



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

### **MINUTES 8 JUNE 2024**

SFA Chapter 32-50 met at the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Headquarters, 2101 NE 36th Street, Oklahoma City, OK, on Sat., 8 JUN 2024, 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: Rick Cacini

#### **Opening Ceremonies**

President Roger 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**

After a long absence, everyone was glad to see Shirley and Ray Williams. Irey and Robin Cobb were also present after a long hiatus. Otis Bennett was accompanied by his wife Maxine. J.O. Dickey reported that Jerry Haney is still not eating and is generally doing poorly. Please give Jerry a word of encouragement. Ellis Edwards was accompanied by wife Thao. Cindy McCharan was with Johnnie; Greg and Zoraida Holmes were present; along with Roger and Sylvia Routh. As usual, Chaplain/Assistant Treasurer, Dick Goodman, brought pizza and donuts.

#### **Chaplain's Corner**

When my wife Carlotta and I finally were able to visit Omaha Beach a few years ago on a Viking cruise to France, I stood on that hallowed ground and wept! After watching "Saving Private Ryan" and hearing about what my father went through at Okinawa in 1945, I just couldn't control my emotions! You members of SFA 32-50 who experienced combat can probably identify with what I'm saying here. Although the vast majority of my combat

experience was landing in hot LZ's, dropping off soldiers or performing a Medivac for the wounded, I tasted the bitter grief, hardship and pain of battle. Bullets and shrapnel don't really have names on them, they just randomly embed themselves into anything or anyone who gets in the way. If you don't get in their path, they will stay on course until a victim is found. They have no sympathy and are always a permanent fact of combat.

I salute you combat vets who gave your blood, sweat and tears so someone else wouldn't have to! To those of you who were fortunate enough to escape the rigors of war, I salute also, knowing that you were ready to serve your nation, no matter what the cost! If you are a Purple Heart recipient, there are no words to explain this nation's gratitude for your sacrifice!

God has given us these emotions of thankfulness and love of country, and we live in a nation whose greatness was assigned us by Him to save the rest of the world from Satan's destruction, carried out by those who don't understand that it is a futile ambition to go against God's plan for mankind, especially when He has placed the United States Special Forces in their way! What does that motto say? "De Oppresso Liber." Well, need I say any more?

Matthew 5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer/Medal Sales Coordinator Jerry Cooper reported, as of 29 MAY 2024

<b>General Fund bank balance</b>	<b>\$4,074.01</b>
<b>ROTC Medals bank balance</b>	<b>\$10,031.78</b>
<b>Green Beret Benevolent Fund</b>	<b>\$2,754.00</b>
<b>Total Cash in Banks</b>	<b>\$16,859.79</b>

**Medal Sales Report as of 29 MAY 2024**

<b>Item</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Medals sold since January 1st</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>-164</b>	<b>-26.37%</b>
<b>Remaining Medals on Hand</b>	<b>2,489</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Gross Medal Sales</b>	<b>\$8,262.00</b>	<b>\$9,357.00</b>	<b>-\$1,095.00</b>	<b>-11.70%</b>
<b>Net Profit from Medal Sales</b>	<b>\$3,563.96</b>	<b>\$3,381.14</b>	<b>\$182.82</b>	<b>5.41%</b>

Charles Watts' motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and the Medals Report, seconded by Ray Williams, was unanimously approved.

**SFC (R) Robert Kelson**, presented his recollections from an illustrious and extremely interesting career in law enforcement. Kelson spent the first third of his civilian work life as a detective with the Norman Police Department. The last two thirds was spent travelling the world with NCIS.

**Old Business.**

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.

Twenty-one chapter members and guests attended the Memorial Day picnic held by the Vietnamese Airborne, on Sun, 26 MAY, at Eldon Lyon Park, in Bethany. A great time was had by all.

### **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 itinerary will include the following events that will also support many SF small businesses.

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...

**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, is organizing the convention and the cruise. 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.

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.

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.

## **DON'T MISS THE BOAT!**

Pete Tingstrom, SFA 2024 Cruise Lead Planner / SFACON 2024 Chair  
[specialforces2024cruise@gmail.com](mailto:specialforces2024cruise@gmail.com)

### **New Business**

Russ Higbie, who serves as a Sergeant At Arms for the Oklahoma Legislature, reported on the Legislature's ceremony honoring Montanards living in Oklahoma. Russ will attempt to make contact with the Montanards, so we can invite them to a meeting.

David Laukot won the 50/50 raffle in the amount of \$110, which was donated back to the Chapter. Those who wish to participate in the 50/50 drawing should bring small bills. Five dollars buys six tickets. A chapter coin gets an extra ticket.

Please save Saturday, 26 OCT 2024, on your calendars, as SF MSG Earl Plumblee will be inducted into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame on that date. Our own Doug Warden will be MSG Plumblee's sponsor.

**Our Next Meeting** will be Saturday, 13 JULY 2024, 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