Ray Williams received an award from the Vietnam Veterans' Foundation.

Quartermaster Report

Sarge Cronin reported that items ordered by members are now billed and mailed directly to the members' homes.

Chaplain's Report Dick Goodman reported no one is ill or in the hospital.

Old Business

President Farr reminded that the National SFA Convention is in Las Vegas, 22-25 October, at the same time as the Oklahoma Military Hall Of Fame.

Following discussion by President Farr of the difficulty involved in adding additional skill tabs to SF license tags, it was decided not to change the present program.

Our Chapter website is: specialforcesassociation.org

New Business

To better represent chapter members who live away from the Oklahoma City area, President Farr announced his appointment of Frank Rickard to serve as Vice President South, and Rock Taylor to serve as Vice President North.

Sarge Cronic, seconded by David Laukot, moved to remove from our membership roll all honorary members who are inactive. After discussion, Charles Watts, seconded by Jim Selders, moved to amend the motion to remove all honorary members who have been inactive for the past year. The motion, as amended, passed unanimously.

President Farr announced that the Chapter 32-50 Website Administrator, Jerry Cooper, is the first website administrator to be approved by National SFA.

President Farr announced that the family of deceased member, Jan Patronek, is seeking a donation from the Green Beret Benevolent Fund. This is to be discussed by the Executive Committee.

Jerry Cooper moved to combine the chapter's two websites into one. After discussion, it was decided this has already taken place. Jerry also has a flash drive containing all information and pictures posted on the old website by Frank Rickard, which Jerry will download to the new website. Members are encouraged to continue to give pictures to Frank Rickard.

Rick Caccini announced an auction at his church.

Mike Sloniker spoke about his program of presenting shoulder boards to newly commissioned ROTC officers.

Charles Watts, seconded by Sarge Cronic, moved to change the social hour meeting time from 1100 hours to 1200 hours, with the business meeting to start at 1300 hours. The motion passed unanimously.

Doug Warden spoke to the Chapter about the incidents that led to the award of not just one, but two, Silver Stars for bravery, as well as the Soldier's Medal, while serving as a 20 year old staff sergeant, in the 82d Airborne Division, in Vietnam. All who were privileged to hear the presentation were inspired.

Chapter Minutes

Charles Watts' motion to approve the minutes for 12 June and 12 July 2021, with a second by Sarge Cronic, was unanimously approved.

Future Meetings

The next meeting will be 11 September 2021, at the Bethany-Warr Acres American Legion, Post 12. Social hour will begin at 1200 hours, and the business meeting will begin at 1300 hours.

50/50 Raffle

Sarge Cronic won the 50/50 in the amount of \$115.00, which he donated back to the Chapter.

De Oppresso Liber,

Charles J. Watts,
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