

SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION INDIAN NATIONS CHAPTER 32-50 P.O. Box 30031, Edmond OK 73003

# MINUTES 9 APRIL 2022

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

## **Officers Present**

President: Jack Farr Vice President: Ray Williams Secretary: Charles Watts Treasurer/Chaplain: Dick Goodman Assistant Secretary: Pat Carr Quartermaster:

## **Officers Absent**

Assistant Treasurer: Ron Siegman Website/Medals Administrator: Jerry Cooper

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

## Guests

New member, Eric Humphrey, who recently retired from active-duty, where he had been training Ukrainian troops, attended his first meeting. Welcome! Reta (Hall) White showed up with a smile on her face and her new husband. Following bouts of illness, it was good to see both Mark Taylor and Robert Kelson back. Johnny McCharen was also back, seeking honorary membership.

## Ladies Auxiliary Report

Shirley announced that another "Quilt of Valor" will be raffled at our annual Christmas party. Even better, the lady who has been making the quilts has offered to donate twenty (20) more as gifts for long-time members who are combat veterans. Please stand by for more information on this exciting project.

Last, Shirley announced that a member, who prefers to remain anonymous, has agreed to donate \$300 per month to fund an experimental program to serve meals at our meetings. This month it was pizza and Thao Edwards' delicious eggrolls. It doesn't get much better than this?



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## Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Dick Goodman gave Ron Siegman's 31 Mar 2022, Report:

Checking acct	\$4,124.06
ROTC Medals	\$7,050.17
Green Beret Benevolent Fund	\$2,704.00
Total	\$13,878.23

## Medals Report

Jerry Cooper was out of town attending his Infantry OCS Class Reunion, in Prescott, AZ. While there, Jerry treated former SFA Executive Director, Cliff Newman, and wife to dinner. For those who don't know, Cliff was a great help to our Chapter when he was at SFA headquarters. Cliff was a member of the first combat HALO jump, which occurred in late 1970, in Laos, when he was with CC North. He lost his left foot when he stepped on a mine during his second Vietnam tour, but that did stop him from sky diving, which he did up until 5 years ago.

Jerry submitted the following Sales Report for 1 Jan - 30 Mar:

- \* 422 Medals Sold
- \* 2,001 Medals in Inventory
- \* \$1,679 Net Profit from Medal Sales

We are on track to sell approximately 500 medals this year. Jerry has 10 orders for JROTC Medals to process and ship.

# **Oklahoma Veterans' Council Report**

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

# Quartermaster Report

Following our beloved Sarge Cronic's retirement as Quartermaster, Rick Cacini kindly agreed to take over the job. Before ordering shirts, caps, etc., please give Rick a couple of weeks to get his feet on the ground.

## Chaplain's Report

Citing Luke, chapter 4, verse 18, Chaplain Dick Goodman gave a thought provoking talk comparing Jesus' ministry of "freeing the oppressed" to the present day mission of Special Forces. Thank you, Dick!

## Old Business

President Farr again announced that MAJ (Ret) Joe Todd, with the Oklahoma Historical Society, continues to video interviews with Oklahoma Vietnam veterans. SFA Vietnam vets are encouraged to sign up for interviews.



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President Farr reminded that Jerry Cooper and Pat Carr are collecting photographs from chapter members, which they will post on our website. This is a way to preserve your military heritage, and all are encouraged to participate in collecting photographs and memorabilia.

Charles Watts' motion to approve the meeting minutes for January through March, 2022, which was seconded by Ellis Edwards, was unanimously approved. The National SFA Convention will be in Colorado Springs, 20-24 Sep, 2022.

Doug Warden requested assistance in presenting ROTC medals. Several members volunteered.

## **New Business**

Ellis Edwards moved to donate \$500 to Ukrainian relief. The motion was amended from \$500 to \$1000 by Larry Zimmerman, and it unanimously passed. Eric Humphrey agreed to investigate which organization to contribute through. Several members are also planning to contribute individually.

## 50/50 Raffle

Larry Zimmerman won \$100 in the 50/50 raffle, which he donated back to the chapter. Those who wish to participate in the 50/50 drawing should bring small bills. Five dollars buys six tickets.

## **Our Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be Saturday, 14 May 2022, at the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Headquarters (former Krause USAR Ctr & HQ for Co. A, 2d Bn, 12<sup>th</sup> 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. One may bring one's own.

De Oppresso Liber,

Charles J. Watts D-2833 Secretary