

#### **MINUTES 12 MARCH 2022**

Special Forces Association Chapter 32-50 met at the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Headquarters, 2101 NE 36th Street, NE 36th Street & Martin Luther King Ave, Oklahoma City, OK, on Sat., 12 Mar 2022, at 1200 hours.

#### Officers Present

President: Jack Farr

Vice President: Ray Williams Secretary: Charles Watts

Treasurer/Chaplain: Dick Goodman

Assistant Secretary: Pat Carr

Quartermaster: Dave "Sarge" Cronic

### Officers Absent

Assistant Treasurer: Ron Siegman

Chapter President Jack Farr called the meeting to order at 1200 hours.

Chaplain Dick Goodman led the Special Forces Prayer.

Chapter Vice-President Ray Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

#### Guests

President Farr introduced CoI (Ret) Kelly Zachgo and Cpt (Ret) John Farris, both of whom serve on the Board of Directors for the Oklahoma Military Hall Of Fame. A number of our chapter members have previously been inducted into the HOF. Kelly and John discussed the HOF and the requirements for induction. The next HOF induction will be Saturday, 29 Oct 2022.

Charles Watts introduced former SF operator, Greg Holmes, and his lovely wife Cpt (Ret). Zoraida. The Holmes spent seven years on active duty with SF in Iraq, followed by three years working as U.S. government civilians in (former) Soviet Georgia. While in Bagdad, Greg helped found an SFA chapter. Hopefully, Greg will transfer his membership to Chapter 32-50, and Zoraida will join as an associate member.

Also attending the meeting with Charles Watts was Johnny McCharen, a long-time supporter of all things military and a candidate for honorary membership.



## Ladies Auxiliary Report

Shirley Williams, the President of the Ladies Auxiliary for all ten years they have been in existence, announced that the ladies will again be raffling a "Quilt of Valor" at our annual Christmas party. At today's meeting, Butch Graham won a box of homemade cookies baked by Kathy Caccini, and Marvin Shire won a beautiful St. Patrick's Day basket full of goodies.

## Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Dick Goodman re-stated Ron Siegman's 28 Feb 2022, report:

Checking acct \$4,102.14 ROTC Medals \$5,144.26 Green Beret Benevolent Fund \$2,704.00 Total \$11,950.40

## **Medals Report**

Jerry Cooper reported on medal orders that have been been filled. SFA National will publish Chapter 32-50's medals ad in the Drop.

Jerry also reported that Army Cadet Command, Ft. Knox, KY, has officially recognized the SF JROTC medal, although we are still waiting to receive a copy of the order.

Jerry sent the following message:

Recently we received word that U.S. Army Cadet Command has approved the awarding and wearing of the Special Forces Association Award of Excellence. This has taken years to accomplish and there are several people who have contributed to this outcome because of their efforts:

SFA Chapter 32-50 Member George Tabor

SFA Chapter 32-50 Member Dan Ward (deceased)

SFA Chapter 32-50 LTC Marcus Franzen (active duty)

Former SFA Executive Cliff Newman

On behalf of SFA Chapter 32-50 and all other SFA Chapters, I wish to express my extreme gratitude for their endeavors. Thanks!



# Oklahoma Veterans' Council Report

Rick Caccini reported on the Oklahoma Veterans' Council.

## **Quartermaster Report**

Sarge Cronic, who, for the last twelve years, has done a superb job as Quartermaster, announced his resignation due to his wife Monica's critical illness.

## Chaplain's Report

Chaplain Dick Goodman reported "no report."

### Election of officers

Butch Graham's motion, seconded by Jim Selders, to re-elect all present officers (except Sarge Cronic) for the next year was unanimously approved.

#### Old Business

President Farr again announced that MAJ (Ret) Joe Todd, with the Oklahoma Historical Society, continues to video interviews with Oklahoma Vietnam veterans.. Vietnam vets are encouraged to sign up.

President Farr again announced that Jerry Cooper and Pat Carr are collecting military photographs from chapter members, which they will post on our website. This is a way to preserve your military heritage, and all are encouraged to participate in collecting photographs and memorabilia.

#### New Business

Rock Taylor reported that former members of ODA 213, in Tulsa, will have a reunion, at Darrell Moody's home, on Saturday, 19 Mar 2022, at 1330 hours.

J.O. Dickey will bring Wilson Hunt to our April meeting.

### 50/50 Raffle

Rick Caccini won \$85 in the 50/50 raffle, which he donated back to the chapter. Those who wish to participate in the 50/50 drawing should bring small bills, Five dollars buys six tickets.



## **Our Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be Saturday, 9 April 2022, at the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Headquarters (former Krause USAR Ctr & HQ for Co. A, 2d Bn, 12<sup>th</sup> SFGA), 2101 NE 36th Street, Oklahoma City. The social hour begins at 1100 hours, and the business meeting begins at 1200 hrs. The building is just east of Martin Luther King Blvd, which runs north-south. The entrance to parking is on the north side of NE 36th Street. Please remember the building has no bar or refreshments. One may bring one's own.

De Oppresso Liber,

Charles J. Watts

D-2833 Secretary