



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

MINUTES 11 MAY 2024

SFA Chapter 32-50 met at the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Headquarters, 2101 NE 36th Street, Oklahoma City, OK, on Sat., 11 MAY 2024, at 1200 hours.

Officers Present

Treasurer/Medal Sales Coordinator/ WebMaster: Jerry Cooper
Secretary/Assistant WebMaster: Pat Carr
Chaplain/Assistant Treasurer: Dick Goodman
Medal Presentation Coordinator: Doug Warden
Quartermaster: Rick Cacini

Officers Absent

President: Roger "Rock" Taylor
Vice President: Bill Coultrup
Assistant Secretary: Charles Watts

Opening Ceremonies

Jerry Cooper 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.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer/Medal Sales Coordinator Jerry Cooper reported, as of 11 MAY 2024:

General Fund bank balance	\$4,220.17
ROTC Medals bank balance	\$10,129.83
Green Beret Benevolent Fund bank balance	\$2,754.00
Total Cash in Banks	\$17,104.00

Medal Sales Report as of 11 MAY, 2024

Item	2024	2023	Difference	%
Medals sold since January 1st	453	622	-169	-27.17%
Remaining Medals on Hand	2,495	N/A	N/A	N/A
Gross Medal Sales	\$8,154.00	\$10,451.02	-\$2,297.02	-21.98%
Net Profit from Medal Sales	\$3,519.51	\$3,725.16	-\$205.65	-5.52%

The Treasurer's Report and the Medals Report were unanimously approved.

Medals Presentation Report

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

Col (R) McEdward Law, age 92, presented the second installment of his recollections, which was continued from the April 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.

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 36th 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.

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

New Business

The meeting minutes for 13 APR 2024, were unanimously approved.

Our Next Meeting will be the Vietnamese Airborne Picnic, Sun, 26 MAY, at 1600 hrs, at Eldon Lyon Park, in Bethany (1/4 mi west of Rockwell, on NW 36th St). Our next regular chapter meeting will be Saturday, 8 JUN 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