



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

MINUTES 9 MAR 2024

SFA Chapter 32-50 met at the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Headquarters, 2101 NE 36th Street, Oklahoma City, OK, on Saturday, 9 MAR 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
Quartermaster: Rick Cacini
Medal Presentation Coordinator: Doug Warden

Officers Absent

Vice President: Bill Coultrup

Opening Ceremonies

President Rock Taylor called the meeting to order, at 1200 hrs.
Jerry Cooper 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

It was good to see Nokey Klutts, who has been convalescing, and he even brought a veteran friend from the Air Guard, Kelly Cobble. Otis Bennett returned, accompanied by his lovely wife Maxine. Also returning from sick call were Jerry Haney and Robert Kelson. Jerry also brought a guest. Roger Routh was accompanied by wife Sylvia, and Ellis Edwards was accompanied by wife Thao. Tommy Bradbury, USMC, was also present.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer/Medal Sales Coordinator Jerry Cooper reported, as of 9 MAR 2024:

General Fund bank balance	\$3,993.04
ROTC Medals bank balance	\$7,148.88
Green Beret Benevolent Fund	\$2,754.00
Total Cash in Banks	\$13,895.92

Medal Sales Report as of 9 MAR 2024

Item	2024	2023	Difference	%
Medals sold since January 1st	231	60	22	36.00%
Remaining Medals on Hand	2,717	N/A	N/A	N/A
Gross Medal Sales	\$4,158.00	\$4,538.62	\$-380.62	-8.39%
Net Profit from Medal Sales	\$2,108.70	\$1,083.85	\$1,024.85	94.56%

Robert Kelson's motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Medals Report, seconded by Jim Selders, was unanimously approved.

Harvey Pratt, Cheyenne Peace Chief, nationally famous forensic artist, and Vietnam Marine vet, told us about the new National Native Veterans Memorial, in Washington, D.C. Harvey's proposed design for the memorial was chosen by the Smithsonian Institution over the submissions of more than 500 competing artists, after which he helped raise more than \$30 million dollars in non-tax money to build it. Harvey further participated in and oversaw the Memorial's completion. The design is based on what Harvey described as "the circle of relationship" between humanity and everything else in the world. Harvey stressed that visiting the memorial and the accompanying museum provides a meaningful interactive experience that is not soon forgotten. A visit to the National Native Veterans Memorial and museum should be on all of our bucket lists.

Old Business

Doug Warden's motion to approve the meeting minutes for 10 FEB 2024, seconded by Rick Cacini, was unanimously approved.

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.

All who have not completed a personal biography on Team House, please do so.

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 current planning itinerary will include 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-more activities like football games, hockey games, etc...
We have over 1,000 passengers already registered during the pre-registration phase.

Register today at: 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 to do the same.

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.

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.

Make Lifelong Connections: Strengthen the bonds forged in the crucible of the Special Forces and form new connections with like-minded individuals who share a common mission and purpose. The reunion cruise is a chance to expand your network, exchange ideas, and collaborate with fellow warriors who are making a difference in various fields.

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
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New Business

Rick Cacini reported on the February meeting of the Oklahoma Veterans' Council.

Tony Ward recommended that all keep up with PSA blood tests to avoid cancer.

Russ Higbie won the. 50/50 raffle.

Our Next Meeting will be Saturday, 13 APR 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