



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

MINUTES 9 JULY 2022

SFA Chapter 32-50 met at the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Headquarters, 2101 NE 36th Street, Oklahoma City, OK, on Sat., 9 July 2022, at 1200 hours.

Officers Present

President: Jack Farr
Vice President: Ray Williams
Secretary: Charles Watts
Treasurer: Jerry Cooper
Website/Medals Administrator: Jerry Cooper
Assistant Treasurer/Chaplain: Dick Goodman
Assistant Secretary: Pat Carr

Officers Absent

Quartermaster: Rick Cacini
Assistant Treasurer: Ron Siegman

President Jack Farr called the meeting to order at 1200 hours.
Chaplain Dick Goodman led the Special Forces Prayer.
Vice President Ray Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Rafael Elias played, and the members sang the Ballad of the Green Beret.

Members Present

Seventeen members and no guests signed in for the meeting. Among those present was Larry Wilhite, who is undergoing continued treatment for cancer. It was also good to see Eric Humphries.

Lunch in Owasso

"Vice President East", Rock Taylor, reported there was a 9 June 2022, lunch attended by Tulsa members, at IHOP, in Owasso.

Ladies Auxiliary Report

Because The Ladies Auxiliary now meets only once a quarter, Shirley Williams was not present. The next meeting for the Ladies Auxiliary will be the Thanksgiving luncheon, at Madison's Restaurant.

Treasurer's Report:

Jerry Cooper gave the 30 June 2022, Treasurer's Report:

Checking account	\$3,385.86
Medals account	\$8,155.87
Green Beret Benevolent Fund	\$2,704.00
Total	\$14,252.43

George Tabor's motion to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Rock Taylor, passed unanimously.

Medals Report

Jerry Cooper reported that Chapter 32-50 has a table reserved at the Sep 20-24 National SFA Convention, in Colorado Springs, to market our medals program. Jerry discussed plans for the convention at length.

Oklahoma Veterans Council Report

In Rick Cacini's absence, there was no report.

Quartermaster Report

In Rick Cacini's absence, there was no report.

Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain Dick Goodman wrote:

SURRENDER

From 1775 through 1783, many difficult struggles would be experienced by the original thirteen colonies, which would eventually become this United States of America. King George III of England had ruled the American colonies with an iron fist far too long, and our people decided that it must end.

On July 2nd, 1776, Congress voted to declare independence. Two days later, on July 4th, it ratified the text of the Declaration, which would, in effect, declare war on King George and his militant oppression.

General George Washington suffered the first major defeat after the Declaration of Independence, at the Battle of Long Island. This followed the first defeat of the war at the Battle of Bunker Hill, which was one of the bloodiest battles of the war. The colonies were outnumbered, out-financed, undertrained and poorly supplied.

Washington and the other leaders could have simply surrendered because of the enormous task that faced them. The British Army and Navy was the largest, best equipped and best trained military in the world, at that time. The colonial army had approximately 217,000 soldiers. They lost over 4,400 men killed in combat, and over 6000 men wounded.

Had the Army surrendered to the British, there would have been hell to pay. The colonies would have been under brutal British control again, and there would be no United States of America!

After winning our independence from Britton, the United States quickly became the power with which to reckon! Finally, almost two hundred years later, on June 14th, 1952, the United States Army Special Forces was born!

The Special Forces Creed states, "I will never leave a fallen comrade. I will never surrender though I am the last..." To this day and in the future, there is no room for the term "surrender", as long as there is a Green Beret soldier... a soldier birthed from those brave men who fought our revolution in order to be free and to free the oppressed.

This Independence Day, as we enjoy the fireworks, the hot dogs, and the gathering of family, remember that this nation is grateful for your sacrifice, even though some people don't display their gratitude. Without brave men and women who choose to sacrifice their well-being, or even lives, this would not be the most powerful and generous nation on the planet! Without the Special Forces and the Green Beret soldier, we just might be speaking another language, and would not have kept a Bill of Rights, the rights given us by God Almighty Himself.

Now, the only One we must surrender to is God Himself and His will for our lives. After all, that's what George Washington did! I leave you with this, brave warriors:

"The one who conquers and keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations." Revelation 2:26

Enjoy the victory, because victory is so sweet! Happy Independence Day to you all... you earned it!
Dick Goodman, Chaplain

In addition to his "Chaplain's Corner" article, Dick reported that Sarge Cronic continues to stay home taking care of his ailing wife Monica. Members are encouraged to check on him. (Tel: 405-205-6903)

Old Business

The National SFA Convention will be in Colorado Springs, 20-24 Sep, 2022.

Historian/MAJ (Ret.) Joe Todd is continuing to record videos of combat veterans.

Pat Carr requested submissions for The Drop.

J.O. Dickey's motion to approve the meeting minutes for 11 June 2022, seconded by Jim Selders, was unanimously approved.

New Business

The Oklahoma Military Hall Of Fame induction banquet is scheduled Sat, 29 OCT 2022, at the Embassy Suites, in Norman. Members are encouraged to attend. Ray Williams also discussed that the OKMHOF needs volunteers to serve as ambassadors/escorts for inductees.

If anyone can find a pizza company that is willing to deliver to the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Headquarters, we might try meals at meetings again.

Butch Graham's motion to cancel our October meeting, the month of the national convention, seconded by Charles Watts, was unanimously approved. **PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL NO OCTOBER MEETING!**

50/50 Raffle

J.O. Dickey won \$65 in the 50/50 raffle. After deducting his \$5 ticket purchase, J.O. donated the remaining \$60 to the Chapter. Those who wish to participate in the 50/50 drawing should bring small bills. Five dollars buys six tickets. If you have a chapter coin in your pocket when you purchase tickets, you get an extra ticket.

Our Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be Saturday, 13 Aug 2022, at the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Headquarters (former Krause USAR Ctr & HQ for Co. A, 2d Bn, 12th SFGA), 2101 NE 36th Street, Oklahoma City. 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. The social hour begins at 1100 hours, and the business meeting begins at 1200 hrs. Please remember the building has no bar or refreshments.

De Oppresso Liber,



Charles J. Watts
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Secretary