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Chapter XXIX Newsletter

Chapter 29 Elections

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Please Note the Chapter has a new mailing address:

10820 W 64th Street Suite 202

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Nam Dong Vietnam Travel:

If you are interested, as a Nam Dong Vietnam Library Donor, in traveling to the dedication of the Library and other locations please read on. At the last chapter 29 meeting we had information on travel expenses and the travel agency you can contact to arrange flight plans with. If you were unable to attend that meeting or missed picking up the information packet please contact the newsletter at sfa29newsletter@gmail.com or 816-943-0073 and we will forward the information to you. So far aprox. 8 chapter members will be making the journey. Its not to late to be part of the journey, contact the chapter today at the above email or phone number. Remember all donors can make the trip.

Beanie Babies:

Chapter 29 is collecting Beanie Babies or like size stuffed animals. These Babies will be delivered by chapter members and Santa on December 6th to the Montagnard Children of Nam Dong Vietnam. Please bring them to any Chapter 29 gathering or meeting from now until Thanksgiving when we leave for Vietnam. If you are unable to deliver the Babies to a chapter event you can send a check to Gail Merrill at 10520 Bridlespur Dr Kansas City Mo 64114 and he will purchase Beanie Babies for you.

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Next Chapter Event

Event: Army Birthday
Date: June 11th
Location: Crown Center
Bring: See Mike Neer

Event: Natl Convention
Florida
Date: June 23-27
Location: Orlando FL
Bring: See DROP

Event: CGSC Meet and
Greet Class 12-01
Date: July 8th, 3-6 pm
Location: Havana Club,
Ft Leavenworth KS
Bring: Finger Food to
Share



Presidents Message

Members of SFA-29,

Thank all of you for placing your confidence in me and electing me your president. I am humbled by the opportunity to hold the position. I sincerely hope that I can perform as well as the past presidents that preceded me. We have a excellent board and I know each of them are dedicated to the upholding the tradition of SF Warriors. I am excited about the future and look forward to building our membership. We have started a project to up date our members and determine what we as a board can do to excite our members to attend are meetings and develop a plan to be more involved in community projects that will help our fellow comrades. In the next few weeks you will each receive a survey that will help guide us for the new year. Please take time to complete the survey. Till next time. May God Bless You and Your Family!

Sincerely Yours,

Terry Buckler, President SFA 29

CGSC Student Meet and Greet July 15th

ILE 12-01 SOF students will begin their P940; SOF Preparatory Course on the 08th of July 2011.

Our first get-together for all students will be on the 8th of July from 1500-1800. Tentatively we plan on having it at the Havana Club on Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

We'll have approximately 50 students and plan on having their families attend. Looking at having the class bring desserts and finger food for everyone to partake in.

We would like to invite members of the SFA to attend and mingle with the students.

Please let me know if some of the members can attend.

V/R

Frank

Mr. Frank L. Goss

SOF Leadership, Development and Education Element CGSS, Ft Leavenworth,

If interested in attending please contact the newsletter so we can provide a head count from the chapter.

Check the July Newsletter for the confirmed location.

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

SFA 29 Treasurer's Report				
Beginning Balance April 1, 2011	\$	25,265.15	General Funds	\$ 3,306.57
Income	+	40.00	Emergency Funds (Obligated)	\$350.00
Expenses	-	4,691.52	Scholarship Fund (Obligated)	\$1,078.02
Ending Balance April 30, 2011	\$	20,613.63	SOF Formal Fund (Obligated)	\$ 15,879.04
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.

How to register and log on to the National Web Site:

First go to www.specialforcesassociation.org. Once the home page opens click on Home to make sure you are on the Home Page. Then Click Forums. Then click Register. After that just follow the prompts. You will be asked for your full Birth Date and to set up a Log in and a Password. You should make your log in and password something you can remember, but please write it down because its not easy to get it later if you should forget. Once you have registered you will only need to log onto the home page and in the upper right corner enter your log in and password. Once you are logged in you can visit the national calendar, nationals meetings minutes, convention news, member search, reunion news etc. Please remember to log out when you are done.

Note: The request for your birth date to register is to make sure you are who you say you are. It must match the information you provided SFA National when you became a member.

Membership Renewals:

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

Harvesters and Ren/Fest 2011:

Once again Harvesters has reached out for volunteers to work the food drive at the 2011 Renaissance Festival. We are trying to work out the details, but I need to know who would be interested in volunteering. The job is simple. For every 5 cans of food the guest receives a ticket for buy one get one free admission to the festival. The volunteers then place the canned goods in the bin in the trailer. Each volunteer will get food coupons and free admission to the festival. You are welcome to bring your family to help out.

Please contact us asap if you or your family is interested in helping. We are working on opening shifts for a total of 12 to 15 positions. The shifts will be the opening ceremony 9am and the 11am shift on a Saturday. Shifts last 2 hours and kids have a great time with this. Sorry do not have any dates yet, I need a head count first. 816-943-0073 or sfa29newsletter@gmail.com

Gail Merrill

Roger Donlon Receives the Order of Saint Maurice



Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth Commander Lt. Gen. Robert Caslen Jr. positions the Order of St. Maurice on Medal of Honor recipient retired Col Roger Donlon at the Command and General Staff College, during a ceremony May 7th in the atrium of the Lewis and Clark Center. The local chapter of the National Infantry Association also honored Lt. Col William Freeman, Lt. Col James Willbanks, former Sgt. Kyle Dean all veterans of the Vietnam War. Saint Maurice was Primicerius of the Theban Legion, a Roman army unit of Christians recruited in upper Egypt in 287A.D., the Legion marched against a revolt of the Berguadae Gauls. Maurice was twice ordered to offer pagan sacrifices before battle and to kill innocent civilians. Each time he refused and each time the Roman emperor ordered "decimation" of the legion-every 10th man was executed. Maurice declared his earnest desire to obey every other order lawful in the eyes of God. His men replied: "We have seen our comrades killed. Rather than sorrow, we rejoice at the honor of them." Infuriated, Emperor Maximian ordered the complete annihilation of the Theban Legion and their commander, Maurice. By Bob Kerr

Books

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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



On the internet visit us on face book at:

http://www.facebook.com/pages/Vietnam-Montagnard-Childrens-Library-Special-Forces-Vet-Project/146756642017939?created#!/pages/Vietnam-Montagnard-Childrens-Library-Special-Forces-Vet-Project/146756642017939?v=info&edit_info=all

Or sfa29.org

Special Forces Association Chapter 29 Woody Woodward challenge.

No other chapter member has stepped up to the Woody Woodward \$100 donation challenge. Sorry Woody I tried my best, but no response.

Building is continuing despite the lack of interest from chapter 29 members. Plans are being set for the donors who will be traveling to Nam Dong, Vietnam in December for the dedication. They will also be traveling to Laos and Cambodia for the dedications of other libraries and the presentation of Beanie Babies to the Montagnard Children. We are going outside of SFA Chapter 29 and friends to get support for the building of this library. We still need \$28,000 to complete the project so its time to open the doors to the outside world for help. We are now reaching out to all Vietnam Vets and their families and friends. We are even reaching out to the Australian SFA Chapter for help. Please, Please send your donations today to one of the above address's and remember your donation can be tax deductible but please consult with your tax advisor about that.



Annual Group Gathering

July 16th is the date for the annual group gathering of the 12th, 20th and SFA chapter 29 gathering. Once again it will be at the Ross Worley Family Compound. Please bring a side dish. Burgers, brats, hot dogs and beer provided. Also bring your camera for lots of photo taking. We start gathering at 10am and the gathering ends whenever you go home. Please pass the word on to anyone who is a part of the 12th or 20th groups but may not receive the SFA Chapter 29 newsletter.

July 17th we move the party to Mercer MO to the Mendenhall Firing Range for some fun shooting. If you are there early like 7am you can join us in some breakfast. Some will be traveling to Mercer MO on Saturday night to camp at the range. Please bring your own camping gear or RV to overnight in. There are no facilities (formal camping) so be prepared as the boy scouts say. If you arrive after we go down to the firing range please honk before entering the range. One of the firing ranges is very close to the range gate. Bring your weapon and if you don't have any don't worry there's plenty to share. Don't forget the bullets.

Ross Worley Family Compound 205 E 127th Street Kansas City MO(GPS Address):

Travel on Wornall Rd in south Kansas City to 127th terr. Turn east to the end of the road and park in the open lot. Do Not park on 127th Street as there is no room for parking. Watch for the Signs.

Mendenhalls Firing Range Mercer MO:

Travel North on I-35 (toward Iowa) to Bethany turn east on hwy 136 toward Princeton Mo
At Princeton turn north on Hwy 65 toward Mercer
Pass through Mercer to County Road BB turn west
Turn left on the gravel road behind the metal gate aprox 2 miles from hwy 65
We will try to post a sign or flag on the gate.

Cell service is very hit and mostly miss in this area so you may not be able to call for directions.


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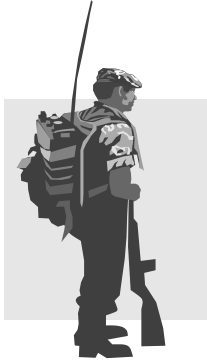
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In Honor and Appreciation of the Special Forces Wives and Families that make the sacrifices necessary to be part of the Special Forces Family and its association. They provide the support that can not be bought or provided by any government program. 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



Calendar of Chapter Events

June 11th, 2011: US Army 236th Birthday Celebration Westin Crown Center (Attn: Mike Neer)

June 23-27, 2011: National Convention Orlando FL (Hotel TBA)

July 8th, 2011: CGSC Meet and Greet Havana Club Ft Leavenworth KS 3:00pm

July 16th & 17th 2011: Annual Group Gathering and Mendenhall Firing Range

August 13th, 2011: Chapter Meeting 9am 520 Minnesota Kansas City KS Hilton Garden Inn

September 17th, 2011: Oktoberfest

October 8th, 2011: Chapter Meeting 9am 520 Minnesota Kansas City KS Hilton Garden Inn

November 11th, 2011: Veterans Day Parade, Leavenworth KS 9am

November 12th, 2011: Chapter Meeting 9am 520 Minnesota Kansas City KS Hilton Garden Inn

November 23rd thru December 19th, 2011: Nam Dong Dedication, Vietnam

December 3rd, 2011: Chapter Holiday Party

June 2012: National Convention Ft Bragg (Fayetteville NC) 60th Anniversary Celebration.

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.

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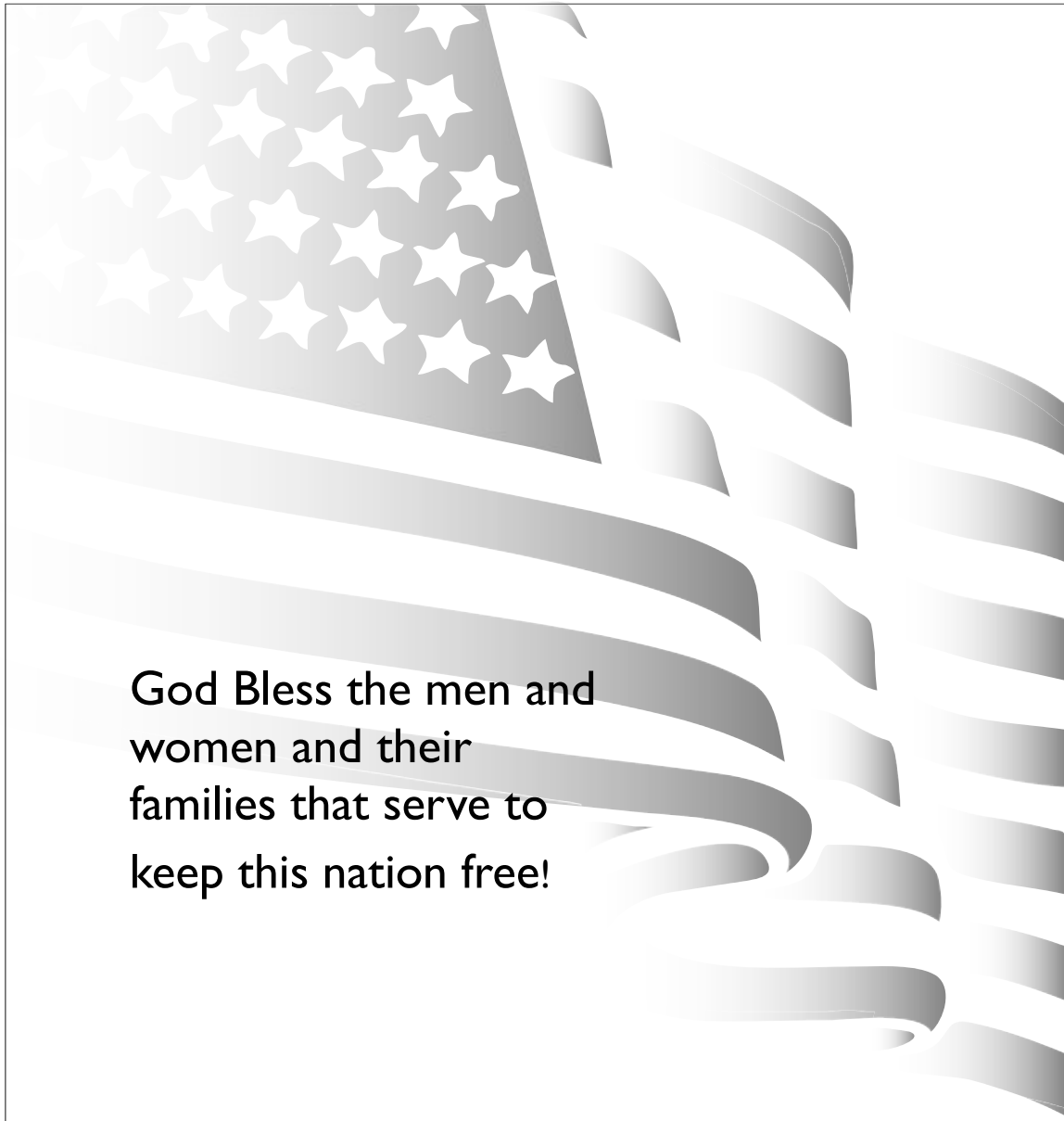
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God Bless the men and
women and their
families that serve to
keep this nation free!

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Sniffer

A man had just settled into his seat next to the window on the plane when another man sat down in the aisle seat and put his black Labrador Retriever in the middle seat next to the man. The first man looked very quizzically at the dog and asked why the dog was allowed on the plane. The second man explained that he was from the Police Drugs Enforcement Agency and that the dog was a 'sniffing dog'. 'His name is Sniffer and he's the best there is. I'll show you once we get airborne, when I put him to work.' The plane took off, and once it has leveled out, the Policeman said, 'Watch this.' He told Sniffer to 'search'. Sniffer jumped down, walked along the aisle, and finally sat very purposefully next to a woman for several seconds. Sniffer then returned to his seat and put one paw on the policeman's arm. The Policeman said, 'Good boy', and he turned to the man and said, 'That woman is in possession of marijuana, I'm making a note of her seat number and the authorities will apprehend her when we land. 'Gee, that's pretty good,' replied the first man. Once again, the Policeman sent Sniffer to search the aisles. The Lab sniffed about, sat down beside a man for a few seconds, returned to its seat, and this time he placed two paws on the agent's arm. The Policeman said, 'That man is carrying cocaine, so again, I'm making a note of his seat number for the police.' 'I like it!' said his seat mate. The Policeman then told Sniffer to 'search' again. Sniffer walked up and down the aisles for a little while, sat down for a moment, and then came racing back to the agent, jumped into the middle seat and proceeded to poop all over the place. The first man was really disgusted by this behavior and couldn't figure out how or why a well-trained dog would behave like that, so he asked the Policeman, 'What's going on?'

The Policeman nervously replied, 'He's just found a bomb.'