



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

MINUTES 14 OCT 2023

SFA Chapter 32-50 met at the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Headquarters, 2101 NE 36th Street, Oklahoma City, OK, on Sat., 14 OCT 2023, at 1200 hours.

Officers Present

Treasurer/Medal Sales Coordinator/ WebMaster: Jerry Cooper
Secretary/Assistant WebMaster: Pat Carr
Assistant Secretary: Charles Watts
Chaplain/Assistant Treasurer: Dick Goodman
Quartermaster: David "Sarge" Cronic
Medal Presentation Coordinator: Doug Warden

Officers Absent

President: Roger "Rock" Taylor
Vice President: Bill Coultrup

Opening Ceremonies

Jerry Cooper called the meeting to order, at 1200 hrs.
Charles Watts 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

Johnny McCharan brought his lovely wife Cindy. Thao Edwards (Ellis) and Sylvia Routh (Roger) were also present..

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer/Medal Sales Coordinator Jerry Cooper reported, as of 4 OCT 2023:

General Fund bank balance	\$3,227.28
ROTC Medals bank balance	\$2,199.90
Green Beret Benevolent Fund	\$2,754.00
Total Cash in Banks	\$8,181.18

Item	2023	2022	Difference	%
Medals sold since January 1st	713	587	126	21.52%
Remaining Medals on Hand	3,018	N/A	N/A	N/A
Gross Medal Sales	\$11,930.62	\$9,968.81	\$1,961.81	19.68%

Net Profit from Medal Sales	\$3,448.95	\$2,063.66	\$1,385.29	67.13%
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Charles Watts' motion to approve both the Treasurer's report and the Medals Report, seconded by Doug Warden, passed unanimously.

Speaker-Greg Holmes

Special Operator Greg Holmes gave a fascinating presentation about his employment by the government of the Republic of Georgia to create and conduct military courses for Georgian troops, including Airborne, Ranger, SFQ Course and others. Thank you, Greg, for an outstanding talk!

New Business

Presentations to Vietnamese Airborne Veterans

At our Thanksgiving-Veterans' Day luncheon, on 12 NOV 2023, we will again recognize the Vietnamese Airborne Veterans who were presented with Chapter 32-50 challenge coins and SFA Certificates of Appreciation at our 12 AUG 2023, meeting. The original band of forty Airborne troopers escaped as a group, when Vietnam fell to the Communists, in 1975. They settled in Oklahoma City, where they lived communally in an old apartment building for their first few years. Although, when they arrived, the majority had only elementary educations, and few could speak English, by applying their Airborne disciplines, remaining together as a group and by helping one another, they made the American dream their own. All are now loyal American citizens, and they still honor their unbreakable bonds of brotherhood. Presentations of medals will again be made to the following Airborne veterans by the following members:

Recipient

CPT Hanh Le Nguyen
 LT Suc Mau Le
 LT Mai Thanh Le
 LT Minh Dinh Pham
 LT My Huu Le
 SFC Hao Van Phan
 SFC Nay Nguyen
 CPL First Class John Viet Nguyen
 CPL First Class Ly Van Luong
 PFC Sat Ngo
 Tien Quan
 PVT2 Duke Van Tran
 PVT2 Dung Anh Nguyen

Presenter

COL Jim Selders
 MAJ Jerry Cooper
 CPT Dick Goodman
 LTC Nokey Klutts
 CPT Ellis Edwards
 SGM Ray Williams
 SGM Everett Bagley
 Duke Ellis
 Roger Routh
 George Tabor
 Doug Warden
 Par Carr
 Butch Graham

Rick Cacini reminded us that the Yukon Veterans' Museum banquet will be 19 OCT 2023, at the Yukon Veterans' Museum.

Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame our Presentation Banquet

Vice President, COL(R) Bill Coultrup, will be inducted into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame, on Saturday, 28 OCT 2023, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 2501 Conference, Norman, OK.

Colonel William Coultrup was born in Trinidad, on 21 December 1962, and raised overseas while his father worked in the oil and gas industry. He graduated from Texas A&M in 1985, and was commissioned an Armor 2nd Lieutenant with the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment. In 1989, he became a Special Forces Officer, and was the Distinguished Honor Graduate of the Special Forces Qualification Course.

In 1993, Captain Coultrup and his unit deployed to Mogadishu, Somalia, as Task Force Ranger, in response to a critical situation on the ground that threatened the stability of the United Nation's relief mission. On 3 October 1993, Task Force Ranger conducted an assault. As the task force was preparing for exfiltration, one of the MH-60 Blackhawk helicopters was shot down. Coultrup and his team fast-rope onto the site under heavy enemy fire. When a second Blackhawk was shot down, Coultrup's unit spent the night repelling attacks attempting to overrun the crash site. The events are immortalized in the book and movie "Blackhawk Down." For his actions, he was awarded the Silver Star, Purple Heart, and Combat Infantryman Badge.

During his 30-year career, 24 years were in Special Operations, of which 10 years were combat tours. Coultrup participated in numerous combat operations in Somalia, Bosnia, Iraq, Afghanistan, Philippines, and other sensitive locations worldwide. From 2001 to 2005, Lieutenant Colonel Coultrup deployed five different times to war zones. For his actions during these missions, Coultrup's awards also include two Bronze Stars and the Defense Superior Service Award.

Colonel Coultrup is a respected speaker for several charities, and was key in raising \$250,000 for one military support charity. He remains active in supporting Oklahomans through the Oklahoma Chapter of the Special Forces Association, the Military Order of World Wars, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He resides in Edmond, Oklahoma.

Eight SFA Members have previously been inducted into the OMHOF:

- MAJ John Mullins-2022
- CPT Ellis D. Edwards- 2021
- SSG Douglas Jason Warden- 2021
- CSM George Wilson Hunt- 2019
- SGM Eugene Rockholt- 2017
- LTC Michael E. Sloniker- 2013

CSM Everett Bagley Jr- 2012
MAJ GEN Douglas O. Dollar- 2007

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 planning itinerary includes the following events that will also support many SF small businesses during this epic event:

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-activities like football games, hockey games, etc...

We have over 1,000 passengers already registered during pre-registration.

Register today at: specialforces2024cruise@gmail.com.

During the 2023 SFA Convention (SFACON), the membership voted that the cruise will be the venue for 2024 SFACON. SFA Chapter VIII (8), Hawaii Chapter, taken the lead organizing the traditional aspects of SFA conventions during the cruise. If you have questions, contact Pete Tingstrom, SFA Chapter VIII President.

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 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 to do the same.

Please register early, as we need to see our where we are in the next 30 days. If we don't meet our goal, we will have to open this up to the Night Stalker Association, Rangers, Civil Affairs and other organizations to fill up the ship. There has never been an opportunity like this before, so don't be the one who sees the pictures, videos, smiles and memories after this is all over, wishing you had attended. Make the commitment today and sign up. We will be posting new information to the SFA Teamhouse and SFACON 2024 website soon. 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!

De Oppresso Liber,
Pete Tingstrom
President SFA Chapter VIII (8) Hawaii
Special Forces 2024 Cruise Lead Planner / SFACON 2024 Chair
specialforces2024cruise@gmail.com

Old Business

Burt McNeil's motion to approve the meeting minutes for 9 SEP 2023, seconded by Ray Williams, was unanimously approved.

Historian, Maj (R) Joe Todd, is continuing to record videos of combat veterans. Contact Joe if you have not recorded an interview.

As always, Pat Carr requests submissions for The Drop.

50/50 Raffle

Sarge Cronicwon the 50/50 raffle in the amount of \$85, all of which he donated back to the Chapter.

Our Next Meeting will be the Thanksgiving/Veterans' Day luncheon, at Madison's Restaurant, 4747 SE 29th St, Del City, OK, on Saturday, 11 NOV 2023. The social hour begins at 1100 hours, and the meal begins at 1200 hrs. The uniform is SFA polos and berets.

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Charles J. Watts, D-2833
Assistant Secretary