



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

### **MINUTES 13 APRIL 2024**

SFA Chapter 32-50 met at the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Headquarters, 2101 NE 36th Street, Oklahoma City, OK, on Sat., 13 APR 2024, at 1200 hours.

#### **Officers Present**

President: Roger "Rock" Taylor

Vice President: Bill Coultrup

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

#### **Officers Absent**

Quartermaster: Rick Cacini

#### **Opening Ceremonies**

President Roger Taylor called the meeting to order, at 1200 hrs.

Vice President Bill Coultrup led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chaplain Dick Goodman led the Special Forces Prayer.

Jerry Cooper played, and the members sang the Ballad of the Green Beret.

#### **Guests**

Everyone was glad to see Ray Williams, Nokey Klutts and Otis Bennett. Otis was accompanied by his lovely wife Maxine. J.O. Dickey reported Jerry Haney is convalescing at home, and he is not eating. Don't hesitate to give Jerry a word of encouragement. We hope he returns soon. Ellis Edwards was accompanied by wife Thao. Chaplain/Assistant Treasurer, Dick Goodman, brought enough pizza and donuts for everyone, as he has for most recent meetings. Dick also brought his son, Nathan. Mack Law's son, Mike, was present to hear his father's recollections about his military career.

#### **Deaths**

Ray and Shirley Williams lost their beloved grandson, Sebastian. Many of us remember Sebastian from the days when he used to visit SFA meetings. Please keep Ray and Shirley in your prayers.

## Chaplain's Corner

This being Good Friday, representing the same day Jesus was crucified, I felt it appropriate to relate to you just what the "Easter Season" really means to the Goodmans. Our family calls Easter "Resurrection Day". As we all know, "Good Friday" was the actual day Christ was crucified. When I was much younger, I couldn't really wrap my brain around why the day Jesus was crucified was called a good day! Then, when I matured in my Christian faith, it became abundantly clear that Christ was crucified because He, as the Messiah, had to take all the sin of mankind upon his shoulders, be crucified, die, buried and resurrected in order for the sins of everyone past, present and future to be forgiven by God. This is the reason Jesus exclaimed as He was on the cross, "Father, forgive them because they don't know what they are doing!" He also said to God the Father as he was being hung on the cross, "Father, Father, why have you forsaken me?" This was because Jesus had taken all OUR sins upon His shoulders, and, in doing so, represented SIN while being crucified. Therefore God could not accept sin into His Kingdom and Jesus had to die and be resurrected in order to cleanse the sins we commit so that we can be ushered into His Kingdom when we die. However, since God has given us free will, we have to make the decision in our hearts to believe that Christ did die for our own personal sins. If we truly believe this, because of Gods forgiveness, we will be ushered into His kingdom (Heaven) when we die. This is why the last words spoken by Jesus before he gave up his spirit on that cross were, "It is finished!" When Jesus came out of that tomb, he made it possible for all of us who believe in Him and what He did, to proclaim, "My old life is finished, and I am ready to begin my new life in Christ!" Okay, now, let's do this!

## Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer/Medal Sales Coordinator Jerry Cooper reported, as of 13 APR 2024

General Fund bank balance	\$4,074.01
ROTC Medals bank balance	\$10,031.78
Green Beret Benevolent Fund	\$2,754.00
Total Cash in Banks	\$16,859.79

Medal Sales Report as of 13 APR 2024

Item	2024	2023	Difference	%
Medals sold since January 1st	419	540	-121	-22.40%
Remaining Medals on Hand	2,529	N/A	N/A	N/A
Gross Medal Sales	\$7,542.00	\$8,099.00	\$-497.00	-11.89%
Net Profit from Medal Sales	\$3,673.06	\$3,130.28	\$542.78	17.34%

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

## Medals Presentation Report

Doug Warden reported that presentations of JROTC/ROTC medals will be completed by 14 MAY 2024.

**Col (R) McEdward Law**, age 92, presented the first installment of his recollections from a most interesting Army career. Due to time constraints, the conclusion of his talk has been continued to next month's meeting, 11 MAY 2024.

### **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.

**Vietnamese Abn Picnic, Sun, 26 MAY, 1600 hrs, Eldon Lyon Park, Bethany**  
The Oklahoma Chapter of the Vietnamese Airborne Veterans' Association has invited SFA Chapter 32-50 to attend its annual Memorial Day picnic, on Sun, 26 MAY 2024 (the day before Memorial Day), at 1600 hours, at Eldon Lyon Park, in Bethany, OK (1/4 mi west of Rockwell, on NW 36<sup>th</sup> St). The Memorial Day weekend picnic is a long-standing Vietnamese Airborne tradition, and it is an honor for Chapter 32-50 to be included. Please plan to attend.

### **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 itinerary will include the following events that will also support many SF small businesses.

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

**Register today at:** [specialforces2024cruise@gmail.com](mailto:specialforces2024cruise@gmail.com).

During the 2023 SFA Convention (SFACON), the membership voted that this cruise will also be the venue for 2024 SFACON. SFA Chapter VIII (8), Hawaii Chapter, is organizing the convention and the cruise. 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 the 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.

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!**

Pete Tingstrom, SFA 2024 Cruise Lead Planner / SFACON 2024 Chair  
[specialforces2024cruise@gmail.com](mailto:specialforces2024cruise@gmail.com)

### **New Business**

Ray Williams' motion to approve the meeting minutes for 9 MAR 2023, which was seconded by Butch Graham, was unanimously approved.

Russ Higbie, who serves as a Sergeant At Arms for the Oklahoma Legislature, reported on the Legislature's ceremony honoring Oklahoma Medal Of Honor Recipients. Those honored included Chapter 32-50 honorary member, Dwight Birdwell, and retired SF Master Sergeant Earl Plumlee.

Thao Edwards won the 50/50 raffle in the amount of \$121, which was donated back to the Chapter. Those who wish 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 Saturday, 11 MAY 2024, at the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Headquarters, 2101 NE 36th Street, Oklahoma City. 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. The building has no bar or refreshments.

De Oppresso Liber,



Charles J. Watts

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Assistant Secretary