

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



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## Chapter XXIX Newsletter

### Chapter 29 Elections

May 14th 2011

Chapter 29 Officer elections will be held May 14th during the monthly meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn at 520 Minnesota Kansas City Kansas. If you are unable to attend this meeting and wish to have your vote heard, please send in the attached absentee ballot. For those who receive their newsletter via the internet it is attached to your e-mail. We must receive your vote before the May 14th meeting in order for it to count. Only ballot's that are signed by active chapter members will be counted, all others will be voided. We must receive the original paper copy of your voting ballot to please a lot time for the US Postal service to deliver it before May 14th. Please mail your ballot to the Chapter PO Box at: SFA 29 PO Box 14312, Parkville MO 64152. Ballot's will be opened by committee after the voting of members in attendance at the chapter meeting.

### Linda Smith and Debora Merrill:

Linda and Debora attended the Embassy Suites KCI Willy Wonka Golden Ticket Client Appreciation Luncheon on April 7th. Along with being served a wonderful lunch (it reminded us of our SOF Formal dinner) we had a chance at talking with several other guests that have booked events at the Embassy Suites. Fact is two of the guests have been holding their event at the Embassy Suites for 22 years. Most everyone in the room has been a Embassy Client for over 5 to 10 years. At 4 years we felt like the new kids on the block. We had a chance to speak with the other military groups that also hold their annual events at the Embassy. They all said they plan on returning for their annual events. We had a great time and left with several ideas for the 2012 SOF Formal.

### Wreath Laying Ceremony:

May 30th Memorial Day. Once again the chapter will be presenting a wreath at the Leavenworth National Cemetery. 150 Muncie Road Leavenworth KS (Not Ft Leavenworth) Ceremony starts at 9am, but parking is a challenge as it is in any cemetery and a ton of people attend each year (rain or shine or cold). Please dress to represent our chapter. This year we will be unveiling our newly update wreath. Ceremony lasts about an hour. So you will still have time to do other Memorial Day events.

**Directions:** K7 hwy to Muncie road (Stop light at the Ford Dealership) follow the traffic east about 1/4 mile.

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### Next Chapter Event

#### Event:

Chapter Meeting

**Date:** May 14th

#### Location:

Hilton Garden Inn

520 Minnesota

Kansas City KS

Breakfast 8:30am

Meeting 9am

**Bring:** \$8

#### Event:

Memorial Day Wreath

**Date:** May 30th

#### Location:

Leavenworth Ceme-

ttery: 150 Muncie Rd

Leavenworth KS

Starts at 9am

Arrive 8:30am

**Bring:** Dress to represent the Chapter



**2nd Annual AUSA/ANA GeoPolitical Forum, March 30, 2011, Kansas City**

Thank you all for attending. The second annual AUSA/ANA GeoPolitical Forum is complete and was by all measures a huge success. We had about 125 attendees representing a wide range of military associations/organizations and civic members from around the community. The forum followed a great lunch prepared by the Hilton Garden Inn .

The panelists were six students from the Command and General Staff College, 3 Army (one Inf, one SF, one AV/160 SOAR), 1 Marine, 1 Airforce, and 1 Naval Aviator. Lieutenant Colonel Casey Lessard was the moderator.

The panelists fielded questions for over an hour; and, while they were talking to a friendly audience clearly managed to expand the broadcast range of their message demonstrating the professionalism, competence, and intelligence of our forces. Every attendee was clearly given a full measure of information to carry far and wide and were very impressed.

Also attending were 10 ROTC Cadets who traveled a great distance from Pittsburg State University, a two hour drive from Southeast Kansas. We seated them throughout the audience and they were a similar inspiration to the gathering, demonstrating the competence of the young men and women soon to enter the Army.

Our greatest compliments to all who participated including Ms Janet Wray who coordinated the College’s participation, and Lieutenant Colonel Don Stoner, his cadre and the exceptional group of cadets under his tutelage who are developing such fine new leadership for the Army.



Our deepest appreciation to Phil Humbert, Superior Lexus, and Steve Aude, ICF International for sponsoring this event and empowering our educational effort in the community.

SFA Chapter 29 members Mike Neer and Ron Simmons attended along with wives June Neer, Barbara Simmons and Debora Merrill.

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

<b>SFA 29 Treasurer’s Report</b>			
Beginning Balance March 1, 2011	\$ 27,657.03	General Funds	\$ 3,312.09
Income	+ 3,626.00	Emergency Funds (Obligated)	\$350.00
Expenses	- 6,017.88	Scholarship Fund (Obligated)	\$1,078.02
Ending Balance March 31, 2011	\$ 25,265.15	SOF Formal Fund (Obligated)	\$ 18,148.04
As Reported By Ted White Chapter Treasurer		Nam Dong Library(Obligated)	\$ 2,377.00



**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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto:membership@sfa29.org). Reminder, all renewals must go through your chapter

### **Help Needed:**

We are looking for stories Vietnam Soldiers have of their experiences with the Montagnards. It doesn't have to be a war story. It can be something that was fun or about a Montagnard family you worked with. It can be how they helped you or about you helping them or a Montagnard event you were invited to attend. Send your stories to the chapter newsletter at [sfa29newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:sfa29newsletter@gmail.com) or 10520 Bridlespur Dr Kansas City MO 64114.

### **Messages:**

Ran into Barry and Iris in San Antonio (Gruene TX @ a "dance hall / saloon"). They are doing well and told me say hi to everyone back in KC.

Chuck Dillon

### Nam Dong Library Update: Please Donate Today

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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



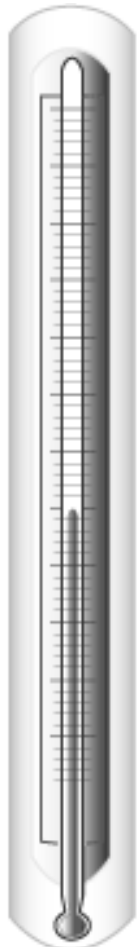
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Or [sfa29.org](http://sfa29.org)

**Special Forces Association Chapter 29 Woody Woodward challenge.** Last month we informed chapter 29 members of a challenge Woody Woodward issued. He challenged every member of the chapter to match his \$100 donation to the Nam Dong Library Fund. Sadly only 7 chapter members stepped up to the challenge. A very special THANK YOU goes out to Woody Woodward, Jack Smith, Bill Radtke, Bill Zleit, Jeff Hoffman, Fred Worthington and Jon Meigs. We also would like to thank the Boeing Co. for their donation. Now, how about the rest of you out there. I know you have read this, are you feeling a little guilty. The Montagnards stuck their necks out for our Vietnam Soldiers. The least we can do is see to it that

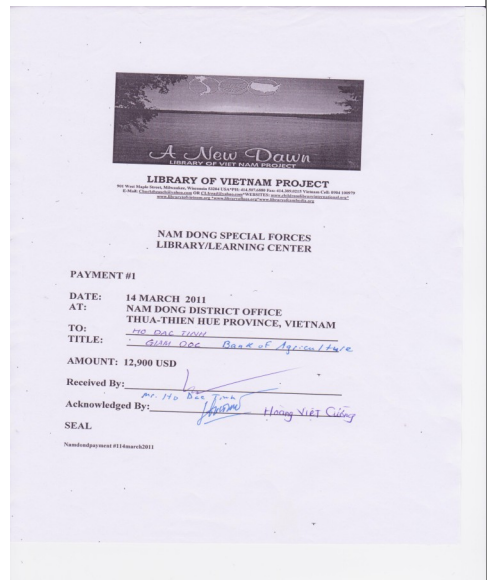
this wonderful Library and Learning Center is opened for their Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren. Stop what you are doing and get your check book out. The Montagnard Children are waiting for you.



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**Books**

**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](http://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.

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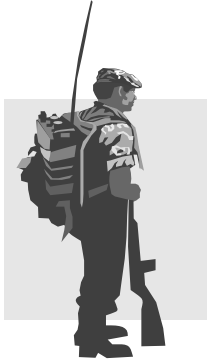
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In Honor and Appreciation of the Special Forces Wives and Families that make the sacrifices necessary to be part of the Special Forces Family and its association. They provide the support that can not be bought or provided by any government program.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

**May 14th, 2011:** Monthly Meeting Hilton Garden Inn 520 Minnesota Kansas City KS 9am Breakfast \$8

**May 14th, 2011:** Chapter 29 Officer Elections

**May 30th, 2011:** Memorial Day Wreath Ceremony Laying Leavenworth Natl. Cemetery (150 Muncie Rd)

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

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

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

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

**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.**

We are in the process of updating the calendar of events for the second half of the year.

### Medically Challenged Members and Family

**Pat Textor:** Pat finally had his back surgery. "Hey All, Just thought I'd let you know that someone must have been putting in a good word for me with the man upstairs. Surgery went off without a hitch, and instead of spending the night at the hospital they let me come home early so I could sleep in my own bed, SWEET! Hurt's like a son-of-a-gun but it's better than a bullet to the head. I hope I'm able to come to the next breakfast. See ya. Cheer's"

**Ron Phillips:** For reference, I was diagnosed with advanced Pancreatic Neuroendocrine Carcinoma with Metastasis to the Liver. This, I am told is one that is pretty rare and only happens to 9,000 +/- in the US per year. The docs are going to experiment on me with one drug; otherwise, they told me that it has advanced too much to do any surgery, normal chemo or radiation treatments. The size of the pancreatic tumor is clearly as large as one of my kidneys; non symptomatic to date; they tell me that when it starts to be symptomatic, I can expect up to two years.

I think back on my military experiences of Basic Training, NCO Training, Officers Candidate School, Airborne and Special Forces Q Course; All had challenges and hardships, all had learning experiences and enjoyment of comradery. This upcoming event is like each of these other major events; not certain of the outcome, but I have at least 9,000 each year who are experiencing this the same timeframe and I can take the memories of all the people who I have enjoyed, with me.

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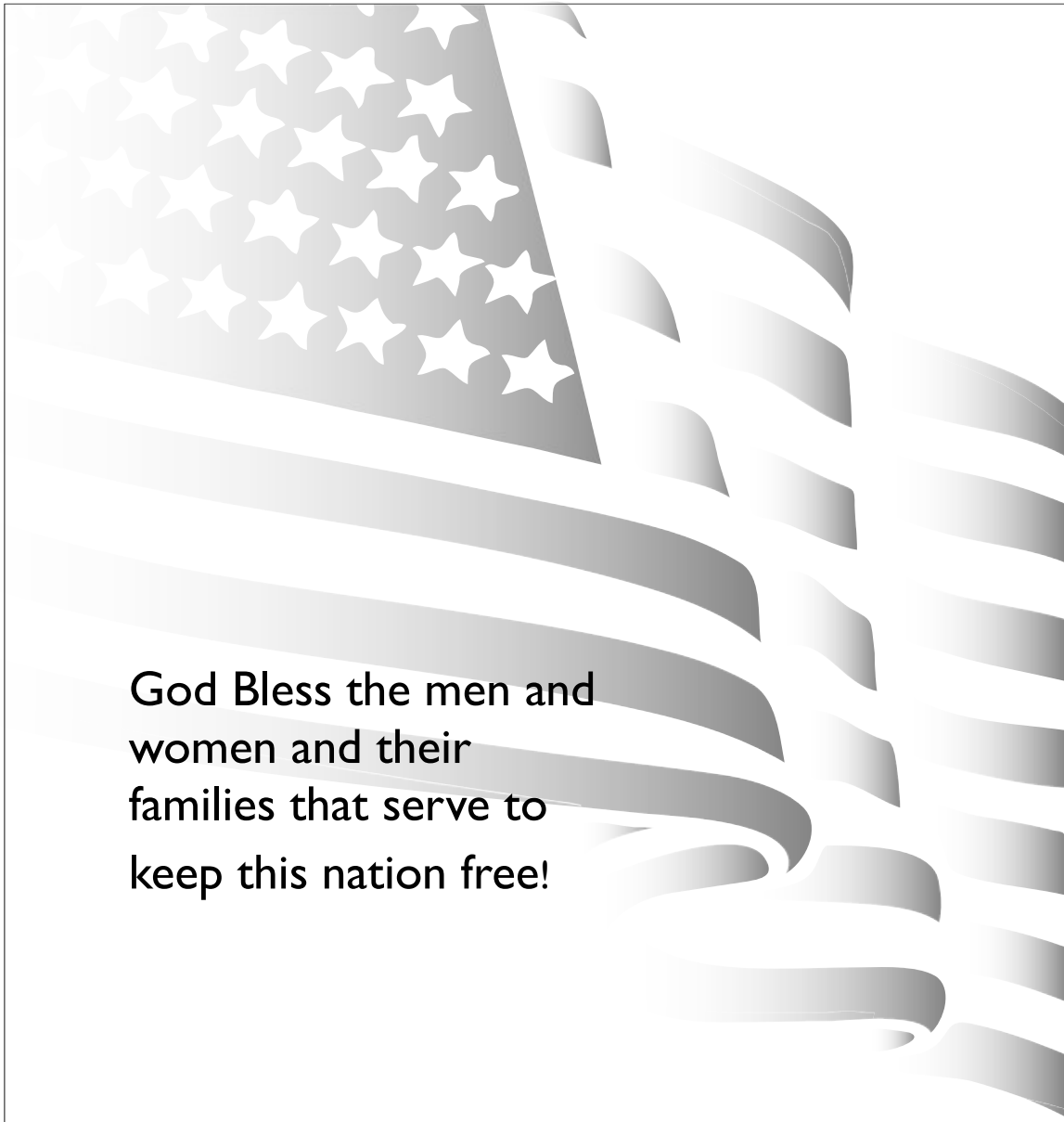
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families that serve to  
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## **Just For Fun**

### **Elderly Road Trip (Remind you of anyone you know?)**

While on a road trip, an elderly couple stopped at a roadside restaurant for lunch.

After finishing their meal, they left the restaurant and resumed their trip.

When leaving the elderly woman unknowingly left her glasses on the table.

And she didn't miss them until they had been driving about forty minutes.

By then, to add to the aggravation, they had to travel quite a distance before they could find a place to turn around, in order to return to the restaurant to retrieve her glasses.

All the way back, the elderly husband became the classic grouchy old man.

He fussed and complained, and scolded his wife relentlessly during the entire return drive.

The more he chided her, the more agitated she became.

He just wouldn't let up one minute.

To her relief, they finally arrived at the restaurant.

As the woman got out of the car, and hurried inside to retrieve her glasses, the old geezer yelled to her, "While you're in there, you might as well get my hat and the credit card!"