

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



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## Chapter XXIX Newsletter

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### Veterans Day Parade:

The chapter will be participating in the Leavenworth Kansas Veterans Day Parade. Woody Woodward will be providing the car for those who wish to ride in the parade. We will meet at the rock in front of the Court House at 4th and Walnut at 8:45am. Leavenworth will be closing the streets at 9am so plan accordingly. Once the streets are closed they will start staging the participants. We will not know our parade number until that morning. In the past we have met for lunch at the High Noon after our section is done. We will decide that morning if we will do this or not. Please dress for the weather with your outer layer representing the Chapter. Any questions please call Gail at 816-213-8639. P.S. Do Not speed coming into Lansing/Leavenworth. They are known to set up speed traps on the way into town.

### Adopt a family for Christmas:

At the last chapter meeting the chapter voted to adopt a Special Forces Family for Christmas. This is a two step process. We need to collect cash donation for a grocery store gift card or a Wal-Mart gift card. We are activity looking for a family to sponsor. The requirements are they need to be a Special Forces Family in need. Should be local to the Kansas City area where a chapter member lives. Need to have either lost their SF Solider, been disabled or will be deployed during the holidays. We could also be looking at a retired SF solider that just needs a little extra help this year.

Please send information about a possible family to the chapter before December 1st. We need family information, why you feel they need the extra help and your contact information. \*We will not contact the family before we have talked with you about them\*.

The donations for the gift cards need to be sent to the chapter before December 10th so there is time to purchase the card and deliver it in time for them to purchase food for the holidays.

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

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### Next Chapter Event

**Event:** Vets Parade

**Date:** November 11

**Location:** Leavenworth  
KS

**Bring:** self

**Time:** 8:45 at the rock  
9am for staging

**Event:** Meeting

**Date:** November 12

**Location:** Hilton Gar-  
den Inn 520 Minnesota  
Kansas City KS

**Bring:** \$8

**Time:** 8:30am breakfast  
9am Meeting

**See page 8 for details  
on chapter events.**

### Chapter Oktoberfest

Chapter 29 held their annual Oktoberfest in late September. It does not seem to matter when we have Oktoberfest it seems to always turn out cold and or rainy. This year was no exception. Despite the weather we gathered in Terry Buckler garage to talk and eat grilled, brats, hot dogs and burgers. A few brave sole ventured out to the Patio umbrella.



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

| <b>SFA 29 Treasurer's Report</b>           |              |                              |              |
|--|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance Sept 1, 2011             | \$ 20,272.73 | General Funds                | \$ 3,520.67  |
| Income                                     | + 0.00       | Emergency Funds (Obligated)  | \$350.00     |
| Expenses                                   | - 2011.00    | Scholarship Fund (Obligated) | \$1,078.02   |
| Ending Balance Sept 30, 2011               | \$ 18,261.73 | SOF Formal Fund (Obligated)  | \$ 12,443.04 |
| As Reported By Ted White Chapter Treasurer |              | Nam Dong Library(Obligated)  | \$ 870.00    |

**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, national 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:**

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](mailto: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.**

# Special Forces Association Dues

Without your dues the effectiveness of the Association and the Chapters are impaired. Dues must be submitted by 31 December 2009 for the 2010 dues period (a grace period of 30 days is granted to all annual dues paying members). Members who do not pay 2010 dues by 30 January 2010 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

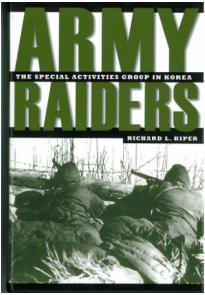
Home Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Work or Cell Telephone :(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Retired Rank/Rank at Separation: \_\_\_\_\_

## Books



**\$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

**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 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

**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](mailto: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



Still very short of funds for completion of this Library. \$20,000 is still needed. Several of us are out there knocking on corporation doors looking for donors. Please do your part and ask your church, employer, neighborhood business to help us. Remind people that the tax year will be ending soon and we are a 501 (C) (3) not for profit organization. Their donations may be the tax write off they need this year.

I have heard from people that are not from this area and have heard about the library via our facebook sight or just word of mouth from CGSC students. They are also presenting information to their local churches and businesses for help.



We have stucco, paint and windows.



Recent US visitors to the Library.



Floors have been tiled and walls are waiting for paint.



**SFA Convention 2012 (60 Years of Sacrifices and Success)**

National Convention for 2012 will be June 11-17th in Fayetteville NC at the Double Tree Inn. Page 106 of the Fall DROP has the details. If you are planning on attending I would book my hotel room early. Cost for the convention are \$135 per person for the whole package or you can pick which event you want to attend and pay accordingly. At this time events include Airbourne Museum, Camp MacKall, Mike Force Picnic, Marks-manship Match, Picnic on the SFA Headquarters grounds and the Banquet Dinner.

The Chapter will have a table in the vendors area selling chapter 29 merchandise for the benefit of the Nam Dong Library.

**Www.specialforcesassociation.org**

National Special Forces Association has launched their new web site. You will need to re-enter the web site information the first time you view the site or it will take you to the old site. This is only the first phase of the new web site. Over the next 3 years everything will be transferred over, including the DROP. At this time you can do a little shopping for weapon, hats, clothing. New membership forms are there as well as the list of charities that national supports. As I spoke earlier, the DROP will some day be online. This is because of the increased cost of snail mailing the DROP to members. If you still want the DROP mailed to you there will come a time when you will have to pay to have it mailed. This is expected to be in the last phase. For now go on line and visit. I have found the site to be much more friendly then the old site ever was. Gail Merrill

**JFK Museum Membership**

JFK is now taking application to join the museum. It ranges from annual membership for \$10, Life membership at \$100 to as much as \$100,000 for a Special Donor. If interested contact the chapter 29 newsletter and we will send you an application. 818-943-0073 or sfa29newsletter@gmail.com Gail Merrill


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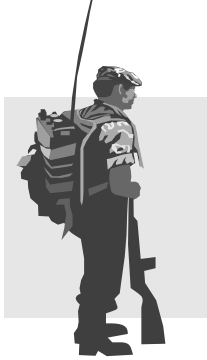
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In Honor and Appreciation of the Special Forces Wives and Families that make the sacrifices necessary to be part of the Special Forces Family and its association. They provide the support that can not be bought or provided by any government program.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

**October 29th, 2011:** RAD Ft Leavenworth Lewis and Clark Building 9am arrive early for parking.

**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 15th, 2011:** Nam Dong Dedication, Vietnam

**December 3rd, 2011:** Chapter Holiday Party

**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

**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

**Jackie Malena:** Things are going well. I am on my way to St Lukes to start chemo for the weekend. I am hoping to only have 5 treatments left. I get scanned in December so hopefully everything is gone and I can bring in 2012 healthy and cancer free.

**Francis Woodward:** Francis is home under the care of her personal nurse and Husband Woody after knee replacement earlier in October.

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Treasurer: Ted White JJFP56@att.net

Secretary: Gail Merrill gwmerrill@hotmail.com

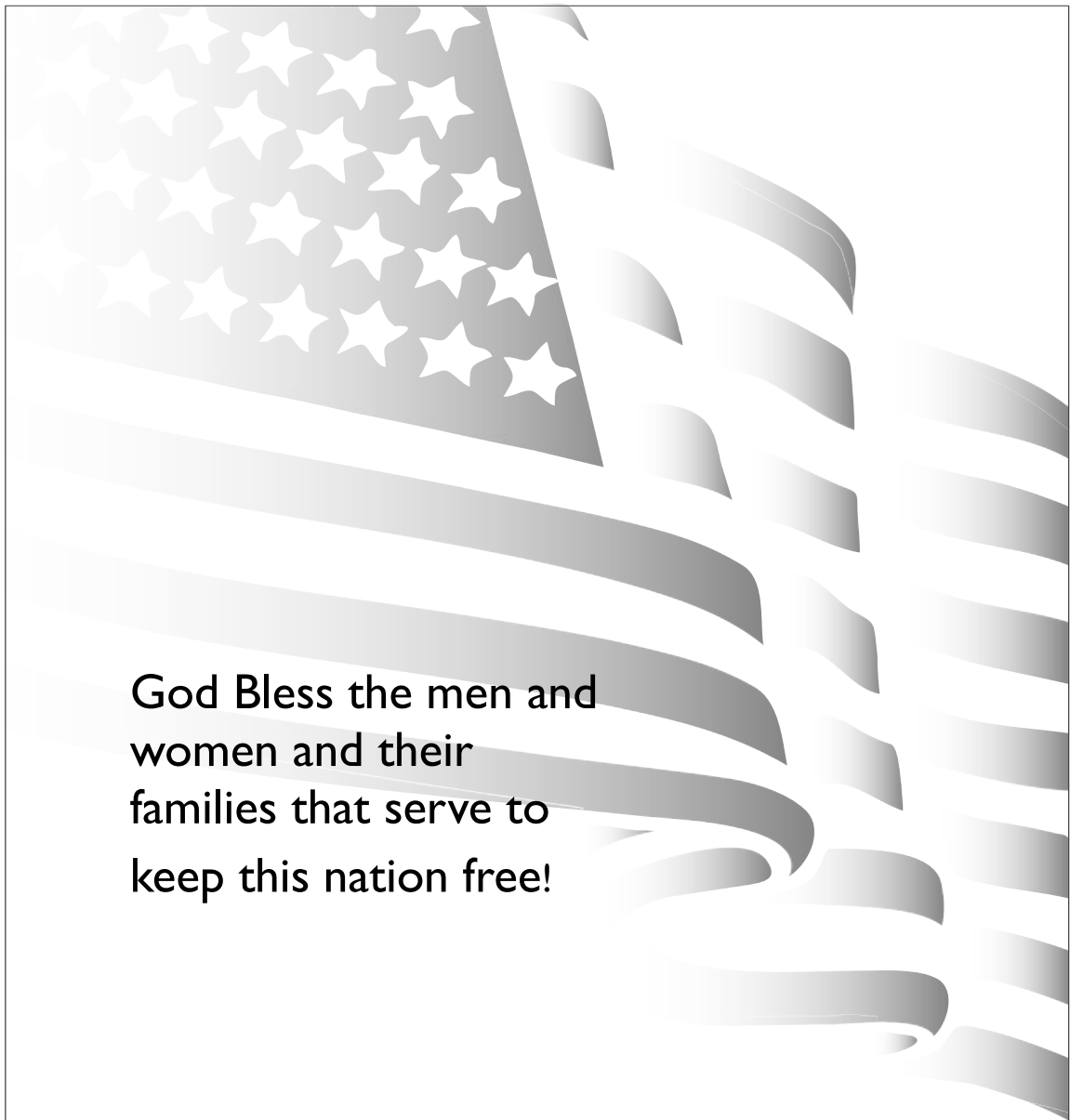
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God Bless the men and  
women and their  
families that serve to  
keep this nation free!

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## Just For Fun

Remember it takes a college degree to fly a plane, but only a high school diploma to fix one. After every trip, **UPS** pilots fill out a form, called a 'gripe sheet,' which tells mechanics about problems with the aircraft. By the way, **UPS** is the only major airline that has never, ever, had an accident.

**P (Pilot) S (Service)**

**P:** Left inside main tire almost needs replacement.

**S:** Almost replaced left inside main tire.

**P:** Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough.

**S:** Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.

**P:** Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.

**S:** Evidence removed.

**P:** DME volume unbelievably loud.

**S:** DME volume set to more believable level.

**P:** Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.

**S:** That's what friction locks are for.

**P:** Suspected crack in wind shield.

**S:** Suspect you're right.

**P:** Number 3 engine missing.

**S:** Engine found on right wing after brief search

**P:** Aircraft handles funny.

**S:** Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right and be serious.

**P:** Mouse in cockpit.

**S:** Cat installed.

**P:** Noise coming from under instrument panel. Sounds like a midget pounding on something with a hammer.

**S:** Took hammer away from midget

**P:** Dead bugs on wind shield.

**S:** Live bugs on back-order.