

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

### **MINUTES 14 SEPTEMBER 2024**

SFA Chapter 32-50 met at the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Headquarters, 2101 NE 36th Street, Oklahoma City, OK, on Saturday, 14 SEP 2024, at 1200 hours.

# Officers Present

President: Roger "Rock" Taylor

Treasurer/Medal Sales Coordinator/ WebMaster: Jerry Cooper

Secretary/Assistant WebMaster: Pat Carr

Assistant Secretary: Charles Watts

Chaplain/Assistant Treasurer: Dick Goodman

### Officers Absent

Vice President: Bill Coultrup

Medal Presentation Coordinator: Doug Warden

Quartermaster: Rick Cacini

# **Opening Ceremonies**

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

Roger Routh 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

Rafael Elias brought his friend and potential SFA member, George Verstrayt, who plans to join. We were glad to see Robert Kelson, Wesley Parkhurst and Wesley Parkhurst, Jr. Ellis Edwards brought wife Thao, and Roger Routh brought the always lovely Sylvia. Chaplain/Assistant Treasurer, Dick Goodman, performed his usual magic by bringing donuts and pizza.

# Treasurer's Report:

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

General Fund bank balance	\$3,751.79
ROTC Medals bank balance	\$12,576.88
Green Beret Benevolent Fund	\$2,754.00
Total Cash in Banks	\$19,082.67

Medal Sales Report as of 14 SEP 2024:

Item	2024	2023	Difference	%
Medals sold since Jan 1	520	626	-106	17.81%
Medals on Hand	2,428	N/A	N/A	N/A
Gross Medal Sales	\$9,360.00	\$11,273.02	\$-1,913.02	- 16.97%
Net Profit Medal Sales	\$4,114.58	\$3,134.95	\$979.63	31.25%

David Laukot's motion to approve both the Treasurer's Report and the Medals Report, seconded by Roger Routh, was unanimously approved.

# **Harvey Pratt**

Internationally renowned forensic artist, Harvey Pratt, provided a fascinating presentation on his career assisting law enforcement in death investigations. Because there was too much material to cover in one sitting, Harvey promised to return and present "the rest of the story" at our 8 FEB 2025, meeting.

## 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.

### SFA CARNIVAL CRUISE

Over 2,100+ Green Berets, Gold Star Families, Medal of Honor recipients, Family and friends are gathering for an SFA Carnival cruise Oct 19-24, 2024. 908 cabin registrations (1900+ passengers) have signed up so far. This does not include 30 or so cabins that have purchased/donated a cabin for a Gold Star Family, Medal of Honor recipient, or currently serving AD/NG Soldiers and their spouse. There are only interior cabins remaining, and the rate is \$1320 for a cabin for 2 persons. This pays for all lodging, food, first class entertainment, taxes, port fees, and gratuities during the 5 day cruise.

## Schedule:

Day -1: Thu 10/17 Tampa (Recommended arrival date)

Opportunities: Scuba-Diving, Trip, Deep Sea Fishing, Golf, Mini-reunions Potential concert by famous Artist

Potential Scott Mann's "Last Out-Elegy of a Green Beret" performance

Day 0: Fri 10/18 Tampa

SOCOM Command Briefing (location TBD)

SOCOM Memorial Event

Motorcycle Ride

Scuba-diving Trip/Recert

Various Pre-Cruise Ice-Breakers by SF Group 1st SFG Reunion Social at the Barrymore Hotel Tampa River Walk Deep Dive 2024 Combat Diver Reunion at Horse Soldier Distillery Potential concert by Famous Artist

Potential Scott Mann's "Last Out-Elegy of a Green Beret" performance

Day 1: Sat 10/19 - load 11am by 2pm, depart 4pm (Sail-away party)

Day 2: Sun 10/20 at Sea

Day 3: Mon 10/21 8am - 4pm Bimini, The Bahamas

Day 4: Tue 10/22 8am-4pm Nassau, The Bahamas

Day 5: Wed 10/23 at Sea

Day 6: Thu 10/24 8am arrive back in Tampa, FL offload by 1130

\* Those returning home by air should plan flights after 12pm

Ybor City Tours, Dinner and Pub Crawl

Potential concert by Famous Artist

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Day 7: Fri 10/25 REGISTER HERE

https://sfali.org/cruise-pre-registration-page/

For more information, continue to follow us at:

https://www.specialforcesassociation.org/sfacon-2024/

or on Facebook at:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/sfacon

## DON'T MISS THE BOAT!

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Pete Tingstrom
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Special Forces 2024 Cruise Lead Planner / SFACON 2024 Chair specialforces2024cruise@gmail.com

#### **New Business**

The Yukon Veterans Museum's 2024 Anniversary dinner gala is Thursday, 24 OCT 2024, at the Dale Robertson Center, 1200 Lakeshore Dr, Yukon, OK. Tickets are \$40 per adult. Our own Col. Bill Coultrup will be the keynote speaker.

Wesley Parkhurst, Jr, won the 50/50 raffle in the amount of \$70, which he 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, seconded by Jerry Cooper, moved to reduce our holiday banquets from two to one by eliminating the Thanksgiving luncheon. The motion passed

unanimously, and we will now have one celebration, the Christmas party, on Sat., 14 DEC 2024, at the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Headquarters, at 1100 hours.

Dick Goodman's motion to approve the 10 AUG 2024, Minutes, seconded by David Laukot, was unanimously approved.

Please save Saturday, 26 OCT 2024, on your calendars, as Medal of Honor recipient and SF Master Sergeant Earl Plumlee will be inducted into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame. Our own Doug Warden is MSG Plumlee's sponsor. The 2024 banquet will be from 1800 to 2130 hours, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 2501 Conference, Norman, OK. Nine (9) members of SFA Chapter 32-50 have previously been inducted:

COL Bill Coultrup-2023
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

To purchase tickets at \$95 per person, click on the below website: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-oklahoma-military-hall-of-fame-induction-banquet-tickets-671667705187">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-oklahoma-military-hall-of-fame-induction-banquet-tickets-671667705187</a>

**Our Next Meeting** will be Saturday, 12 OCT 2024, at the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Headquarters, 2101 NE 36<sup>th</sup> Street, Oklahoma City. The entrance to parking is on the north side of NE 36<sup>th</sup> Street. 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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Assistant Secretary