

Special Forces Association Chapter XXIX
Col.Arthur "Bull" Simon Memorial Chapter
"The Bull's Bullet"



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Chapter XXIX Newsletter

Adopt a family for Christmas:

Still looking for donations for Adopt a Family for Christmas. We also need a family to adopt. Family needs to be Special Forces related active, retired, wounded or other. Please send your information to Chapter President Terry Buckler and include why you feel the family needs a little extra help this year. Please make checks payable to SFA29 and note "Family" on the memo line.

Family Information and/or checks need to be mailed to:

SFA 29 Attn: Terry Buckler, 10820 W 64th #202, Shawnee KS 66203

Veterans Day Parade

We were a little light this year at the Veterans Day Parade in Leavenworth KS. Thanks Ross Worley, Pat Textor, Ron Simmons, Woody Woodward, Jon Meigs, Rich Kiper and guest Mike Meyers. The morning started out a little chilly but warmed up fast. The I Am flyover was by two local boys this year. One pilot was from Kansas City KS and the one who kicked in the after burners was a Leavenworth High School grad. The 2012 parade will be on a Sunday. So lets start planning on having a record number of chapter members attending next year.



ROTC/JROTC Award of Excellence Program:

Many of you have read about this fine program in the last two DROP issues. After some discussion at the last two chapter meeting it was elected to go forward with this program. We are looking for some information from chapter members. First: we are looking at the total number of schools we want to support with the program. Remember there is a cost to the award. Second: we are looking at what schools we want to involve in this program. Please send your information to Sam Ratcliffe at wstat@classicnet.net. Include why you feel we should support your chosen school.

Pistol Raffle:

Tickets are on sale now. Please send \$5 per ticket to SFA 29, 10520 Bridlespur Dr Kansas City MO 64114

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Next Chapter Event

Event: Holiday Party

Date: Dec. 3rd

Location: See page 5

Bring: self & side dish

Time: Noon to 3:30pm

Event: Meeting

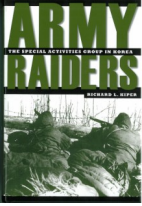
Date: January 14th

Location: Hilton Garden Inn 520 Minnesota Kansas City KS

Bring: \$8

Time: 8:30am breakfast
9am Meeting

See page 8 for details on chapter events.



\$23.37 By Rich Kiper PhD. Rich Kiper's latest book entitled Army Raiders: The Special Activities Group in Korea is now available on amazon.com. The book examines the role of the Raiders as they conducted raids and counter-guerrilla operations in South Korea as well as in North Korea near the Chosin Reservoir.

Pineland Poems \$12.50 By: J. L. Hasler. Poems of the Pineland in North Carolina. Written by a Special Forces Soldier. c/o Pineland Poems, PO Box 71855, Ft Bragg NC 28307

Jackie Malena: Surviving Cancer 101 \$19.99

I really want to make a difference in cancer patients lives. I want to give them the tools to increase their survival. The website is www.SurvivingCancer101.com. If you know someone my book (also named Surviving Cancer 101) can benefit you can order it on my website. Once on my website go to Support and click on Gift shop. You can order it there. Thank you for all your support.

The Sumter Flying Artillery \$39.95 on Amazon.com. By: James "Spike" Speicher

This book is a detailed study of the 11th Battalion Georgia Light Artillery that served in Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia during the Civil War. This 500 page book has been endorsed by former President Jimmy Carter

SFA 29 Cook Book \$20.00 SFA 29 has its own cook book. Inside are recipes from chapter members and their families as well as some old time fun recipes. This Cook Book is 3ring notebook style so you can add/change/subtract pages as needed. All proceeds from the sale of cook book go to the support the chapters education scholarship fund. Order at: sfa29 10520 Bridlespur Dr Kansas City Mo 64114

Beyond Nam Dong \$25.00 By Roger Donlon. Beyond Nam Dong is the personal story of Medal of Honor recipient Roger H.C. Donlon. As commander of Detachment A-726, United States Army Special Forces, Captain Donlon and his twelve man team successfully defended a small American outpost at Camp Nam Dong, Republic of Vietnam on July 6, 1964. Order at: sfa29 10520 Bridlespur Dr Kansas City MO 64114 or rogerdonlon@aol.com

Strawberries, Capture the Essence \$20.00 By: Carol Shirkey (wife of MG Robert Shirkey)

Anything and everything about strawberries. Over 300 recipes on strawberries. All proceeds from this book go to the support of the SFA 29 educations scholarship fund.

Order at: sfa29 10520 Bridlespur Dr Kansas City MO 64114

Car Magnets: Chapter 32, Green and Gold Ribbon Magnet with the Special Forces Motto "De Oppresso Liber" \$5 each SFA Chapter 32 Attn: Magnetic Stickers, 1849 Greenway Ave. Yukon OL 73099

Car Magnets: Chapter 51 Ladies Auxiliary, Black and Green with "Quiet Professionals" \$5 plus shipping Contact 702-433-3663 or jumpjky@aol.com for information or see page 93 of the spring DROP

Below is a summary of Chapter Funds. For detailed information about Chapter Funds please contact

SFA 29 Treasurer's Report				
Beginning Balance Oct 1, 2011	\$	18,261.73	General Funds	\$ 3,427.67
Income	+	3,905.00	Emergency Funds (Obligated)	\$350.00
Expenses	-	4,778.00	Scholarship Fund (Obligated)	\$1,078.02
Ending Balance Oct 31, 2011	\$	17,388.73	SOF Formal Fund (Obligated)	\$ 12,543.04
As Reported By Ted White Chapter Treasurer			Nam Dong Library(Obligated)	\$ 0.00

Ad Space: We are open to new Ads to be printed in the Newsletter and Membership Directory. A business card Ad is \$27 for the year. Larger Ads please contact the newsletter for pricing. 816-943-0073 or sfa29newsletter@gmail.com. We need more Ads to help defer the cost of printing the newsletter. Ad renewals were mailed out in November.

SFA Chapter 29 Polo Shirts: We are now taking orders for Chapter Polo Shirts. You will find a order form online at our web site sfa29.org. The shirts are Black or Army Green with the Association and Chapter logo on it. You may also personalize you shirt with you first name or years of service. You can also purchase a second shirt for your wife. The shirts are \$34.50 each including shipping. Please make checks payable to Stewart Hink and mail the order form to SFA 29, 10520 Bridlespur Dr KC MO 64114 Color choice is green or black. Sizes are M L XL XXL. If you would like your nick name or years of service on the shirt please let us know what that is.

Membership Renewals:

Renewal time is here for 2012. See page 4 for a renewal form. Please send your renewal to our new address listed on the renewal form. DO NOT send your renewal to National as this causes an extended delay in notification that you have renewed with the chapter. If you have any membership questions or know of someone who wants to become a member please contact Jon Meigs at 913-681-3887 or membership@sfa29.org. Reminder, all renewals must go through your chapter. Renew before December 31st to avoid being delinquent and having to pay extra to be reinstated. Just trying to save you some money.


**Re-New Your Membership Today.
Renewal Form on Page 4.
You have until December 31st,
2011.**

**"To The US Forces and their Families"
Bill Radtke D-996**



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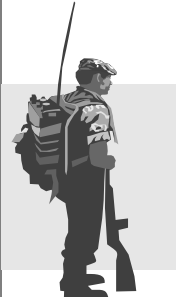
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In Honor and Appreciation of the Special Forces Wives and Families that make the sacrifices necessary to be part of the Special Forces Family and its association. They provide the support that can not be bought or provided by any government program. Without their support, we would be lesser individuals and our effectiveness threatened.

In remembrance of a very special Special Forces Wife, Carol Ann Smith



Jack Smith 2007

Special Forces Association Dues

Without your dues the effectiveness of the Association and the Chapters are impaired. Dues must be submitted by 31 December 2011 for the 2012 dues period (a grace period of 30 days is granted to all annual dues paying members). Members who do not pay 2012 dues by 30 January 2012 become delinquent and placed on inactive status and will not receive future copies of the Drop or other official correspondence from National. Remember the strength of the Association rest in its members.

Dues paid covers a period of **1 January to 31 December** regardless of date paid. Dues paid after 30 September will be applied to the next year's dues (and will be effective immediately).

It is Important that you remit dues to your Chapter



Special Forces Association Chapter 29

10820 W 64th # 202

Shawnee KS 66203

Membership Renewal Form (Not for use by new members)



I, _____ by apply for renewal of my
(Print Last Name, First Name, MI) (Membership Number)

membership in Chapter 29 of the Special Forces Association and submit the following information:

CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING BOXES:

_____ **Annual Dues.** Enclosed is a check or money order for **\$30.00** for a one-year renewal of my membership. Note: Annual renewal is \$30.00 if paid before 30 January of each year.

_____ **Reinstatement.** Enclosed is a check or money order for **\$35.00**, which includes a \$5.00 reinstatement fee along with the \$30.00 annual renewal fee. Note: annual renewals are \$35.00 after 30 January of each year.

_____ **Life Membership.** Enclosed is a check or money order **\$400.00** for a lifetime membership. The \$400.00 fee applies to members in good standing only.

_____ **Reinstatement & Life Membership.** Enclosed is a check or money order **\$435.00** for reinstatement and lifetime membership of which \$400.00 is the life membership fee, \$30.00 is for annual dues and \$5.00 is for reinstatement.

_____ **Life Membership (65 and over). Date of Birth** _____. Enclosed is a check or money order for **\$280.00** for a lifetime membership. The \$280.00 fee applies to members in good standing only.

_____ **Reinstatement & Life Membership (65 and over). Date of Birth** _____. Enclosed is a check or money order for **\$315.00** for reinstatement and a lifetime membership of which \$280.00 is the life membership fee, \$30.00 is for annual dues and \$5.00 is for reinstatement

Current Address: _____
Address City State Zip + 4

Home Telephone: (____) _____ - _____ Work or Cell Telephone :(____) _____ - _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Retired Rank/Rank at Separation: _____

SFA Chapter XXIX Annual Holiday Party



Saturday, December 3, 2011

12:00 – 15:30 Hours

Brandon Woods at Alvamar

The Smith Center

4730 Brandon Woods Terrace

Lawrence, Kansas



Meat: Chicken Breast with a Tomato Basil Sauce

The chapter provides the meat, however we do need a head count to know how much meat is needed.

The pricing for the chicken is a per head price.

Please bring a side dish: appetizer, salad, vegetable, dessert.

Also bring your favorite beverage. Coffee, iced tea and water will be provided.

Alcohol is allowed.

Please RSVP by November 26 to:

Bill and Joyce Radtke

or

Ron and Barb Simmons

Phone: 785-841-5326

Phone: 913-649-2810

Email: radbilljoyce@sunflower.com

Email: barbsimmons1@abcglobal.net

4730 Brandon Woods Terrace

Lawrence, Kansas

Via I-70

Take I-70 to exit #204 toward US-24/East Lawrence/ US-59.

Turn left (south) onto US-24/US-59 and go 1.3 miles.

Turn right onto W 6th St/US-40 W and go 3.8 miles.

Turn left onto Wakarusa Dr and go 1.2 miles.

Turn left onto Brandon Woods Terrace, it is 0.1 miles beyond Bob Billings Pky.

Proceed on Brandon Woods Terrace (4730 is on your left), to stop sign, turn left and left again into the parking lot.

Via K-10

K-10 west to Lawrence. K-10 becomes Clinton Parkway at Iowa St.

Proceed 2.5 miles on Clinton Pky. to Wakarusa Dr.

Turn right onto Wakarusa Dr.

Go 0.8 miles and turn right onto Brandon Woods Terrace. If you reach Bob Billings Pky you've gone 0.1 miles too far.

Proceed on Brandon Woods Terrace (4730 is on your left), to stop sign, turn left and left again into the parking lot.

Nam Dong Library Update: Please Donate Today

SFA 29

10520 Bridlespur Dr
Kansas City MO 64114

Note: Nam Dong Library

Children's Library's International

c/o Ross Worley

205 E 127th St

Kansas City MO 64145

Note: Nam Dong Library



We are on the road to Nam Dong Vietnam. Still need donation to complete the project, but we won't let that stop us from helping the Montagnard

Children of Nam Dong Vietnam. Special Thank You to the Pioneer Volunteer Club of AT & T and the boys from Australia for there wonderful donations. We will return to the United States December 15th. Please attend the January 14th Chapter meeting a hear all the latest and greatest information from our travels. You can continue to send your donations to the Chapter. We have established someone to watch over the newsletter email. She will answer as many questions as she can.

SOF Formal 2012

SOF Formal 2012 will be March 4th at the Argosy Hotel and Casino. Because of Missouri Gaming Rules there will be a few changes this year. The biggest one will be to the Pistol Raffle. You will need to purchase your raffle tickets before the SOF Formal as we will not be able to sell ticket at the Argosy. Missouri Gaming Rules will not allow us to hold any form of a game of chance on casino property. This means you will need to purchase your raffle tickets through either a chapter member, CGSC student or the newsletter before March 1st 2012. **Tickets are now on sale.** Available November 12th at the monthly chapter meeting, December 3rd at the Holiday Party, January 14th and February 11th at the Monthly Chapter meetings or via mail at SFA 29 10520 Bridle spur Dr Kansas City MO 64114. Tickets are \$5 each. If you wish to check out ticket to sell please contact us at sfa29newsletter@gmail.com or call 816-943-0073 after 7pm. A young lady be the name of Shelby Williams will be covering the raffle while we are in Vietnam.

Medicare Changes

For those members that receive Medicare or have a family member on Medicare, read on, this will be of interest to you. Most have heard that Social Security will be raised 3.6% in January and most military retirement pay will also raise 3.6%, but what about Medicare. It seems any time SS goes up so does Medicare. Well not this year for some and yes for others. Confused, Medicare will now be one level amount. If you were paying \$115.40 your new Medicare Premium will be \$99.90. If your Medicare Premium was \$96.40 it will increase to \$99.90. Personally I did not know there was two different Medicare Premiums since everyone in my family pays the same amount. If you will read your new Medicare Book that was mailed to you last month you will also see improvements in most areas on coverage, but not all areas, some are worse. At least the \$3.50 increase for some of you shouldn't eat up your entire SS raise. You can go to www.helpingyoucare.com/16257/medicare-annouances-premiums for more detailed information.

Tricare also made premium changes and coverage changes please see your tricare contact for information.

RAD: There was tons of use full information at the October 29th RAD at Ft Leavenworth. You should plan on attending next year. Its not just for retirees.

Great Christmas Idea.



The US Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Association APPLICATION



NAME: _____ DATE: _____

(PRINT: FIRST NAME, MIDDLE INITIAL, LAST NAME)

MILITARY RANK (OR TITLE i.e. Dr. Judge, etc.): _____ ACTIVE DUTY: _____ OR RETIRED: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE(PLUS-4): _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

MEMBERSHIPS / DONATIONS

INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANIZATIONS DONATING THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS WILL RECEIVE THE RECOGNITION LISTED BELOW:

(CHECK ONE)	AMOUNT	CATEGORY	CERTIFICATE AWARDED	PLAQUE AWARDED	NAME ON KIOSK IN MUSEUM
	\$10.00	ANNUAL MEMBER ¹	NO	NO	NO
	\$100.00	LIFE MEMBER ²	YES	NO (CARD)	YES
	\$5.00-\$99.00	DONATION ³	NO	NO	NO
	\$50.00 (OR MORE)	IN MEMORY OF OR IN HONOR OF DONATION ⁴	NO	NO	YES
	\$100.00	CENTURY MEMBER ⁵	YES	NO	YES
	\$200.00	CENTURY & LIFE MEMBER	YES (TWO)	NO (CARD)	YES
	\$1,000.00	BENEFACTOR ⁶	YES	YES	YES
	\$2,000.00	PATRON	YES	YES	YES
	\$5,000.00	LEADERSHIP MEMBER	YES	YES	YES
	\$10,000.00	HONOR MEMBER	YES	YES	YES
	\$20,000.00	DISTINGUISHED DONOR	YES	YES	YES
	\$50,000.00	PACESETTER	YES	YES	YES
	\$100,000.00	SPECIAL DONOR	YES	YES	YES

DONATION IS IN MEMORY OF (OR IN HONOR OF): _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____ (INDICATE ABOVE MEMBERSHIP OR DONATION CATEGORY DESIRED)

MAIL TO: SECRETARY, JFK SW/SF BRANCH MUSEUM, P. O. BOX 70060, FORT BRAGG, NC 28307-5000
(PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH) MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO JFK SW BRANCH MUSEUM

¹ ANNUAL MEMBER: FOR AN ANNUAL FEE OF \$10.00, PAYABLE ON JANUARY 1ST OF EACH YEAR. MEMBERS PAYING DUES AFTER 1 OCTOBER ARE CREDITED WITH DUES PAID FOR THE FOLLOWING CALENDAR YEAR. (A MEMBERSHIP CARD IS PROVIDED.)

² LIFE MEMBER: FOR A ONE TIME FEE OF \$100.00, A LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP IS RECOGNIZED WITH A CERTIFICATE AND A PERMANENT MEMBERSHIP CARD. (NAME IS DISPLAYED ON KIOSKS IN MUSEUM AND BANK HALL)

³ DONATIONS ARE CUMULATIVE IN THAT ANY INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION THAT ADDS TO A PREVIOUS CONTRIBUTION AND ACHIEVES A HIGHER LEVEL OF GIVING, WILL BE MOVED TO THE HIGHER CATEGORY CONTRIBUTOR. I.E., A CENTURY MEMBER WHO CONTRIBUTES AN ADDITIONAL \$900.00 WILL BECOME A BENEFACTOR.

⁴ DONATIONS MADE IN MEMORY OF (OR IN HONOR OF): FOR DONATIONS OF \$50.00 (OR MORE), THAT ARE RECEIVED SPECIFICALLY IN THE NAME OF A DECEASED OR LIVING PERSON, THE NAME OF THE PERSON MEMORIALIZED WILL BE ENGRAVED ON A BLACK (IN MEMORY OF) OR GREEN (IN HONOR OF) COLORED PLATE ALONG WITH THE NAME OF THE DONOR. THIS PLATE WILL BE AFFIXED TO THE "IN MEMORY OF" PLAQUE DISPLAYED IN THE MUSEUM AS WELL AS ON THE KIOSKS. (PRINT NAME IN BOX ABOVE)

⁵ CENTURY MEMBER: THEY ARE MEMBERS FOR LIFE BUT DO NOT RECEIVE A MEMBERSHIP CARD. THEIR NAME IS DISPLAYED ON THE KIOSKS IN THE MUSEUM AND IN BANK HALL.

⁶ CORPORATIONS WHICH MAKE DONATIONS WILL RECEIVE THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL PLAQUE, I.E. CORPORATE BENEFACTOR, ETC.

Calendar of Chapter Events

November 25rd thru December 15th, 2011: Nam Dong Dedication, Vietnam

December 3rd, 2011: Chapter Holiday Party Brandon Woods Club House 4730 Brandon Woods Terrace, Lawrence KS See page 5 for details.

January 14th, 2012: Chapter Meeting Hilton Garden Inn 520 Minnesota Kansas City KS 9am

February 11th, 2012: Chapter Meeting Hilton Garden Inn 520 Minnesota Kansas City KS 9am

March 2th, 2012: SOF Formal Argosy Hotel and Casino

March 10th, 2012: Chapter Meeting Hilton Garden Inn 520 Minnesota Kansas City KS 9am

April 14th, 2012: Chapter Meeting Hilton Garden Inn 520 Minnesota Kansas City KS 9am

May 12th, 2012: Chapter Meeting Hilton Garden Inn 520 Minnesota Kansas City KS 9am

June 11-17th 2012: National Convention Ft Bragg (Fayetteville NC) 60th Anniversary Celebration. Double Tree Inn See page 106 of the Fall 2011 DROP for Details

(DON'T WAIT MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS NOW)

July 21-22, 2012: Annual Group Gathering and Mendenhall Shot

2013: National Convention San Antonio TX

2014: Columbia South Carolina

In the event that a meeting or function should need to be cancelled because of unsafe weather conditions please check with Kansas City Television Station Fox4 under closings before you leave home.

Medically Challenged Members and Family

Francis Woodward: Frances is doing very good , here she is doing her road work and has been going upstairs to her bed for a week. Woody



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Secretary: Gail Merrill gwmerrill@hotmail.com

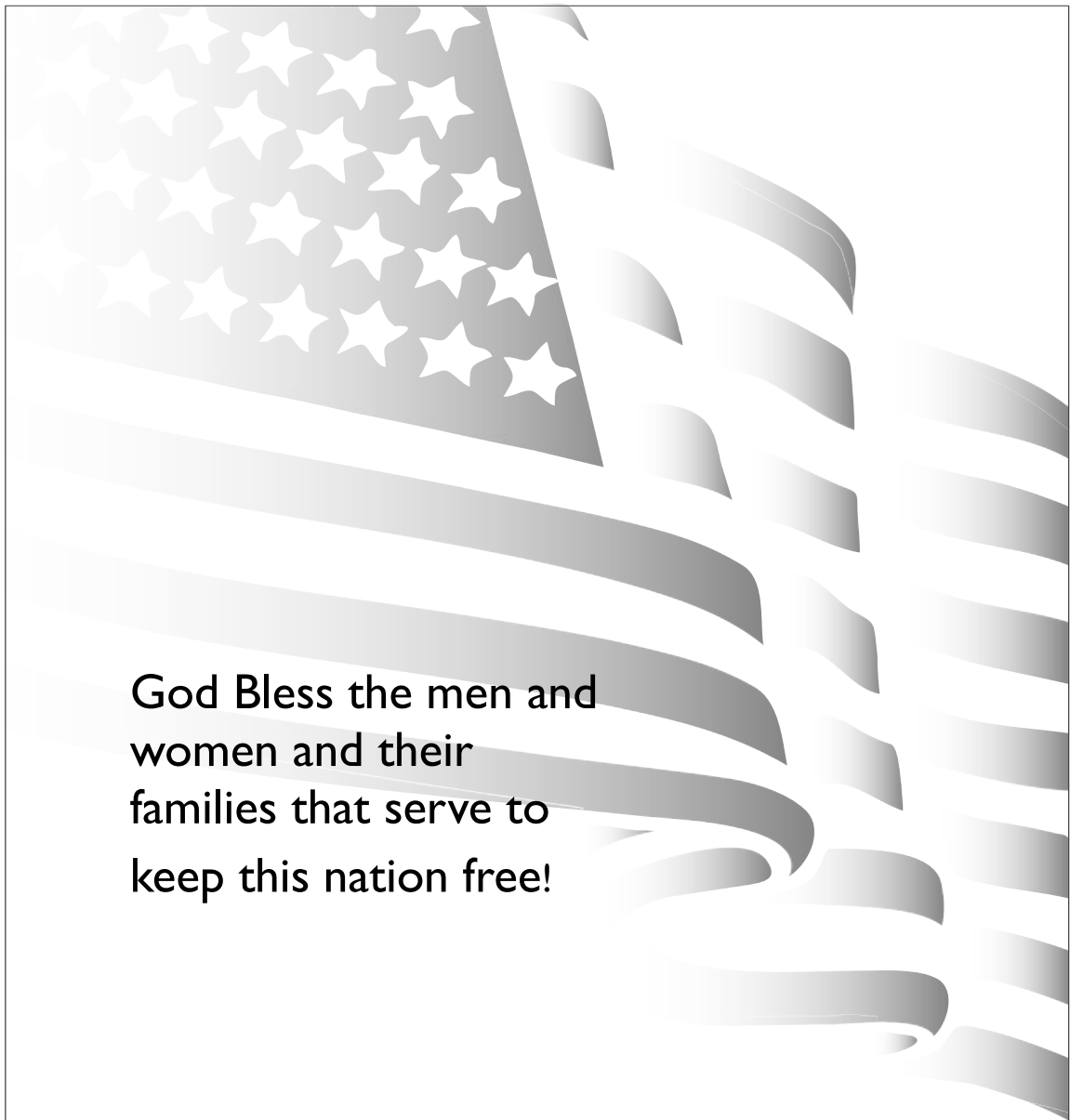
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women and their
families that serve to
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Just For Fun

"California Gun Collector"

You may have heard on the news about a southern California man who was put under 2-hour psychiatric observation when it was found that he owned 100 guns and allegedly had 1 million rounds of ammunition stored in his home. The house also featured a secret escape tunnel.

Just imagine if he lived elsewhere:

Arizona..... he'd be called "an avid gun collector"

Texas.....He'd be called "a novice gun collector"

Utah.....He'd be called "moderately well prepared", but they'd probably reserve judgement until they made sure that he had a corresponding quantity of stored food.

Wyoming....He'd be called " The neighborhood Go-To guy".

Idaho...He'd be called "a likely gubernatorial candidate".

Montana....He'd be called "an eligible bachelor".