



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

### **MINUTES 8 NOV 2025**

SFA Chapter 32-50 celebrated Thanksgiving on 08 NOV 2025, at Bedlam Bar-B-Q, 610 NE 50<sup>th</sup> St, Oklahoma City. Thirty-eight members and guests turned out to eat turkey, dressing and barbeque, with all the fixings. The meal was organized and paid for by SFA member, JO Dickey, with some other members chipping in. A good time was had by all.

#### **Officers Present**

President: Russell Higbie  
Vice President: Charles Watts  
Medal Presentation Coordinator: Doug Warden  
Chaplain/Assistant Treasurer: Dick Goodman  
Quartermaster: Rick Cacini

#### **Officers Absent**

Treasurer/Medal Sales Coordinator/ WebMaster: Jerry Cooper  
Secretary/Assistant WebMaster: Pat Carr

#### **Opening Ceremonies**

Following a delicious meal, 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 Otis Bennett, who was accompanied by his lovely wife Maxine, son Glenn and daughter-in-law Felisha. After time out on sick call, Art Linville was back with wife Trish. President Higbie brought wife Sharon; Charles Watts brought wife Ellen; and Ray Williams brought the ever-lovely Shirley. Mack Law brought his son-in-law Mike Hazlett, a former Marine. Roger Routh brought wife Sylvia; and together they brought daughter LT Zoe Routh, who drug in a guy wearing a Nebraska Tshirt, Decklin Nagel. Rick Cacini brought wife Kathy; Thao Edwards brought Ellis; John McAlister brought wife Thu; and Jim Vaughan brought wife Linda. JO Dickey's guest, LTC Maiwand Mamond, was most impressive.

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

Treasurer/Medal Sales Coordinator Jerry Cooper reported, as of 8 NOV 2025:

General Fund bank balance	\$8,594.26
ROTC Medals bank balance	\$8,965.46
Green Beret Benevolent Fund	\$2,754.00
Total Cash in Banks	\$20,313.72

#### Medal Sales Report, as of 8 NOV, 2025

Item	2025	2024	Difference	%
Sold since January 1st	788	519	210	40.46%
Remaining on Hand	1998	N/A	N/A	N/A
Gross Medal Sales	\$15,604.89	\$9,342.00	\$6,262.89	67.04%
Net Profit Medal Sales	\$4,909.69	\$4,445.85	\$463.84	10.43%

Chapter Officers recently approved purchase of 1,500 medals from MTM for \$16,350, which was paid with Check #1061, on 5 SEP 25.

Previous medal orders have been thru MTM, in Midwest City.

Future medal sales are projected to be around 700 annually.

The 1,500 medal order would provide about four years of medal sales.

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



#### **Frank Rickard**

Francis "Frank" Regan Rickard, 86, of Lawton, Oklahoma, passed away 13 OCT 2025. His 21 OCT 2025 funeral at Lawton Ritter Gray Chapel, in Lawton, was attended by the following chapter members and spouses:

Mack Law, Russell Higbie, Charles Watts, Jerry Cooper, Doug Warden, Rafael Elias and spouse, Rick and Kathy Cacini, Ray and Shirley Williams, Charlie and Nancy O'Leary, and Warren Wilson.

Pursuant to custom, the chapter members sang "The Ballad of The Green Beret", and the family was presented with a Medal of Excellence, a Certificate of Achievement and an engraved Chapter 32-50 challenge coin.

Born 27 JAN 1939, in Portsmouth, Virginia, Frank Rickard dedicated his life to service, honor and integrity. A proud member of United States Army Special Forces, he served his country with distinction for over 20 years. His courage, discipline and unwavering sense of duty embodied the true spirit of the Green Beret motto, "*De Oppresso Liber*" (*To Free The Oppressed*).



After retiring from the Army, Frank continued to serve his community with the same dedication that defined his military years. One of his greatest joys was presenting Special Forces Association Achievement Medals to deserving ROTC cadets at local high schools. He encouraged the next generation of leaders with a firm handshake, a proud smile and often a well-timed, possibly inappropriate, joke. He believed deeply in the value of service, respect and laughter-sometimes all at once.

Frank was an avid sky diver with over 1,500 jumps. He found freedom and peace in the skies. His exceptional skill and passion for airborne operations earned Frank **Gold Wings #50**, a recognition that spoke to both his parachuting mastery and his fearless spirit.

Known for his quick wit and mischievous grin, Frank could fill any room with laughter. His stories- part truth, part myth- were told with the twinkle in his eye of a man who had truly lived. Behind every joke was a man of deep compassion and unwavering dedication to family, friends, and fellow soldiers, as well as a solemnness that only his fellow veterans understand.

Frank is survived by his son Rick Rickard; daughter Deborah Rickard-Terrell; daughter Brandy Rickard-Combs; stepdaughter Kim Rogalski and husband Richard Rogalski; stepson Terry Payne; and sister Susan Weise. He is also survived by his grandchildren and many great-grandchildren, with whom he enjoyed spending time, and never missed an opportunity to brag on them or crack a joke.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you honor Frank by taking a moment to thank a veteran, encourage a young person chasing their dream, or share a laugh with someone who needs it. That's how Frank lived, and that's how he'd want to be remembered.

### **Speaker LT Will Watts**

LT Will Watts, the grandson of SFA member Charlie Watts, gave an excellent presentation on US Army Sappers, his recent completion of Sapper School and participation in the Best Sapper Competition, at Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

### **Old Business**

Doug Warden's motion to approve the 13 SEP 2025, meeting minutes, seconded by Ellis Edwards, was unanimously approved.

SFACON 2025 was held 14-17 OCT 2025, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Rick Cacini showed a power point slide presentation on Chapter 32-50's medal sales program

at the general membership meeting. Fifty-one SFA Medal kits were sold at the conference. Jerry Cooper, Pat Carr and Rick Cacini manned the sales table.

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**

Butch Graham gave a brief report on Frank Rickard's funeral.

Rick Cacini reported on SFACON 2025 and the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame banquet.

We will once again invite the Vietnamese Airborne veterans to our Christmas party.

Art Linville won the 50/50 raffle, in the amount of \$65. 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** will be the annual Christmas party and "dirty santa" gift exchange, on Saturday, 13 DEC 2025, at 1100 hours, at Bedlam Bar-B-Q, 610 NE 50<sup>th</sup> St, Oklahoma City, OK. There is a \$25 gift limit for the "dirty santa" gift exchange. 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