

**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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Bill Thompson Happy Birthday:

Chapter XXIX member William T. "Bill" Thompson celebrated his 90th birthday on August 27th, 2011. Bill was an OSS Jedburgh in WW II and trained with Aaron Bank before parachuting into German occupied France with OSS Team Novocaine in August 1944. In 1945 Bill went into China with OSS Team Alpaca and fought against the Japanese. For his heroic service Bill was awarded two Bronze Stars and the French Croix de Guerre with Silver Star. In 2006 Bill was the eleventh man inducted into the Special Forces Hall of Fame.

The birthday celebration was held in Leavenworth, Kansas at the Ten Penny Restaurant, one of Bill's favorite eateries. Bill's devoted step-daughter Lundy arranged for the celebration and many members of Bill's immediate family were in attendance.

A number of veterans who know and appreciate Bill were also present. Attending from Chapter XXIX were Jon Meigs, Bill and Joyce Radtke, Roger and Norma Donlon, Ron and Barb Simmons, Terry and Marsha Buckler, and Roy and Jeanie Williams. All were honored by the attendance of retired Lieutenant General Robert Arter.

Happy Birthday Bill



Next Chapter Event

Event: Meeting
Date: October 8th
Location: Hilton Garden Inn 520 Minnesota Kansas City KS
Bring: \$8 for Breakfast
Time: 9am
(Food 8:30am)

Event: RAD
Date: October 29th
Location: Ft Leavenworth Lewis & Clark Building
Bring: Self
Time: 9am

See page 8 for details on chapter events.



First Time Military Buyers

Active duty personnel, veterans, retired members of the military and employees of the US Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security are eligible to apply for up to \$5000 in down payment and closing costs in the purchase of a first home. The national nonprofit Pentagon Federal Credit Union Foundation is offering assistance through its Dream Makers program and says the grants can be applied to a mortgage from any financial institution. More information is at www.PentagonFoundation.org Click on the "Dream Makers" link.

Social Security Numbers to be removed from DOD ID Cards:

Beginning June 1 2011, Social Security numbers on military identification cards began to disappear.

The effort is part of a larger plan to protect service members and other DOD identification card holders from identity theft.

The Social Security number has been printed on the back on common access cards and on the front of cards issued to dependent and retirees. When current cards expire, they are being replaced with new cards having a DOD identification number replacing the Social Security number. The DOD identification number is a unique 10-digit number that is assigned to every person with a direct relationship with the Department. The new number also will be the service member's Geneva Convention identification number.

An 11-digit DoD benefits number also will appear on the cards of those people eligible for DoD benefits. The first nine digits are common to a sponsor and the last two digits will identify a specific person within the sponsor's family.

Social Security numbers embedded in the bar codes on the back of identification cards will remain there for the time being, and will be phased out beginning in 2012.

The Department will replace identification cards as they expire. Retirees can go to their nearest ID card facility to replace their cards as their convenience since their cards do not expire.

Because cards will be replace upon expiration, it will be approximately four years until all cards are replaced with the DOD ID number.

The identity protection program began in 2008, when DOD starting removing Social Security numbers from family member identification card.

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

SFA 29 Treasurer's Report				
Beginning Balance August 1, 2011	\$	20,087.23	General Funds	\$ 3,531.67
Income	+	196.50	Emergency Funds (Obligated)	\$350.00
Expenses	-	11.00	Scholarship Fund (Obligated)	\$1,078.02
Ending Balance August 31, 2011	\$	20,272.73	SOF Formal Fund (Obligated)	\$ 14,443.04
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. 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, 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. 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. Congrats to Pat Textor he is our first chapter renewal for 2012. Thank you Pat.

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

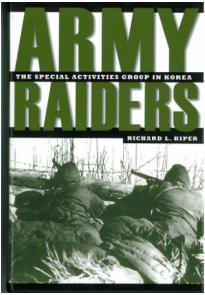
Home Telephone: (____) _____ - _____ Work or Cell Telephone :(____) _____ - _____

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. 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 for information or see page 93 of the spring DROP

Nam Dong Library Update: Please Donate Today

SFA 29

10520 Bridlespur Dr
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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



Wow! Building in Vietnam is so different from the U.S. The Library is moving forward and will be finished by December 6th. The road has been paved, as promised. The bottom left photo is today at the Nam Dong battle site.





50 in is the rearview mirror time to make adjustments: Things not to do.


- Miniskirts, minishorts, anything that's been deliberately diminished or ripped-unless it's you or your muscles.
- Low-rise pants that showcase low-rise anatomy.
- Purses with dogs on them. Purses with dogs in them.
- Gold chains with your name on them.
- Drink champagne from your son's girlfriend's shoe.
- Crowd surfing to the mosh pit.
- People who learned all they ever needed to know in high school and are still living it.
- Gossips
- No longer tolerate arrogant doctors, educators, waiters, tv commentators, athletes, authors, legislators, coaches or anyone who lets a little influence go to their head.

Things to do:

- Start telling the truth every day.
- Dance outside at night in a foreign land.
- Stand up for what you believe and do so with dignity.
- Wear plaid and strips at the same time.
- Go skinny dipping in the neighbors pool.
- Do something you have always wanted to do and don't listen to the grandkids telling you, you are old to do that.
- Have fun.

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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 8th, 2011: Chapter Meeting 9am 520 Minnesota Kansas City KS Hilton Garden Inn
(Note: This is Race weekend and the Hotel is full so expect a waiting line for breakfast and a full parking lots both across the street and the parking garage.)

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 19th, 2011: Nam Dong Dedication, Vietnam

December 3rd, 2011: Chapter Holiday Party

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

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

Robert Shirkey: Has been having pace maker issues. You can send card of get better to his home address and Mrs. Shirkey will deliver them to him.

Condolences to **Ross Worley** and the Wall Ties family on the loss of business partner Charles Engelken how passed away September 3rd while traveling.

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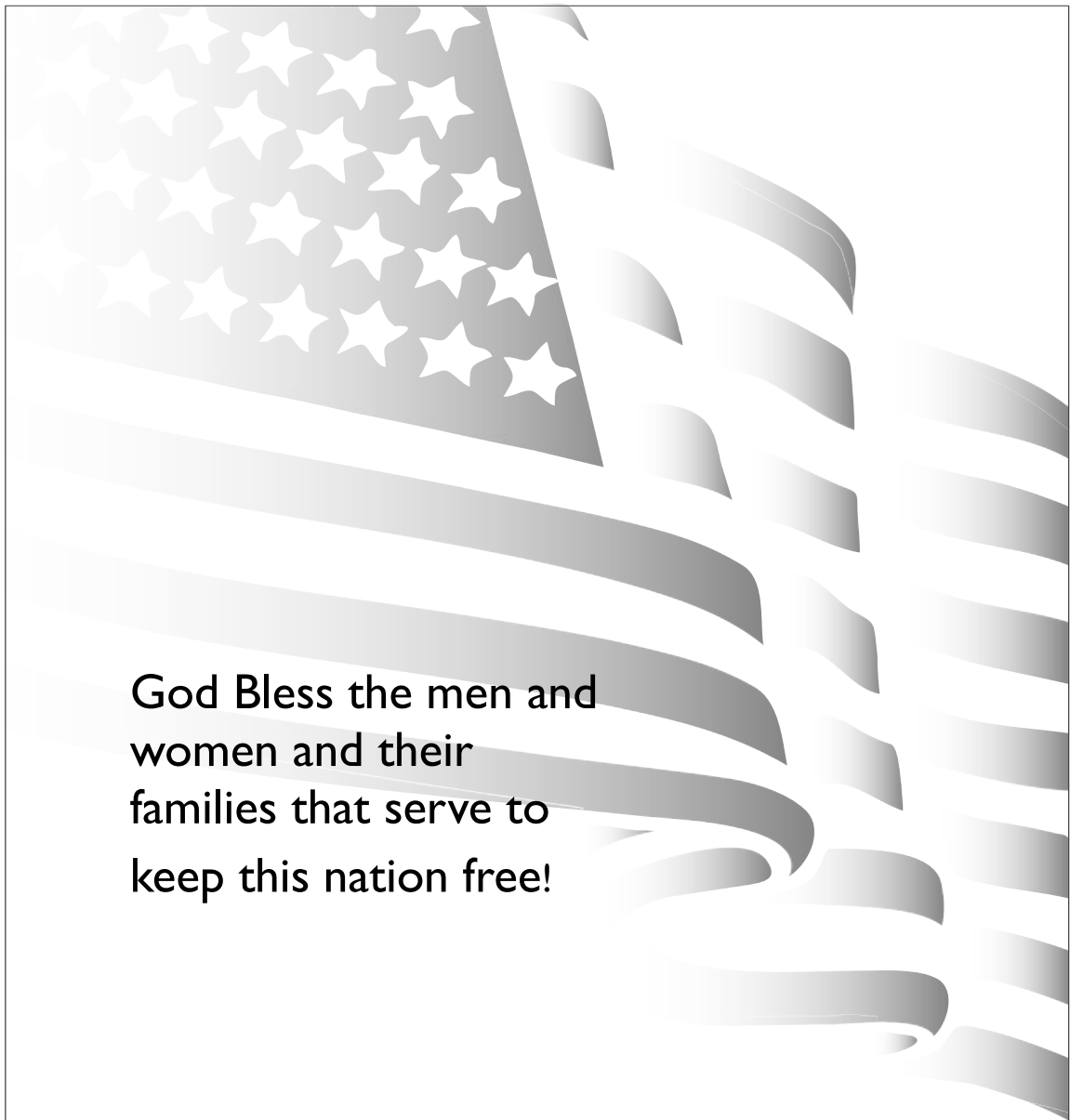
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God Bless the men and
women and their
families that serve to
keep this nation free!

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Just For Fun

Talking Clock

After closing time at the bar, a drunk was proudly showing off his new apartment to a couple of his friends. He led the way to his bedroom where there was a big brass gong and a mallet.

"What's up with the big brass gong?" one of his guests asked.

"It's not a gong. It's a talking clock," the drunk replied.

"A talking clock? Seriously?" asked his astonished friend.

"Yup," replied the drunk.

"How's it work?" the friend asked, squinting at it.

"Watch," the drunk replied. He picked up the mallet, gave the gong an ear-shattering pound and stepped back.

The three stood looking at one another for a moment. Suddenly a voice on the other side of the wall screamed ...

"You asshole! It's three-fifteen in the morning!"