



SFA Indian Nations Chapter 32/50  
1715 Spoke Street  
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### **MINUTES 14 DECEMBER 2024**

Special Forces Association Chapter 32-50 met for our annual Christmas banquet and "dirty santa" gift exchange, at Madison's Restaurant, 4747 SE 29th St, Del City, OK, on Saturday, 14 December 2024, at 1130 hours.

#### **Officers Present**

Vice President: Due to a heavy work commitment, Bill Coultrup has resigned.  
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  
Quartermaster: Rick Cacini

#### **Officers Absent**

President: Roger "Rock" Taylor is in the hospital.

#### **Opening Ceremonies**

Jerry Cooper called the meeting to order, at 1130 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.

Ellen Watts presided over a fun and well-organized session of "dirty Santa" gift giving. A good time was had by all.

#### **Guests**

At our last meeting, Ellis Edwards moved to invite the Vietnamese Airborne veterans and their wives to our Christmas banquet. Accepting our invitation today were CPT Hanh Le Nguyen, LT Suc Le, PFC Sat Ngo, Tien and Debbie Quan. Larry Zimmerman brought his wife Faith; Ellis Edwards brought Thao; John McAllister brought his Thu; Jim Selders brought Keely; Charles Watts brought Ellen; Roger Routh brought Sylvia; Rick Cacini brought Cathy, and Jim Vaughn brought Linda.

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

Treasurer/Medal Sales Coordinator Jerry Cooper reported, as of 14 DEC 2024:

General Fund bank balance	\$3,967.52
ROTC Medals bank balance	\$12,538.66
Green Beret Benevolent Fund	\$2,754.00
Total Cash in Banks	\$19,260.18

Medal Sales Report as of 14 DEC 2024:

Item	2024	2023	Difference	%
Sold since January 1	602527	664	-137	20.61%
Medals on Hand	2,3461	N/A	N/A	N/A
Gross Medal Sales	\$10,836.00	\$12,022.12	\$-1,186.12	-9.87%
Net Profit from Medal Sales	\$4,717.23	\$3,112.94	\$1,804.29	57.96%

Russ Higbie's motion to approve both the Treasurer's Report and the Medals Report, seconded by Ray Williams, was unanimously approved.

**CSM Wilson Hunt**



Command Sergeant Major George "Wilson" Hunt, born 20 DEC, 1938, in Shawnee, Oklahoma, passed away in Oklahoma City on 16 NOV, 2024, at the age of 85. His remarkable military career spanned over three decades of service to his country, including courageous actions during the Vietnam War with the elite U.S. Army Special Forces, popularly known as the "Green Berets."

Raised in rural Bryan County, Hunt graduated from Cobb High School in 1956 and joined the U.S. Army in 1958. Initially assigned to Fort Carson, Colorado, and later to the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, he earned his airborne qualification. Parachuting would remain a lifelong passion. Completing active duty in 1960, Wilson returned to Tulsa, continuing to serving in the Reserve.

In 1963, drawn by an advertisement seeking Special Forces volunteers in Oklahoma, Hunt joined the 12th Special Forces Group and graduated from the Special Forces Qualification Course (Q Course). He completed the Operations and Intelligence Course in 1966, followed by another Intelligence Course at Fort

Holabird, Maryland. There, he trained alongside active-duty Green Berets preparing for Vietnam, and he decided to go himself.

Wilson's initial assignment in Vietnam was as Team Sergeant for Special Forces Detachment A-431 at Cai Cai, a village located near the Cambodian border, in the IV Corps Tactical Zone. After Cai Cai, he was assigned to Detachment B-43 in Cao Lanh, a small town situated on the Mekong River.

From 5 Feb-7 Mar, 1968, during the Tet Offensive, Sergeant Hunt participated in the courageous defense of the B-Team camp, where only 60 defenders held off an overwhelming force of 600 communist soldiers. This earned him the Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device. During that month, Hunt further demonstrated his heroism by twice volunteering to obtain ammunition supplies for the camp by driving a truck through seven miles of enemy-controlled roads under heavy fire to a nearby airfield, returning with numerous bullet holes in his vehicle. For these actions, Sergeant Hunt received the Army Commendation Medal with "V" for valor.

In March 1968, following the Tet Offensive, Sergeant Hunt transferred to the Studies and Observation Group (SOG), a top-secret Special Forces unit conducting reconnaissance missions in Vietnam and covert cross-border operations in Laos and Cambodia. As a member of SOG, he was assigned to Forward Operating Base 2 (FOB-2) in Kontum, in the Central Highlands. While at FOB-2, he quickly rose to the role of team leader (1-0) of Recon Team Maine, a position requiring extraordinary bravery and leadership. Among those with whom he served were future Medal of Honor recipients Fred Zabitosky, John Kedenburg, and Bob Howard.

His service with SOG was marked by extraordinary valor during dangerous missions. In September 1968, while on long-range reconnaissance patrols deep in enemy territory, Sergeant Hunt played a pivotal role in the capture of an enemy soldier and then an enemy officer. For his gallantry, he was awarded the Silver Star Medal. Shortly after those missions, he voluntarily overstayed his DEROS (Date of Estimated Return from Overseas Service) to assist in the search for a missing SOG team member.

Following his Vietnam service, he returned to Tulsa and resumed his civilian career with Blue Cross/Blue Shield, while remaining active in the U.S. Army Reserves. During this time, he was promoted to the rank of Command Sergeant Major, the highest rank an enlisted soldier can attain. He retired from the U.S. Army Reserves in 1992 after 34 years of service, including his twelve months in Vietnam.

In recognition of his service, George Wilson Hunt was awarded numerous military honors, including the Silver Star, Bronze Star with "V" Device, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device, Army Reserve Components Achievement

Medal with three bronze oak leaf clusters, Vietnam Service Medal with four bronze service stars, and many more. He was also awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, and the Special Forces Tab.

Wilson Hunt's legacy is detailed in two books: *Uncommon Valor* by Stephen L. Moore, his niece's husband; and *SOG Kontum - Top Secret Missions in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia 1968-1969*, co-authored by Joe Parnar, a fellow SOG veteran who served with him at FOB-2, and his brother-in-law, Robert Dumont. His courageous service, and that of all his fellow members of MACV-SOG, was further recognized in 2001 when they were awarded the Presidential Unit Citation, a unit award equivalent to the Distinguished Service Cross.

George Hunt was an active member of the Special Forces Association (SFA) and the Special Operations Association (SOA), organizations that honor the service and sacrifice of Special Forces veterans. In 2019 he was inducted into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame. During the induction ceremonies he acknowledged the close ties between the American Green Berets and the indigenous support personnel who accompanied them on their missions, particularly those known as Montagnards.

In his personal life, he was an avid reader, golfer, and Oklahoma University football fan. He enjoyed fishing, boating, and teaching his daughter to water-ski at Fort Gibson Lake, near Wagoner, Oklahoma.

He is survived by his wife, Janet Dumont; his four children: Paul Hunt (South Carolina), Randy Hunt (Washington), Wilson Hunt, Jr. (Mississippi), and Lindsay Behrens (Oklahoma); eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Loyd and Maxine Hunt, and his brothers, Roy and David Hunt.

Command Sergeant Major George Wilson Hunt will be remembered for his bravery, dedication, and service to his country, as well as his enduring commitment to his family and community. His legacy will live on in the hearts and memories of all who knew him.

### **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. We still need names and photographs of chapter officers since inception.

## **New Business**

Jerry Cooper, seconded by Jim Selders nominated Charles Watts to serve out the remainder of Bill Couldrup's term as Vice President. The motion passed unanimously.

\_\_\_\_\_ won the 50/50 raffle in the amount of \$130, which was donated back to the Chapter. 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.

Charles Watts' motion to approve the 12 OCT 2024, Minutes, seconded by Rafael Elias, was unanimously approved.

**Our Next Meeting** is Saturday, 11 JAN 2025, at 1200 hours, at American legion Post 73, in Del City.

Until renovation of the Sheriff's Headquarters is completed, Charles Watts' moved to schedule future meetings at the Grand House Restaurant, 2701 N. Classen Blvd, OKC. The motion, which was seconded by Butch Graham, was tabled until after our 8 Feb 2025, meeting at the Grand House.

De Oppresso Liber,



Charles J. Watts

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Assistant Secretary