

Special Forces Association Chapter XXIX
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"The Bull's Bullet"



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Chapter XXIX Newsletter

Nominating Committee Report

The Chapter 29 Nominating Committee has unanimously agreed on a slate of candidates for the four elective chapter offices.

The nominees are; Terry Buckler- President, Jon Meigs- Vice President, Ted White- Treasurer and Gail Merrill- Secretary.

All four of the candidates have agreed to serve in the respective office recommended by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee also unanimously recommends that the chapter officially adopt a two (2) year term of office for each of the elective offices in keeping with the provisions of the SFA National Constitution.

The SFA National Constitution provides for nominations by petition. Article IX, Section IV, Sub-section F of the SFA Constitution states; " If chapter elections are conducted similarly to Association elections (Article III), nominations by petition must bear the signature of ten percent of the chapter membership. Chapter elections may be conducted at a regularly scheduled meeting of the membership provided that a preliminary slate of candidates has been announced to the membership at least six weeks prior to the date of election. . ."

The publication of the recommended slate of candidates in this issue of the Chapter 29 Newsletter will meet the six week threshold in time to allow the election of officers to occur at the regularly scheduled May 14th chapter meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy L. Williams - Chairman, Nominating Committee

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Next Chapter Event

Event:

Chapter Meeting

Date: April 9th

Location:

Hilton Garden Inn

520 Minnesota

Kansas City KS

Breakfast 8:30am

Meeting 9am

Bring: \$8

Event:

Chapter Meeting

Date: May 14th

Location:

Hilton Garden Inn

520 Minnesota

Kansas City KS

Meeting 9am

Bring: \$8

SFA President Ron McCann accepts check from SFA MBF Chairman Charley Gray for \$26,000.00 on 3/15/11. This check paid off the loan from SFA Life Members escrow account, that was used to build the new Maintenance Building on the SFA National grounds.

A huge TIP of The BERET to all of you who made this possible.

Stan Shank D-799

Member Board of Trustees--SFA MBF

Announcing the Celebration of the 236th Birthday of the United States Army

June 11, 2011

At the Westin Crown Center, 1 Pershing Road, Kansas City, Missouri

The Heartland Chapters, Association of the United States Army announce the celebration of the 236th Birthday of the United States Army. This year's event will be held at the Westin Crown Center, 1 Pershing Road at Grand, Kansas City, Missouri, on Saturday evening, five-thirty o'clock in the evening, June 11, 2011.

We anticipate a full house so you are encouraged to reserve seating as soon as possible; we will take your reservation now. If you are organizing a table, we are seating tables of ten.

You may give this advance notice widest distribution. All are welcome.

The celebration begins with cocktails and live music outside the Main Ballroom. Following cocktails, guests are summoned to dinner by bugle call to enjoy an exceptional meal and the grand tradition and ceremony of a military event. The program will fill the evening with tradition, honors to our fallen and missing, Spouses of deployed Soldiers, Gold Star Mothers, music, videos, guest speaker, door prizes, and an opportunity to dance into the night.

Rooms will be available if you choose to remain overnight. The Westin has given us a special \$99 rate. To reserve call the Westin Reservations at 888-627-8538

Or online: <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1102080645&key=51DA6>

Schedule this on your calendar now.

See attached advanced reservation Flyer

Below is a summary of Chapter Funds. For detailed information about Chapter Funds please contact Chapter Treasurer Ted White at JJFP56@att.net

SFA 29 Treasurer's Report		General Funds	\$ 3,392.48
Beginning Balance February 1, 2011	\$ 20,120.27	Emergency Funds (Obligated)	\$350.00
Income	+ 8,216.00	Scholarship Fund (Obligated)	\$1,078.02
Expenses	- 679.24	SOF Formal Fund (Obligated)	\$ 21,259.53
Ending Balance January 31, 2011	\$ 27,657.03	Nam Dong Library(Obligated)	\$ 1,667.00
As Reported By Ted White Chapter Treasurer			

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: Your Late

Membership renewals started in October. 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.

Membership Directory:

Directory is in the mail. If you are a current member and have not received a directory by May 1st please contact the newsletter. sfa29newsletter@gmail.com or 816-943-0073.

Correction:

After the Membership Directory was mailed it was discovered that a error in an address had been made. Jeff Hoffman's address should be 229 Olive St Leavenworth KS 66048
David Grant should be 2229 Vilas St.

Chapter Events and Gatherings:

We are looking for ideas of things the chapter could become apart of during the first half of the year. If you have any ideas of things we could do please forward the contact info to the newsletter and we will look into it. sfa29newsletter@gmail.com or 816-943-0073.

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

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Kansas City MO 64145

Note: Nam Dong Library

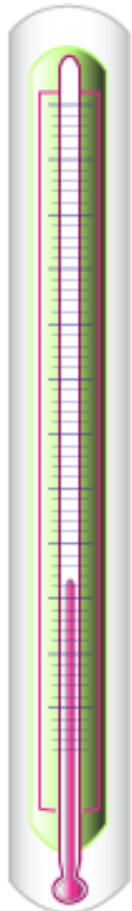


On the internet visit us on face book at:

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Or sfa29.org

First payment has been issued to pay for building materials on the library. Chuck is there now overseeing the start of construction. We still need more dollars to finish the project.



\$48,000

Special Forces Association Chapter 29 Woody Woodward challenge.

Woody has issued a challenge to all chapter members and friends. He is asking that everyone out there match his contribution of \$100. So far 8 chapter members have met the challenge. That's not very good of us. There are 77 active SFA Chapter 29 members, so lets see the other 68 members step up to the \$100 challenge. Remember your contribution can be tax deductible, but please check with your tax advisor. He may say that you should contribute more then the challenge. Sorry we don't have any new photo's, we are waiting for Chuck to return from Vietnam, which may be challenging since the earth quake and tsunami in Japan.

Travel:

Anyone who might be interested in travel to Nam Dong Vietnam, it will be from just before Thanksgiving returning home just before Christmas. If you can't stay the entire time our Library will be the last one dedicated so plan on a mid December travel time. Please think this over as it does take a little time to get your passport/visa and any shots you might need (please see your doctor for advise on this matter). We currently have a half dozen people from our chapter on the tentative travel list and yes you can travel alone or with your spouse. Ladies you are welcome to travel with us.

\$14,900

\$0

SOF Formal 2011

What a great night. Several awards were presented during the evening.



Robert Shirkey was inducted in the Hall of Fame and became the newest DMOR. Roger Donlon and Bill Thompson are also DMOR's in Chapter 29

Beth Ward the widow of LTC Ron Ward was also presented an award in the name of her husband who passed away in a light plane crash on October 8th 2010.



Hana Buckler was honored by Robert Shirkey for her accomplishments with the ROTC at UCMO.

National Anthem singer Ms. Shelby Williams get a chance to talk with guest speaker Col (P) Iazary.



And the winner of the Artist print the "Last Solider" is Dr. Jack Smith.

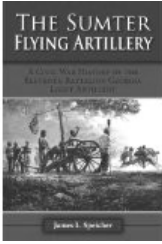
Colt 1911 Pistol Winner is LTC. Navaraj of Thailand

"Beyond Nam Dong: Don Blaylock Chapter 71
"Brotherhood" Print: George Groom Chapter 29
SF Lap Quilt: Fred Worthington Chapter 29



Books

Listed are several books either written by chapter members or a family member or books and magazines recommended by chapter members



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

The good news in all of this is that after 2 years of research and development my book and website are finally done!! 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. Please take a look and see what you think. 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

Results of Voting Rights election (National)

On 8 March 2011 the Tally Committee, headed by Asst. Treasurer, Jack Bonner convened. The results are as follows:

BALLOTS RECEIVED 773

BALLOTS COUNTED 738

RESULTS Yes - 314 No - 424

35 Ballots were not counted for the following reasons:

Member was inactive (not eligible to vote)

Ballot was unreadable (Member name and/or number could not be read or verified)

Ballot was received after the deadline.

There will be no change to the Constitution with regards to members voting rights.

Thanks to all members who voted.

5th SFG(A) 50th Anniversary (Reunion 2011)

If you are an SF'er with ties to 5th Group's Legacy (that includes just about every SF'er), you need to attend this once in a lifetime event, because this year is the 5th Group 50th Anniversary.

If you think the Reunions in the past have been good, just remember this event will have a lot of additional professional "bells and whistles"; with more airborne ops, tours, picnic, and plain SF Brotherhood fun. We are even looking at having 50th Anniversary commemorative bottles of JD as planned by Da Budgetman.

We want to ensure that the "word gets out" as soon as possible so let you Brothers know and plan to attend.

We are still heavily involved in the planning sequence for this significant operation and want to ensure that it is the best reunion ever. 5th SFG(A) has a long and colorful history and every SF'er has ties to its legacy.

So check our new updated website frequently at: www.sfa38.org. If you want to receive 5th Group

Reunion 2011 updates then subscribe to our mailing list by sending a request to: reunion2011@sfa38.org and we will add you to the list.


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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

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

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

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: Still waiting for back surgery.

Jackie Malena: Holding her own. Due back for follow up testing.

Joyce Radtke: Back on her feet and getting around after hip surgery.

Let's keep everyone in our thoughts and prayers for good health and keep a special place in your heart for those with health challenges.

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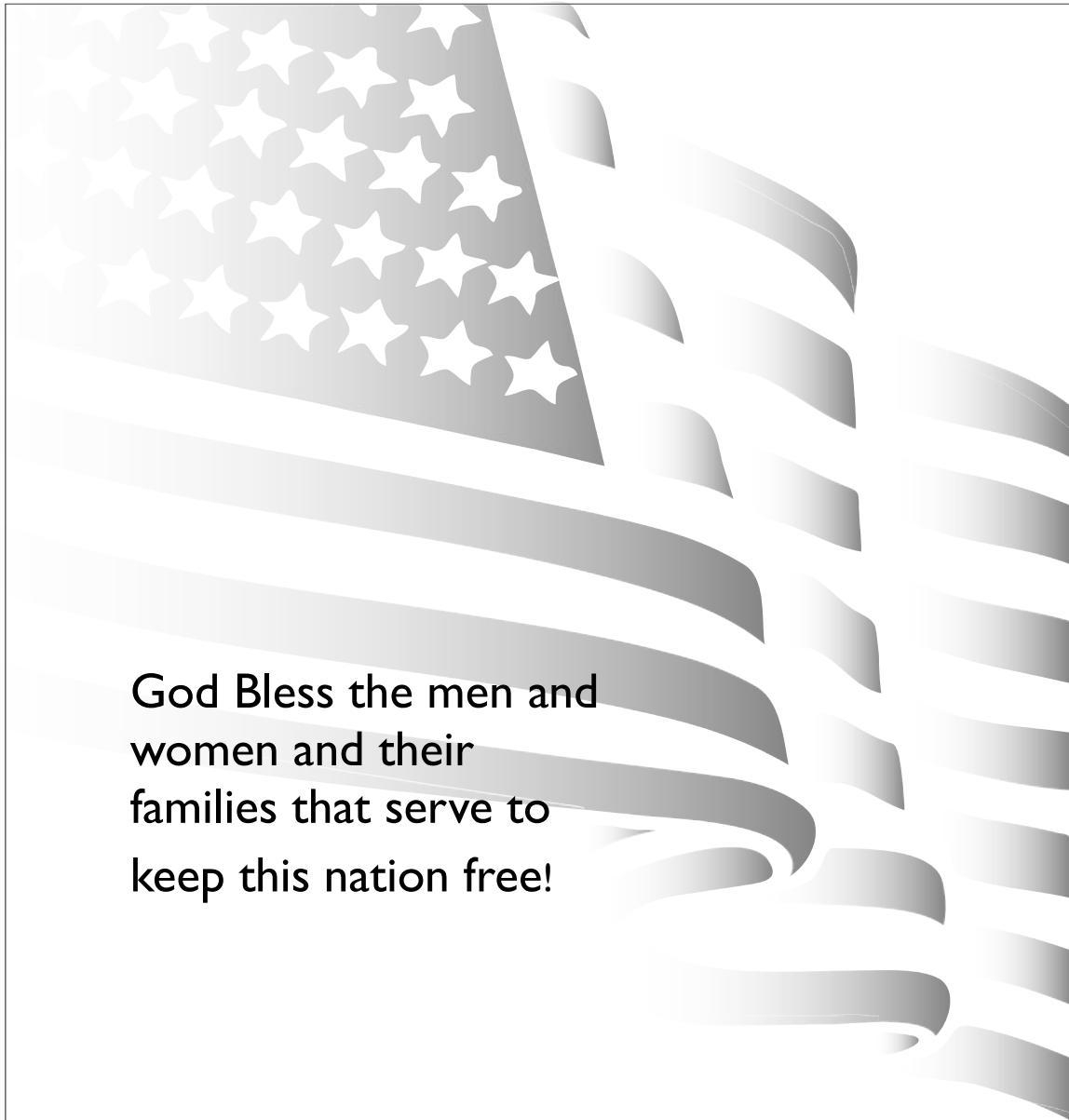
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God Bless the men and
women and their
families that serve to
keep this nation free!

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Just For Fun

The Perfect Husband

Several men are in the locker room of a golf club. A cell phone on a bench rings and a man engages the hands-free speaker function and begins to talk. Everyone else in the room stops to listen.

MAN: "Hello"

WOMAN: "Hi Honey, it's me. Are you at the club?"

MAN: "Yes."

WOMAN: "I'm at the shops now and found this beautiful leather coat. It's only \$2,000; is it OK if I buy it?"

MAN: "Sure, go ahead if you like it that much."

WOMAN: "I also stopped by the Lexus dealership and saw the new models. I saw one I really liked."

MAN: "How much?"

WOMAN: "\$90,000."

MAN: "OK, but for that price I want it with all the options."

WOMAN: Great! Oh, and one more thing... I was just talking to Janie and found out that the house I wanted last year is back on the market. They're asking \$980,000 for it."

MAN: "Well, then go ahead and make an offer of \$900,000; they'll probably take it. If not, we can go the extra eighty thousand if it's what you really want."

WOMAN: "OK. I'll see you later! I love you so much!"

MAN: "Bye! I love you, too."

The man hangs up. The other men in the locker room are staring at him in astonishment, mouths wide open. He turns and asks, "Anyone know whose phone this is?"